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POINTS OF LIGHT

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it give light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good needs and praise your Father in heaven." (Matt 5:12-16)

THE CHURCH DISAPPOINTS WHEN IT FAILS TO BE A COMMUNITY OF INFLUENCE: Why the metaphors "salt" and "light"? -- Both are put into in environment to change things. How do we influence the world? (1) Moral purity: *"Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, although they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good needs and glorify God on the day he visits us"* (1 Peter 2:11-12); and (2) Acts of love: *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"*: (Galatians 6:10). If the church does not have an impact in the neighbor, would anyone notice if it were gone? We are called to be salt and light to bless the community. *"In Jesus name"* – we can have impact! Rick Warren states, *"The NT says the church is the body of Christ, but for the last 100 years, the hands and feet have been amputated, and the church has just been a mouth. And mostly, it's been known for what it's against... I'm so tired of Christians being known for what they're against."*

GOOD WORKS POINT TO THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS: We are kingdom builders, not social workers. However, the gospel of Christ has social implications. Paul wrote, *"For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles. James, Peter, and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace give to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do"* (Gal. 2 :8-10). We are not going to carry the day by debating... we must be salt and light to the world.

THE CHURCH TODAY MUST EARN THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD: Times have changed. We live at a time when "whatever" has become more than an expression... it is a worldview. There is no longer absolute truth... no overarching story of redemption... simply believe whatever you want. It is a time when our "apologetics of propositions" (arguments for the truth of something) fail to communicate. Most will say... who cares! However, the apologetics of good works is heard...loud and clear. The world must see the gospel before they hear it. This is the question most are asking: "How does what you believe make a difference?" Do we focus more on what the bible is silent about, or do we feed the hungry, clothe the poor, visit the sick, visit those in prison, etc.? These become the 'marks' of the true church in the eyes of the world.

Gareth D. Flanary

Because of God's love, we celebrate and guide
those inside and outside the church
to salvation in Christ Jesus through the Bible.

Prayer Requests - (Please advise us of updates as they become available)

Diane Dusman (friend of Peanut Van Etten) underwent by-pass surgery, please pray for a speedy recovery. Please pray for **Joe Noto** (friend of Eric Rommelman), who has been diagnosed with throat cancer. Please pray for **Danielle Fitzsimmons** who is having complications with her pregnancy (given by Karen Schmit). **UPDATE: Ruby Shultz** (Gary's mother) is at home and resting comfortably. She will soon turn 92. **Dewey Renfro** needs our prayers as his cancer seems to be progressing. Pray for him and the family. **Pat Smithson** will have laser eye surgery on April 14 (rescheduled.) She will appreciate your prayers for the restoration of her vision. **Carol Jackson's** test results were favorable - gallbladder problems are being treated with medication. Thanks for the prayers! **Barb Hower** thanks everyone for their prayers for her back surgery. Please pray for the daughter of Kimberly King who is in Intensive Care (given by Emily Russell). Please pray for Michael Smith (co-worker of Emily Russell) who is out of work and dealing with personal problems. **Winnie Cooper** (Cherokee Congregation) lost a son on March 26 after an accident at work. Please pray for her and her family in their lost. Please pray for **Richard Kramer** (Judy Trinks Father) who was hospitalized with breathing problems. He is now breathing on his own after removal of the respirator. **UPDATE: George (Chip) Weisenborn** is improving with chiropractic treatment for his back and thanks everyone for prayers on his behalf. Please pray for Linda Detter's brother, **Barry Haynes**, who had surgery on his leg. Please pray for **Greg Lyttle** (Mike's brother) who suffered a heart attack on February 25. Please pray for **Eddison Fowler**, who has been suffering with a rhinitis/sinusitis problem since December. **UPDATE: Jason Weisenborn** (Chip & Sherry's son) is home after therapy treatments, which were shortened. He is on new medication. Please pray for wisdom for the Doctors treating him and for his healing. **Pearl Dyer** is recovering from eye surgery, pray that she experiences good results. Please pray for **Charlotte Tenne** (friend of Pearl Dyer) who has a brain aneurism. Please pray for **Jim Alban** who will undergo diagnostic testing on his back. Also pray for **Deborah Prieto** that she make life changes and obeys the Gospel. Please pray for **Jane Moser**, who has a mass on her gall bladder. Pray that no cancer is found (given by Judy Trinks). Please pray for **Angie Coble** (Judy Trinks' daughter-in-law) who has heart-related ailments. Please pray for the **5 year-old son of Joel Cummings** who has Juvenile Diabetes (given by Heinly). **Bernice Bare** for strength during her cancer treatments, **Brandy Potter** is having seizures and headaches and is undergoing tests (unsigned prayer card).

Expectant Mothers

Please pray that **Lacey (Dyer) Latterman** and **Leanne (Simmons) Ramos** give birth to healthy babies. Also pray for **Erin Hower** (Earl & Barb's daughter-in-law) who is expecting twin girls.

In the Military

Eric Bankert (Emily Russell's brother) has graduated (3rd in his class) AIT and is now home. **Jamie Lawson, Shane Markle and Seth Robertson.**

Cancer Patients

Sandi Ahart, Lisa Parrott's mother, will undergo 16 weeks of Chemotherapy. Please pray for her during this long treatment period. Please pray for **Cheyne Mann**, a 5-year old friend of Brayden Lewis, who was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for his family, the doctors and the road ahead. **Wanda Yost** has completed radiation treatments and will begin Chemo soon. Please pray that the treatments are effective. **Frank Stong** (Albert's brother) will undergo treatments five days a week for six weeks for throat cancer. **Harvey Blevins** is home recovering from his cancer surgery. Pray for his continued healing. **Shontay Hower's** cancer has returned (lungs) after her Hodgkin's disease had been in remission. She is the 17 year old great niece of Earl and Barb Hower. **Melba Neidens** (Lori Lonard's grandmother) underwent major surgery and will receive several months of chemo treatments. **Ruby Hickman** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for **Warren Yuspa** (given by Crystal Thomas) who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Also **Diane Witt** (given by Koskey's) who has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. **Richard Adams** (given by Glenda Cummings) has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Barb Tome's** 8 year old niece who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for **Melvin Rineholt** (friend of Dennis Cummings), who has stomach cancer. Please pray for **Stephen Royer**, father of one of Caleb Robertson's friends, who has brain cancer. Also **Carl Lawson** (leukemia), **Travis Flynn, Sherry McCracken, Donna Heim, Dave Mitchell, Jean Saez,** and **Dewey Renfro** have cancer.

Upcoming Events

April 12 - Babysitting at the building, 6 to 10 pm -- Fundraiser for Mexico.

April 13 - VBS Meeting after Bible Classes. Please come and sign up for one or more tasks to help us have a successful VBS.

April 18 - Our last Craft Night until the Fall. More details to follow.

April 19 - Building in use 2 to 6 pm

April 20-26 - "Turn Off the TV Week Challenge"

April 25 - "Look What I Can Do Night" - 7:00 pm. Sign up for classes in the foyer by April 20.

April 26 - Community Night Fundraiser at Isaac's in West York, 5:00-10:00 pm

May 3 - Adopt-a-Road Cleanup - 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided by our Youth Group. Many hands are needed - contact Ken Coble for Info/sign up in the foyer beginning next week.

May 4 - Annual Corporate Meeting - Time TBA

May 18 - Worship at Friendship Elementary, followed by Fellowship Celebration for our Graduates. Watch for more details.

May 31 - Family Fishing at Limestone Springs.

June 13, 14, 15 - VBS - Please plan to participate

Condolences

To the McKinney's on the passing of Allen's mother, Alma McKinney on April 3. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wendy Sue Jones Memorial Fund at the Christian School of York, 907 Greenbriar Road, York PA 17404. Wendy Jones is a deceased grandchild of Mrs. McKinney. Allen and Pat McKinney reside at 2975 Ashgrove Road, York, PA 17403

Family Roster Update - The deadline for changes to the next quarterly printing of our Family Roster is **Friday, April 11.**

Please bring your unwanted magazines to the fellowship room for a VBS project.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Jim and Gail Halpin on the death of their 23-month old son, Corey, on March 31.

The family is most appreciative of our continued prayers in their time of grieving. Address information: James & Gail Halpin, 3616 Equestrian Drive, Dover, PA 17315. Telephone: 717 292-9025

Grandparents: Sam & Cookie McCurry, 7007 Sticks School Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327. Telephone: 717 235-5720

In memory of Corey, donations may be made to the Corey J. Halpin Memorial Fund, c/o Sovereign Bank, 101 S. George Street, York, PA 17401