



**FOR FATHERS and
OTHER GOOD & FAITHFUL MEN**
in our lives,
we give you thanks!

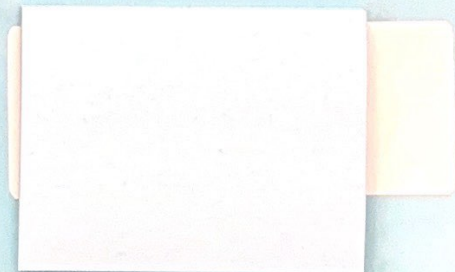
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"MAKE EVERY DAY a GOOD DAY" by Norman Vincent Peale
Let me tell you about a man for whom life changed drastically. "For years," he told me, "from the moment my eyes opened and a new day was upon me, my thoughts would focus on all the awful, irritating things that might happen that day, what terrible problems I was going to have to deal with and so on. And I must say that because I started the day in that fashion, I got what I was looking for."

Of course that is the way it always happens: You get what you're looking for. What you project in your mind as a probability is likely to result in fact. "Well", he continued, "I owe my release from all that to my wife. One morning I came down to breakfast in the usual glum manner. On this particular day she had turned on a radio program, obviously religiously oriented, and in a bright and happy voice the man said, 'Friends, thank God for this day. It's going to be a great day.' And he quoted two passages from the Bible: the first line of the Book of Genesis, 'In the beginning God. . .' and the words from the 118th Psalm, 'This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it'.

I said to my wife, "Shut it off, please. That chipper fellow gets on my nerves." And she said, "This is just exactly what you need. If you love me, will you do something for me?" "Of course I said I loved her and would do anything she asked. "I want you to repeat with me three times those two texts, right here and now," she said. "Then you go on about your business and, if you can remember, say them to yourself now and then during the day."

"So," he went on, "I left home that day thinking 'This is the day which the Lord hath made. . .' No other day just like it was ever made. This is it! 'I will rejoice and be glad in it!' And, 'In the beginning God. . .' which I understood to mean, take God at the start of everything you do and things will go better. "Well, you don't change the habits of years overnight," he said. "I still had plenty of negative attitudes in me, but even so, with those texts I had such a good day that I decided I'd do the same

every day. And my life was changed because I shifted from apprehension to anticipation."

That man's experience can be duplicated by anybody. Have you started out this day with apprehensive thoughts, gloomy thoughts, depressing attitudes? Then let thoughts of anticipation surge through your mind right now and just see what the rest of this day can become! Consider every new day as a new beginning. One of the soundest psychological principles in the world is to put the past behind you. There may be some nice things in the past that you like to remember. Take them along with you; they will help you. But all the other things--leave them at the entrance door of the new day. One reason why people have so much trouble with themselves, why they have nervous breakdowns, why they are mentally sick, is precisely because they don't shake themselves free of the past. Let it go! Begin anew each day and go forward to adventure with God.

I have a friend who is probably one of the best salesmen in this country. He can sell when nobody else can. When things are bad, he deliberately goes out to sell his highest-priced items. And one time when I had dinner with him at his home, I asked him how he came to have this effervescent spirit. "Come with me and I'll show you," he replied. He took me and showed me a list of reminders pasted up on the mirror in the bathroom where he shaves each morning. Here is what he had there:

Anticipate a good day.

Believe a good day.

Plan a good day.

Pray a good day.

Work a good day.

He told me that while shaving he meditated on these words. And at the bottom he had written, "Let's get going."

A woman wrote: "I have started a procedure of saying a brief prayer each morning as I look at my schedule for the day. Then I pray to God that I may be calm and orderly in

my thinking, putting first things first and acting with confidence and enthusiasm. I pray that in making each decision I may act as close as possible as Jesus would act in similar circumstances. I pray for each person whom I am going to deal with. I have now followed this custom religiously for several months and I can truly say I seem to be able to do twice as much work each day with half the nervous tension. I have greater confidence, more conviction and greater happiness."

There is a fascinating little game you can play as a part of starting the day with anticipation. Would you like to have some real fun tomorrow? Well, I can tell you how. Tomorrow morning, before you leave home, pray to the Lord and ask Him to put somebody in your way during the day whom you can help. Now if you really ask Him that, He will surely surprise you: He will do it. And it's a way to have some exciting experiences. Just try it and see.

One morning some time ago, after praying that the Lord would put somebody in my way for me to help, I left home and tried to get a taxi. I was supposed to get to a meeting. Minutes passed and still no taxi. I thought, *well, Lord, either I take the subway or You help me to get a taxi. You know I'll be late if I take the subway, so if You want me to get to the meeting on time it's up to you.* I guess He wanted me to get to the meeting, for at this point a taxi drew up and a woman got out and I got in. We started down the avenue. The traffic was terrible and the driver was an exasperated man. He was irritated with all the other drivers on Madison Avenue and he leaned out the window and, to my embarrassment, vociferously instructed them how to drive. And he used a great many theological terms in the process! Then I noticed on his instrument panel of the cab he had a printed sign. Where he got it, I don't know, but it said: "If you can keep your head in the midst of all this confusion, you don't understand the situation." I remarked, "This sure is a nervous city we live in." "Nervous!" he answered. "It's driving me mad!"

We talked a little on the way down the avenue and when we got to my destination, I took a piece of paper and I wrote a sentence on it. "Tell you what you do," I said, "why don't you get this lettered and put it alongside that other sign you've got there". What I gave him was this: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. . ." (Isaiah 26:3). "Where did you get that?" he asked. "It's out of the Bible," I replied. "You know something?" he said, "if I would keep my mind off these people and my troubles and on God, I'd be better off". "Yes, I think you would," I said. "I'm sure glad I met you," he added. "I'm glad I met you too," Then I added, "The Lord told me to get into your cab this morning." I think that left him rather bewildered, but he seemed happier as he went on his way.

If you want to have some fun, try that: a little prayer in the morning for an encounter with someone you can help. And you'll be helped as well. Open every day with anticipation. Of course it's the Lord who makes the new day. Henry Drummond, one of the greatest religious geniuses of modern times, said that even two minutes spent with Jesus Christ "heart to heart" can make the whole day different. If you spend five minutes, ten minutes, it will be even more different. Jesus makes the difference. He puts excitement into the mind. He puts vitality in your thoughts. He puts awareness into your whole attitude. He fills your world with anticipation. And this will Make Every Day a Good Day!

By Norman Vincent Peale

Words to "We Just Couldn't Say Goodbye"

by Dorothy Habak ~ Class of "49"

Another year is over, and now at last we're through,
We said we didn't like it, and really meant it too;
But now as we look over, the years that fluttered through,
We just hate to say goodbye.

Our teachers and our classmates, we have to leave behind;
As the years pass slowly, we'll find they're really on our mind.
For you can all believe me, new friends are hard to find;
When your old ones have said goodbye.

The tardy bell rang every morn, soon classes were to start;
While stragglers who were always late, would rush in with a dart.

So as this school year closes, and luck is wished to you all,
A hope lies in our hearts that we would meet again next fall;
But it's not going to happen, so tears are sure to fall,
'Cause we just hate to say goodbye'.

(Dorothy Habak is a sister of John Habak and
a classmate of Nancy and Don Hinton)



TRUST IN THE
Lord
WITH ALL YOUR
Heart



The Impossible Dream

You can be what you want to be;
Give Him your dream and you will see.
For miracles are meant for us,
For folk simple enough to trust.
Just hold the thought, in faith believe
And trust in God and you'll receive.
Pray on and then wait patiently;
Fulfillment of your dream you'll see.
Just know the answer's on the way
When to God you sincerely pray,
And if you'll let Him dwell within
The answer to your life He'll bring.
For God has put that hope in you,
Desire to be – desire to do.
Impossible as it may seem
With God you will fulfill your dream.

Helen Gleason



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7TH JODY WERNER
8TH SUE LANE JOHNSON
9TH RAENEL EDGE
16TH NANCY HINTON

6TH CRAIG & EYDIE GARVIN
14TH BILL & KATHY SYPHERS
16TH WAYNE & JANELL PYSH
19TH SCOTT & AMY KIENE

NURSING HOME & RETIREMENT HOME

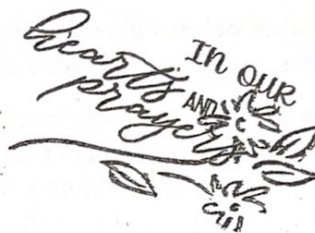
Dorothy Werbecki, Continuous Care Center, Room 248,
236 Hullihen Place, Medical Park, Wheeling, WV 26003

Peggy Foster, Good Shepherd Nursing Home,
159 Edington Lane, Wheeling, WV 2600

Craig Garvin, Peterson Healthcare & Rehab Center,
20 Homestead Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

Tom Hostutler, Moundsville Healthcare Center, Room 404,
2200 Floral Avenue, Moundsville, WV 26041

*Prayer is
the answer*



have faith

*for God so loved the world
that He gave his only
begotten Son*

General, Long-term, and Special Health Concerns

Dorothy Werbecki, health concerns
Rev. Homer Harden, health concerns
Joellen McNeil, health concerns
Nancy Elliott, health concerns
Carolyn Dye, health concerns
Wayne Cunningham, health concerns
Gretchen Cunningham, health concerns
David Waites, health concerns
Camden Brown, eye/health concerns
John Adams, health concerns
Nancy K. Mumley, health concerns
Eydie Garvin, health concerns

Forgot to share this in May: Kroger, where we get our lilies and poinsettias, has an excellent Supervisor of the Floral Department, Yolanda. Months before Easter and Christmas, she has to give numbers of amount of flowers the churches will be using. She gives the quantities as the previous year's usage to the supplier. To us she gives the cost that was given to her the previous year.

This Easter, when she was given our final count and I was paying for the lilies, her co-worker ask her what was she to do about the cost. (The supplier had increased the lilies one dollar.) Yolanda said she was not raising her church's price - the cost would remain the same as we had printed in our order blanks. That Floral Department is so nice to work with. I can always add after the final number is given. I think Bob Young has been pleased with them when he picks up the orders, also.

WILL YOU HELP?

A couple places we support, where children are the main focus of the group, are listed below and hope you may be able to help:

THE LAUGHLIN CHAPEL

Martha Wright, Director, 304-232-3490, director@laughlinmemorialchapel.org is an excellent administrator. When we asked what was needed for our contributions, Martha shared this with us: Laughlin Memorial Chapel anticipates serving 1,500 snacks to children through our summer programs, including Energy Express. The Chapel provides for the SFSP program, which allows us to be reimbursed for breakfast and lunch, but not for a snack. We anticipate having 50 kids enrolled for 30 days—1,500 snacks!

Not all families can afford money for a child to buy snacks at the pool, (usually visited 3 afternoons each week). Parents are discouraged from sending money and we provide pool snacks to avoid problems with lost money or creating "have and have-nots", at the pool.

We will appreciate individual shelf stable snacks for the summer, such as Teddy Grahams, Goldfish, chips, pretzels, Famous Amos cookies, etc. are all good. We would also appreciate Capri Sun, Kool-Aid Jammers, and small bottles of water.

THE HOUSE OF THE CARPENTER

From HOC, they stated they can always use personal hygiene products, diapers (any size) and wipes, underwear and socks (any size and gender). Special items that might be able to be found on clearance this time of year are warm coats and new toys that may be rotating with the season. If/when they receive winter coats, they store them until weather demands them. New toys can also be kept in storage and used to assist with their Christmas Kids program in December. **And** they can always use pantry staples!

Any monetary gifts may be sent to Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church indicating which mission you wish- both really worthwhile.



WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

Communion when we have a Presbyterian, Lutheran, or Episcopal Minister.

Church Phone: 304-242-4407

Email: secretary@bupcwheeling.org

Web Site: <https://bupcwheelingwv.org>

===Church Staff===

Music Director & Organist ~ Cliff Elliott

Custodian & Grounds Keeper ~ Dan Burns

Treasurer ~ Eydie Garvin

Secretary ~ Sue Lane Johnson



June 2024

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SESSION MEETING

MAY 20, 2024

A meeting of the Session of the Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) was held on Monday, May 20, 2024 in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Bill Syphers opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Since no moderator was present, no official business could be conducted.

ELDERS PRESENT: Eydie Garvin, Bob Mengeu, Bill Syphers, Sue Johnson, Jody Werner

ELDERS EXCUSED: Bob Young,

GUESTS: Rev Erica Harley, Howard Monroe

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for March 2024 and April 2024 were presented for review and placed on file.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 25, 2024 Session meeting were presented for review. There was no motion to accept, but the minutes were placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: OUR OFFERING TO GOD THROUGH SERVICE

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE: Eydie Garvin

1. Eydie presented the quarterly earnings report from Wesbanco Trust Services.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Bob Mengeu

BY-LAWS: Committee is not active at this time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sue Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Syphers

MISSION/OUTREACH: Bill Syphers

NOMINATING: Committee is not active.

PARISH LIFE: Jody Werner

WORSHIP: Bob Young

CORRESPONDENCE: none

CHURCH RECORDS:

Communion:		<u>0</u>
Home Communion:		<u>0</u>
Deaths	Maybelle Sligar	04/19/2024
New members, Baptism,		

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Session met with transition team from the Presbytery to discuss the process of selecting a new pastor.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Bill closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30 PM. The date for the next regular Session Meeting is June 24, 2024 in the Church library.