

Second Quarter Events

April 4th - Heart to Heart - Baby Shower night
All baby items will go to Pregnancy Solutions

April 20th - Easter Egg Brunch for children 3 years to 10 years of age starting at 10 am - noon

April 21st - Easter Sunday



May 2nd - National Day of Prayer
No regular Heart to Heart meeting
The whole church is welcome to attend
Sandwiches will be served at 6 pm
@ 7 pm will move to the auditorium for a night of prayer

May 18th - All Daughter's Banquet

June 6th - Heart to Heart - Venders Night
Food will be available for purchase

June 30th - Ice Cream Social

30 Pieces of Silver

Each year on Easter Sunday the church takes up a "30 pieces of silver" collection that is over and above the regular collection of tithes and offerings. There is always a plan in place for the use of the money and it always concerns the upkeep of the church proper. This year the money raised will go to put a new roof on the church building and portico. There is a great need for the new roof as there are several places where our current roof allows leaks.

National Day of Prayer

1775 - The first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer

1863 - Abraham Lincoln called for such a day

1952 - Congress established NDP as an annual event by a joint resolution, signed into law by President Truman.

1988 - The law was amended and signed by President Reagan, designating the NDP as the first Thursday in May.

Every President since 1952 has signed a NDP proclamation. NDP invites people of all faiths to pray for our country. It sets aside a day for personal repentance and prayer and to intercede thru prayer for America's leaders and their families. Our country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible and that same need for prayer and intercession continues today.

Prayer

The ultimate test of any person's spiritual character is his prayer life. No man or woman who fails in prayer can be truly successful at any endeavor for God. The most important aspect of your calling is your prayer life.

We are all called to pray. Not everyone can preach or be a missionary, but everyone does have the privilege of prayer. Yet, it's interesting isn't it, that most of us consider ourselves failures at private prayer? If you want to humble the average Christian leader, all you have to do is ask them about their prayer life. When faced with the greatest challenges of life we should immediately turn to the Lord.

When we're inclined to act, we are usually better off bathing our desires in prayer first. No decision is so urgent that there isn't time to pray it through. God won't use a man who loves to put himself on a pedestal before others. He chooses instead those who spend time on their knees before the throne of grace.

Scripture Reading

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

(Mark 1:35)

Parting Thoughts

Real success comes not from the work we do when the world is watching, but from the life we live when no one can see.

by Dr. Lester Sumrall
Feed the Hungry
Feed Your Faith Weekly Devotional



"You can have it all!"

It's a message we are bombarded with in our culture. I see it every day on social media, in magazines and advertisements, even in music and movies. "Having it all" is an appealing thought that can motivate us to seek after all we want.

One major challenge with that goal is we will never reach it because the more we have, the more we want. But the truth is, God actually has so much more for us than we could ever dream of having! So how can we focus on pursuing all that God has for us instead of trying to have it all?

•**Reorder your priorities.** When you choose to put God first in your life, He will provide all that you need in order for you to do what He created you to do.

•**Pursue your God-given purpose.** When you are running the race God created you to run, you will experience all that God has for you.

•**Stop striving.** Choose to trust God's plan and provision rather than striving for every good thing on your own. 2 Corinthians 9:8 reminds us that God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work. This week take a deep breath and relax knowing that it's really okay to not have it all, because He has all we need.

Christine Caine
Propel Women
January 24, 2019 publication

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Every person on this earth is like a violin. Whatever wood we're made of, whatever unique and distinctive qualities we have, the music is always the purest and the most beautiful when we put ourselves in the hands of the Master.

From Touched by an Angel
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What You Is

Trust that in living true to yourself, you will attract people that support and love you, just as you are.

- Jaeda deWalt

When I was in the fourth grade, many years ago, I had an autograph book. It was pink and white, with pinstripes. On the cover was a drawing of two old fashioned, raggedy little girls. My best friend, Lisa, had given it to me. And, more than anything, I wanted Mamo, my grandmother, to sign it.

“Will you sign my book, Mamo?” I asked one Sunday afternoon. We were visiting in the living room, and the midday sun was falling across the carpet in long, gold bars.

“Why, I’d love to, baby,” she said. I handed her the book, and she pawed through her handbag for a pen.

“Now let me think,” she said, and she began to write. I remember watching her gentle, soft hands curl around the pen. Mamo always had manicured nails – and a heart of gold. She finished writing, closed the book, and handed it back to me. I could hardly wait to see what she’d written.

But I waited until evening when I was tucked up tight into my bed. Then I reached over and snapped on the light. I opened the book to Mamo’s page.

The words were captured in my grandmother’s scrawl:

Be what you is, and not what you isn’t. Because if you is what you isn’t, you isn’t what you is.

It was signed, *I love you, Mamo.*

“How odd,” I whispered into the night. Somehow, I’d expected more. I didn’t even understand the crazy, incorrect grammar. Mamo didn’t talk like that. I was disappointed. I’d wanted something to touch my heart. I’d wanted something more.

Decades later, I found pleasure in the pursuit of words. I was finding success as a freelance writer, but I struggled with excepting my own voice. My own style. I’d find a favorite blogger, and I’d want to sound like her. I’d study how an author turned a phrase, and I’d want her voice. I fell in love with writer after writer and voice after voice, and I’d try to imitate those writers I loved.

Then one day, right after we’d moved into our old Victorian and cardboard boxes were stacked through the house like a tall, brown maze, I found the pink striped autograph book. Mamo had long passed away, but the book was nestled between old high school yearbooks and my bedraggled childhood teddy bear.

I sat on the hardwood floor and opened it with careful hands.

And Mamo’s page was right there. *Be what you is...*

Those words washed over me. Dear Mamo. When she’d written them with those kind, soft hands, on that long-lost afternoon, I’d been disappointed, I’d wanted more.

But as I read those words, washed in wisdom and time, they soaked into my soul. I could see Mamo, with her twinkling green eyes, her coiffed auburn hair, and a loving expression on her face. I could almost hear her. “Darling, use your own voice. Sound like yourself. Be who God made you to be. If you’re trying to be someone else, you’re losing out. You are losing you.”

I’ve taken those words to heart, and I’ve found my own style. I still want to learn. I still want to grow. And I’ll always admire others, too. But I’m happy to be who God made me to be.

There’s joy and freedom in just being what I is.

Shawnelle Eliassen

From Chicken Soup for the Soul

The Best Advice I Ever Heard

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When we share our dreams with God, He won’t laugh. As a matter of fact, God will take our dreams more seriously than we do, because He knows no compromise. He doesn’t deal in pieces of happiness and shadows of dreams. He will ask more of us than we ask of ourselves, but He will return more to us than we could ever hope or imagine ourselves.

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F A I T H
is not believing that God can
it is knowing that He will.

Songs We Love

Hello, ladies! Well y'all know I love to sing, and I don't have much of a problem doing that, but this might take some getting used to. First of all, I want to say Ruth Warren did a wonderful job sharing with us in the past with Songs We Love. Thank you, Ruth!!

One of my favorite songs is not a hymn. It's actually a newer song they just made a movie about. Bart Millard, lead vocalist of the group MercyMe wrote the song "I Can Only Imagine" while thinking about his dying father and what he might experience standing in the presence of God. The story of father and son unfortunately didn't have a very happy beginning. Bart's life changed at the age of three when his parents divorced. His mother remarried and relocated and felt it would be best for him and his younger brother to stay with their dad, Arthur. His short-tempered father grew accustomed to taking out his frustration on his boys and Bart became his punching bag.

During Bart's freshman year of high school his dad was diagnosed with cancer and another dramatic change eventually would bring them closer together. Bart saw how Arthur would go from being a monster to falling in love with Jesus. His dad's amazing transformation helped Bart to discover his own faith, find peace and the dad he always wanted. By the time Arthur passed away Bart was a freshman in college. His dad became his best friend and the most godly man he would ever know.

During Arthur's funeral it was Bart's grandmother who made the comment, "I can only image what your dad is seeing now." The 19-year-old kid became obsessed with that phrase. For years he'd write the phrase, "I can only image". Eventually, he came to see it as a sign and one night thinking about his father, wrote the song. It was therapy for Bart, never stopping to think how this song would impact so many people longing to see the Saviour, losing a loved one knowing there's something better. The song was incredibly personal and very special to Bart, who is still a member of MercyMe, lives outside Nashville with his childhood sweetheart and wife of twenty years and their five children.

I love this song, thinking about heaven and standing in the presence of God.

Submitted by Peggy Somosko

I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus?
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence?
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I would do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus?
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence?
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine
Yeah, I can only imagine

Cabbage Beef Soup

Prep 20 m Cook 8 h Ready In 8 h 20 m

Ingredients

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 pound ground beef
1/2 large onion, chopped
5 cups chopped cabbage
2 (16 ounce) cans red kidney beans, drained
2 cups water
24 ounces tomato sauce
4 beef bouillon cubes
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper



Directions

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add ground beef and onion and cook until beef is well browned and crumbled. Drain fat, and transfer beef to a slow cooker. Add cabbage, kidney beans, water, tomato sauce, bouillon, cumin, salt, and pepper. Stir to dissolve bouillon, and cover. Cook on high setting for 4 hours, or on low setting for 6 to 8 hours. Stir occasionally. Enjoy!

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When you are lonely,
...we wish you LOVE.
When you're down,
...we wish you JOY.
When you're troubled,
...we wish you PEACE.
When things look empty,
...we wish you HOPE.

-- Source Unknown

The ostrich lays eggs in the sand and walks away because God didn't give it wisdom. He gave it speed instead.

Job 39:13-18

"Is the Lord's arm too short?" That's what God said when Moses doubted His ability to feed the grumbling Hebrews.

Numbers 11:22

Jerusalem has a Fish Gate.

Nehemiah 3:3

In John's vision, he saw locusts who were told to torture people for five months but not to bother the grass or plants.

Revelation 9:2

The Israelites celebrated the harvest for seven days, and during those days they had to live in booths.

Leviticus 23:41-43

After Jesus had spent 40 days in the desert being teased by the devil, angels came down and took care of Him.

Matthew 4:11

When Mary looked into Jesus' empty tomb, she saw two angels dressed in white and sitting where Jesus had been.

John 20:12

It seems that God keeps hail stored up for times of trouble. Heads up!

Job 38:22-23

Fun Facts About the Bible You Never Knew

by Robyn Martins

He
Offers
Peace
Eternal

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

WHERE THERE
IS HOPE,
THERE IS *faith*.
WHERE THERE
IS FAITH, *miracles*
HAPPEN.

Sherry's Book Corner Adult Column

Florida greetings ladies! Soon Randy and I will be on the road to head home, but in the meantime, we will continue our fun in the sun! And of course, we take you and your families along in prayer wherever we go. We love to shop at thrift stores while we are here. As a matter of fact, other than our bedroom furniture our home is put together from thrift shops, yard sales, and estate sales. You would love it!

The book I am featuring for you was found at one of my favorite thrift shops! Just ask Peggy! It is the St. Francis Thrift Store. It is located right next to their parish. Very serene and peaceful. When I started reading this book my mind and heart was at peace. I purchased a couple of copies to share with my family and friends. If you would like your own copy, I found it on AbeBooks.com.

Often times when I purchase a used book the previous owner may have highlighted something important to them. Only a couple of marks are in this book, but here is one I liked the most. "My world is no longer based on passing fancies, but on the lasting build slowly within me, with love." Joyce Hifler

Until next time, looking forward to seeing you in April!

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Adult Book:

Title: Think On These Things

By: Joyce Hilfer

Publisher: Doubleday & Company, Inc.

Price: Not listed/Purchased for \$4.50/Free Shipping

Words of love and life are shared between these pages. Bible verses and quotes of others are laced throughout. A to lift the spirit to be sure. In our world today, every woman should own a copy. As it states in the book of Philippians 4:8, think on these things.

Sherry's Book Corner Children's Book

Hi kids! I hope you are having a fun winter. Sure, I know it has been cold and snowy, but that kind of weather can be fun! When I was your age I was always outside playing in the snow. And ice skating was a must. Now for your column! I found this book very interesting and fun. I hope you do to.

Have you ever been down and out, and you thought no one really cared? Think again. Somebody does care and loves you. Just like our main character in our story, Castle, or soon to be known as Ghost. Mr. Charles owned a small neighborhood market. Mr. Charles cared about Ghost. He sensed Ghost had talent. He had a special motto just for him. "You can't be great if you're late!" When I was young many people showed they cared about me...and it made a difference in my life!

Until next time, show someone you care about them. See you in April!

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Children's Book:

Title: Ghost

Track: Book 1

Author: Jason Reynolds

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Adult

Price: \$17.99

Age group: 10-adult

Castle Cranshaw lives with his mother at Glass Manor. It is a certain neighborhood. The kind where your no-name sneakers fit too sloppy, your clothes are two sizes too big, and your mom cuts your hair, and everyone knows it. Castle, Ghost wanted to play ball, but he ended up on a track team instead.

Ghost has a lot of anger about life. But with the help of those who care about him and his future, he soon finds out what others mean to him, and he to them. But he needs to hold up his end of the bargain...

Help Where Your Passions Are Strongest

But now are they many members, yet but one body. —1 Corinthians 12:20

A friend of mine told me about her trip to Papua New Guinea. She and her husband had a marvelous time. But she described seeing stray dogs everywhere. Because none of the animals are spayed or neutered, they have pups over and over.

It's a problem that touched her deeply. She wanted to investigate ways to address the stray dog problem and make a difference. But she bemoaned her efforts as such a small thing to do. We do that, don't we? We want to make a difference in the world in a big way. Maybe even in a way, others will see or admire.

I pointed out, "You should help where your passions are strongest. Then you will make a difference." Like my friend, I want to make a difference. But my passion seems small: encouraging others. For me, that means sending cards to friends facing tough times. I often wonder if it helps. In this digital age, sending a card in the mail means I don't get an immediate response. It's very different from someone clicking "Like" on Facebook in response to something I just posted. But the other day I found out what those cards can mean.

I'd sent my friend going through chemotherapy a Superman card. It was just to remind him: "Your cape is showing! You are amazing!" Turns out the card arrived on the very day he was facing a new diagnosis and needed some extra encouragement. Yes, my card was silly, but sometimes that's the point. We all don't see the same problems in the world, but we all have a passion for something.

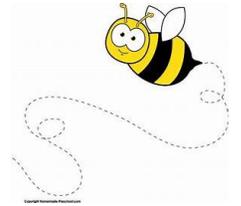
Take the one thing you care most about and see how much good will come from your response. When we take on the concerns closest to our hearts, we certainly make a difference.

Take my passionate heart and use it for Your service, Lord. Amen.

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Rustic Honey Cake

½ cup butter, softened
1 cup honey
2 large eggs, room temperature
½ cup plain yogurt
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch cast iron skillet. In a bowl, beat butter and honey until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in yogurt and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt; add to butter mixture. Transfer batter to prepared skillet. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Serve with fruit and additional honey and chopped pistachios.

Submitted by Brenda Angelo

Love...

is the one treasure that multiplies by division: It is the one gift that grows bigger the more you take from it. It is the one business in which it pays to be an absolute spendthrift; give it away, throw it away, splash it over, empty your pockets, shake the basket, turn the glass upside down, and tomorrow you will have more than ever.

- Source unknown

Sometimes I think I understand everything – then I regain consciousness.

Ashleigh Brilliant
Pot-Shots No. 423
Brilliant Enterprises 1973

You *tolerate* my trivia, *laugh* at my lunacy, and *care* when I cry.
That's what I call TLC.

- Source unknown

Moon Shine

Since the time I was a little girl, I have been fascinated by the sky and all that the naked eye can see that goes on there. Like the chasing of clouds as the wind sweeps them into ever changing shapes, bright sunrises, and colorful sunsets. I also try to watch when I learn of a solar or lunar eclipse, or a meteor shower, though from the vantage point of Ohio, quite often they go unobserved. Northeast Ohio just isn't a very agreeable place most times for star gazing especially with all the ambient light from our proximity to nearby cities, and the cloudy skies that are often associated with the nearby Great Lakes. Still I do enjoy trying to seek out constellations and various star when the weather permits, though I'm not very good at it. Just the thought of the vastness of space and our tiny place in it makes me wonder how anyone could possibly think that there wasn't a Guiding Hand involved in the creation of it all.

In mid-February there was a full moon but due to it being at its closest point in its orbit to Earth, was not just a full moon but was a "supermoon". This month's full moon was nearer, larger, and brighter than any moon that will be seen in 2019. Today's calendar is based on the sun and the solar year but in earlier times the moon was used to track the seasons, and in the lunar calendar the full moons were given names. The name of the February moon is the Snow Moon. It got the name since typically February has more snowfall than any other month of the year.

The night before the scheduled supermoon was a full moon, also. I saw it and took a few pictures of it, but I was so looking forward to seeing a supermoon the following evening as it broke over the horizon. But it wasn't meant to be. Ohio was in the midst of a severe winter storm event and the cloud cover was so thick nothing of the supermoon that night showed through. How disappointing that was.

When I was reading about this event on the internet, I saw several articles that talked about the sun and moon shining. But actually, only the sun shines, the moon only reflects the light of the sun. The moon appears each night in a different phase based on the position of the sun, the earth and the moon. Sometimes the moon is full where we

can see it all, sometimes it's half or only a narrow sliver of light, or it can be totally dark, depending on how the light from the sun strikes its surface. On its own, the moon is just a cold dark satellite revolving in space. It requires the light of the sun for us to see it.

In the Bible light is used to symbolize God, holiness, and faith. This positioning of the light source, the sun and the moon reflecting its light, reminded me of our own position in relationship to God. In our world, God is the one we as followers and believers revolve around like a satellite. He is our source of light in a dark world. He is our light and salvation (Psalm 27:1). Matthew 5:16 tells us to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." And 1 John 1:7 tells us to walk in the light, as He is in the light. We should be reflecting His light into the world in the form of love, compassion, forgiveness, and charity. Through our faith we should impart all things that are good and kind and just. I like the children's song, "This Little Light of Mine". It tells how we should carry the light of the gospel into the world, to let it shine before men, not hide it away, and not let Satan take it away. One light is good but many shining as one casts a brighter glow and can reach farther. The distractions and negativity of this world are of Satan and he will use them to distract and dim the light if we let him. The Light the Son shines on us should in turn reflect from us into the darkness - our goal should be to illuminate the world with the gospel - to be a bright light!

LeuAnna Taylor

And the evening and the morning were the third day. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:13-18