

Faithfully Yours

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Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:37-38

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Not one bad deed has deducted from my salvation. No good deed, if there are any, has enhanced it. My salvation has nothing to do with my work and everything to do with the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Do you know this grace? If not, we have stumbled upon a source of your anxiety. You thought the problem was your calendar, your marriage, your job. In reality it is this unresolved guilt.

Don't indulge it. Don't drown in the flood of your own condemnation. There is a reason the windshield is bigger than the rearview mirror. Your future matters more than your past. God's grace is greater than all your sin. What you did was not good. But your God is good. And he will forgive you. He is ready to write a new chapter in your life. Like Paul says, "Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us." (Phil 3:13-14)

Someday we will all stand before God. All of us will be present. All of us will have to give an account for our lives. Every thought, every deed, every action. Were it not for the grace of Christ, I would find this to be a terrifying thought.

Yet, according to Scripture, Jesus came to "take away the sins of the world." (John 1:29) On the day when I appear before the judgment seat of God, I will point to Christ. When my list of sins is produced, I will gesture toward him and say, "He took it".

Let him take yours.

In one of Henri Nouwen's books, he tells about the lesson of trust he learned from a family of trapeze artists known as the Flying Rodleighs. When he asked one of the flyers the secret of trapeze artists, the acrobat gave this reply:

The secret is the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When I fly to Joe (my catcher), I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me and pull me safely over the apron.

The worst thing the flyer can do is to try to catch the catcher. I am not supposed to catch Joe. It's Joe's task to catch me. If I grabbed Joe's wrists, I might break them, or he might break mine, and this would be the end for both of us. A flyer must fly, and a catcher must catch, and the flyer must trust, with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him.

In the great trapeze act of salvation, God is the catcher, and we are the flyers. We trust. Period. We rely solely upon God's ability to catch us. As we do, a wonderful thing happens: we fly.

Your Father has never dropped anyone. He will not drop you. His grip is sturdy and his hands are open. As the apostle proclaimed, "And I know the Lord will continue to rescue me from every trip, trap, snare, and pitfall of evil and carry me safely to His heavenly Kingdom. May he be glorified throughout eternity." (2 Timothy 4:18 The Voice)

Place yourself entirely in his care. As you do, you will find it is possible--yes, possible!--to be anxious for nothing.

Bob

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Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
			<i>CHOIR 6:30pm</i>	A: Jennifer & John Chickey <i>National Day of Prayer</i>		<i>Bible Study 10am</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship/Sunday School 10:15am <i>Carry-In Dinner</i> B. Sheila Wilde	A. Lee & Emily Ruppel	B. Erin Walton	<i>CHOIR 6:30pm</i> B. Betty Metz B. Bob Wagner	<i>SESSION 6:30 pm</i>		B. Enedina Cureno
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship/Sunday School 10:15am <i>Coffee Hour: Cochrans</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>		B. Debbie Neally	B. Thelma Cochran			<i>Bible Study 10am</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 10:15 am A. Heather & Ryan Barnett <i>Deacon's Donuts</i>					B. Brandon Coyle	
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 10:15 am <i>Coffee Hour: Open</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>		B. Kevin Fleck B. Dwan George			





**Deacon of The Month
"Marlene Piggott"**



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds

Motion passed at March 19th Session Meeting to accept Tom Hopp's bid of \$ 70.00 to repair the emergency flood light on the east side of the building.

Steve Egan, Matt Fleck, Bob Coyle, Brad Greenslaugh, Marc Cochran, Connie Kunz

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Fellowship and Outreach

No Report
Carol Wagner

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Women's Group

No Report
Thelma Cochran, Phyllis Fleck, Marlene Piggott



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♥Thank you for the gift offering taken up during your Lenten Service. Bethel Presbyterian has blessed our ministry to "CARE" for orphans. We, in turn, have blessed a few foster families in the month of March. Be Blessed, Mandy Humphry.

♥Dear Bethel, Emily and I want to say thank you for your gift of \$1,200.00 to us in our ministry. We were elated by your gift and immediately thankful to the Lord for your generosity! Thank you for playing such an integral role in reaching students for Christ. We simply would not be on campus without your giving! Love, Lee, Emily, Abe, Henry

♥Bethel, Thanks so very much for the Valentines gift bag with so many useful items. Sincerely, Alice Green

May Sunday School



- 5-6-18 Tammy Greenslaugh
- 5-13-18 Debbie Neally
- 5-20-18 Sharon Martin
- 5-27-18 Lindsay Figge
- 6-3-18 Tammy Greenslaugh
(Last day of Sunday School for Summer)

Bible Study with John Furniss

Saturday, May 5th @ 10am. Bring your bible and your coffee! Extra bibles are always available.

Prepare for great conversation while learning the word of God. Next Bethel Bible Study, Saturday, May 19th @ 10am.



Yard Sale in June!

We are now accepting donations!

June 1st & 2nd Bethel will be holding their annual yard sale. Our moving men have about had it but they will pick up. We appreciate your donations and will be asking for your help again this year.

Adult Fellowship

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May Birthdays

- 6 Sheila Wilde
- 8 Erin Walton
- 9 Betty Metz/ Bob Wagner
- 12 Enedina Cureno
- 15 Debbie Neally
- 16 Thelma Cochran
- 25 Brandon Coyle
- 30 Kevin Fleck/Dwan George

May Anniversaries

- 3 Jennifer & John Chickey
- 7 Lee & Emily Ruppel
- 20 Ryan & Healthier Barnett





- Montebello & Facilities
Katie Martin, Mabel Lee VanAusdall,
Enid Marshall, Kay Schmitz (River
Hills)

- PRAYERS FOR MILITARY/OTHERS
Amber Froman, Brandon Matlock

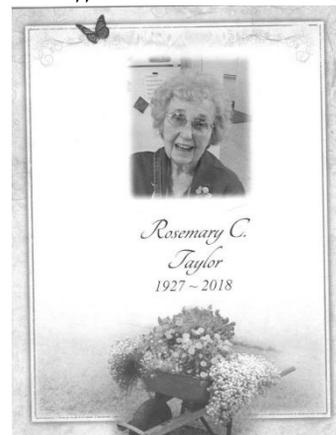
PRAYER LIST

Sharon Anderson
 Dane Buschling (head injury)
 Jackie Weigand Cooper
 Kathy Courtois (Kevin's sister, cancer)
 Shay Sewell Darnell (liver cancer)
 Erik Diderikson
 Matt Fleck
 Amy French
 Paul French
 Ruth Henze (Glenna's aunt)
 Mary Holmes
 Ethan Jones
 Samantha Jones (Nicole Dadant Jones'
 daughter) (cancer)
 Megan Kelly (cancer treatment)
 Shelby Kite (cancer)
 Tom Kraushaar (heart attack/stent)
 Linda Massey
 Gary Miller
 J.D. Piggott
(Last day of Sunday School for Summer)
 Marlene Piggott
 Patricia Potter
 Marie Spence (illness)
 Dave Stark
 Mary Starman (Glenna's Mom)
 Ethel Thomas
 Patty Thrush
 Ashley and Laura Toler
 (daughter/granddaughter of Carol
 Wagner)
 Duck Whitaker
 Hayden Wheatley



*Congratulations to Brad & Tammy
 Greenslaugh on the birth of your beautiful
 granddaughter Casey Violet Walton!*

Bethel offers our sincere condolences to



*the family of Rosemary Taylor. Rosemary will be
 greatly missed by our Bethel Church family.*

The Hamilton Food Pantry

Monetary donations can be made payable to: **"Hamilton Food Pantry"**
 and mailed to:

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Other items are also accepted, such as toiletry items: soaps, detergents,
 personal hygiene products, etc. May God bless you for **all of your
 continued community support.**

