

BLESSINGS FROM BETHEL

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Greetings to you, and, peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ!

As the line from whatever movie goes..... "I'm ba-ack". And, it is good to be back after a nice and relaxing vacation. Jeri and I had a good (but cold) time at Outer Banks. We had a great visit with our friends in Pawley's Island. We always enjoy our time at Disneyworld. It was interesting to tour Biltmore in Asheville, NC. And we had a very good time with my brother in Tennessee. WHEW! Three weeks on the go.

While I was on vacation I had the opportunity to read Glenn Beck's newest book "The Seven Wonders That Will Change Your Life." Even if you do not like Glenn Beck or you totally disagree with his conservative viewpoints, this book is a great book to read. He does not espouse any of his politics in the book. He does emphasize that there are seven areas in life that if we work on improving them then life will be even greater. The book is co-authored by psychologist Keith Alblow and he and Glenn both write their tidbits about the seven wonders. Glenn is a very faithful person and this is a major focus in the book. I gave a copy of the book to the church and my copy is also floating around for anyone to borrow. Please borrow one of these books or add your own copy to your library. I highly recommend reading this book.

This past Tuesday at Bible Study I was asked a question about something in the bible and that lead to me feeling lead to offer a new approach to this page. Each month I will focus on answering a question submitted by whoever is seeking an answer or some direction. So, if you have any questions about something in the bible or some element of faith, write your question down and give it to me or call and tell me. Each month I will try my best to answer questions of faith or the bible that you may have.

The question asked on Tuesday was in regards to the creation story in Genesis. For the opening of Sunday School on March 27th, Dave Bankert read the story of creation for the adults. There is one element of the story that caught Ruth Sterner's attention. With each day of creation after God "did His thing", the verses tell us....."and the evening and the morning" was whatever day. The question is..... why does it say just the evening and the morning? I read a number of resources and wouldn't you know it..... none of the resources I have in my library focused on that particular phrase. Since I was not able to find anything written by bible scholars to clarify this, I went to my second option. That second option is: PRAYER for God's Spirit to clarify this. What has come to mind in response to this question is this..... God did the process of creation through the daylight hours. (Of course, in God's time we can assume that it is not locked in to our 24 hour day":) When God finished creating whatever it was for that particular day, he then took a break so to speak. I think that is why the bible concludes each day of creation with the phrase "and the evening and the morning". This also enables us to more closely identify with or perhaps understand the process of creation. Each day presents that God created the mountains and the seas. Or another day, God created the birds of the air and the beasts of the field. Each day presents a different area of creation and so we can somewhat envision God working on the "item of the day" and when He was pleased with what He created then he took a break until the next day when He would work on the next item on his list. Just as we go through the busy-ness of our days, we then take the evening to rest up for the next day. I guess so it was with God in the process of creation. I hope this helps! And, give me your questions for next month!

God Bless! With love, Pastor Lou Ann



April Birthdays

1 – Molly Weaver
 2 – Brian Bankert
 3 – Larry Vickers
 4 – Donna Carroll
 4 – Julie Diehl
 6 – Marjorie Trump
 7 – Connie Martz
 7 – Jeri Jones
 8 – Charles Grubb

14 – Matthew Ernst
 17 – Nancy Vickers
 18 – Janet Barnhart
 19 – Jimmy Worley
 19 – Joe Delozier
 20 – Chris Schweitzer
 21 – Joan Stevenson
 21 – Zachary Jacoby
 21 -- Tim Kuhn
 28 – Brandon Martz

April Anniversaries

14 – Burnell & Nadine Trone
 22 – Jeri & Rev. Lou Ann Jones
 28 – Ed & Jean Masenheimer, III
 28 – Jess & Tammy Diehl

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From the Congregation's Life:

MARG LINGG had hip replacement surgery in Feb. She is coming along in therapy. She did have a spell of Laryngitis but is doing better now! We join Marg in hoping that she will soon be back to a full and active schedule!

LORI NOEL had surgery on Feb 28. She is doing well on the road to recovery! God bless, Lori!

RUSSELL WENTZ is now at Hanover Hall. He was in Hanover Hospital for a few days before being transferred March 28th. His knees are giving out on him and he has trouble standing up and sitting. Thank goodness he has no trouble walking. He does feel that he will remain at Hanover Hall. We certainly keep Russell in our prayers!

GLORIA FAHNESTOCK is having some health problems and will have outpatient surgery on April 5th and some follow up surgery on April 19th. We do pray that this procedure helps correct the problems she has been experiencing!

ASHLEY McMASTER has also been having some health problems. She had emergency surgery on March 27th. GOD BLESS, Ashley, and we keep you in our prayers!

We also keep in our prayer thoughts: MELLIE SIMPSON, ANNA (GREENHOLTZ) BANKERT, LESTER FREY, TERRY JARVIS and others from our faith family and circle of friends for whom we have offered our prayers.

JAKE RYAN SPAHR was baptized at Bethel church on March 20th. He was born January 8th at Hanover Hospital. He is the son of JASON & DANIELLE SPAHR; the grandson of KAREN BEARD, and the great grandson of MARY ALLISON. God Bless, JAKE and welcome to our family of faith!

We welcomed a new member to our faith family on March 27th. DREW FREBERTSHOUSER joined us by letter of transfer. We welcome DREW as our brother in faith and are thankful for his participation along with his daughter, DAKOTA. Drew works in Auto and Morotcycle repair. WELCOME!

We certainly apologize if we fail to mention anyone going through any illnesses or other experiences we mention during our prayer concerns at church! We do keep you in our prayers!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Have you checked out the church website? You can find us at www.betheluccspringgrove.com
Our e-mail address: <mailto:betheluccspringgrove@gmail.com>.

LENT SERVICES CONTINUE: Our journey through this season of Lent is focusing on THE ARMOR OF GOD from Ephesians 6. We are looking at how we need to wear the armor of God especially with the days in which we live. We need to be ready to battle against evil in our world and the best way to do this is through the faith we have. Our services begin at 7:00 pm each Wednesday. We sit in the choir seats for our study. Mid-week services are offered April 6 and 13. Then, **PALM SUNDAY is April 17** and we will have Palms for everyone in attendance. This is the beginning of our **HOLY WEEK** and we will offer **Holy Communion on MAUNDY THURSDAY -- April 21 -- 7:00 PM**. We will offer our **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL from 6:00 AM to 12:00 noon. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex if you care to participate. Our GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE will begin at 7:00 PM.**

Our EASTER DAY ACTIVITIES are as follows: EASTER SUNDAY is APRIL 24
DAWN SERVICE -- 6:30 AM. We will hopefully be able to share at least part of this service outdoors. That depends on the temperature and the weather conditions.

EASTER BREAKFAST -- 7:15 AM. We offer a good breakfast for you between our Easter worship services. We offer Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes and Baked goods, and juice for anyone who comes! We do need donations of these items, so, see DAVE BANKERT if you would like to donate any food items. We will receive a free will offering to help cover any costs.

EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE - 9:00 AM. We will gather in the Sanctuary for our Easter Communion service. We look forward to sharing the Good News of the Empty tomb with all who join us for worship. Also, all believers are welcome to partake of Holy Communion. So, we invite you to come to worship and bring friends and neighbors!

CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT -- 10:30 AM. We will have some special activities for our Sunday School members that will highlight an egg hunt for the children. Instead of candy filled eggs and hard boiled eggs, this year the eggs will have a special filling. There will be a jar to collect

BUNNY MONEY to be placed in the plastic eggs. So, look for this container and contribute your pocket change. THANK YOU!

If you have any questions about the Easter Activities, please contact Rev. Lou Ann.

We are also offering **EASTER LILIES** for \$7.25 per plant. We need to call in our initial order on April 4 but you may still order plants after that date. You may get an order form at the church or call the church phone and tell us how many plants you want and if there is a special dedication for your plant(s).

HUMOR SUNDAY RETURNS! The week after Easter (MAY 1) we will have our Second Annual Humor Sunday Worship Service. This is an opportunity for everyone to have FUN! Wear funny outfits, paint your face, or do whatever silly things you can think of! Also, have some of your favorite church jokes ready to share! MAKE NOTE: Worship will begin at 10:30 am. Following our worship service we will then have a COVERED DISH DINNER beginning about 11:45. This will be EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY. So we invite friends and family to join us as well! We will finish the activities of the day with our TALENT SHOW. Again, please invite friends to join us and share their talents as well as we ask you to share your special talent with us. A FUN DAY WILL BE HAD BY ALL! If you will share your talent, see JERI JONES as he puts the show together.