

WELCOME VISITORS We're happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again. Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.

PRAYER WORKS!

This was one of the side captions on the front of the April 2005 edition of the Reader's Digest. Agreeing and curious, I then turned to the article on starting on page 150. Although we both know that prayer works, allow me to share with you some of the thoughts given in this article that can also strengthen our belief and use of prayer. Researchers found in 1988 at San Francisco General Hospital that patients who had been prayed for tended to recover with fewer complications than those who received standard treatment and no prayer. They needed 1/5 of the antibiotics, and were 1/3 as likely to develop pulmonary swelling.

Of a survey of 5,600 American adults, 41% said their prayers are answered often. Some of the participants in these surveys reported that prayer had brought sudden and surprising cures. Julie Bain in her portion of the article noted that many doctors cite cases of recovery that can't be attributed to any other reason. In a study of older Americans one researcher found that those who had lived spiritual lives were typically healthier. There appeared to be a link between their spiritual lives and their immune system. Dr. Koenig in a 1998 study of 4,000 adults found that those who prayed daily and attended religious services weekly had 40% less hypertension than those who didn't.

A 2001 study of women with metastatic breast cancer done by S.E. Sephton of the University of Louisville School of Medicine found that women who rated spirituality as important had greater numbers of circulating white blood cells. This reflected strong immune systems that those who did not rate spirituality as important. What does all this mean? Although many do not believe the power of prayer can be absolutely proved, it is easy to see through the findings of this article that prayer really works! Of course, many of us in this congregation have experienced firsthand the power of prayer in our physical distress, in our emotional struggles, and in the lives of our friends and family.

The Bible is full of verses that talk specifically to the power and necessity of prayer. One of my personal favorites is Phil. 4:6&7 *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace which surpasses all comprehension will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (NASB updated) Simply put, don't worry about anything! God personally will hear your prayer and give you peace of mind and heart. What a tremendous and powerful promise! William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury had this to say about prayer, "When I pray coincidences happen, and when I do not, they don't"

The good news about prayer is not new. It works. Pray without ceasing. Nathan...

BUDGET MEETING The 2012 budget meeting will be January 22 at 2:30 pm. All deacons and elders are asked to come to the meeting with their areas of work budget requests to share with the group.

JANUARY 29 – 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK Our potluck meal this month will be on the 5th Sunday, January 29, following the morning service. Each family should bring a main dish and either a vegetable, salad or dessert. Widows and singles should bring 1 two liter of pop and either a large salad, vegetable or dessert. Plan to stay, enjoy great food and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Remember, there will not be an evening service on January 29.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH The teens will be preparing and serving lunch for the Senior Citizens on Saturday, February 4 at noon in the Life Center. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, February 1 if you plan to attend!

THANK YOU Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express. Thank you so much. Sincerely, Jeff Voigt

Thank you so much for the lovely planter you sent in honor of our father. Also for the prayers, cards and encouraging words. It has meant so much to us. In Christian Love, Larry McKenzie, Betty Maxwell and families.

I am so blessed to be a part of this church family. All of us who are widows can feel the love and care extended to us all year. The fruit baskets were beautiful and filled to the brim. My thanks to each one who had a part. In love, Ruth Watson

Thanks for the beautiful fruit basket; the food was delicious. Faye Walker

I wish I could express in words how much you are appreciated. In the past year I have overcome many difficulties along with several surgeries. My children have suffered the most through all of this and I hurt for them. The visit from Santa and the gifts mean more than you can imagine. Thank You! Jenny Williams

MISSING COAT We are looking for a ladies black coat size medium; a XL ladies black coat has been returned and it is hanging in the coat closet. Please see Bev Zilka if you have any questions.

WINTER WEATHER It's that time of year with the possibility of severe winter weather and hazardous roads. If we feel the need to cancel services please check the TV stations of Channel 11 and Channel 13.

HOLY LAND TRIP An invite from the Reynoldsburg Church of Christ concerning a Holy Land Cruise in November is posted on the foyer bulletin board.

- Jacquie Sloan & Jim Thomas continue to need prayers.
- Jeannie Oberski—surgery Jan. 19 at Toledo Hospital to remove cyst from her spinal column.
- Many of our members have been battling various illnesses...pray for their recovery.

PLEASE PRAY FOR R.C. McElwain, Ruth Ragland, Maggie Clouse, Norma Gonzalez, Johnnie Brown, Jim Thomas, Don & Marian Loertscher, Carmen Wright, Mike Borysiak, Jason Grimes, Bertha Wells and Charline Drake.

DAILY BIBLE READING
 January 15, Genesis 42-44.;
 January 16, Genesis 45-47;
 January 17, Genesis 48-50;
 January 18, Exodus 1-3; January 19, Exodus 4-6; January 20, Exodus 7-9; January 21, Exodus 10-12.

RECORDS JAN. 8, 2012			
9:00	119	N.E.	4
10:00	246		
6:00			
Wed.	65		
Contribution	\$5,858.97		
Missions			
Building Fund			
Total	\$5,858.97		
Weekly Budget	\$5,444.62		

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	
Sun.	9:00 am Bible Study
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm Worship
Wed.	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs.	11:30 am Bible Study

