

PARSON TO PERSON

Years ago, Anne Murray had a hit song entitled “A Little Good News” and its something for which I would pray. Here are some of the lyrics:

“I rolled out this morning Kids had the mornin' news show on, Bryant Gumbel was talkin' 'bout the fighting in Lebanon. Some senator was squawkin' 'bout the bad economy, It's gonna get worse you see, we need a change in policy. There's a local paper rolled up in a rubber band. One more sad story's one more than I can stand. Just once how I'd like to see the headline say "Not much to print today, can't find nothin' bad to say", because Nobody robbed a liquor store on the lower part of town, Nobody OD'ed, nobody burned a single buildin' down. Nobody fired a shot in anger, nobody had to die in vain. We sure could use a little good news today.

I'll come home this evenin,' I'll bet that the news will be the same. Somebody takes a hostage, somebody steals a plane. How I want to hear the anchor man talk about a county fair, And how we cleaned up the air, how everybody learned to care.

Whoa, tell me nobody was assassinated in the whole Third World today. And in the streets of Ireland, all the children had to do was play. And everybody loves everybody in the good old USA. We sure could use a little good news today.”

It seems like the only news today is bad news. News agencies even have to do special interests stories to report anything positive. We have been “coached” to view things from

the negative. It's reported that there will be a 40 percent chance of rain rather than a 60 percent chance of sun. News agencies are salivating over the decision to be made at the called General Conference. They love to report about the church in turmoil or the church fighting within and without. I believe that the church belongs to God and not to me nor anyone else. Below is my hope:

The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of his word and sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace that the church alone supplies.

-Ken Timmerman

A TIME TO GIVE UP

Even church's need to practice sacrifice as we journey to the cross with our Lord. We are asked to give up something we normally do not do without. Our Hospitality folks have spoken with me about how elaborate coffee time and refreshments have become. Money comes from different group's pockets and this time is presented as a gift. For Lent, we are going to only offer coffee, juice, and water. When it returns in forty days we will still have coffee, juice, water, doughnuts, and trail mix, but we will alter this time and make it less elaborate. There is a jar each week on the table for gifts of money to lighten the cost of this gift. If you haven't been giving please think about it.

SERMON SERIES:

WHAT THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY

March 3: “Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Join us Weds. night for supper at 5:30pm! This week's menu (Feb. 27): Baked Ziti, Squash and Zucchini and Peppers, Bread Sticks, Salad Bar, Dessert, & Beverage; \$6 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 family max. No sign ups needed!

YOUTH CARE PACKAGES

The Youth are sending Care packages for Valentine's Day to our young adults that are away at school or the military. If we do not have your young adults shipping address, please forward to Rick C. at rj_cunningham@yahoo.com or text to 803-414-2940. Let's try to double the size of the mailing list before the Easter mailing.

OUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30am Trad. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30am Coffee Time (Asbury Hall)
9:45am Confirmation Class (MC019)
9:45am Sunday School (Classrooms)
11:00am Anew Worship (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Trad. Worship (Sanctuary)
4:00pm Stephen Ministry (MC106)
3:30pm Refugee Youth Mtgs. (Youth rooms)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (WesleyHall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00am Staff Meeting (MC106)
10:30am Suzanna Wesley Circle (Parlor)
5:30pm Al Anon (Parlor)
6:30pm Boyscout Meetings (classrooms)
6:30pm Tuesday Worship (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Asbury Hall)
9:30am Walking Group (Wesley Hall)
9:30am Weds. AM Bible Study (MC106)
10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (AsburyHall)
5:30pm Fellowship Supper (Wesley Hall)

6:00pm Youth Choir (Choir Room)
6:15pm Bible Art Journaling (MC106)
6:15pm A Generous Orthodoxy (MC003)
6:15pm VBS Crafting (Craft Room)
6:15pm BreakOut (Room 209)
6:15pm H.S. Youth Studies (MC015)
6:15pm KidsWay (Preschool Hall)
6:15pm M.S. Youth Studies (Youth Room)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00am Shepherd's Ctr. Classes (all areas)
2:30pm Prime Timers Cards (Asbury Hall)
6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 1688 (154/155)
6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 2207 (204/205)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

7:00am Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00am UMW Day Apart Retreat (Wesley Hall)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

NEW THIS WEEK:

Vicki Boylston-knee surgery 2/18
Jim Caulder-foot surgery 2/19
Annetta Graybill-brain surgery 2/28

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Susan Matthews-mouth surgery 1/21
Anne Epting-Luekemia 12/17
Mary Taylor-shoulder surgery 12/5
Pat Bickel-chemo treatments
Alice Hott-health concerns
W.T. Scruggs-cancer
Sandra Anderson-health concerns
Laura Beck-healing
Military Troops and their families

OUR HOMEBOUND/HEALTH

FACILITY MEMBERS: Gina McCuen, Nona Jacobs, Edna Moore, Warren Scoggins, Bennie Powell, Bobbie Goldin, Ken Robb, Edith Worthy, Bill & Peggy Lott, Marie Schuster, Robert & Ella Scoggins, Dolores Gatch, Reta Richardson, Dr. Albert Thomas, Jean Barbour.