

The Hilltops

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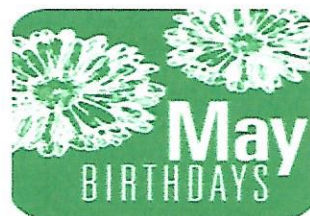
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In what Gospel did Jesus say and quote "Everything is possible for one who believes?"

(April question: Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion? Answer is Joseph of Arimathea.)



Dot Hackett, May 1
Kelly Hayward, May 9
Sarah Alger, May 17
Karen Poehler, May 18
Pat Freeman, May 19
Brenda Bennett, May 20
Dondi LaRue, May 25
Bill Hanson, May 30
Charlene Wilson, May 31

True faith involves doing all you can and letting God take care of the rest.



Debbie Alger; Lily Andreasen; Kathryn Bruen (Louise's sister, stroke); Judy Bureau; Patrick and Collette Burns; Betty Conley; Ralph Cusano

(cancer); Mary Ann DiStefano (The Poehler's dear friend, ovarian cancer); Gale Durno; Philip Durno (cancer); Keith Edmonds (cancer & heart problems); Emma Ermel; Marcus Ermel; Delaney Fallon; Bill and Gail Felton (homebound); Sandy Freeman; Donna Gallagher (brain injury); Andrew Garbino; Shirley Gibson & family; Steven (Ann Goebel's brother, cancer); Merle Grant; Jimmy Harnish (cancer); Kathy Harris; Lucky & Penny Howie; Michele Kelley; Jean Krikorian; Dondi LaRue; Tommy Maciorowski; Joan McCorquodale; Chloe Miner; Herman Miner; Dick & Judie Moore; Bob & Terry Newton; Lance Osborne; Debby Parker; Prayers for the O'Brien & Parker families; Wallace Powers (cancer); Sally Provencher (cancer); Terry Quinn; Leslie Rice; Gloria Roddy (multiple myeloma); Peter Sheldon; Rita Signoretti (Krissy's mom); Richard Simmons; Al St. Croix (cancer); Louise Thorpe; Patty Thorpe (MS and graves disease); Jimmy Tompkinson; Christine & Roy Walker; Don Waye (cancer); Rev. Joan-Anne Westfall; Emma Whitman; Sheila Wick; Nevaeh Wilder (cancer); Edward (Margie Wilson's brother, cancer); Robert Withee; Bonnie Wozniak; the victims of natural disasters all over the world; all those unemployed.

Trust Jesus

Submitted by Krissy Miner



For April school vacation week, my family & I traveled to Orlando, FL to visit Disney World. On our first day, we went to Animal Kingdom, our favorite park. The sound of a low flying airplane drew everyone's attention up, and we quickly realized the pilot was writing something in the sky. The crowds came to a stop as we all waited patiently to see the final message. When he

finished, "Trust Jesus" was beautifully displayed against the bright blue sky, a perfect reminder for Holy Week and beyond, to always slow down and put our trust in Him. I'm so thankful I was able to capture a photo to share with all of you.



May Community Supper

We had a very well attended Community Supper in April, and our NBUMC Cooks received lots of compliments about the pork chop dinner. We are looking forward to our next dinner on Wednesday, May 8th from 4-6 p.m. The menu, sign-up for donations and helpers will be posted soon. Thanks to everyone who participates in putting this dinner on, we could never do this without YOU!



HealthAlliance Home Health & Hospice, a non-profit hospice program is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to patients. Especially needed are people with daytime hours available.

We are also looking for Military Veterans to provide companionship to our patients who are veterans.

Volunteering for hospice is very flexible and only requires 1-2 hours per week typically when you are assigned. We offer volunteer support, ongoing training and recognition for their

efforts in helping others. For more information, please contact Carol Recchion at 978-798-3192.

God is in the Small Stuff

By: Bruce & Stan

Submitted by Brenda Bennett

Chapter Five: God Wants You to Grow

When it comes to progress, there are no short cuts. If you want to improve in any area of your life, you have to pay attention to the small stuff. You have to take one step at time.

Say you want to get into shape physically or lose some weight (or both). Contrary to the promises made by miracle programs, machines, and drugs, there is no such thing as instant success. You have to pay attention to the details by eating and exercising correctly every day in order to realize long-term results. The same principle applies to improving your mind. There's no quick way to get a college degree. And even if a diploma isn't your goal, the only way to accumulate useful knowledge is through disciplined, consistent study. You can't even train a dog overnight! It takes repetition, consistency, reinforcement, and practice. Otherwise Fido will look at you as if to say, "You've got to be kidding!"

Well, we're not kidding. It's a fact of life. To grow in any area, you've got to do the little things over and over again. The principle of growth through detail is especially true in your spiritual life, yet people think that by praying once in a while (when they get in trouble), by going to church twice a year (on Christmas and Easter, of course) and by cracking open a Bible once in a blue moon, God will smile on them and give them blessing upon blessing.

Make no mistake about it. God won't love you any for just because you do certain things. His love for you is always the highest love. But you will experience certain spiritual benefits if you pay attention to spiritual details. Like reading the Bible consistently. Or talking to God on a regular basis. Or helping others in need when the need is clear. We're not talking about spiritual legalism. Paying attention to the details of your spiritual life is all about *discipline*.

God wants you to grow spiritually because when you do, your life becomes more meaningful and more satisfying. Just like you feel when you make the consistent effort to make the effort to improve spiritually. And even better than that, the people around you will experience the benefits of your growth.

...In The Small Stuff

- Recognize that you can't get holy in a hurry.
- Little is much if God is in it.
- A spiritually mature individual places more importance on God's internal presence than on the world's external signs.
- The person who looks up to God rarely looks down on anyone.
- It's better to run behind God than in front of Him.
- Rejoice in the Lord's discipline as well as His blessings.
- Live the Christian life as if the Lord were guiding your steps.
- Be cautious in telling others what you can do, but be bold in asserting what God can do.
- The person dependent on Christ has the amazing ability to maintain a steady ship on a stormy sea.
- Realize your inadequacy without God and your sufficiency with God.
- Faith does not demand miracles, but often accomplishes them.
- Make God's provision the foundation of your performance.
- You will never be humble before God if you think He needs you.
- It's a good thing to delight in the Lord, but how much better when the Lord delights in you.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	2	3	4
5 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Church Council	6 10am-12pm Wesley Group	7	8 4:00-6:00pm Community Supper	9	10	11
12 9:30am Choir practice	13 10am-12pm Wesley Group	14	15 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17	18
19 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Church Council	20 10am-12pm Wesley Group	21	22 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	23	24	25
26 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Positive Pot Luck	27 10am-12pm Wesley Group	28	29	30	31	



Worship Times:

9:00am Casual Service with coffee & fellowship
10:30am Traditional Service

Meetings and Social Events:

11:30am Church Council (1st and 3rd Sunday)
11:30am Positive Pot Luck (Last Sunday)

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