



# The Collinsville Herald

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### **Times We Meet:**

**Sunday:**

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

All other regularly scheduled services are temporarily cancelled to ensure the safety of our members and guests during the coronavirus outbreak.

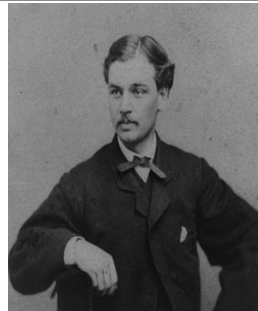
### **Office Hours:**

Mon.—Thur.

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



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## ***Coincidentally At Fault***

Robert Todd Lincoln was at the White House when he heard what had happened to his father at Ford Theater. He immediately rushed to be by his side and stayed there till his death. After the death of his father, he

would go on to be a very successful lawyer and an important figure in Republican politics. Yet He eventually refused to have to do with the presidency. He felt it was too dangerous.

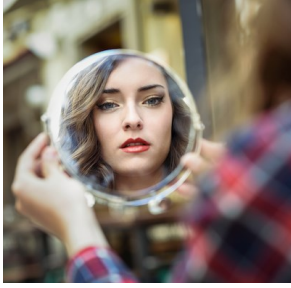
It wasn't just at his father's deathbed he saw what an assassin's bullet could do. He was standing right next to James Garfield when a gunman fired the bullet that would eventually kill him. Then as he was waiting outside for William McKinley when he was shot. From then on he refused to go anywhere near a president. He said "No, I'm not going, and they'd better not ask me, because there is a certain fatality about presidential functions when I am present."

It was just a coincidence but the tragedy still weighed on Robert Lincoln. He isn't the only one. Many folks get weighed down thinking they are responsible for things that they really don't have much control of. Things like other's behavior or choices. We think if we would have done this or that maybe things would be different.

We can influence others. We can teach others. We can be examples. But we can't control them. We have enough to be responsible for in managing our own lives that we don't need to take on everyone else's as well.

Let's be careful to not blame ourselves or others for actions that they have no control over. God only judges a man for his own actions, shouldn't we as well?

-Barry Haynes



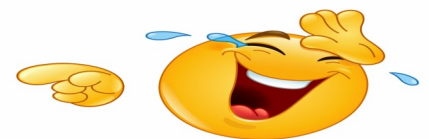
## ***Mirror, Mirror On the Wall***

The story is told of a missionary who once visited a very primitive tribe of people. These people had very little contact with the outside world, and they were totally unfamiliar with many things we take for granted. One of the things they had never before seen was a mirror. The only way they knew what they looked like was the very poor reflection one can sometimes see in the water. One day, the missionary hung a mirror on a tree. The tribe's chief happened to walk past the mirror, so he stopped, stood there, and looked at it for quite some time. Then he walked directly to the missionary and asked him to explain. The missionary explained what a mirror was and that it was a reflection of what he looked like. The chief promptly walked back to the mirror, took it off the tree, and smashed it on the ground. The missionary asked him why he broke the mirror to which the chief replied, "Because the face that was being reflected was ugly." When I heard that story, I couldn't help but think that in spite of all our sophistication, we still behave quite primitively at times. God's word functions as a mirror to our soul. We can look at it and learn exactly what we look like to God and others. Sometimes, the reflection is not very flattering. So we're left with a choice. Do we try to destroy the mirror? Do we refuse to look in the mirror again? Or do we do what we can to improve the way we look? I know what the tribal chief did, but what do you do? Give it some thought.

"For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer; he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:23-25). -Steve Higginbotham



### ***On The Lighter Side!***



#### **Important Commandment**

After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters.

One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

**"The secret of a good sermon** is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." — *George Burns*



## *The Schemes of Man*

Solomon said, “Tully this only have I found: that God made man upright but they have sought out many schemes” (Ecclesiastes 7:29). And “All the schemes of the schemer are evil; he devises wicked plans to destroy the poor with lying words...” (Isaiah 32:7). Jezebel schemed to steal Naboth’s vineyard (1 Kings 21:5-

16). A scheme is a plot to do evil against someone just as Saul plotted against David (1 Samuel 23:9; Proverbs 24:8). Sometimes the Wicked schemes of man go according to the plan of the schemer as in the case of Jezebel. Sometimes they fail like Saul’s schemes against David.

Perhaps the greatest scheme of mankind is the one mentioned in Psalm 2 where the people, the kings, and the rulers plot against the Lord and against His anointed. Indeed, the chief priests and the Pharisees plotted to overthrow God’s plan. They schemed and said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.” They enlisted the king through lies and trickery and they solicited the people to shout “Crucify Him!” But God laughed at their schemes (Psalm 2:4) for the evil schemes of men cannot defeat the plans of God. Jesus arose from the dead and brought salvation to mankind. *-Alton Norman*



## 2 Peter 1:1-4

1. True or False: Peter wrote this letter to fellow Christians.
2. “\_ and \_ be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord...”
3. “...as His \_\_ has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness...”
4. Through the knowledge of Him who called us, we have exceedingly great and precious \_.
5. Christians have escaped the \_ that is in the world through lust.

**Solution:** true; grace, peace; divine, power; promises; corruption

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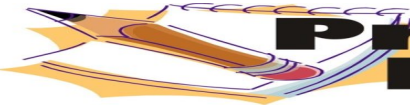
“The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.”  
— C.S. Lewis

“I’m not afraid of the devil. The devil can handle me – he’s got judo I never heard of. But he can’t handle the One to whom I’m joined; he can’t handle the One to whom I’m united; he can’t handle the One whose nature dwells in my nature.”

— A.W. Tozer



# Church News



## Prayer List



**Family of Keith Angelotti.** Son of Sandy Garby., West Side Member

**Sarah Burgette.** Health issues. Mom attends West Side

**Joanne Burke.** Friend of the Patricks. Cancer.

**Drew Clifton.** Prayers requested.

**Wayne Dixon.** West Side member. Recovering from a stroke.

**Velda Gearheart.** West Side member. Cancer.

**Laura Goupil.** Recovering at home.

**Kathy Hall.** Health concerns.

**Maysie Hall.** Health Concerns.

**Allan Hart.** Health concerns.

**Lincoln Hicks.** Child suffering with cancer.

**Steve Higginbotham.** Preacher in TN, cancer

**Anna Horn.** Health Concerns.

**Anita Hopper.** Sherry Lirette's mother. Health concerns.

**Shep Knight.** Child suffering with health issues.

**Spencer Lockard.** Health Concerns.

**Rita Lawless.** Health concerns.

**Lucy Lawson.** Prayers requested.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Home bound to avoid coronavirus.

**Mary Ruth Patrick.** Health difficulties.

**Mike & Crystal Surber.** Health concerns. Lake Dr. Mem.

**Nicole Torres.** Health Concerns.

**Cody Williams.** Health concerns.

**Dan Winkler.** Colon Cancer.

**Xander Wilson.** Son of friend of Matt H. Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Grace Zielinska.** Paul Lirette's daughter. Prayer requested.



### April Birthdays

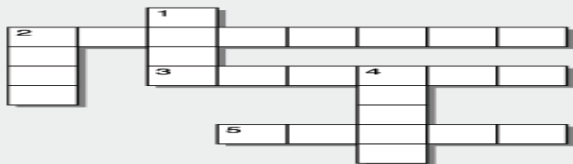
11th Pat Shelton  
 13th Lisa Kendrick  
 14th Sandy Dalton



### April Anniversaries

11th Jason & Lydia Beavers  
 15th Bill & Pat Shelton

## CrossWORD



### Isaac is Born

Genesis 21

**Across**

- 2) Sarah saw Ishmael \_\_\_\_.
- 3) Circumcision day.
- 5) Abraham made a great \_\_\_\_ on the day Isaac was weaned.

**Down**

- 1) "For Sarah conceived and \_\_\_\_ Abraham a son..."
- 2) "In Isaac your \_\_\_\_ shall be called."
- 4) Ishmael's mother.

## Word SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

**C A D A S M S U**

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Clue: City where Paul first preached (Acts 9)