



Morning Star Church of Christ

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Welcome to The Morning Star Church of Christ. Our church meets at The Willoughby Christian Church. Sunday Bible classes are at 11:00 a.m. and services are at 12:15 p.m. Thursday Bible classes are at 7:00 p.m. for adults and children.

Food for the Journey

This past week, I found the following articles from a devotional book entitled *Listening to Your Life* by Frederick Buechner. I thought these were especially helpful in light of my recent sermon series on completing a life review. I hope you find them helpful.

I discovered that if you really keep your eye peeled to it and your ears open, if you really pay attention to it, even such a limited and limiting life as the one I was living on Rupert Mountain opened up onto extraordinary vistas. Taking your children to school and kissing your wife goodbye. Eating lunch with a friend. Trying to do a decent day's work. Hearing the rain patter against the window. There is no event so commonplace but that God is present within it, always hiddenly, always leaving you room to recognize him or not to recognize him, but all the more fascinatingly because of that, all the more compellingly and hauntingly . . . If I were called upon to state in a few words the essence of everything I was trying to say both as a novelist and as a preacher, it would be something like this: Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

The question is not whether the things that happen to you are chance things or God's things because, of course, they are both at once. There is no chance thing through which God cannot speak – even the walk from the house to the garage that you have walked ten thousand times before, even the moments when you cannot believe there is a God who speaks at all anywhere. He speaks, I believe, and the words he speaks are incarnate in the flesh and blood of our selves and of our own footsore and sacred journeys. We cannot live our lives constantly looking back, listening back, lest we be turned to pillars of longing and regret, but to live without listening at all is to live deaf to the fullness of the music. Sometimes we avoid listening for fear of what we may hear, sometimes for fear that we may hear nothing at all but the empty rattle of our own feet on the pavement. But “*be not afraid, for lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*” He says he is with us on our journeys. He says he has been with us since each of our journeys began. Listen for him. Listen to the sweet and bitter airs of your present and your past for the sound of him.

THOSE SERVING FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:

Today's preaching will be done by Micheal West. The usher will be Larry Wilhelm. Song leader will be Bob Bonnell. Josh Meeks has opening prayer, Micheal West has prayer of intercession and Mike Tankersley has closing prayer. Dan Spence has communion and Larry Wilhelm, Aaron West and Josh Meeks will assist him. Alternate assistant will be Mahlon Tennant.

IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUESTS

- ?? Jerrie (Larry and Flo's daughter) will be going for an ultrasound next week to check the fluid on the brain of baby girl.
- ?? Larry Wilhelm's Aunt Sue passed away this week.
- ?? Marge Tennant hurt her knee and may need surgery.
- ?? Eugene Price has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be going for further testing next week.
- ?? Danette (friend of Amy Burwell) will be having a biopsy on her thyroid.
- ?? Steve Cirino (friend of Bob Bonnell and Norm Meeks) cut off his index finger.
- ?? Augie Bruno (friend of Dan Spence) had surgery and the doctors think they got all the cancer.
- ?? Daisy Tankersley had surgery last week and is home recuperating.
- ?? Matt and April Adaire (Daisy Tankersley's daughter and son-in-law) are looking for employment.
- ?? Dennis Tankersley (Daisy's husband) has been transferred to a new facility. You can send cards to: Dennis Tankersley, 522146, Madison Correctional Inst., P.O. Box 740, London, Ohio 43140.
- ?? Myndi Allen's mother is still experiencing some health issues and will be going to see a doctor at the Cleveland Clinic .

ON-GOING PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following people who are suffering from cancer:

Nancy (sister of Flo Wilhelm's sister in law, Valerie Evans' stepsister (Mary), Marge Tennant's brother-in-law, Dave Wojcik (friend of Ken Allen), Myndi Allen's Uncle Sherm and Aunt Peg, David Ward (friend of Norm Meeks), Eddy (friend of the Wilhelms), John Russell's wife (friend of John Addison), Harold Tidd's daughter, Bob Glover

Please pray for the following people who are having health problems:

Rachel Wiant, Flo Wilhelm, Kathe Addison, Alice Addison, Arturo Rea, Valerie Evans' father, Glenn Dunlop (friend of Norm Meeks), Norm Meeks' father, Mike Lackner's sister, Marge Tennant's niece, Bryn Wolanski, Ruth Bell, June Young, Florence Nichols, Rachel and Brian Petti, Gladys Skidmore, Ruth Glover, Mike Lackner

Please keep Chris Zukoski in your prayers as he is in Iraq again.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 25: Regular potluck after services
- March 29: Jim Zukoski's birthday
- March 31: Rick Takac's birthday
- March 31: June Young's birthday
- April 1: Sing at Manor Care after soup and sandwich potluck
- April 5: Ken Allen's birthday
- April 6: Family Enrichment at the Allen's at 7:00 p.m.
- April 8: Easter Sunday
- April 15: Potluck at Cici's after services
- April 20: Family Enrichment at the Allen's at 7:00 p.m.
- April 22: Regular potluck after services

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ?? The food pantry needs restocked. Please bring in any non-perishable items.
- ?? The amount collected on March 18, 2007 was \$610.00 and there were 45 people in attendance.
- ?? The website for Morning Star Church of Christ is www.morningstarchurchofchrist.org.

Please give the following prayer request or concern to the person with prayer of intercession:

Please put your suggestions on improving the worship services below and place in the can by the song books.
