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The Power of Bended Knee

Birds go to sleep on their perches, but they never fall off. This is because the tendons in the bird’s legs are constructed so that when the leg is bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap. The claws refuse to let go until the knees are unbent again. The bended knee gives the bird the ability to hold on to his perch so tightly.

Isn't this also the secret of the holding power of the Christian? Daniel found this to be true. Surrounded by pagan environment, tempted to compromise with evil, urged to weaken his grip on God, he refused to let go. He held firm when others faltered because he was a man of prayer. He knew the power of the bended knee. From sleeping birds we can learn the secret of holding things which are precious to us – honest, purity, thoughtfulness, honor and character. That secret is the knee bent in prayer, seeking to get a firmer grip on those values which make life worth living. When we hold firmly to God in prayer, we can rest assured he will hold tightly to us.



**BAPTIZED
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LORD**

Roman Alan Thomas Dahl received holy baptism on April 11, 2021. Roman is the son of Kennidey Dahl and Great-grandson of Bernine Dahl. Welcome to the family of God, Roman.



Memorial Day, the first of our summer holidays, means we will turn to our favorite pursuits – picnicking, boating, going to the ball park, puttering in the yard or lazing in the sun.

It began as Decoration Day, when garlands were placed on the graves of the Civil War dead. It became Memorial Day, an occasion for America to honor those who gave their lives in all wars. It has continued with solemn ceremonies in cemeteries across the country, with parades of school children proudly carrying American flags. And on this day families have decorated the graves of those whose memory they cherish.

Yes, we need to relax and enjoy the holiday, but let us not forget to display the Stars and Stripes in our yards, to take that journey to the cemetery with our tokens of geraniums and peonies and wreaths; to wear the Veteran’s poppy with concern for his welfare.

Let us remember who we are and where we are – Americans in a free land with power of self-determination and pause to honor those who have preserved our heritage.



Yard Clean Up Day

Mark your calendar and please come help do some clean up around our buildings. May 22nd at 9:00 a.m. We will be cleaning out dead leaves, trimming bushes, etc. Please bring any rakes or tools to help. See Saturday the 22nd at 9:00!

Easter Lilies

Thank you to those who purchased lilies to decorate our sanctuary on Easter.

- Jane Gabrielse in memory of Roger
- Nancy Erlenborn in memory of family
- Amy Crouch in memory of family
- Sonnie Whittington in memory of Don McClintock
- Marilyn Dunker in memory of family
- Jeanne & John Van Schaick in memory of all those lost to Covid-19 and their families
- Alice Brady in memory of family
- Barbara & David Donahue in memory of Joanne Wilkinson, John & Elizabeth Donahue
- Betty Martuzzo in memory of family



Mission Board Report

The Mission Board has designated \$3000 to the following missionaries: Supply & Multiply, Peace Mission, TFC Global, Abigail Women’s Center, Ed & Jane Skowron.

We were so pleased to welcome Ed Skowron to our April 25th worship service. He updated us on his ministry and shared God’s word with us.



Listen With God’s Ears

“Have you ever considered what God hears in the hearts of people? What spiritual needs cry out to him? What if we could hear with God’s ears? Most of us don’t even hear with the ears we have. Our ears are clogged up and we can’t hear the most obvious things. So there are people with need out there just crying to be met, yet so few of God’s laborers are going out to rescue them. If you want to hear, if you want to truly see, get on your knees and ask God to use you.”

Taken from ‘Miracles’ by Terri Blackstock



Pastoral Search Committee

The search committee approved by the congregation will have their first meeting on Thursday, May 13th.

Adult Sunday School
Starting May 9 – 9 a.m.
A Study on Revelation
by Warren Wiersbe

The book of Revelation is one of the most intriguing books of the Bible. It's also one of the most mysterious. Filled with vivid imagery, rich themes, and deep spiritual insights, it can be challenging to read and understand. Yet woven throughout Revelation's sweeping tapestry is a unifying message: The victory found in Jesus Christ. This Bible study takes an in-depth, yet practical, look at the book of Revelation, and shares how we can experience a victorious life.

The Wiersbe Bible Studies Series explores timeless wisdom found in God's word. Based on Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe's popular "BE" series, this **eight-week study** features selected commentaries from BE Victorious, engaging questions, and practical applications, all designed to help you connect God's word with your life.

A study guide will be provided, but it is suggested that you also bring your favorite Bible to class. (A study Bible is particularly helpful, if you have one.)

Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe (1929–2019) was an internationally known Bible teacher, author, and conference speaker. He served as the pastor of Moody Church in Chicago from 1971 to 1978. In his lifetime, Dr. Wiersbe wrote more than 170 books – including the popular **BE** series, which has sold more than four million copies. Dr. Wiersbe was awarded the Gold Medallion Lifetime Achievement by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA). His writing will impact generations to come. Some of his sermons can be viewed on YouTube.



If you judge people, you have not time to love them.



***Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Sonny Whittington, Marilyn Cobb, Cyndee Walters, Rita Tieman, Ellen's Mom Martha and Dawn's Mom Micki*

***Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:
 Myrle Sapienza Beth Flaherty
 Carol Edgcomb Don Walker
 Jane McClintock Daryl & Lin Stuhr*

- ** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows*
- ** Pray for Ed & Jane Skowron*
- ** Pray for Jews for Jesus*
- ** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply*
- ** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic*
- ** Pray for Berean Prison Ministry*
- ** Pray for Transport for Christ*
- ** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless*

***Pray that God will bring the next pastor for us that can inspire us to share his love with those needing to hear his word.*

Musings from Melvin & Maude

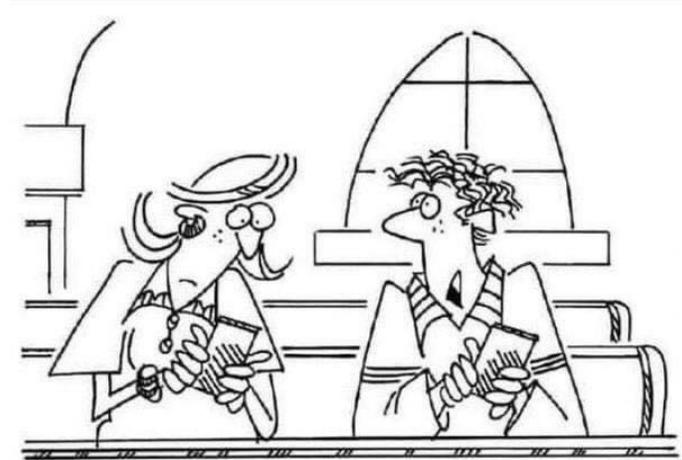
Melvin: We told the new pastor that we are a church with a desire to grow!

Maude: Yes, as long as it doesn't mean change, or new people, or someone sitting in our pew, or a different kind of music.

*I don't walk with God. I can't keep up with him.
 He walks with me, and waits for me every time I fall behind.*

How I Learned to Mind My Own Business
I was walking past the school yard the other day and all of the kids were shouting, "13....13....13." The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on.

Some idiot poked me in the eye with a stick, then they all started shouting, "14.....14.....14."



"The Pastor keeps referring to 'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?