

Family Matters

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Special Contribution

For Work in Ghana, West Africa

Target, \$14,000

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Today–

- Spaghetti Lunch sponsored by the teens. Donations will go to the special contribution.
- Pie Auction -- proceeds will also be added to our special contribution.
- Change – turn in your change baggies to any of the teens or Doug.

Next Week–

- Special Contribution

Pick up a copy of the June report from Samuel Twumasi and you will see why we are trying help train men through the Heritage Christian College in Accra, Ghana. Great things are happening in West Africa because of the equipping of men to preach in Ghana and neighboring countries.



Daily Bible Reading

	New Testament	Old Testament
Sunday	Matthew 27:11-32	Isaiah 6-7
Monday	Matthew 27:33-56	Isaiah 8
Tuesday	Matthew 27:57-28:10	Isaiah 9
Wednesday	Matthew 28:11-20	Isaiah 10
Thursday	Galatians 1:1-2:10	Isaiah 11-12
Friday	Galatians 2:11-3:5	Isaiah 13
Saturday	Galatians 3:6-29	Isaiah 14

Prayer Concerns



If you have someone in the prayer concerns, please take one of the yellow cards and write an update on the back so we will know how each are progressing and if they still need on the list. Put in the collection plate.

NEW

- Wayne's going to be a grandpa in Feb. or Mar.

CANCER

- Bill Wampner
- Gene Chapin
- Terecia Chapin-surgery cancelled for now
- Terri Taylor's mother, Marge
- Mona Bergey, Mac's friend
- Leroy Beaver
- Cindy Haga's dad, Roy Barz
- Clarence's dad
- Dan McClure's daughter, Sam
- Mike Hately's mother, Fern
- Debbie Brown's sister, Tammy

OTHER ILLNESSES

- Pauline
- Melanie Foster-depression
- Lois Adcock, Gene's sister
- Quinn
- Angela Westbrook
- June Fair
- Jane Rodgers mother, Doris Rodgers
- Oscar Russell, Linda E.'s dad
- Charlie & Lorraine Taylor, Katherine Penning's parents
- Jim Beaver, Leon's dad
- Wayne's mother, Inabelle
- Martha Worlick
- Becky Moyers brother, Jeff Watson
- Mary Vernon McGinnis
- Linda E.'s sister, Chris-knee replacement
- Chris, Makesha's friend-doing better
- Delbert Martin
- Stan Williams
- H. and Leone Nelson doing well.
- Nadine Smith-kidney
- Tim Ragan, friend of Ron & Mac

- Jason & Kate White
- Linda Burton
- Kenneth McCoy
- Duane Odom's sister, Durice-kidney transplant
- Jeannie Schmidt's mother, Patty Riecke-lung disease
- Tyler Yager
- Justin Watt's-lung problem
- Harold Fair –many health problems
- Jodi's friend, Ashley
- Monty's grandmother, Nadine Ford
- Gladys' friend, Mary Ann Adams
- Brian Wells, Sandra's son (kidney transplant)
- Hannah's great granddaughter (kidney)
- Eugene Westbrook
- Traci Bartalo

VARIOUS NEEDS

- Friend of Makesha's-personal problems
- Melba McCoy
- Wayne Culbreth
- Brian, Alisha, and Jeremy
- Juanita
- Howard and Lucile

PREGNANCIES

- Jessica Pennington-August
- Kami Koenig-November
- Shasta Pontine-December
- Alisha Reynolds-December

MILITARY

- Dylan (Iraq)
- Bob and Sue Deitz grandson, Andrew
- Joseph, Wayne's cousin (Iraq)
- Monty's nephew, Nathan Harris (Iraq)
- Calvin & Cecilia's grandson, Ben Kimball (Iraq)

Activities



- **ACTIVITIES**
- Dylan's box.
- Spaghetti luncheon today hosted by the teens. Donations will be accepted for the work in Ghana. There will be a dessert auction also.
- The Serenity Group (Spiritual Recovery Fellowship) meets Monday evenings at 7:00.
- Wednesday Night Meals 6:00. This week will be potluck.
- There will be a wedding shower for Jessica (Brown) Tully on Sat., Aug. 4 at 7:00 in the Family Building. If you would like to help with the shower talk to Brooke or Tobi. She has selections at Target and Linen and Things.
- Cortez Ladies Retreat-Saturday, Sept. 15. More info to follow.

Chronological Snobbery

You may not be very familiar with the term “Chronological Snobbery.” It was a phrase coined, I believe, by C.S. Lewis (although I could be mistaken about that). The phrase describes someone who, looking back over the events of history, cannot believe that people back then were so dumb. “How could you think the world was flat? How stupid! And what about thinking that the sun revolved around the earth? Ridiculous! How could man, with all of his intellect, believe in the existence of angels, demons, spirits, etc.? With ancestors as dumb as mine I wonder how I ever got to be so smart.”

Chronological snobs can be found in just about every field. Some medical students gasp at the crude practices of their predecessors. Some modern historians cannot contain their glee when they write to criticize the failings of an earlier generation of historians. But nowhere does chronological snobbery seem to have more power than in religious studies. To read or hear some modern theologians you would think that centuries of wisdom have been miraculously deposited in their brains, and for the life of them they cannot understand how blind everyone was who preceded them. Some of these theologians occasionally sit in our pews, too.

The natural progression of knowledge is basically forward and upward. That is to say in every field we should be, if everything is normal, getting smarter instead of dumber.

But looking at our progress as some kind of special gift, or even worse, of looking at our progress as some kind of divine right, is simply wrong. The fact is that if we were born 50 or 100 or 1000 years ago we would believe exactly what our culture believed. One hundred and fifty years ago we would have laughed at the thought of an airplane. Two hundred years ago the automobile was not even on a drawing board. Two hundred years from now (assuming man still exists) how stupid will we look for using these rinky-dink cell phones? Pssh. How gauche.

We are tempted to laugh at some Old Testament character because he was so “blind” as to not see the truth of God’s promise. We tsk-tsk when we talk about Peter’s failure, or Thomas’ doubt. We, that is of course, who never fail nor ever doubt. Our greatest collective enemy seems to be the Pharisees. Without understanding anything about how they came to believe what they believed, or without ever trying to grasp their religious fervor we criticize them, laugh at them, and make pejorative statements about them from the pulpit and from the pew.

The amazing thing is that as we get to know them, as we peel away all the centuries and all the layers of false accusations and begin to get to know them they turn out to look a lot like....me (and some of my friends, too). The Pharisees were just trying to protect God’s law from what they believed to be “unbiblical” innovations. They were the religious and social conservatives of the day. Think James Dobson, Jerry Falwell

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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Class . 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
Devotional 7:45 P.M.

Servants

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV)

Elders

Harvey Cundiff, Ian Fair, and Mark Huffmyer

Deacons

Monty Cundiff, Mike Hately, Dick Holway, Joe Layton, Bart Moyers, Ron Penning, Lance Taylor, and Frank Van Tassel

Ministers

Gene Chapin 884-9280
Doug Hooten 884-2549

You might get the idea that this issue is full of repetition. You are correct, and it is with good reason. The more I learn about the work of Samuel Twumasi and the Heritage Christian College in Accra, Ghana, the more impressed I am with how great a work this is. The message of Jesus is reaching ears for the first time and there is a harvest provided by God.



Chapin's Corner

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In the June report from Samuel I was most impressed with the segment talking about the students who are about to finish their training at the college. Two teams went to Yendi where they received permission to visit a “witch camp.” This, if I understand correctly, is a group of outcasts, declared to be “witches” by tribal priests. Samuel likened them to leper colonies. That brought to my mind people who would be starving for love and acceptance. What better news could they receive than the fact that Jesus is the son of the only true and living God, and that they can be accepted into the family of God. Sixty seven of these “outcasts” responded to this good news and were baptized into Christ.

Our contribution to this work helps make this scenario possible. I am thankful for such faith expressed in action by these men who are willing to go into what to me would be impossible settings. But God is bigger than my sense of impossibility and can do great things. Part of the wonder of God’s work is that he uses weak humanity to accomplish it. He invites us to participate, not only in Bayfield, but in places like Ghana by offering support to those who live and work there.

May we not look at things and label them as impossible, but rather may we join with others in faith see God at work. Scripture assures us that, “Nothing is impossible with God,” Luke 1:37. In Matthew 17:20 Jesus let his disciples know that nothing would be impossible for them either, when faith was their foundation. May we be people of faith as we approach our community and the world with the message of Jesus.

—Love, Gene

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Four Corners Encampment

The final session of camp begins today. We have a teen in need of a sponsor to pay for camp. If you are interested in helping this student go to camp, see Dale. Do pray for the campers and staff that this week will touch lives by drawing them nearer to the Lord of life.

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and Rush Limbaugh rolled into one. They were admired, respected, followed and imitated.

Matthew 5:20 should get our attention. If the Pharisees were not doing something right, how could Jesus use them as an example? Just something for me to consider when I begin to think of my position in history just a little more highly than I ought to.

—Paul A. Smith
Aztec, New Mexico