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*Trust in the Lord
With all your heart...He will
Make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Pastor Scott's Issue: Truth in Advertising

Restore your skin's natural radiance today

After a refreshing shower at my daughter's apartment in Bemidji, MN I was showing off my new "glow." Touting the packaging claims on the shower gel provided I proudly marched into to the dining room declaring my "restored natural radiance." I believe the words they said were, "Dad, you are so weird."

Am I weird to believe the words written on that bottle of shower gel, "instantly restores skin's natural radiance?" Am I weird to think that this bottle of shower gel would make me look different, better, more radiant? That was the claim on this particular product. And not only that but that it would be INSTANT!

Sadly, the results were less than ideal. I was not much changed by that application of shower gel.

As I reflected on this bottle of shower gel, yeah, I am a little weird, I thought about the claims of our Lord, and Savior.

First, our faith and grace through faith, are freely given. Unlike the shower gel there is no purchase necessary on our part to receive God's love and forgiveness. That purchase was paid by Christ on the cross. The grace is freely given to all who trust in Him.

Romans 3:24 "and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Second, the effect on our life is immediate. We are "instantly restored" as testified by the thief on the cross as He acknowledged his Lord, and Savior. Jesus' response to the repentant thief was, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

Lastly, we are restored to the purposes for which we were made. Not for our glory, but for God's glory. Not for temporary purposes, but for everlasting purpose!

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

When the world sees the instant change in our lives because of our faith and God's grace, no one will be laughing. They will want what God is offering. They will desire the greater things in life. They will see that restoration and forgiveness and peace and hope and joy and love are not only attainable but freely given through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ, the purchase has been made, distributed, and freely given. That is the truth we can advertise with the greatest assurance!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Scott

GREETERS SCHEDULE



January 2019

- 1st Bill Spear
- 3rd **Bill & Sue Fehlandt**
Dillon Duwe
Emily Sanderson
- 4th Dylan Greenhill
- 5th Sarah Poisson
- 12th Matt Loew
- 17th **Charles & Jean Knox**
Gina Pounds
- 21st Donna Ruffner
- 22nd **Harold & Joanne Eick**
Lorrain Diener
- 23rd Tonya Sterner

- January 6th **Mindy Poisson**
Sarah Poisson
Maggie Wolf
Kim Spagnoli
- January 13th **Bruce and Shirley Meriwether**
Don and Faith Gatzke
- January 20th **Harold and Joanne Eick**
Darrell and Betty Clough
- January 27th **Sue Fehlandt**
Deb Halverson
Dorinda Jensen
Shelby Tallroth



- January 6th **Dillon Duwe**
- January 13th **Bonnie Pollard**
- January 20th **Pat Patterson**
- January 27th **Stephanie Miesbauer**

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service January 6, 2019.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the conference room. Prior to the Council meeting Elders Department meets at 6 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in Fellowship Hall. Please stop by to pick yours up.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you to all of you who have served our church in so many ways this past year. It seems trivial to just say "thank you", but you know who you are and your time and efforts do not go unnoticed! It promises to be an exciting year for our church.

EMAIL UPDATE

When emailing Rhonda in the church office, please use the following address only:
commchbj@centurytel.net Thank you.

The office received a call from Jan Evans requesting prayers for the McGriff family. Larry passed away on November 19th. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider donating to:

1. Exton Community Baptist Church/Larry E. McGriff Memorial Fund 114 Swedesford Rd, Exton, PA 19341
2. Lebanon Valley College/Larry E. McGriff Scholarship C/O Lebanon Valley College Advancement Office, 101 North College Ave. Annville, PA 17003

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
November	\$ 27,970.95	\$ 16,282.23
Fiscal Year to Date	\$105,767.37	\$109,286.11

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the support we've received during all the changes that took place in 2018. We welcomed a wonderful new Pastor and his family and we can now enjoy the wonderful new addition and our beautiful sanctuary for years to come. On behalf of the Church Council we want to wish everyone a Merry CHRISTmas and a safe and healthy New Year and we look forward to new challenges in 2019 that will help us grow in Christ and thrive as a growing congregation at Boulder Junction Community Church.

Betty Clough, Council Chair

THANK YOU to all of the Christmas elves who donated their time, talents and treasures to decorate our church for Christmas and then put it all away. Quietly worked behind the scenes to just "make it happen". We do appreciate all of your work.

THANK YOU The Ruth Blaisdell Family wishes to thank everyone from the three parishes of Boulder Junction for the hugs, prayers and genuine outpouring of love shown with the loss of our mother Ruth Blaisdell. Though our loss is great and our hearts are sad, our family is so thankful to live in such a warm community.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts,
Daughters: Josie, Joy, Jayne & families

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will not meet on Dec 25 and Jan 1. We will begin the new year, Jan 8 at 8:00 am, with the study of the book of John. This Bible study curriculum helps you apply God's Word to your life as you discover the promises and challenges found in the New Testament. You are invited to join us on Tuesdays to start this new exciting study.

Property and Personnel Departments are pleased to announce that the Council has approved the hiring of Ryan Adams as our new Custodian of Building and Grounds. Ryan will begin this position on April 1. He will be responsible for the maintenance of the grounds and property of the church and annex and a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled jobs related to buildings, equipment and grounds maintenance. We are very pleased to welcome Ryan as part of our church staff. A full bio will be included in our February newsletter.

PRAYING THROUGH THE BIBLE: A Weekly Devotional by Pastor Scott. This is a "once weekly" guide encouraging us to spend a little more time with the Lord. And it only takes 10 minutes a week! Use it to establish time with God. Use it as a Scripture memorization guide. Use it as the Holy Spirit so guides you.

Editor's Note: If space permits, "Praying Through The Bible" will be included at the end of the monthly newsletter (see last two pages). Otherwise it will be included in the electronic version of the newsletter which can be found on our website:

<http://www.commchbj.org/about-us/newsletters/>

Christian Education / Youth

Kids Christmas Program

The youth and children of Community Church did an amazing job sharing the story Jesus' birth through the "New Star" play! The story telling, singing, acting, and deeply joyful proclamation of our Messiah coming to redeem His people was very humbling, and touched every heart! Each child worked so hard to make this happen and brought forth the true meaning of Christmas. Special thanks to all the parents for supporting their children and encouraging them to participate. Also, so much help was given by an extraordinary group of friends with decorations, costumes, snacks, meals, setup, and cleanup. Events like this are only possible with the hard work and commitment of dedicated people who desire to see God glorified in our midst. He surely was! Thank you to all who participated and helped!



Community Christmas Caroling

"O come all ye faithful" ...Christmas Carolers. The beautiful sounds of the Christmas season rang forth at Boulder Pines Senior Housing, several assisted living homes in the Northwoods, and also at the homes of several Boulder Junction residents. Those visited were delighted to hear the message of hope told through the ageless carols. The children also made ornament crafts for the residents as gifts! The smiles, hugs, and tears warmed each heart, it was a beautiful time!

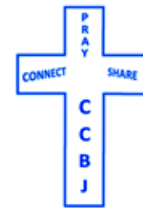


Boys to Christian Men

Just in time for Christmas, the Boys to Christian Men group completed their woodworking projects. With the help of Pastor Bob Anderson, Harold Eick, and James Stober, these young men were able to learn some very practical and useful skills, building a beautiful wooden box. More importantly, spending time together created an opportunity for these seasoned men to share their "life skills" with the boys. They shared stories about faith, life experiences, and built deeper relationships with God and each other. This learning adventure has been an excellent way to bridge the gap between generations, sharing the love of Jesus along the journey! Men...thank you, for your hard work and patience with the children. Your efforts will always be remembered and appreciated!



Love and Abundant Blessings to each and every one of you!!!



Praying Through the Bible 2019
A Weekly Devotion and Prayer Guide
by
Pastor Scott Jorgenson

1. Week of January 6 GENESIS

Genesis 32: 9, 10a Then Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you’: ¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. ¹¹ Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me *and* the mother with the children. ¹² For You said, ‘I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’”

What a wonderful glimpse of humility. Jacob is returning to Esau as directed by the Lord. He was greeted by God’s angels and heading into potentially hostile territory, his own brother’s land. Jacob’s prayer is a heartfelt honest prayer that even though God had promised protection, the knowledge of an army in the hundreds was waiting to “greet” him. We find Jacob’s prayer one of honesty, “Deliver me, I pray...for I fear.”

Jacob’s prayer reminds us that we can present our fears and request protection humbly and honestly before our God.

Prayer

God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac ... I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown me, Your servant...Deliver me, I pray ... for I fear. I fear for the future, I fear for what may come, I fear for family and friends. And honestly, Lord, I fear for myself. Begin a new work in me this year, Lord, for I trust Your promise that You will treat me well.

2. Week of January 13 EXODUS

Exodus 5:22,23 Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? ²³ Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”

One need not look far to see trouble in the world. Our prayer list is never ceasing: physical pain, suffering, sickness, and disease. The emotional trauma is evident: family stress, occupational demands, peer pressure, and mental health. To add to this, in the Upper Midwest, we have to cope with Seasonal Affective Disorder! January 1 Sunrise: 7:49 AM, Sunset: 4:49. Consequently, nine hours out of 24 are in the dark...come sun!

In light of the text, Moses prayer was for God to intervene. In light of Christ’s promise to return...we pray come SOON! We are in good company when we cry out to the Lord, “why have you brought trouble on this people? ... You have not rescued your people at all.” We can be honest with the Lord with the cries of our heart as we see the needs around us. And as we continue to read in Exodus 6 His promises are sure! He will reveal to us His purposes...in His time. As we wait for the sunshine of Spring to return, so we wait for the return of Christ.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for hearing the cries of our heart. Thank you for calling us to serve those in need. We look forward to seeing the plans you have made, the promises kept, and the love shown. Strengthen us to accomplish Your plans. Assure us of Your promises. And remind us to return love to others as You have loved us. We look forward to the coming light.

3. Week of January 20 LEVITICUS

Leviticus 9:23, 24

Moses and Aaron then went into the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. ²⁴ Fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.

How have you blessed somebody today, this week, this month? God wants to bless us. And He desire for us to be a blessing. And when we “come out of our tents” the Lord will appear. Are you stuck inside your tent? Afraid of where God will have you bless somebody, or timid about your gifts to bless others? We all have something to offer. We all have gifts to be presented. We all have blessings to bestow. When we willingly come out and offer the gifts and blessings that God has already given to us at our disposal, when we willingly bless others with those gifts...God shows up! “Fire came out from the presence of the Lord.” WOW! God will use our offerings and the people will see it and will worship Him in joy!

Prayer

God of blessings we praise you that you are the giver of good gifts. And Lord we thank you for being tasked with blessing your people, all your people. Make us a blessing to others. Prompt us to come forth from our “tents” and offer back to you the gifts given to us. Make us a blessing so that we can be a blessing to others.

4. Week of January 27 NUMBERS

Numbers 21:4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

To be honest I don't remember this story from my Sunday School upbringing...poisonous snakes and a golden snake that will heal those bitten? Not exactly soothing bedtime reading. However, it is a story of God's love and mercy for us. The story reminds us that we grumble and moan under current circumstances. If only life were easier. If only we were in better circumstances. And we blame God. There are consequences to blaming God for living in a fallen world. There are consequences for blaming God for our own circumstances and poor attitude. But this is a story of forgiveness. When God heard the repentant hearts of the people through Moses' prayers, God provided a “life saving alternative.” God has provided us a “life saving alternative” in Christ. With repentant hearts and our prayers to the Lord, He forgives us our sins, and gifts us with eternal life.

Prayer

Lord of mercy and life, forgive our grumbings, forgive our self-centeredness, forgive our sins. You are the God of mercy, compassion, and love. We give you thanks and praise for loving us even when we grow weary of life's circumstances. Help us to embrace your love and grace.