

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.

BURNT BISCUITS

When I was a child, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides—a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things . . . and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults—and choosing to celebrate each other's differences—is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship. Someone said, "Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket—keep it in your own."

So please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burnt one will do just fine.
—Author Unknown, submitted by Frances Shipp

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS Contribution statements are on a table in the lobby. Remember to put your **name on the envelope and put the amount of your contribution on the envelopes, either on the line provided or on the inside of the flap.** Failure to do this will result with an incorrect amount of your contributions. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please see Pam Smith with any concerns regarding your statements.

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.

BIRTHDAY PARTY Congratulations to Edna Sandys who will be celebrating her 103rd birthday on January 25. A party will be given in her honor at 11:00 am at the Lakewoods Apartments at 2125 Arlington so feel free to stop in and wish her a Happy Birthday.

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!

IN APPRECIATION We'd like to thank everyone for the success of the fruit baskets that are given out at Christmas. The monetary contribution makes it possible to buy fruits, nuts, candies and the donations of jelly and honey really add a special touch. The help that is given in packing up 40 baskets is appreciated along with those that help deliver the baskets. The fruit baskets are greatly appreciated by those who receive them. Thank you very much, Jack & Jacquie Sloan

We also need to say a big thank you to Jack and Jacquie for all the organizing and shopping they do for the fruit baskets. THANKS!!

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.

PICTURES New pictures of the holiday dinner at Fountain Square have been posted on the board by the library.

DAILY BIBLE READING January 22, Exodus 13-15.; January 23, Exodus 16-18; January 24, Exodus 19-21; January 25, Exodus 22-24; January 26, Exodus 25-27; January 27, Exodus 28-29; January 28, Exodus 30-32.

- Jacquie Sloan & Jim Thomas continue to need prayers.
- Jeannie Oberski—Toledo Hospital recovering from surgery
- Joy Parker—home recovering from pneumonia
- Laura Hogue—sister-in-law of Dave Howell, has Lou Gehrig's disease, pray for comfort & peace
- Carl Howard—father of Mike Howard, surgery on Tuesday
- Stephanie Witt—Pat Purdy's niece battling infections.

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.

RECORDS JAN. 15, 2012			
9:00	110	N.E.	4
10:00	238		
6:00	86		
Wed.	75		
Contribution Missions Building Fund Total	\$4,516.00		
Weekly Budget	<u>\$4,516.00</u> \$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