

"The Link"

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"My Kids Keep Teaching Me How to Pray. I have so much in my head. I need to pray a lot."

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Last week, I was putting Penny to bed, and she was all wiggly. She could probably tell I was getting impatient, because she said, pointing to her forehead, "I have so much in my head. I need to pray a lot." I smiled at the time, but since then I've thought about her words more and more. When I have "so much" in my head, I tend to toss and turn in my bed. Or make lists. Or just start doing things.

This year, my only attempt at a Lenten "discipline" has come in the form of prayer. I'm using David and Jeanie Gushee's lovely book, *Yours is the Day, Lord, Yours is the Night*. It's a compilation of prayers throughout the ages, and from the whole spectrum of the Christian communion. And so far, one week in, I'm grateful for those few minutes as I wake and as I turn off the light, to remind myself of God's presence and care in my life and in our world.

Last week we were driving, and I caught Marilee in the rear-view mirror. She had pinched her eyes shut and clasped her hands together. "Tank you God food. Tank you God Mommy Da-ee. Tank you God Peh-ee, Wiyum."

Meanwhile, William has been puzzling through the idea that God can be within us and all around us. "Do you think God is in us? He is!" he said to Penny at the breakfast table. My back was turned, and I heard Penny reply, "I think God is all over the world!"

So Penny's words about prayer and Marilee's spontaneous gratitude and William's reminder of God's immanence were just right for this Lent, as we prepare for Easter. I could so easily forget to pray. I could so easily forget God's presence. We move for the fourth and final time on March 4th. I'm hoping to finalize a book proposal between now and then. We all need to go to the dentist. Penny needs to see the audiologist and the physiatrist. We are starting to think about summer camps.

I have so much in my head.

I need to pray a lot.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12:15 Property 12:30 WMU	2 7 pm Finance	3 7 pm Deacons	4 7 pm Business	5 11 am 3 Score & more 7 pm Pastor Search Comm	6	7 Turn clocks ahead one hour
8 Daylight savings time	9	10	11	12 7 pm Pastor Search Comm	13	14
15	16	17	18 6 pm Family Night Dinner	19 7 pm Pastor Search Comm	20	21
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Bible Wordsearch

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Matt.3:5-17

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John the Baptist 2

BROOD	ABRAHAM
CLEAR	BAPTIZE
DOVE	BURNING
FATHER	COMING
FIRE	CHILDREN
FRUIT	GALILEE
FULFILL	JORDAN
JESUS	KEEPING
JOHN	LIGHTING
JUDEA	PLEASED
LOVE	POWERFUL
PEOPLE	PRODUCE
PROPER	OPENED
RAISE	REGION
SPIRIT	SANDALS
VIPERS	STONES
VOICE	THROWN
WHEAT	WARNED
	WRATH

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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DIRTY CUPS

Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

What you do:

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups ³/₄ full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.



March 7th

Before you go to bed, turn your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Savings Time Begins.



March 5th- Howard Hedrick

March 7th- Paulette Gray

March 21st- Crystal Pugh

March 22nd- Danny Creasy

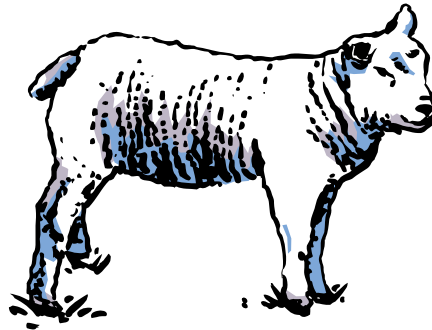
Birthdays

? Bible Quiz?

An Old Testament prophet wrote the following words about Jesus: 'He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.'

Who wrote those words?

- A. Amos
- B. Jonah
- C. Jeremiah
- D. Isaiah



Answer above the calendar

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To Run the Church Monthly:

Monthly requirement: \$8416

Weekly requirement: \$2104

Offering February: \$3706.40

Under for the month: (\$4709.60)



When an elderly woman asked a church usher to seat her close to the pulpit, he tried to talk her out of it. "If you sit up front you won't be able to sleep." He said.

The woman looked the usher square in the face and asked, "Do you know who I am?"

"No, I don't." He responded.

"Well," she said firmly. "I'm the preacher's mother."

Fully embarrassed, the usher asked. "Do you know who I am?"

"No." She answered,

"Good!" Whisped the fellow. "Sit anywhere you want."

A Note from the secretary:

If your birthday isn't listed, please let me know, if it doesn't show up, I don't have it, and if you have anything that you would like to announce in the newsletter please let me know, thanks!!



Springs Coming!!!!

March 20th