



# BAPTIST

## ~BITS AND BLESSINGS~

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### From The Pastor's



What makes you smile? Maybe a joke, reading the comics, watching your dog chase it's tail? Does the following make you smile? "I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it."

For as far back as I can recall, I remember seeing a lot of smiles and hearing lots of laughter in my family. My dad was not a jokester, nor did he like playing tricks on people. But he sure liked to laugh. My mother was the same way, up to the last week of her life.

Years ago a film came out about Jesus and it was publicized in and through churches. It was shown in various theatres as an outreach. What caught my attention was the scene where the disciples had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus directed them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. When they did, they brought in a huge haul of fish. As the disciples pulled the fish into the boat in utter amazement, Jesus was laughing. I guess I had never thought of Jesus laughing before and it really made me look at Jesus & God in an entirely different light. It was at that moment that I realized that we as humans do a lot of things that cause God to smile.

If Christians had more smiles and did more to make God smile, the world would be much better off. People would probably look at Christians in a more positive way if

we smiled more and offered encouragement instead of sour attitudes I gloomy faces. This doesn't discount suffering and hurting that goes on in people's lives. As a part of Christ's body, we have hope and the answer for the suffering in this world. We also have been given the promise of abundant life in this world and we already possess eternal life. If we can't smile and have joy about that, then we need to spend a major amount of time locked in a prayer closed until we can.

I have waited until now to tell you why smiles are on my mind. In the past couple of weeks, two different ladies smiles have made a huge impact on me. On April \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ I visited a dying woman, Linda Rusie. People in the church and in this community knew Linda quite well. I met Linda in June and July of 2007. I had heard about how she nearly died in 2006. The past nine months Since I have been at MBC Linda has been a regular in church and our Bible studies, even though she had to use a cane and assistance to get around.

Less than a week before she died, Linda and I had a good visit in St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. She told me several stories of her family, we talked about the Bible, and we talked about her health. She knew about and was prepared for her death.

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With a smile on her face she told me that whenever Jesus came for her, she was ready. She had nothing left to wait for. At the moment she said it, I wondered how many people could talk about their death without one ounce of fear or hesitation – and with a smile!

On April 14th I was told about Loretta Phillips of our church being in the local hospital. When I went to see her in the emergency room, she was experiencing discomfort and uneasiness about the situation. It was confirmed that day that Loretta had experienced a stroke on the left side of her brain. Even in the hospital in Peru and when she was moved to St. Joseph's in Kokomo Loretta would smile. Yes maybe she had to force it out a little, but she smiled just the same. On Thursday April 24th I saw her again. She has made wonderful progress in a week's time. Loretta has a long way to go, but to see her smile even though she can't use much of her right side yet shows what kind of kind of faith she has and what kind of person she is.

I need to share one last experience with you. In such a short space it is impossible to explain to you the relationship I have had with my parents, especially my mother. We have always been extremely close. Medically, she should not have had a fourth child (me). She experienced great difficulty getting me into the world and I was almost lost to her again when I was 5 with complications after what should have been a simple surgery. There was not more than a day that had gone by with out us talking to each other (we had the phone bills to prove it). I was blessed by God to serve in two churches that were less than 1 and 2 hours away from her. We would see each other many times during the year. I took her on vacation with me, shopped with her, and shared many other won-

derful experiences with her.

I knew that when the time came for her to depart this world, I would be there by her side. I had no doubts. But that didn't happen. In October of 2006, mother was dying of cancer. Even though we knew about her brain tumor for months, we didn't know that her cancer had spread through cancelmany parts of her body, until the last week of her life. After being up with her and most of our family for 36 + hours, I left her with other family members so I could sleep about 3 hours. A phone call from my sister Debi woke me up 20 minutes before my alarm was scheduled to wake me up (9:00 Sunday evening). Debi informed me that mother had just passed away. I was shocked. I had 100% confidence that the Lord would let me be there. The Lord had other plans though. When I entered the room and saw her body, I had another shock. She had a smile on her face. A dead woman smiling. All my anger, frustration, and sadness disappeared in a split second. I saw at that moment a person who was at peace. God used that smile to bring me peace as well.

What is your excuse for not smiling? If these ladies could smile in their situations, why can't you and I? I hope you find in the Lord, the strength to experience His joy and peace. May the people of Miami County know the joy of the Lord because the people of MBC would rather count their blessings instead of their sorrows. Wipe that frown from your face and smile. Let's make up our minds and hearts to share the Lord's blessings with others.

Until we meet again,

Pastor Cole



**"I saw at that moment a person who was at peace. God used that smile to bring me peace as well."**

## From The Editors

Welcome to the April/May/June issue of Baptist Bits & Blessings, the newsletter of the Mexico Baptist Church. This issue marks the ending of Spring and the beginning of Summer! Isn't it truly wonderful to see the world come alive once more. Praise the Lord for helping us make it to another Summer season! Join us in recognizing the efforts of mothers and fathers and all that they do for us every day as both Mother's Day and Father's Day come around again.

Thanks to those who submitted material this

month. It is impossible to put issues together without your assistance.

To submit anything for a future issue, send it to [tpennie@comcast.net](mailto:tpennie@comcast.net) or [npenie@comcast.net](mailto:npenie@comcast.net). Submissions for next month's newsletter are due by the end of the third week of the month.

Visit our church web site at [www.mbconline.com](http://www.mbconline.com). Enjoy the newsletter!

*Nancy and Warren Pennie*



## Poetry Corner

### Mother's Garden

My mother loved the flowers,  
Each season brought new blooms.  
With joy she'd plant and till and weed,  
It chased away her glooms.

She knew the names of all she tended,  
A master of her trade.  
Her hands were strong and knew no wrong,  
The best God ever made.

She tried to teach me all she knew,  
But little did I care.  
For if I needed flowers,  
My mother would be there.

My mother loved her garden,  
'Til heaven she did go.  
Where growing seasons never end,  
And blooms don't fade, but grow.

And I now tend the flowers,  
A love that's real and true.  
For when I'm in my garden, Mom,  
I'm closest there to you.

Written by Beverly Ann Batten Kandrick  
Winchester, Virginia

*Submitted by Hilda Miller*



### Fathers Are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people,  
too little understood,  
And we do not sing their praises  
as often as we should,

For Father struggles daily  
to live up to his image  
As protector and provider  
and hero of the scrimmage,

And perhaps that is the reason  
we sometimes get the notion  
That fathers are not subject  
to the thing we call emotion.

But if you look inside Dad's heart,  
where no one else can see,  
You'll find he's sentimental  
and soft as he can be.

Fathers are just wonderful  
in a million different ways,  
And they merit loving compliments  
and accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires  
to fortune and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
and bring them happiness,

And like our heavenly Father,  
he's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone we can count on  
to be always on our side.

Author Unknown

*Submitted by Troy Pennie*



**"No one has ever  
seen God; but if we  
love one another,  
God lives in us and  
His love is made  
complete in us."**

## Devotional Thoughts

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.  
Charles Wesley

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also

ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... We love because He first loved us... And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

John 4:11-12, 18, 19, 21 NIV

### Help Us Start Over

Lord, when did it change, this marriage of ours? when did we begin falling out of love? He used to give me flowers. I used to make his  
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favorite dish. He used to say I was pretty. I used to wear his favorite dress. He used to touch my hair. I used to rub his back. We used to make special time for each other. A squeeze of the other's hand three times sent a magic, silent message, "I love you." What a priceless treasure, our love. Now, it's slipping through our fingers, perhaps never to return.

If there is even a glimmer of love, I don't know where it is. Yet, no matter how small, You, Lord, can find it.

Shield us from negative influences. Wrap us in Your protective arms. Keep us from temptation to do wrong.

Help us start over. Fan that tiny flame of love and help it grow. Let us remember that no matter how suave or eloquent we sound to others, it's all a clanging noise if we no longer share our love for each other. We can be wise and give all the best advice to our friends; but without love, it doesn't amount to anything.

Lord, teach us patience and kindness, even

when things aren't going right. Teach us thoughtfulness. Help us put our marriage ahead of things pressing in on our lives. Show us how to build one another up instead of competing. Let us be willingly inconvenienced for one another's needs and quick to go the second mile, then the third. Calm our emotions that we may be slow to anger. Teach us to compliment and praise, to overlook times when the other messes up, to release childish, selfish attitudes.

Help us protect, not neglect; trust, not dishonor. Grant us strength to persevere in finding our lost love before it is too late. Even when our love fails, Yours never fails. Let Your love shine through us.

fan our glimmer, Lord, and I will begin with three squeezes of my beloved's hand and "I love you."

*from When I'm On My Knees-Devotional Thoughts  
On Prayer For Women by Anita Corrine Donihue*



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### Sunday School Attendance Records

**Children With Perfect Attendance for Dec., Jan., & Feb. 2008:**

- William Herrell
- Sara Herrell

**Children who missed 1:**

None

**Children Who Missed 2:**

- Emilee Eckelbarger
- Cheyenne Horn
- Kaitlyn Eckelbarger
- Ashley Arthur

**Adults Who Had Perfect Attendance for Dec., Jan., & Feb.2008:**

- Donna Eckelbarger
- Mary Milroy

Chris Herrell

Lori Herrell

Max Lynch

Nina Lynch

Bev Bowman

Charles Cole

**Adults Who Missed 1:**

Lisa Wooten

Roland Sullivan

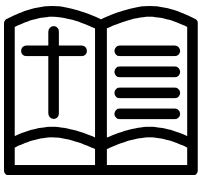
Mary Ruth Keeling

**Adults Who Missed 2:**

Darren Brown

Fill Friend

Submitted by Clara Miller

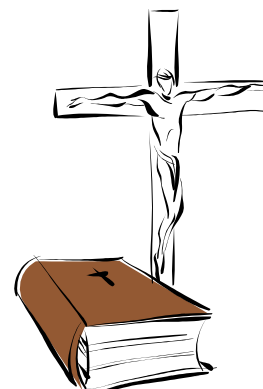


### 2008 Mexico Bible Challenge

April Readings				May Readings			
<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>
2 Sam. 13-15	1	2 Kings 16-18	17	2 Chron. 7-9	1	Nehemiah 10-13	17
2 Sam. 16-18	2	2 Kings 19-21	18	2 Chron. 10-12	2	Esther 1-3	18
2 Sam. 19-21	3	2 Kings 22-25	19	2 Chron. 13-15	3	Esther 4-6	19
2 Sam. 22-24	4	1 Chron. 4-6	20	2 Chron. 16-18	4	Esther 7-10	20
1 Kings 1-3	5	1 Chron. 7-9	21	2 Chron. 19-21	5	Job 1-3	21
1 Kings 4-6	6	1 Chron. 10-12	22	2 Chron. 22-24	6	Job 4-6	22
1 Kings 7-9	7	1 Chron. 13-15	23	2 Chron. 25-27	7	Job 7-9	23
1 Kings 10-12	8	1 Chron. 16-18	24	2 Chron. 28-30	8	Job 10-12	24
1 Kings 13-15	9	1 Chron. 19-21	25	2 Chron. 31-33	9	Job 13-15	25
1 Kings 16-18	10	1 Chron. 22-25	26	2 Chron. 34-36	10	Job 16-18	26
1 Kings 19-22	11	1 Chron. 26-29	27	Ezra 1-3	11	Job 19-21	27
2 Kings 1-3	12	2 Chron. 1-2	28	Ezra 4-6	12	Job 22-24	28
2 Kings 4-6	13	2 Chron. 3-4	29	Ezra 7-10	13	Job 25-27	29
2 Kings 7-9	14	2 Chron. 5-6	30	Nehemiah 1-3	14	Job 28-30	30
2 Kings 10-12	15			Nehemiah 4-6	15	Job 31-33	31
2 Kings 13-15	16			Nehemiah 7-9	16		

June Readings							
<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>
Job 34-36	1	Psalms 26-30	9	Psalms 66-70	17	Psalms 106-110	25
Job 37-39	2	Psalms 31-35	10	Psalms 71-75	18	Psalms 111-115	26
Job 40-42	3	Psalms 36-40	11	Psalms 76-80	19	Psalms 116-120	27
Psalms 1-5	4	Psalms 41-45	12	Psalms 81-85	20	Psalms 121-125	28
Psalms 6-10	5	Psalms 46-50	13	Psalms 86-90	21	Psalms 126-130	29
Psalms 11-15	6	Psalms 51-55	14	Psalms 91-95	22	Psalms 131-135	30
Psalms 16-20	7	Psalms 56-60	15	Psalms 96-100	23		
Psalms 21-25	8	Psalms 61-65	16	Psalms 101-105	24		



“Anyone wanting to attend camp, help in the Grandparent Program, apply for a camp scholarship, or sponsor a youth to attend camp, please see Lori Herrell for the forms and information.”

### MBC Notes

#### Mildred Sarver

Miller's Merry Manor  
Room # 9,  
Peru, Indiana

She would enjoy cards and letters and very short visits from her church family and friends.

#### Photo Sign Up and Photo Dates

The sign up table for directory photos will be set up in the church foyer 30 minutes before Sunday School and 20 minutes after Morning Worship. Violet Bacon will gladly help you sign up for photo appointments, for the new Church Directory. Photo Days are May 16th, 3:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. and May 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.

#### Camp Registration and Dates

The first Summer Session at Camp Tippy is starting June 1st. A \$10.00 discount will be given if registration forms are postmarked by May 1st. Anyone wanting to attend camp, help in the Grandparent Program, apply for a camp scholarship, or sponsor a youth to attend camp, please see Lori Herrell for the forms and information. The camp schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Extra camp registrations may be picked up at the Welcome Center. Please have all registrations and fees in to Lori Herrell by April 27th. The church will contribute half of the registration fee.



Submitted by Clara Miller

## Summer Camp At Tippy

Here are the dates for camp at Tippecanoe and the different types of camp.

### Tippecanoe Camp

**June 1-7** Missions Camp 10-99 yr. Olds  
See Special Flyer

**June 15-19** Explorer Camp 2nd & 3rd  
Grades \$150.00

**June 20-21** 1st Timers Camp K-1st Grades  
\$65.00

**June 22-28** Trailblazer Camp 5th & 6th  
Grades \$225.00

**June 29-July 5** Music, Art 7 Drama Camp  
7-11th Grades \$225.00

**June 29-July 5** Outdoor Adventure Camp  
7th & 8th Grades \$235.00

**July 13-19** Aqua & Sr. High Camp 9th-8th  
Grades \$235.00

**July 20-26** Challenge Camp 7th & 8th  
Grade \$225.00

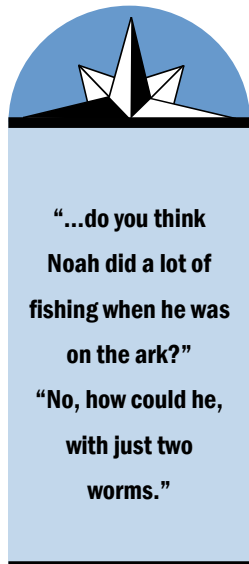
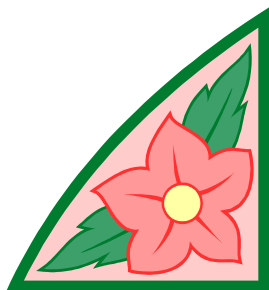
**July 27-Aug 2** Discovery Camp 3rd & 4th  
Grade \$225.00

**Aug 29-Sept 1** Family Camp Whole Family  
See Special Flyer

**Oct 25-26** Youth Mystery Night Youth  
Groups \$25.00

**Oct 25-26** Youth Mystery Night 6th -12th  
Grade \$25.00 for evening \$40.00 evening &  
overnight

*Submitted by Clara Miller*



## Little Children, Part 1

### LOT'S WIFE:

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

### GOOD SAMARITAN:

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the Roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

### DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark ?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

### HIGHER POWER:

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning How powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

### MOSES AND THE RED SEA :

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother

what he had learned in Sunday School. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt . When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD:

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

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*Submitted by Marcia Norris*

## MBC Recipes

### Angel Lush with Pineapple

#### Ingredients:

1 pkg. (4 oz. serving size) Jello Vanilla Instant Pudding & Pie Filling  
1 20 oz. can Crushed pineapple, undrained

1 c. Thawed Cool Whip Topping

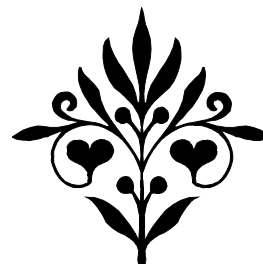
1 pkg. (10 oz.) prepared round Angel Food Cake

Seasonal Berries

#### Preparation: (15 minutes prep time)

Mid dry pudding mix and the pineapple with the juice in a medium bowl. Gently stir in the whipped topping. Let stand for 5 minutes. Cut cake horizontally into 3 layers. Place bottom layer with cut side up on the cake plate. Spread 1 1/3 cup of filling on the cake layer. Cover with second cake layer. Spread 1 cup of filling on the middle layer. Place top of cake on with top side up. Spread remaining filling over cake. Refrigerate for one hour. Sprinkle berries on top before serving.

*Submitted by Clara Miller*



## Prayers For Tough Times

### When I Feel Depleted

Almighty God, when I humble myself and confess my aching need for You, You lift me up and grant me opportunities beyond my imagination. When I try to make it on my own, claiming recognition for myself, eventually I become proud and self-sufficiently arrogant. Keeping up a front of adequacy becomes demanding. Pride blocks my relationship with You and debilitates deep, supportive relationships with others.

Father, help me accept my humanity. I need You, and life is a struggle when I pretend I have it all together. I come to you with honest confession of the times I forgot You -- went for hours, even days, without asking for Your help, and endured life's pressures as if I could be my own source of strength.

I invite You to fill my depleted resources with Your Spirit. I want to let You love me, forgive me, renew me, and grant me fresh joy. To this end I admit my needs and except Your power.

Thank You for the problems that make me more dependent on You for guidance and strength. When I have turned to You in the past, You have given me strength and skills I needed. Thank You, Lord, for taking me as I am with all my human weaknesses, and using me for Your glory. May I always be known for the immensity of my gratitude -- my thankfulness for the way the You pour out Your wisdom and vision when I humbly cry out to You

for help. I am profoundly grateful. In Christ, my dear Savior's name.

*"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble"...Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

James 4:6, 10

*Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7

If evil at its overwhelming worst has already been met and mastered, as in Jesus Christ it has; if God has got His hands on this baffling mystery of suffering and its direct, most defiant form, it turned its most awful triumph into uttermost, irrevocable defeat; if that in fact has happened, and on the infinitely lesser scale of our own union with Christ through faith? In heartbreaking things that happen to us, those mental agonies, those spiritual midnights of the soul, we are *"more than conquerors,"* not through our own valor or stoic resolution, not three creed or code or philosophy, but *"through Him who loved us"* -- through the thrust and pressure of the invading grace of Christ.

-- James S. Stewart --

*from Praying Through Tough Times  
by Lloyd John Ogilvie*



**"Thank You, Lord,  
for taking me as I  
am with all my  
human weaknesses,  
and using me for  
Your glory."**



## Faith's Checkbook

### He Freely Gives

*"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"*

Romans 8:32

If this is not a promise in form, it is in fact. Indeed, it is more than one promise, it is a conglomerate of promises. It is a mass of rubies, and emeralds, and diamonds, with a nugget of gold for their setting. It is a question which can never be answered so as to cause us any anxiety of heart. What can the LORD deny us after giving us Jesus? If we need all things in heaven and earth, He will grant them to us: for if there had been a limit anywhere, He would have kept back His own Son.

What do I want today? I have only to ask

for it. I may seek earnestly, but not as if I had to use pressure and extort an unwilling gift from the LORD's hand; for He will give freely. Of His own He gave us His own Son. Certainly no one would have proposed such a gift to Him. No one would have ventured to ask for it. It would have been too presumptuous. He freely gave His Only-begotten, and, O my soul, canst thou not trust thy heavenly Father to give thee anything, to give thee everything? Thy poor prayer would have no force with Omnipotence if force were needed; but His love, like a spring, rises of itself and overflows for the supply of all thy needs.

Charles H. Spurgeon

*Submitted by Troy Pennie*



**"Many lives lie ship wrecked at the bottom of the sea of life because of a single distraction... Fortunately, we have a...Captain of the ship, who is never distracted."**



## Cyber Ministries

### Distractions

Author: Pastor Chuck

*"But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and find you out."*

Scripture: Numbers 32:23 NIV

How in the whole, wide Pacific Ocean can a sophisticated, hi tech, billion dollar submarine surface and accidentally run into a fishing vessel? It is incomprehensible to me. You may have heard of this tragic story which happened some time ago off the coast of Hawaii. The Japanese vessel with 26 people aboard sunk within a few minutes and now rests at 2033 feet on the sea floor. Only 17 survived. Lost were three crew members, two teachers and four high school students who were learning the fishing trade.

One newspaper reported a crew member on the sub said that civilians on board distracted him from his job of plotting sonar contacts, a key function in determining the location of any possible nearby vessels. Investigators strained for an explanation to try to make sense of it.

I can only imagine the young man's thought process at the time. *"This is a huge ocean, and really, what is the likelihood of anything being above us? I can slack off for a moment and have a chat with a civilian."* He dropped his guard to do something that seemed somewhat

innocuous. After all, you don't want to run your life by the book all of the time, eh?

Whether or not the story happened exactly like that, I don't know. But, I do know there are many things that distract us from a faithful Christian walk. Our thought processes sometimes sound similar to that of the young sailor: *"I have a long life ahead of me; I can take a break from my faithful walk for a moment or two and misrepresent the truth - just this one time."* Maybe it is *"just this once"* being unfaithful to my spouse (if not in action, then in mind). Or giving in to my anger, *"just this once."* What harm could it do, just this once?

Many lives lie shipwrecked at the bottom of the sea of life because of a single distraction. Sure, nothing may happen - this once. But, then again, the Pacific Ocean was pretty big and the Lord says: *"be sure your sin will find you out."*

Fortunately, we have a Crew member, no-a Captain of the ship, who is never distracted.

Prayer: Father help me eliminate the distractions in my life that keep me from you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Pastor Bill  
Christian Cyber Ministries  
<http://www.ccm4me.org/signup.htm>

### Calendar Of Events

#### April

**1st** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**1st** Wellness Class 5:00 pm  
**2nd** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**7th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**8th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**9th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**10th** ABWM Meeting 7:00 pm  
**14th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm

**15th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**15th** Wellness Class 5:00 pm  
**16th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**19th** ABWM Annual Fund-raiser Breakfast at MBC Church Fellowship Hall 6:00-10:00 am  
**21st** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**22nd** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

**23rd** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**24th** Christian Ed & VBS Meeting 6:30 pm  
**24th** Church Business Meeting 7:00 pm  
**28th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**29th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**30th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm



#### May

**5th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**6th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**6th** Wellness Class 5:00 pm  
**7th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**8th** ABWM Meeting 7:00 pm  
**12th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm

**13th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**14th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**19th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**20th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**20th** Wellness Class 5:00 pm

**21st** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**26th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**27th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**28th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm

#### June

**2nd** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**3rd** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**3rd** Wellness Class 5:00 pm  
**7th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**9th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**10th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

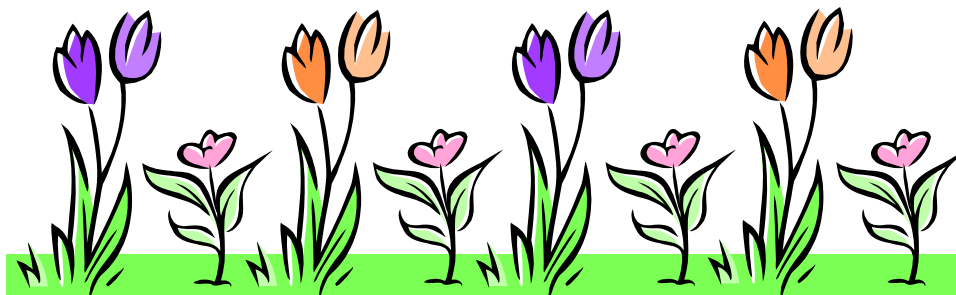
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**17th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**17th** Wellness Class 5:00 pm  
**18th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm

**23rd** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm  
**24th** Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
**25th** Crossroads 6:30-8:00 pm  
**30th** Spiritual Lites Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm

*Submitted by Clara Miller*



**If you know of an Event, Birthday or Anniversary you would like to see listed here, please contact Bev Bowman**



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*"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed,  
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God and the Father by  
him."*

—Colossians 3:16 KJV