

What's Going On This Week?						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FH = Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary K = Kitchen				8 AM - Retirees' Breakfast @ Christo's 6:30 PM Turner Lifegroup 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Practice	8:30 AM GSLC Purdue Nursing School (FH)	9:00 AM - 1n3 Men's Bible Study @ McDonalds on 231 S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30 AM - Prayer (Rm203) 8:30 AM - Praise Team Practice 9:00 AM - Traditional Worship 10:15 AM - Sunday School 11:15 AM - Contemporary Worship	6:30 PM Fellowship Team meeting 7:00 PM Elders Room 203 7:30 PM Atwell (S)	8:30 AM GSLC Purdue Nursing School (FH) 12:00 PM Pioneer Women for Christ Luncheon Meeting (FH/K)	3-10 PM - Atwell (S)		8:30 AM GSLC	9:00 AM - 1n3 Men's Bible Study @ McDonalds on 231 S

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BLC

Join Us Each Sunday

Traditional Worship
9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:15 AM

Contemporary Worship
11:15 AM

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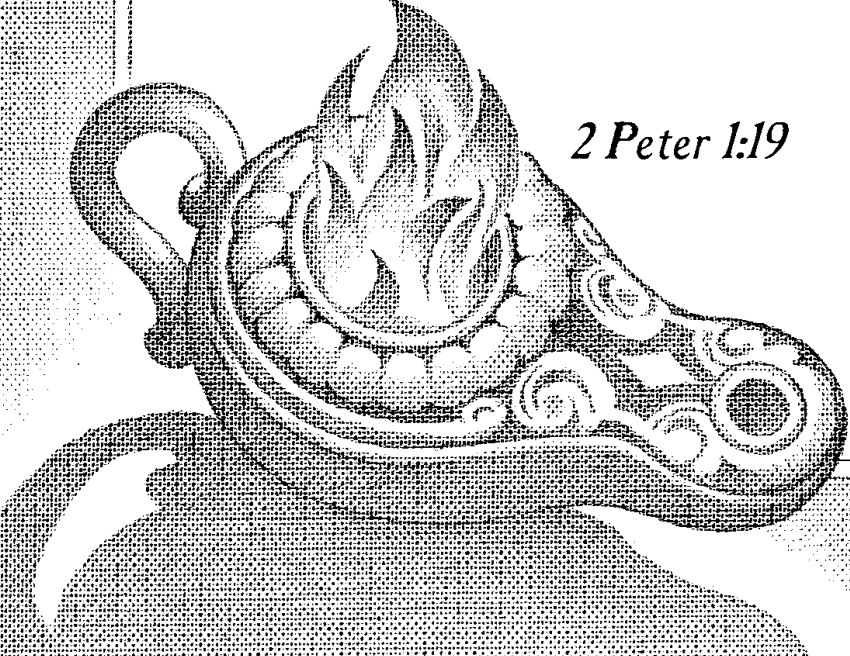
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We have the word of the prophets ... pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place

2 Peter 1:19





Elder on Call
For Jan 31 - Feb 6
Edd Holcombe (296-4064)

Directory Corrections

Dick & Judie Clawson
Phone# change: 491-1120

News and Notes

CIY Believe, an event for junior highers, is coming on April 16-17. Sign up by this Sunday, February 7 at the welcome desk. The cost is \$49.00, plus spending money. If you have questions, please contact Shantell Fritz, (296-3610) or Robin Piper (404-1327). Information also available at www.ciy.com/believe

A great meal for a great cause: *That Sunday Night Thing* will be preparing and serving an Italian dinner for you on February 13 at Café Le Brady. Reservations can be made at the welcome desk. The menu includes spaghetti or lasagna with salad or applesauce, breadsticks and a Valentine dessert. A free will offering will be collected to offset cost of youth activities. Thank you for your support of our kids.

WCEA Men's meeting: The men's meeting will be held at Hanging Rock Christian Assembly on February 15. The meal will be served at 5:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00. Phil LaMaster is speaking. The menu includes: meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable casserole, bread, and cobbler and ice cream!

Census Takers Needed: The Census Bureau is looking for short term workers to complete the census. For more information, there are flyers posted on the bulletin board or you may pick up a flyer at the welcome desk.

Women for Christ: The Women for Christ will be meeting February 9 at Anita Webb's home; 3301 B Quarry Place. The discussion will be about backpacks for August.

Add to Your Prayer List



Sympathy: **Aaron Kottler Family** (Tiffany Allen family friend); **Violet McKowen Family** (Paul's aunt); **Jewell Fisher Family** (Jolene's aunt, Midge Brackett's sister); **Jerry Douglas Family** (Gayla's husband)

Hospital: **Bob Nicholson** (moved to Kindred in Indy, Rehab); **Andy Newton** (St. E rehab) **Norm Snoddy** (St. Anthony: pneumonia)

Now Home: Norma Klikas

Health Concerns: **Adam Wireman**; **Sophie Campbell**; **Charles Mikels** (moved to Regency Place); **John McGonigle** (COPD); **Caden Miller** (great nephew of Swinford's, waiting for new heart in TN); **Parker Oshier** (GI on 2/4 for stomach & weight issues, cardiologist on 2/14 hopefully last time); **Bev Sloniger** (Maurine Falwell's daughter, bones not healing); **Midge Brackett** (tests, consultation in Indy in Feb.); **Barbara Mitchell** (pace maker surgery at Ball Memorial in Muncie); **Ralph Tilney** (Tiffany Allen's grandpa, in nursing home, declining quickly)

Cancer Patients: **Rosemary Hoard**; **Art Hill**; **Bev Fike**; **Kasey Kelley**; **Marti Deets**; **Donna Dyer**; **Mike Leslie** (Midge Brackett extended family, diagnosed with cancer); **John Rippeth** (dermatologic surgery on 2/19)

Other: Victims & Missions in Haiti

Minister's Minute

It seems like it has been a long Winter. Entirely too much snow and cold temperatures for my liking. However, I was reminded that you just have to look beyond what you see.

Jane and I get up the other morning to fresh snow. It is always nice to look at, the problems don't come until you get in the car! But on this morning, I noticed there seemed to be an inordinate number of tracks in the snow. It is certainly not unusual to see tracks, it was just the number that surprise me. The same was true, when I looked out the back windows of the house.

We have a neighborhood cat that enjoys spending much of it's time under one of our bushes. So I immediately spotted his tracks. (He likes our birds in a very tasty way!) But there were lots of other tracks as well. I am not a hunter or zoologist, so I'm not sure what animals had visited. I was reasonably sure that there were several different bird prints, a squirrel, some chipmunks, a dog, a raccoon, and maybe a deer. Mind you I did not see a single animal--just the tracks. The reality was that while I was sleeping, many visitors had traveled though our yard. Perhaps some were looking for food. Perhaps some were just using our yard as a short cut to their ultimate destination. Maybe some were stalking others. Perhaps some just stopped to rest. The bottom-line was that every night we have lots of visitors that I don't know about. It was only the snow that reveled their presence.

We are surround by an unseen world. That is the reality. We interact with it without considering its presence or it's impact. Remember what Paul writes: *"We live by faith, not by*

sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7, NIV)

The unseen world is very important. It is the world of faith and spirituality. In Paul's mind it is really where we live. Of course the problem is in the seeing. If I asked you to tell me what 'faith' looks like, you might have trouble putting it into a word-picture. But make no mistake, it has got to be there if we are going to make it in the visible world.

I have always appreciated the story of Elisha's hidden army found in 2 Kings 6. Elisha is at a home in Dothan. Elisha's prophetic power had infuriated the king of Aram which led him to surround the town with the intention of doing bodily harm to Elisha. In the story, a servant wakes early in the morning, looks out a window and sees the massive army. He asks Elisha what should they do? Elisha's classic answer: 'Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' This answer is followed by instructions for the servant to look out the window again. This time God had giving the servant the ability to see the mass angel armies surrounding the king of Aram and his troops.

I wish the reaction of the servant was shared in scripture. It is not. But I bet its was very animated! He learned we live by faith, not by sight.

I'm warming up to the idea of appreciating the snow fall. All those tracks are a tiny gift from God reminding me that I can trust Him. I may not see him physically, but if I look close I can always see evidences of where He has been.

Who knows, I may even get to appreciate the neighbor's cat. Those little foot steps have a message to tell.

See you Sunday.

Bill

Faithful
to the
Future
Fifth Sundays

May 30, 2010