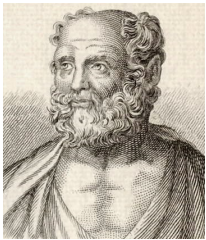




Profound Words Compiled from Past Centuries

Written Early in the 2nd Century



"Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy, as though he were a real brother. They don't

consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit of God. And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs. If it is possible, one of them bails him out. If one of them is poor, and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast several days to give him the food he needs. This is really some new kind of a person. There is something divine in them."

- **Aristides**, an early Christian Athenian philosopher, wrote to the Roman Emperor Hadrian (117-138 AD)

Written Early in the 4th Century

"When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking God for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of God who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank God for kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore the one who in wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love, and praise their Creator."

- **Basil** (d. 379), bishop of Caesarea Mazaca in Cappadocia, Asia Minor.



Written Early in the 13th Century



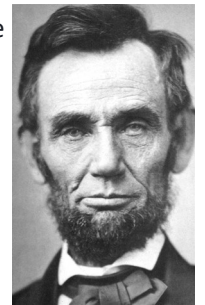
"Grant me, O Lord my God,
A mind to know you,
A heart to seek you,
Wisdom to find you,
Conduct pleasing to you,
Faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
And a hope of finally embracing you. Amen."

- **Thomas Aquinas** (d. 1274), Dominican friar and theologian

Written Early in the 19th Century

"Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous all together. With malice toward none, with charity toward all, with firmness in the right as God helps us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nations wounds, to care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all the nations."

- **Abraham Lincoln** (d. 1865), from his Second Inaugural, six weeks before his death



Quotes compiled from one of my favorite grad school instructors, Dr. John Mark Hicks - Dan

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

Spiritual Voices from the Past

I am developing a new appreciation for spiritual voices of antiquity. See the front page of this week's bulletin as a sampling of voices that are speaking to me powerfully.

Below is a powerful prayer from the 14th century:

Dear Lord, it seems you are so madly in love with your creatures that you could not live without us. So you created us; and then, when we turned away from you, you redeemed us. Yet you are God, and so have no need of us. Your greatness is made no greater by our creation; your power is made no stronger by our redemption. You have no duty to care for us, no debt to repay us. It is love, and love alone, that moves you!
Amen. - **Catherine of Siena** (d. 1380), Italian tertiary of the Dominican Order, which means she lived by the spirit of the order but did not take official religious vows

A few more voices from antiquity...these are from the New Testament (1st Century):

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Thes. 5:23

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. - 1 Cor. 10:13

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. - Romans 15:5,13

- Dan



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

"Dear Lord...
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Meet the Peachers!



Joey and Callie come to us via Alabama and Texas. They were married in March 2005 and have three sons: **Josiah** (8), **Jonah** (5), and **Finneas** (3). Joey is 39, and Callie is 36.

What a delight it was to have the Peacher family visit with us this past weekend! Many of us were able to spend quality time with this delightful family, plus we were all blessed by Joey's sermon. In addition to both formal and informal discussions with the elders, the Buschs, the Coopers, and Peachers were able to share lunch together on Saturday.

While here, the family looked at several properties in the area on Monday and Tuesday, with no firm decisions yet made.

The elders have made a formal offer to the Peachers, with the expectation that they will start sometime around May 1 or shortly after that. There are further specifics that are yet to be decided, but we are moving forward.

Please continue praying that God will bless our ongoing efforts to connect with our community and to build up His church as we meet others where they are. May we be blessed as we work together to be transformed into the image of Christ. More to come...

Asking for Help



Friends of **Imani Johnson** (Caryl Dillard's daughter) just lost everything in a fire, and Imani is asking for our church's help during this time of need.

Imani's friend says, *"It doesn't have to be just money! I never thought I would*

be in this position, unable to be my family's Superman, their rock, and their strength. I am stressed, scared, worried, and hurting. We are not asking for much, and are willing to take anything. Will trade my skills in return for help. Thank you, and God bless. Clothing sizes: I'm 2X in shirts, pants size 38-40, sweatpants 2X. My daughter is a 4-5T, and my wife is jeans size 14, tights and leggings size large, and shirts large or x-large. Shoe size is 11 1/2 men's, women's size 7 1/2 or 8, and my daughter is 7-8 toddler."

If you have items to donate or would like to help, **please contact Imani directly at (856) 677-7425.**



Bring Your Own
Craft Day
Saturday, March 23
Noon to 5:00 pm
in the Family Life Center
Snacks are provided!
Hope to see you there!

Work & Worship Weekend



On April 12-14, Camp Manatawny is looking for volunteers to help get Camp ready for the summer. Join us for a weekend of work, worship, and fellowship. There will be all kinds of work available for all different talents. Needs include but are not limited to: cleaning cabins and mattresses,

cleaning the kitchen and dining hall, raking and landscaping, and general maintenance. Not able to clean or help with outdoor work? We can also use help cooking and serving meals throughout the weekend. For more information, visit

www.manatawny.org/annual-work-day. For questions and registration, please send an e-mail to **stacy.drum@yahoo.com**.

*Please register no later than **March 31st** !*



The bus trip that is scheduled for **September 28, 2019**, to see the musical ***Stolen*** at the Bird-In-Hand Stage Theatre in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is filling up quickly!

THERE ARE ONLY 20 SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! The cost is \$87.00 for adults and \$57.00

for children (ages 4-12). **All money is due by June 15.** The sign up sheet is in the foyer at our Welcome Center. PLEASE only write one name per each numbered line, since each line represents one ticket. Contact **Brian Holden** for additional information.

Next Sunday!

Please join us for a

GIFT CARD SHOWER

celebrating the birth of

Xzavier Rodriguez

in honor of parents

Gabriel & Justice

**Sunday, March 17, 2019, Immediately After Worship
In the Family Life Center**

Recommended Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, or Buy Buy Baby

Update on Tristan

Rebecca Guy's best friend's son, **Tristan Garcia**, age 5, was hospitalized and placed on a ventilator last week for a bacterial infection that caused him septic shock and affected his vital organs. Many have been praying for him and his family. We have just received an update from Rebecca:

"Tristan is off the ventilator! PRAISE GOD! There were definitely some setbacks and the doctors have to re-visit a lot of his care now. He is extremely upset and uncomfortable during this transition of waking and weaning off of meds. His little body just might not be ready, and he may still need a lot of extra help to fight this thing slowly."

Our prayers and thoughts are with Tristan and his parents, **Bleigh and Darlin Garcia**, as they have a long road to recovery!

Expecting!



We are very excited to announce that **Keon and Imani Kleineweber** are expecting. The couple married November of last year, and this is going to be their first child. We're so excited for the both of you! We love you!



Jay Schneider is planning a trip to the **Liberty Science Center Saturday, March 23**. This museum is designed to be of interest to both adults and children. Jay plans to meet up with his daughter Bethany and spend most of the 6 hours there at the Sherlock Holmes exhibit.

If enough people are interested in going, we may take the church van.

Contact Jay at **856-449-9656** if you are interested.

Visit their website at **<https://lsc.org>** for more information!

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	164
Worship	252
LIFE Groups	94
Wednesday	NC

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Clare Hightower, diagnosed with breast cancer. Just received a good prognosis. Surgery in a couple of weeks.

Karelle Pierre-Jacques' surgery went well and she is home recovering. She is scheduled to go back to work on Tuesday.

Tristan Garcia, age 5, son of **Rebecca Guy's** best friend, was diagnosed with septic shock which affected his vital organs. He has a long road to full recovery.

Cliff Dando, suffering with vertigo. Waiting to see a specialist. Friends of **Imani Johnson** lost everything in a house fire.

John Schofield is starting to walk again after having a stroke

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda Peoples' mother, is back in the hospital with pneumonia. This is complicated by other health issue.

Barbara Robinson requested prayers for her father, **Marion Jacobs**, for continued recovery. He is now in a rehabilitation hospital.

Doug Oliver, doctors are concerned about new issues. Further testing will be done in coming days.

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, treatment for breast cancer.

Gwen Phillips is home and had her last radiation on Tuesday. She will be beginning chemo again soon.

Dwight Thompson is weak and continues treatment.

Elinda Hunter, treatment pending.

Rich Rinnie is at a rehabilitation facility after triple bypass surgery and post-surgical complications. Jo Ann requests no visitors. Meals are appreciated.

Anne Peoples is recovering from surgery for a fractured hip. Cards and calls at the rehabilitation facility: Manor Care, Health Services, 5651 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Room 178 B; cell # 302-634-0792; Manor Care # 302-239-8583

Bill Carney, Barbara's husband, delayed recovery from open heart surgery.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Judy Fitzpatrick, Larry Kellum, Sr., Gwen Phillip, Dwight Thompson, Linda Prenger, Patti Frambes, and Doug Oliver** as they receive treatment for/recover from cancer, as well as **Kareem Rutledge, Jr. and Je'Ani Lyles** in their rehabilitation/recovery from life changing injuries.

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Elder on Call— March and April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Melody Davis
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry Peterson
Greeters: Back Entrance	Horatio and Jackie Fenton
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Mike Lazar and Andy Mychajlowycz
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Sheehans' at noon	215-901-3113
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Ashtons' at 12:30 pm	609-214-8522
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Lazars' at 12:30 pm	856-304-4996
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearls' at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Adults	Hutchinsons' Friday at 6:30 pm	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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Weekly Men's Prayer Times

Mark these in your date book.

Add these to your calendars.

Each prayer time lasts 1 hour.

In the Conference Room

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Fridays at 7:00 am

Saturdays at 8:00 am

