



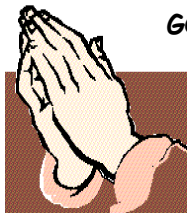
CHARITY CHAPEL DOINGS

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YOU ARE INVITED TO: GOVERNMENTAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

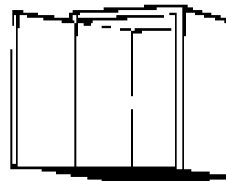


The 33rd Annual Governmental Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 7th at 9:00 am. at New World Landing

The keynote speaker will be Ray Sansom, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

The purpose of the Breakfast is to encourage moral and spiritual values in government. The recipient of the 2008 God in Government Award will be Judge T. Michael Jones, First Judicial Circuit Court.

Charity Chapel will be hosting a table. Contact Pastor Jerry if you are interested in attending.

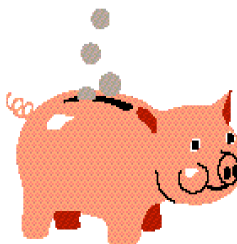


URGENT NEED FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FEEDING!

Our food pantry has been hit hard in the last few months and is in need of financial donations.

Please indicate on your offering envelope or on your check the words "Food Pantry". That money will be used to help those families in need of food.

FAMILY BUDGETING CLASS



Bob Burns has agreed to teach another class on Family Budgeting. The class will be held from 9 am to 10 am on February 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

If married, both husband and wife attendance is recommended. The class will hold up to 20 persons but must have a minimum of 8 persons in order to start.

You can register by signing the Connection Card. The class will be on setting up a budget, ways to save money, credit and other personal financial topics.



FREE DENTAL CARE

Free dental care is being offered on February 7th from 8-3. It is on a first come, first served basis.

It is at PJC Dental Clinic Warrington Campus BLDG 3100, 5555 W. Hwy 98.

It includes screening, cleaning, fillings and extractions. The child has to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who can sign for the child and remain on the premises with the child.

For more information call Caroline at 453-7766. This is for children ages 4 - 14.



ADULT NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

We have openings in our 10:30 am Nursery for ladies who would love to minister to our little ones.

Because we have had a number of new babies born and several other expectant mothers, we have a larger than usual number of openings. Our goal is for the rotation to be every 8-10 weeks.

Please call the church office, 944-5520, to speak with Mary Wales, or indicate on the Connection Card if you desire to help in this area.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is scheduled for June 15-19, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 am until noon.

This year we are going on the **Boomerang Express to Australia!**

Mark your calendars now if you are a student, teacher, or helper! More information will follow!

- * Great accomplishments often have humble starts - Henry Ford forgot to include a reverse gear with his first car.
- * The measure of real character is what a person would do knowing he or she never would be found out.

DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?



This person was born in Santa Rosa County, in the city of Allentown. She was born in her grandmother's house and was delivered by her aunt due to the delay of the doctor.

She is the fourth of five children and has two brothers and two sisters. Her father worked for the Plumbing Union and later as a plumber for the School Board. Her mother owned her own beauty shop and was a hairdresser.

When she was 6 years old, she and her family moved to Pensacola. She attended Fairy Pass Elementary School, Fairy Pass Middle School and The Pensacola Technical School, with a focus on business education.

A year after graduating, her best friend introduced her to her husband and 2 months later they were married.

Her first job was as secretary to the manager of the Plaza Building in the Town and Country Plaza. Later she worked as a bookkeeper for Borden's Dairy.

When she gave birth to her first child she realized that she just couldn't stand being away from the baby every day and her husband agreed that she should stay at home and raise their children. She has three children, 2 girls and 1 boy. Much to her delight, they all still live in Pensacola. She is also blessed to have 7 grandchildren.

After the breakup of her marriage, she began attending PJC as well as working at Gayfers Department Store. She continued her employment when Gayfers became Dillard's. She worked for a total of 17 years. When her former husband passed away, she was eligible for his Social Security benefits; therefore, she retired to devote herself to other pursuits.

She is an avid reader. About half way through the first book of the "Left Behind" series she became convinced that she needed to examine her relationship with God. Several of her coworkers attended Charity Chapel. She talked with Mary Martin about Charity. She met Mary the next Sunday and she was introduced to Charity Chapel and to Pastor Mike. She told Pastor Mike that she wanted to join Charity because she felt like she really belonged. In 2002 she was baptized. This began her new adventure with the Lord.

Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 139: 23-24
"Search me O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."

- Work as if you don't need money,
- Love as if you've never been hurt,
- Dance, as if nobody can see you,
- Sing, as if no one can hear,
- Live, as if the Earth was heaven."

The Alphabet For The Elderly

A's for arthritis;
B's the bad back,
C's the chest pains, perhaps car-d-iac?
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight, can't read that top line!
F is for fissures and fluid retention,
G is for gas which I'd rather not mention.
H is high blood pressure--I'd rather it low;
I is for incisions with scars you can show.
J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,
K is for knees that crack when they bend.
L is for libido, what happened to sex?
M is for memory, I forget what comes next.
N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low;
O is for osteo, the bones that don't grow!
P is for prescriptions, I have quite a few,
just give me a pill and I'll be good as new!
Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
T is for Tinnitus; there's bells in my ears!
U is for urinary; big troubles with flow;
V is for vertigo, that's "dizzy," you know.
W is for worry, NOW what's going 'round?
X is for X ray, and what might be found.
Y is another year I'm left here behind,
Z is for zest that I still have-- in my mind.

I've survived all the symptoms, my body's
deployed,
And I am keeping twenty-six doctors fully
employed!!!

No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.
No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time to die.
I went before the Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in His hands God held a book;
It was the Book of Life.
God looked into his book and said
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down . . .
But never found the time"
-- Author Unknown

Confrontation Deflation

Key Bible Verse: Gently teach those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts (2 Timothy 2:25). Bonus Reading: Proverbs 15:1, 18

A man voiced discontent to me about the way his wife would verbally malign him. As a man's man, he tended to stonewall during her flare-ups, which sent her through the roof.

I coached him to approach her differently to discover the benevolent power he possessed over the spirit of his wife. This husband admitted that trying my suggestion went against his natural grain, but he agreed to give it a try. The next time she became disgruntled and vexed about something trivial, he stopped her and gently but firmly told her, "Look, you can continue to emasculate me or you can join me on the couch where we can sit down and pray over this." Like air out of a balloon, all the negativity drained from her. She stopped her ranting, turned, headed for the couch, sat down, bowed her head, and put her hand out for him to hold.

In utter disbelief, he reported the results. "Look," I told him, "women may seem to be out of control or it may appear they're trying to control you, but their real motive is to connect in love. When a wife feels true love coming toward her, she immediately and respectfully aligns herself with the spirit of her husband. Mission accomplished."

—Emerson Eggerichs in *Love and Respect*

My Response: I'll ask God to help me exercise my "benevolent power" when our marriage hits a rough patch.

Thought to Apply: I first learned the concepts of non-violence in my marriage.—*Mohandas Gandhi (Indian nationalist)*



**BIBLE READING
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Please sign up on the Connection Card or call the office if you are interested in

participating in a Bible Reading Sunday School Class. Plans are to start in February reading the Old Testament (you are not required to read difficult names of people and places in this class)

Contact Pastor Jerry for further information.

ABOUT GROWING OLD

Maya Angelou said this:

'I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.'

'I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.'

'I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.'

BROTHER MIKE'S BLESSING

I put myself in agreement with God's Word concerning you. That you are the head and not the tail, The first and not the last, Blessed coming in and blessed going out.

I put myself in agreement when He said that you can have the mind of Christ, the wisdom of God. a peace that passes all understanding and you can have a joy that is unspeakable. His joy, which is your strength, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

I agree when He said of you, that no weapon formed against you is going to prosper, and that every snare laid out for you is broken and you have already escaped.

You are not a victim because the Word says you are more than a conqueror through the blood of Christ Jesus.

Most importantly, I agree with His word when He said that He who began the good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

*Judge a man's character not by what he drives but by what drives him.

*Nostalgia: recalling things we never noticed when they happened.

Do You Know This Person



Shirely Bennett



FROM THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mary Wales, Children's Ministry Director

TEACH THE HARD LESSONS

As I prepared for a lesson about David and Bathsheba, I struggled with how to bring up the subject of sexual sin to elementary age kids. I thought about just skipping over this lesson but God would not let me; I knew I was supposed to teach it.

Finally when the time came I just let God speak. The children were attentive and interested. When I got to the sin and consequences portions, the children started speaking up. Over and over these children told of 10 and 11 year olds they knew who were pregnant or had a child. Others talked about running into pornography on the Internet. Some of the children talked about their parent's adulterous behavior and porn that is in their homes and the homes of their friends.

I knew it was all out there but that these sweet children had seen and experienced so much was hard to take. Even some of the children had tears in their eyes as we talked about how to avoid those kinds of temptations and not even look at anything that would lead to sin. They were all very receptive.

It is very important that we teach the hard lessons. We must equip the children to deal with sinful situations in God's way. They need to know they don't have to do what others are doing or continue the sin of their parents. It is also important to recognize that not only the children in public schools but in private schools are touched by sin. We must let them know Jesus offers a better way that leads to life everlasting.

Maggie Robertson



FIRST WEDNESDAY MEAL AND PROGRAM

On February 4 we will have our first Wednesday night family dinner. Dinner begins at 6 pm. At 7 pm there will be meetings for

men, women, youth and Bible Express.

It is important that you sign up on the Connection Card on Sunday or notify the office if you plan on attending the supper.

There will be a nursery available for the meetings but you need to indicate the number of children (infant through 3) that will attend as well as how many children will be attending Bible Express. The cost of the meal will be \$2.50 each.

MENU: Tam Connetto's family will be preparing egg rolls and rice!

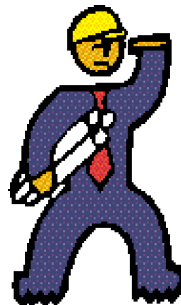
Passing the Torch

AN AUTHORITY on African animals was giving a lecture. When he finished, he asked for questions.

One man stood up and asked, "Is it true that the wild animals in Africa won't bother you if you carry a lighted torch?"

The speaker replied, "That depends on how fast you carry it."

RENOVATIONS



Gold building renovation is next on our list to work on. If you have suggestions or thoughts about changes please write these on your connection cards or email jerry@charitychapel.org with your thoughts and suggestions.

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH: Mikael & Jeni BISTER - Mozambique: Mikael & Jeni are serving Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mozambique. They have been on the mission field for more than ten years. Several weeks ago, while Mikael was away, Jeni and the children had their home broken into and Jeni was held at gunpoint while being robbed of their money, credit cards, cell phone, laptop, camera and their vehicle. We praise God for their protection. Jeni wrote, "I am convinced that the people around the World who keep us in their prayers made a difference Wednesday night, January 7-8." "We have been very encouraged by the outpouring of love and support from Mozambican friends, as well as now hearing of extra prayer and financial support from Sweden and the USA. God is so good!" Please be praying for them to find the right car for their family. There are no newspapers, no car dealers. All used car purchases are by word of mouth. Please pray for continued peace for the family. Pray for a way for them to move forward in work when so many things have been turned upside down. They really need a car to get the children to school and to transport things.

Andre & Karen PROVOST - Ecuador: Language study is great, but only taking classes will get you nowhere. I needed to find a place to start using what I was learning. I chose to volunteer for Remar, a Christian organization with a number of outreaches in Quito. While working at their soup kitchen, I noticed that there were children playing in the baptistry in the back of the chapel. I asked the director's wife if I could tell Bible stories to them. She gladly gave me permission. With my chart in hand, I was swarmed with children. The next time I arrived the director informed me that the children were there and looking for me. Now, when the children arrive, they go directly to the chapel. I tell a story from my evangelistic "Life Enrichment Course". Then I give the smaller children a Bible story picture to color, while I teach the lessons to those who can read. Please pray for these children. For some of them, the gospel is totally new. The family is doing well. Nat and Naomi both got selected for basketball teams this season. Karen is loaded with the preparation work for her classes. Aimee and Esther are now back at their colleges studying. Please keep us in your prayers.

Bob & Melissa HILL - Scotland: Bob has been meeting with Social work, the police and others to get the grounds and building ready this year. We ARE planning on the residential floor being finished this year. This year the church is moving from an attractional approach to an incarnational/missional approach in outreach. It is a BIG shift for all of us, but a good one. We are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us. Deeper is meeting weekly again, but because we do not have the funds to cover the weekly cost, attendance has dropped to around 10 to 12 guys. Please pray with us concerning the future and the direction of this much-needed ministry to the youth. We are so blessed by your continued love, prayers and financial support. I know in these "crunch times" it's an even greater sacrifice and we so appreciate it.

Bill & Julie HUGHES - Thailand: With the church in the city more established, we have been free to pursue house church planting. Already we have been working in the village of Wang To and are now starting to work in three new villages. Each village has a home that has opened to us. Please pray these places will become house churches. We realize that the most important factor in church planting among the unreached is evangelism. While Bill was attending a Church Planting Movement course in North Thailand, the instructor pointed out that when we begin to circulate the gospel more, the response begins to increase. We were impacted by this concept and purposed to share the gospel more often. Bill is training several of our trainees to share the gospel and plans for each of them to train others to do the same after they have led them to Christ.

Michael & Shirley BRADLEY - International: Shirley and I have begun the process of preparing to leave our current ministry. As we look toward the future, Shirley is beginning to make applications with NICS to teach art in one of their international schools. She will not go back into the classroom in general education again, but would love to have the opportunity to teach art, which is her educational degree. Pray with us as we explore this possibility. Thank you for your partnership with us here in God's good work.

Ryan & Chris HANEY - Scotland: As we begin this new year, we are looking ahead in hope of great things. Although the newspapers report that our area of Scotland is full of negative statistics regarding children and youth, we choose to believe that God still has a great plan. At Kinrick Kids, we provide a safe place and the children see and receive the steadfast love of God. They are great kids with big hearts of joy and caring for others. As we venture into 2009, we are planning more outreaches for children and their families. In the months to come we are raising funds for our visas that will be renewed in May.

Jim & Mary MATHER - Friends of Internationals: For over 10 years we have been reaching out to international students with the love of Jesus. With the help of many who pray, volunteer and give, we have been largely successful in allowing people from all over the planet to see at least a glimpse of the real Jesus. I have had an inkling that God might be asking us to do one more thing. One primary thing. One thing that He promised He would bless and support and use to reveal Himself even more: help to start an international church in the Mobile area. And so, at His leading, we press on into 2009 praying, listening and exploring the whole idea of what an international gathering of believers and seekers might look like. We would seek to gather international students, families and singles that would feel called to worship together in an atmosphere of cultural diversity. What will that look like? How do we do that? Honestly I don't know at this point, but I know that through prayer God will clarify the details.

Joshua & Akiko JONES - Japan: Last week one of my students came to class half an hour early and asked me about Christianity. After sharing my testimony, I gave him a copy of "Manga Messiah" - a comic in Japanese with the four Gospel accounts merged into one narrative. The next week he came early again and we chatted about faith and following Christ. He noticed a "Children's Bible" on our shelf and asked to borrow it also. Another student remarked that that should be nice because the Bible is so hard to understand. It seems her husband was a Christian and she had read his Bible occasionally. She asked if she could borrow the Bible. I told her I had extra (thanks to those who gave a few months ago for me to buy a case of them). The next week she came back and said she had read the Bible and went to church with her husband and the pastor spoke on the same story that she had been reading. My parents have joined us here in Japan for a few months, so our team has expanded to 6 for the time being. My folks will return to work in Afghanistan after leaving Japan. Please pray for their safety and effectiveness as they return to serve the people there. Some of you may remember me asking for prayer about our vehicle situation. We needed a larger van to transport our team and visiting missionaries. God answers prayers. A friend of ours here in Japan just gave us an 8-passanger van. Now that we are mobile again, we plan to begin making trips to visit some of the other churches in the area that we're connecting with. We thank you for your continued prayer and financial support. We know the hardships that many of you are facings and we are incredibly grateful for the sacrifice you're making to participate in our ministry here.

Steve & Tina SAME - London, England: Over the past few months I have noticed something special about a few Muslim mockers that come regularly to heckle me as I preach at Speaker's Corner. Some time ago, the most regular Muslim heckler challenged me, as he stood in the midst of the crowd with an open Bible. and not the Koran. Each week he spouted off a few negative remarks about the message of repentance that I shared. For the most part I ignored him. Then I noticed that he was only making like he was reading from the Bible. He had cleverly written all his rebuttals and arguments on the inside of the first blank page of the Bible. As he turned to me I shouted, "Musha, stop reading from what you have written on the inside cover of that Bible and start reading the truth of God's Word." He looked at me and didn't know what to say and slowly slipped out of the crowd. Now things are a bit different. Several of the Muslim mockers, including Musa, are actually reading from the Scriptures. It is beautiful. I find that every time they quote a scripture verse, it brings up another opportunity. I am enabled to expand on their negative remarks about the scripture and explain God's fullness. We have two urgent prayer needs: We have an urgent need for our Home school resource Library families. We are in need of several sets of Saxon Algebra 1/2 textbooks and their solutions manuals. We would ask for your prayer once again for Steve's neck vertebrae C5 and C6. The doctors say they are considering a foraminotomy operation.

Fred & Marion BRUMMET - Living Waters International: Marion and I have made some plans for 2009. We will be going to Egypt for a few weeks to do some staff training. We also plan to go to Guatemala in the spring. Completing the curriculum for LWI missionary equipping classes is a high priority. June through August will be spent itinerating. We hope to have a couple of new churches this year. Thank you for partnering with us.