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Reflections from Pastor Mark Avery



“What are you waiting for?”

“But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”
James 2:20

How many times have you heard Christians echo these sentiments? “I am believing God for that job, I am trusting God for increase in my finances, or the familiar, I am waiting on God?” If you are like me, you have heard these and others expressed more often than you could attempt to number. There is nothing wrong with trusting God for all that we need, but I have found in my experience and research in the Word that we are required to serve as participants and not merely recipients when the Master is in the blessing mode.

The writer of this verse reminds us of the importance of incorporating practical effort as we place our faith and confidence in God. Faith by itself is meaningless and pointless if we do not demonstrate our trust in what God says, or in what He has promised. One may desire employment, a promotion or the aspirations to begin a business endeavor. There is nothing wrong in believing God for such, but it will require some diligent effort and action on one’s part. This simple verse of scripture encourages us to incorporate both faith and works in a collaborative effort to insure success in our pursuits.

Rather than waiting for God to move, we must take the initiative to clearly demonstrate that our faith is vibrant, active and very much alive. My friend, if you really want God to move on your behalf, you must be willing to abandon all thoughts of waiting for Him. In reality, He is waiting on you to move by putting your faith into action. You will be blessed not only because of your faith, but also because of your efforts. So, the next time you pray and trust God to move, remember He is waiting on you to take the first step of faith toward your goal.

God’s choicest blessings to all,

G. Mark Avery

Pastor

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Scripture of the Month

I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching..

Proverbs 4:2
NIV

God's Anointed and Appointed

The 15th Anniversary Team would like to thank everyone who assisted and participated in the planning, and organization process of this event! Your personal contribution no matter how large or small helped to make this special event a success!



We appreciate you!
15th Anniversary Team

What Attracts People to Church?

Why do people select a particular church? A convenient location? YES. A good speaker in the pulpit? YES. An attractive building? YES.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers, and prospective members is **friendliness** - both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that's contagious, visitors will usually be found, and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising, and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But old-fashioned friendless, of which the world is sorely in need, can't be purchased with money. **It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.**

Humility in Serving Others

Have you ever considered the question, "What is the difference between true humility and false humility?" True humility is focusing attention on others instead of oneself, and putting others before yourself. False humility is focusing the attention on oneself, and puts oneself above others with false modesty acting as though the value of others is higher than really is in your eyes.

In ministry we should seek to serve giving our very best efforts, and should not seek praise. We should work hard and gain the satisfaction that we have honestly given our all, no matter what the task. That is what God is looking for from us. The Bible shows many examples of servants who were instruments used by God, and did not receive praise or honor. Jesus Christ is one of the best examples of true humility. He lived his entire life in service and humility. We should strive to do everything with an attitude of true humility and a servant's heart whether leading our families, leading ministries, or leading in business.

Alicia Hicks
Chief Ministry Director

Cyber Study

For those of you who are web savvy and unable to attend our weekly Discipleship Training session, I have an important announcement for you. You no longer have to miss out on the opportunity to receive instruction. All you need is an active e-mail address and you will receive each updated weekly lesson. If you are interested in this

wonderful opportunity, please send an e-mail to REVGWM@aol.com and note in the subject area "Cyber Study."



Youth Fest '08 "Designed to Make It"

Held at the Garage Youth Center
115 South Union Street, Kennett Square

August 29 to 31, 2008
(Ages 14 to 18)

Friday, August 29

7 pm to 10 pm
Breaking Bread
Dinner, Rap Sessions,
Team Challenge, &
words of encouragement

Saturday, August 30

8:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Open Mic Night
An evening of music and
a special drama presentation

Sunday, August 31

Service Time 10:45 am
Guest Speaker
Minister Kevron Tynes
The Way Ministries



Marriage Works Conference 2008 *“Living in Harmony”*

~ A Conference Designed For ~
Couples with Great Marriages - Couples with Good Marriages
Couples with Unfulfilling Marriages - Couples in Crisis
Engaged Couples - Newlyweds

You're invited to join us for the **Marriage Works Conference 2008** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kennett Square, PA. This year's theme is **“Living in Harmony.”** See the information below for more details.

This year:

- ***The conference begins at 2:00 pm (more time to sleep in on Saturday morning)***
- ***Couples will enjoy dinner meal together (rather than lunch)***
- ***Couple's Game: The Price is Right (Marriage Works version, of course)***
- ***Act of Reaffirmation: Jumping the Broom (Marriage Works version, of course)***

We hope you can join us (and invite friends to join too.) For more info call: Greater Works Ministries at 610-444-5581.

In the Master's Service,

Rufus & Bev

***Join us for a Delightful Afternoon
at the
Hilton Garden Inn
Kennett Square, PA***

***Saturday, September 27, 2008
2:00 PM***

***Sponsored by the
Greater Works Ministries
of Kennett Square, PA***

15th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

The Greater Works Ministries Family was delighted to celebrate the 15th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor C. Mark and Lady Cheryl Avery, and also Marky and Chandler. We celebrated during selected dates March through May. On Friday, March 14 Elder Howard Hamilton was a dynamic worship leader ushering in the move of God helping to create an atmosphere conducive for the anointed Word coming from Pastor Brenda Cuthbertson from Pentecostal Faith Assembly located in Philadelphia. Reverend Yvonne Davis from Galilee Church in Avondale rendered two moving solo's, and everyone present was blessed by the presence of God.

The services continued on Sunday, March 16 with Pastor Avery's good friend Reverend Doug Sterling from the Bible Methodist church serving as our worship leader. Reverend Sterling also directed the Bible Methodist choir as they ministered two selections. Elder Ernie Stevens from Highway Word of Faith Ministries located in Newark DE gave a Rhema word, and the entire house was blessed.

The March celebrations ended on the last Sunday, March 30 with fellowship with Pastor Derrick Henry and the congregation from the Open Door Fellowship located in Voorhees New Jersey. Pastor Henry is a good friend of Pastor Avery, and was a groomsman in the Avery's wedding. The Word was anointed and the service was blessed.

The April celebrations began on April 6 with Pastor's sister, Evangelist Pamela Avery from St. James Apostolic Church located in Camden NJ serving as a powerful worship leader. The Mayor of Kennett Square, Mayor Leon Spencer came and gave Pastor Avery and the church words of encouragement. He expressed his feelings about how important our church and ministry is to the Kennett Square Community. Pastor Avery's mother, Sister Deloris

Avery who is also a member of St. Jams Apostolic church in Camden New Jersey sang a solo, and asked members of the audience to come up and assist her. She had an impromptu choir, and all were blessed by the inspiring words of the song. Elder Jerry Poe from the Kennett YMCA, gave words of encouragement to everyone and was touched by the power of God which was freely moving in the service. Pastor Sandra Ben from Praying Ground Ministries gave an blessed word. Pastor Ben is a former member of Greater Works, and is Sister Avery's cousin.

The services continued on Friday, April 18 with our friend Pastor Ben Quintana from The Christ Church at the Grove, located in Jennersville PA serving as the fiery Worship Leader. We were blessed to have the St Paul's Baptist Church Dance Ministry minister 2 riveting selections. The Christ Church at the Grove Youth Choir from Pastor Quintan's church sang two selections which helped to create an atmosphere for true worship. Elder William Boyer from Highway Word of Faith in Newark stood in the gap as the speaker on behalf of his Pastor.

The final service took place on Sunday, April 20 and the church was packed and all were blessed in the service. Sister Beverly Glasco from Emmanuel Temple Church in Kennett Square served as our worship leader. Sister Glasco is a former member of Christ Temple Church, and is also Sis. Avery's cousin. Sister Joan Holliday who is a friend to GWM from St. Cornelius Catholic Church in Chadd's Ford ministered two selections singing and playing her guitar. The Emmanuel Temple Church Choir also sang two selections all adding praises to maintain an atmosphere full of worship and appreciation to our Savior. Bishop Leonard Briddell from the Rose of Sharon Church in Philadelphia gave the Rhema word, and all were blessed. Bishop

Briddell is Pastor Avery's former Pastor, and Rose of Sharon was his former church.

The Anniversary services concluded on Saturday May 10, at the Best Western Concordville Inn in the Alexander Ballroom located in Concordville PA at 4:00pm. The elegant affair was attended by over 100 guests and was enjoyed by all. Guests dined on Baked Filet of Flounder, Roast Prime Rib Au Jus, Stuffed Breast of Capon. The appetizers, side dishes, main course, and especially desert were enjoyed by all. Several of the Avery and McKim family members, and Pastors from Wilmington, York, Philadelphia, and surrounding areas were in attendance. Pastor and Lady Avery were excited, and thankful to see everyone. Pastor Dr. Henrietta Nolan from Zion Apostolic Temple in Philadelphia served as the Worship Leader, and everyone was blessed by her insight and wit. Dr. Nolan has known Pastor Avery all of his life, and also his parents. Pastor Avery knows Dr. Nolan as Aunt Henny. Minister Perry Price led the prayer and grace, and expressed appreciation for Pastor Avery having taken time out to spend with him. Elder Rufus Peterson rendered a moving selection, "I never would have made it, without you!" on the saxophone dedicated to the Avery's. Each table selected one person to share a memory and express appreciation to Pastor & Lady Avery. The very anointed word came from Elder Glover from Ford Memorial Temple in Philadelphia PA as he stood in for his pastor. Everyone departed full from the delicious dinner, and from the word! A wonderful time was had by all!

**Sister Alicia Hicks and
The 15th Anniversary Team!**



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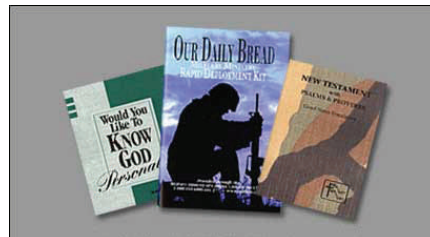
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Websites for Christians

Do you have a site that you visit on a regular basis and would like to share it? Please e-mail a link to newsletter@gwministries.net. Here are some web sites resources for Christians.

<http://kids.christiansunite.com/wordsearch.shtml>

Bible Word Search Games

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FOR YOUR HEALTH

Dehydration

Submitted by Sister Margaret Hicks

Let me begin with dehydration. Dehydration is the excessive loss of water from the body, and it can become life threatening if fluid loss is severe enough. Our bodies require a minimum of four 8 ounce glasses each day depending on weight and age along with physical activity during the day. Signs of dehydration are excessive thirst, dry mouth, fatigue, lightheadedness, darkened urine, and absence of sweat during intense physical labor. The best way to prevent dehydration is by staying hydrated. You should drink water or rehydration fluids before, during and after work. 8 to 10 glasses should be appropriate for most. Drinks with caffeine in them increase urine output and dehydrate you faster, so try not to drink them. This includes sodas. If you are on a high-protein diet you should drink more than the recommended amount of fluids each day. It is also very important that if you feel dizzy, lightheaded, or fatigued you should stop working outdoors immediately.

Heat exhaustion can develop from dehydration along with long term exposure to high temperatures. It is also more likely to happen to the elderly, and those with high blood pressure. Symptoms are heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, dizziness, headaches, nausea, and fainting. The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated it may progress to heat stroke which is a serious medical emergency. Treatment options are cool beverages, light-weight clothing and rest in a cool environment. Prevention methods include light-weight/light-colored clothing, regular rehydration, breaks from work in a cool environment, and long term acclimation to the heat.

Both heat exhaustion and dehydration

are very dangerous. Many times the victim does not recognize the symptoms, so we should all know what symptoms we can detect and watch out for each other.

And remember:

Drink lots of fluids before, during, and after work.

Wear light clothing.

Don't stay exposed to sun and heat for too long.

BE SAFE!

Stroke Warning Signs

Submitted by Sister Margaret Hicks

Warning signs are clues your body sends to tell you that your brain is not receiving enough oxygen. If you see or have one or more of these systems, **don't wait, call 9-1-1 right away!**

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Other danger signs that may occur include double vision, drowsiness, and nausea or vomiting. Sometimes the warning signs may last only a few moments and then disappear. These brief episodes, known as Transient Ischemic Attacks or TIAs, are sometimes called "mini-strokes." Although brief, they identify an underlying serious condition that won't go away without medical help. Heeding them can save your life.

(Source: "Stroke Warning Signs and Risk Factors," National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.)

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Submitted by Sister Margaret Hicks

■ Chest Discomfort

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back. The discomfort can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.

■ Discomfort in Other Areas of the Upper Body

Can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

■ Shortness of Breath

Often comes along with chest discomfort. But it also can occur before chest discomfort.

■ Other Symptoms

May include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness.

Call 9-1-1

The first step to take when a heart attack happens is to **call 9-1-1**. Call whether you're sure you're having a heart attack or not.

Anyone showing heart attack warning signs needs to receive medical treatment right away. **Don't wait more than a few minutes – 5 minutes at most – to call 9-1-1.**

Source: "Act in Time to Heart Attack Signs," U.S. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.)



FOR YOUR HEALTH

4 Healthy Foods You Should be Eating

<http://health.yahoo.com/experts/joybauernutrition/21604/4-healthy-foods-you-should-be-eating/>

Beets

Beets are one of the best sources of folate, a nutrient which lowers your blood levels of homocysteine, an inflammatory amino acid produced by the body.

One cup of beets provides only 60 calories, no fat, about 40 percent of your daily value for folic acid and four grams of fiber. Enjoy beets raw, sliced.... or prepare a delicious beet salad by tossing them with olive oil and a splash of lemon.

The leaves and stems are also packed with nutrition - sauté with garlic, olive oil, kosher salt, ground black pepper and dig in!

Cabbage

Part of the cruciferous vegetable family, one cup of chopped cabbage contains 20 calories, two grams fiber and is loaded with sulforaphane, a cancer fighting chemical that's been shown to decrease cellular damage throughout the body. Add cabbage to your salads, order steamed 'moo shoo vegetables' at your local Chinese restaurant (request sauce on the side and go easy!), or prepare low-calorie coleslaw.

Guava

Guava is a tropical super fruit. One cup provides 110 calories, 376 milligrams Vitamin C (that's more than 300 percent of the daily value), 699 milligrams potassium and nine grams of fiber! Guava also provides a hearty dose of lycopene - an antioxidant that appears to fight prostate cancer (when it comes to lycopene,

most people only think about tomatoes). You'll find this exotic fruit in Latin grocery stores and at high end markets.

Swiss Chard

This vegetable's greatest health benefit comes in the form of lutein and zeaxanthin - a matched pair of antioxidants - found in high concentrations in the tissue of the macula.

Because they absorb 40 to 90 percent of blue light intensity, these nutrients act like sunscreen for your eyes. Studies have shown that eating foods rich in lutein and zeaxanthin can increase the pigment density in the macula-and greater pigment density means better retina protection, and a lower risk of macula degeneration. One cup steamed Swiss chard provides only 35 calories.

For a few more calories, try this delicious recipe: Over high heat, warm two tablespoons olive oil in a large, non-stick frying pan. Add two cloves garlic and cook one to two minutes, stirring constantly.

Add two pounds Swiss chard and sprinkle with kosher salt. Cook four to five minutes until the Swiss chard is soft and reduces half in volume. Serve immediately.

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Produce: The Dirtiest and the Cleanest

<http://health.yahoo.com/experts/nutrition/13728/produce-the-dirtiest-and-the-cleanest>

These days, we have more options for organic produce than ever before. Trends show that more consumers are buying organic more frequently because of concerns about health, pesticide exposure, and the environment.

But when you stroll into the produce section, do you ever wonder *which* organic fruits and vegetables you should be buying? Since organic foods are often more expensive, it's important to know what to look for, so you don't end up paying extra for organic fruits and veggies that are pretty clean, even in their non-organic versions.

One useful source for this information is the Environmental Working Group. Its Web site lists 44 fruits and vegetables ranked by the amount of pesticide residue each contains. Knowing which fruits and vegetables are usually carrying the most pesticides and which are cleanest, you can decide when it would be wisest to buy organic.

The EWG's "dirty dozen" are peaches, apples, sweet bell peppers, celery, nectarines, strawberries, cherries, lettuce, grapes (imported), pears, spinach, and potatoes. The "cleanest 12" are onions, avocados, sweet corn (frozen), pineapples, mangos, sweet peas (frozen), asparagus, kiwis, bananas, cabbage, broccoli, and eggplants.

Think especially about buying organic when you're choosing one of the "dirty dozen." And, once you're home, your best bet is to wash all produce, even the organic ones, in warm water before preparing them. Firm produce can be scrubbed with a vegetable brush; softer, riper produce can be washed with a sink sprayer — or use one of those special washing products designed just for produce.

Peeling fruits and vegetables does reduce pesticide exposure, of course, but peeling also removes some important nutrients found in the peel, such as fiber.

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Staycation! Travel Points

The summer is winding up, and there is still much to see and do! I really enjoy traveling around the world seeing and experiencing different countries and cultures, but sometime it's nice to slow down and experience the Arts, culture, and recreation in my backyard. God had blessed us with the ability to travel and see the world using cars, trains, planes, and ships. Some of us see the world on our couches via the television, and some of us venture further. We are blessed to live in a country where we can travel freely from place to place with very little hassle. With the rising cost of gas more and more people are vacationing close to home this season! It's called the **Staycation!!** Of course there is no reason why you can't take this opportunity to explore the beautiful area that we are blessed to live in. Get out, explore and spend quality time with your families! You, your children, and grandchildren should never be bored this summer. There are a lot of free and inexpensive attractions, and activities in the Brandywine Valley to enjoy!

Longwood Gardens has added 3 unique beautiful tree houses to the already beautiful DuPont Estate. Experience the spectacular fireworks and the colorful fountains that light the sky dancing to stirring music on **Aug 31 and Sept 6**.

At **Brandywine Battlefield Park** in Chadd's for you can visit the **Summer History Camp thru Aug 15**. Weekly camps with military & civilian 18th century themes. Health and history buffs may find the Presentation: Health and Sanitation In The colonial Period on **Aug 17** very enlightening at 2pm. It's free! Revolutionary Times the annual re-enactment of the Battle of Brandywine will be presented on **Sept 6, 7 at 10am-5pm**. On **Sept 11** there will be a Commemoration Ceremony, at 6pm at the Flagpole near Washington's Headquarters; Brandywine Battlefield; **free**.

Simon Pearce on the Brandywine in Lenape offers **free** Glass-Blowing demonstrations **Aug 2, 3, Aug 30, 31, and Sep 1**. Stop by and see how the craftsman's practice the ancient art of glass blowing and view the beautiful one of a kind pieces.

Have you been to **Hibernia or Nottingham Parks** lately? Pack a lunch and experience the refreshing quietness of the country.

As you can see a tight budget is no excuse for boredom or staying home inside the house in front of the TV. With a packed lunch and a tank of gas you and your family have the opportunity to travel and experience the beauty of God in seeing and doing new things in the Valley that you live in.

Alicia Hicks
Corporate Travel Agent

E-Mail Overload

Do you have e-mail overload? If you miss reading your e-mail for 1 day, do you have 50 or more new mail messages? You have e-mail overload. But how can you stop it? Here are some tips that may be helpful for weeding out the e-mails you don't want to read and preventing e-mail overload..

1. *Use the SPAM filter* provided by your e-mail service. This will weed out a lot of problem e-mails.
2. *When signing up for an e-mail list* most have an option for "sharing" your e-mail address with partners. Always choose "don't" share because you may not know who the partners are and what policy they have for sharing.. If they don't have a "sharing" option, check for their policy on e-mail sharing. Most e-mail lists these days don't share, but it doesn't hurt to check.
3. *Have a second private e-mail address.* Most e-mail providers will allow you to have more than 1 e-mail address. Use one e-mail for subscriptions and "public" e-mails such as petitions, contests or business. Use a second e-mail

address for personal correspondence with friends and family. If your provider doesn't allow multiple e-mail address you can use a free service such as Yahoo or Hotmail. But be careful you can have too many e-mail addresses – you can create additional e-mail overload.

4. *Discontinue subscriptions.* If you find that you aren't reading e-mails from a subscription, you should discontinue your subscription.
5. *Read on-line.* Most e-mail subscriptions have an on-line archive of previous e-mailings. If you are interested in the content of the e-mails, but are only reading them occasionally, consider using the on-line archive instead of cluttering your in box.
6. *Organize your e-mails.* Once you read an e-mail either delete it, or put it in a clearly marked folder. This way you will only keep e-mails that you are interested in rereading or using.
7. *Delete, Delete, Delete.* Once you read an e-mail delete it. Once every 6 months look through your folders and delete any e-mails you no longer need. If you have kept an e-mail for a year or longer and haven't opened it – delete it!
8. *Forward with care.* Hoaxes and urban legends clutter our in boxes. If you get an e-mail that is either too good to be true or too bad or scary not to forward – it is probably an urban legend. There are many sights that list urban legends. <http://www.snopes.com> is a good site to use to check your e-mail using key words.
9. *Chain Mail.* Today chain mail is easier than every. Think before you forward to everyone on your list. What interests you, might not interest everyone else on the list. And remember the only way to get good luck or a blessing is to show up at the Lord's House on Sunday. And that's not called luck – it's called a Blessing.

Remember it is as easy to unsubscribe from an e-mail list as it is to subscribe. In today's e-mail world it's so easy to just forward an e-mail when a personal message might just make someone's day.

7 Online Blunders That Threaten Your Identity

Friday, August 1, 2008



These common mistakes can ruin your computer or invite identity theft

1. Assuming Your Security Software Is Protecting You

Security software is fully effective only when activated and frequently updated. (Most products can update automatically.) To update most commercial software products, you must pay an annual fee. Last fall, the National Cyber Security Alliance and the software maker McAfee found that nearly half the users polled who thought their software was protecting them hadn't updated it regularly. Software bundled with a new computer requires special attention because its subscription may expire within weeks.

What you can do: Renew the subscription when the software prompts you. Make sure your security software is active when you're online and that it has been updated within the past week or so. (Most products will display that information.) If it wasn't updated recently, verify that its automatic updating feature is enabled. If it isn't, that's the problem; enable it, then update manually. If you can't, your subscription has probably expired. Renew it or call the software maker. If you can update only manually, automatic updating might not be working. Call the software company's support line for help. (For help in choosing security software, see our latest security suite report and Ratings of security software, available to subscribers.)

2. Accessing an Account Through an Email Link

No matter how official an e-mail message looks, trying to access a financial account by clicking on embedded Web links is risky. If the e-mail message is fraudulent, a cybercriminal could use the account number and password you enter to steal your identity or empty your bank account.

What you can do: If an e-mail message asks you to update your password, account number, or other information, don't take the bait. Access an online account only by using your existing browser bookmark or typing in the institution's Web address. If you suspect that an e-mail is a

phishing attempt, forward it to spam@uce.gov and reportphishing@antiphishing.org.

3. Using a Single Password for All Online Accounts

Nine percent of home Internet users who responded to our State of the Net survey said they used a single password for all their accounts. That practice lets someone who gets your password and steals your identity easily access all your accounts.

What you can do: Using different passwords need not be burdensome. Do what 15 percent of the respondents to our survey do: Use variations on one password. A well-crafted password uses a combination of at least eight letters, numbers, or punctuation symbols. For convenience, you can use a fingerprint reader to store passwords for sites you go to often.

4. Downloading Free Software

You couldn't resist that neat, free utility. Or your teenager couldn't resist those fish-tank screen savers and smiley faces. Now your computer runs more slowly than ever. That's because spyware was probably packaged with the freebies.

What you can do: Download freeware only from reputable sites such as SnapFiles.com and Download.com. Tell your kids that free software is often anything but. Eliminate most spyware by downloading the free Microsoft Windows Defender and scanning your PC. If you use Windows Vista, there should already be a copy of Defender on your computer.

5. Thinking Your Mac Shields You From All Risks

According to this year's State of the Net survey, Mac users fall prey to phishing scams at about the same rate as Windows users, yet far fewer of them protect themselves with an anti-phishing toolbar. To make matters worse, the browser of choice for most Mac users, Apple's Safari, has no phishing protection. We think it should.

What you can do: Until Apple beefs up Safari, use a browser with phishing protection, such as the latest version of Firefox (shown at right) or Opera. Also try a free anti-phishing toolbar such as McAfee Site Advisor or FirePhish.

6. Clicking on a Pop-up Ad That Says Your PC Is Insecure

Fifteen percent of respondents to our survey who saw pop-up ads clicked on them. But that's never a good idea. Even if you know such pop-ups are phonies, they're still dangerous. It's easy to click inside the ad by mistake and be transferred to a spyware site or, worse, have malware automatically downloaded onto your computer. Our survey showed that 13 percent of respondents who saw such a pop-up tried to close it but launched it instead; 3 percent clicked on a pop-up and got a malware infection.

What you can do: When closing a pop-up (shown at left), carefully click on the X on the upper left or right corner, not within the window. To avoid pop-ups altogether, enable your browser's pop-up blocker or use a free add-on blocker such as [Google Toolbar](#).

7. Shopping Online the Same Way You Do in Stores

Online shopping requires special precautions because the risks are different than in a walk-in store: You can't always be sure who you're doing business with. You must disclose more personal information, such as your address, to the online retailer. Thieves can sneak in undetected between you and the retail site.

What you can do: Use a separate credit card just for your Internet shopping, as did 7 percent of respondents to our survey. Don't use a debit card. Sites that display "https" before their address when you're entering sensitive information and those displaying certification symbols from TRUSTe and other organizations are usually safe, but there are no guarantees. When in doubt, get a virtual account number from your credit-card company. It's good for only one purchase from a specific vendor.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/banking-budgeting/article/105534/7-Online-Blunders-That-Threaten-Your-Identity>





Medical Breakthrough

Prescribed by the Great Physician

The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk
Abraham was too old
Isaac was a daydreamer
Jacob was a liar
Leah was ugly
Joseph was abused
Moses had a stuttering problem
Gideon was afraid
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
Rahab was a prostitute
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
David had an affair and was a murderer
Elijah was suicidal
Isaiah preached naked
Jonah ran from God
Naomi was a widow
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
The Disciples fell asleep while praying
Martha worried about everything
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
Zaccheus was too small
Paul was too religious
Timothy had an ulcer...
AND
Lazarus was dead!

Now!
No more excuses!
God can use you to your full potential...
Besides you aren't the message,
you are just the messenger.
And one more thing...
In the Circle of God's love,

God's waiting to use your full potential.

1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
2. Dear God, I have a problem, it's Me.
3. Growing old is inevitable ... growing UP is optional.
4. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
5. Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted
6. Do the math count your blessings.
7. Faith is the ability to not panic.
8. Laugh every day, it's like inner jogging.
9. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
10. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home everyday.
11. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
12. The most important things in your house are the people.
13. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
14. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
15. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.

Have a great day!!!
The **SON** is shining and he can certainly use you!

August Anniversaries...

Aug 16:
Carlton & Georgetta Chilton

September Anniversaries...

Sept 23:
Deacon & Sister Raiford Box IV

August Birthday's...

Aug 4:
Taylor Miller
Aug 11:
Catherine Jones
Aug 17:
Dessie Mckee

September Birthday's...

Sept 8:
Aaron Jones
Sept 13:
Margaret Hicks
Sept 19:
David Katzmire
Elaine Warren
Sept 23:
Noah Box
Sept 30:
Jordan Miller



School Bus Safety Tips for Parents and Students

School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation personnel and the motoring public all play important roles in keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus.

Please take a moment to review the following safety tips to help ensure our children arrive to and from school safely each day:

- Get to the school bus stop five minutes early, so you won't have to run across the road to catch the bus.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic. Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.
- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- Never push when getting on or off of the school bus.
- Always walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so that the school bus driver can see you.
- Be aware – Cross with Care! Wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out onto the road.
- When the school bus is moving, always stay in your seat. Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Talk quietly; do not distract your school bus driver.
- If your school bus crosses railroad tracks, be calm and quiet so that your driver can listen for a train. Always obey your school bus driver's instructions, so that he or she can make safe decisions.
- Never play with the emergency exits. Backpacks, band instruments, or sports equipment may not block the aisle or emergency exits. If there is an emergency, listen to the driver and follow instructions.

- When getting off of the school bus, make sure that all drawstrings and other loose objects are secure so that they don't get caught on the handrail or the door.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.
- If you leave something on the bus or drop something outside of the bus, never go back for it. The driver may not see you and begin moving the bus.
- Never speak to strangers at the bus stop and never get into the car with a stranger.

<http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/specializedDriverCenter/busSafetyTips.shtml>

School Supplies on a Budget

Great Ideas for a Tight Budget

By Grace Fleming, About.com
<http://homeworktips.about.com/od/schoolsupplies/a/budget.htm>

Parents and students feel the pressure when it comes time to buy a new stock of school supplies. Students want what's new and popular, while parent want to stick to a budget. Sometimes you can find a way to make everybody happy.

Play Let's Make a Deal

One of the toughest things about being a parent is dealing with stress and disappointment when it comes to the cost of school supplies. Students want what's popular, and that usually means they want what's expensive. It's a hard time for parents, who may feel guilty and upset that they can't afford everything their kids want. It's also a tough time for kids, who only want to fit in and live up to pressures.

One way to head off this potential time of hurt feelings and stress is trying to work out a compromise. You will agree to a deal that takes some of the pressure off your parents.

Pick one (or two) items that you *must*

have. It may be expensive shoes or a stylish backpack—just something you really want and something that will make you feel good. Then agree to accept low-budget items for the rest of your supplies.

Why does this work? When you ask your parents for one or two expensive things that you must have, they are really thinking "If I agree to this, what comes next?" They are often worried that your requests will keep coming and the expense will keep growing.

This bargaining method will take pressure off of parents by establishing a limit to the expensive stuff and it also enables you to get what you really want!

Create New School Supplies from those old Poster Boards

Poster boards are inexpensive, and they have many uses. You can even use old posters from last year if they're still around. You will need to use flash cards at some point, especially if you're going to take a foreign language class. You can cut up a used poster board and make your own flashcards. Be sure to use color-coding when possible!

Posters are also good for making your own folders. With some staples and a roll of masking tape, you can create some beautiful personalized folders.

Make your Own Vintage Clothing Book Bag

This works unless your school requires a specific type of book bag. You can take an old piece of treasured clothing, like an old pair of jeans, a summer dress you can't wear any longer, or an old coat, and make a simple bag with a draw string top.

You don't really need a pattern, although you can try that if you're really adventurous. If you don't want to go to that extent, simply cut two big rectangles from your fabric, sew together the bottoms and sides, and create a drawstring top. Get creative with this and have fun. There are so many possibilities! For instance, you could decorate your bag with parts of an old bikini. Your friends will recognize it,

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Footprints in the Sand

Try this craft at the beach, at the park, or in you own sandbox at home. It will remind you whose footprints we should follow.

What you need:

Plaster of Paris
Sand (beach, park, or sandbox)
Small shells (optional)
Water
Small bowl
Stick, toothpick or skewer (optional)

What you do:

1. Find some moist sand by digging down a little (or get some sand from the hardware or craft store).
2. If you aren't at the beach, put the sand in a shallow tray or tub and add some water.
3. With a bare foot, make a footprint in the sand.
4. (optional) Place shells face down on the toe prints as toe-nails.
5. Follow the Plaster of Paris directions for mixing the dry plaster with water in a bowl.
6. Fill the footprint with the plaster and smooth the surface.
7. Using a stick, toothpick or skewer, write "Direct my footsteps (Psalm 119:133) or "Follow Me" (John 10:27). Ask a big person for help if you need it.
8. When dry, place the foot in your garden, yard or room.

Remember to turn the foot over to remind yourself of whose footprint we should follow, and that we are never alone.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Instructions:

First cross out all words that are days of the week

Second cross out all words that are colors

Third cross out all words that are names of animals

Fourth cross out all words that are numbers

SUNDAY	LET	BROWN	SEVEN	YOUR	PIG
WHITE	SIXTEEN	LIGHT	TURTLE	GOLD	EIGHT
SO	FRIDAY	HORSE	SHINE	FOUR	RED
TUESDAY	BEFORE	ORANGE	WEDNESDAY	ALLIGATOR	MEN
PURPLE	FIVE	THAT	RACCOON	BLUE	FIFTY
THEY	FROG	MONDAY	MAY	THIRTEEN	GREEN
NINETEEN	SEE	SNAKE	YOUR	SATURDAY	SQUIRREL
GOOD	TWENTY	WORKS	BLACK	BEAR	AND
THURSDAY	GLORIFY	YELLOW	YOUR	FIVE	GIRAFFE
FATHER	PINK	WHICH	FOURTEEN	LION	IS
ORANGE	IN	HORSE	BLUE	HEAVEN	SUNDAY

What do the remaining words say?
Write them in order on the lines below.

Matthew 5:16

The answer is below.

School Supplies on a Budget, continued

get a good laugh, and be very impressed!

Free School Supplies

Offices always have an oversupply of stock. Many use three-ring binders and folders for special presentations or campaigns—then throw them away. Most of us know someone who works in an office. Write a list of people you know who work in the office environment and simply ask them to be aware of this type of waste. Don't be too shy or self-conscious. Most people don't like to create waste and they will be happy to put used items to a great use.

If you do feel awkward about approaching someone or calling an office out of the blue, why not try to organize a group to do this? For instance, if you are involved in a church, you could organize a group of people who approach offices on behalf of the church--for several members' benefit. You can share the wealth and cut down on waste!

Puzzle Answer
Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16 KJV

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sunday Through Saturday

Did you miss Sunday's Service? You can now listen to Pastor Avery on Live365.com from 7:00 to 8:00 am every day! We have archives on the web at <http://www.gwministries.net/services.archives.htm#>

Thursday, August 28:

6:30 to 7:30 pm, Joe Corbi's pick up.

Friday, August 29:

Youth Fest '08, see page 2 for details.

Saturday, August 30:

Youth Fest '08, see page 2 for details.

Sunday, August 31:

Youth Fest '08, see page 2 for details.

Saturday, September 6:

7:00 pm, Mighty Men - Prayer Meeting

Sunday, September 7:

9:30 am. Christian Education resumes.

Tuesday, September 23:

7:00 pm, Leadership Training

Saturday, September 27:

2:00 pm, Marriage Works Conference 2008, "Living in Harmony", see page 3 for details.

October 3 to 5:

Greater Works Ministries 58th Anniversary. More details to follow.

Saturday, October 4:

7:00 pm, Mighty Men - Prayer Meeting/Outing

Wednesday, October 29:

7:00 pm, Leadership Training

Saturday, November 1:

7:00 pm, Mighty Men - Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, November 25:

7:00 pm, Leadership Training

Tuesday, December 9:

7:00 pm, Leadership Training

Saturday, December 13:

All roads lead to New York for a day of shopping and fun. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Care Ministry. More details will follow..

Wednesday, December 31:

10:00 pm, New Year's Eve Celebration, Details to Follow.

Please see the weekly Bulletin for updates and changes. Please see the website for more information and maps for our Fellowship Outreach. If you an event you would like on the calendar, please submit it to newsletter@GWMinistries.net

Remember: In case of inclement weather or for updates please, call the church 610-444-5581.

Weekly Church Schedule

as of January 6, 2008

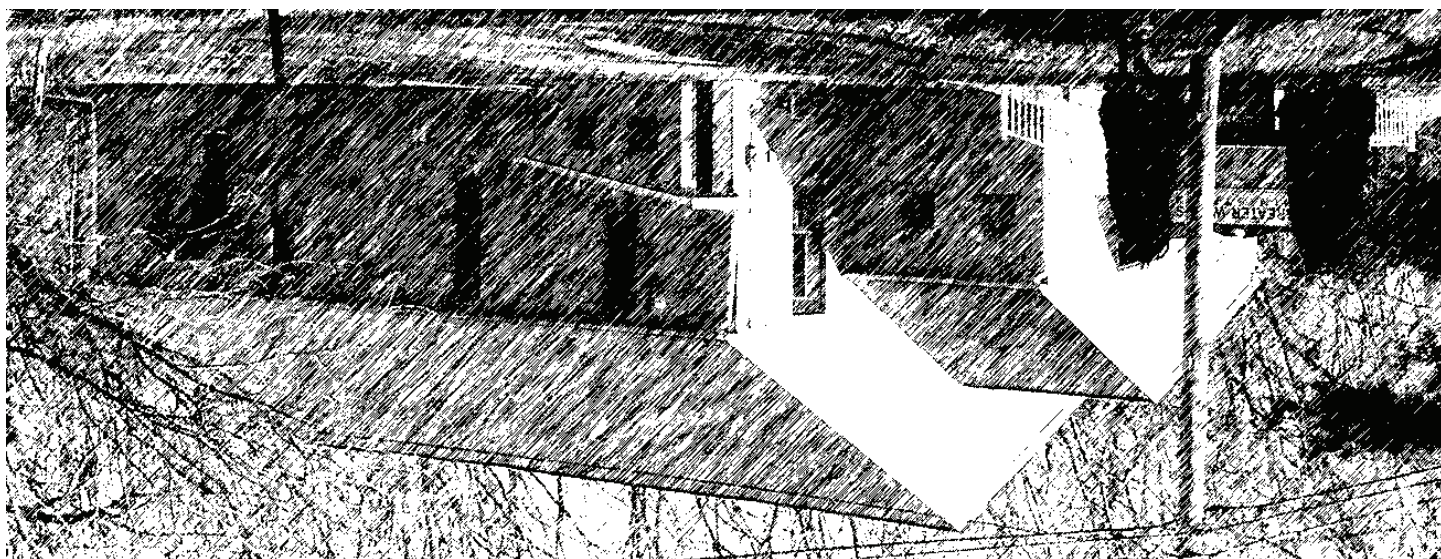
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Corporate Fast Day 8:00 am to 2:00 pm						
Leadership Prayer (2nd Sun. ea. Mo.) 8:45 am						
Christian Education (Ages 4 and up) 9:30 am						
Christian Education Teacher's Training (3rd Sun. ea. Mo.) 9:30 - 10:30 am			Living Waters Noon - 3:00 pm			
Sanctuary Prayer 10:35 am		Discipleship Training (Ages 4 and up) (1st 3 Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00—8:00 pm	Woman of Wisdom (tba.) 7:00 pm			
Morning Celebration 10:45 am		Leadership Training (4th Tues. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm				
Evening Service 2nd & 4th Sun. 5:00 pm (unless noted for special events)		Totally Radical & Live (5th Tues. ea. Month when announced) 7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Class at Praying Ground (3rd Wed. ea. Mo.) 7:30 pm	Midnight Cry 12:00 am - 1:00 am (when announced)		Iota-Sigma-Iota Men's Fellowship (4th Sat. ea. Mo.) 7:00 pm



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