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Erasers of the Heart

Erasers are the nicest things!
Of that there is no doubt;
We write wrong words—a
few quick swipes
And big mistakes fade out.

And you will find erasers
Of a very different kind
Extremely helpful if you will
try
To bear these facts in
mind:

When you bump someone
in a crowd
And almost knock him
down,
A soft "I'm sorry" may bring
smiles
And rub out that old
frown.

Apologies, invariably,
Obliterate mistakes;
And three small words, "I
love you!"
Can erase the worst
heartaches.
—Author unknown

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Spring, 2019

The cover article on apologies seems to refer to a lost art—admitting that we're not perfect and asking forgiveness. Whether between nations, political parties, public figures, co-workers, neighbors, or family members, contrition goes a long way in mending fences and building bridges. And it is the first step in sinful people's being reconciled to God. "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise (Psalm 51:17)."

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 6th this year), at which time believers in the true God of the Bible join the ancient Job in admitting, "I have uttered what I did not understand...I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees thee [spiritually]; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes (Job 42:3b, 5-6)."

Is your faith based only on what you have heard from others about God? Or have you been convicted by the Holy Spirit of your sinfulness and therefore humbly confessed to Him your need and acceptance of Christ's atoning work on the cross? Having apologized from the heart to the Lord, every Christian is assured of His forgiveness and is enabled to share in the giving and receiving of forgiveness with others.

As we all look forward to the new life of Spring, may we each demonstrate the new life of love the risen Christ has given us in all our relationships! (See II Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2.)

Pastor Dirk

Birthdays

(Please inform Pastor of any members or attenders not listed)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 - Alfred Baack	4 - Jonathan Otusanya	23 - Christina Coates
2 - Matthew Charles	6 - Nathan Spalding	23 - Tony Mansolino, Sr.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 - Guerschon Dorilus	9 - Zoe Wright	18 - Angel Otusanya
3 - Harry Kiesel	13 - Jerry Tate	19 - Odette Lompo
4 - Wayne Kosik	15 - Lynwood Roberts	22 - Bruce Brown
6 - Wendy Overlander	15 - Emily Overlander	23 - Dolly Willing
8 - Raymond Dorilus	16 - Christina Manero	24 - Maeghan Coates
8 - Aser Ossel	17 - Marlene Williams	27 - Paul Lepore
8 - Juanita Falice	18 - Jimmy Coates	

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5 - Dina Chereus	10 - C.J. Mignott	29 - Louise Mignott
7 - Dale Ainsley	13 - Kathy Lynch	31 - David Bainbridge
7 - Elaine Brooks	24 - Will Coates	31 - Paul Mansolino

PRAISE and PRAYER – Spring, 2019 (March - May)

NOTE: New individual prayer requests will only be put on the list for 1 quarter unless an update is received by Pastor by the 3rd Sunday of the 3rd month. Thanks for praying and for helping to keep the list current.

PRAISE God for:

- * God's effecting His plan for the world, including our Salvation
- * Our church: - Generous Thanksgiving & Christmas offerings (1/2 for Haitian relief)
 - 1/20 visit of Missionaries Walter & Florence Grob
 - 2/2 Bowling fellowship
 - 2/23 Blood Drive
 - Weekly Ministries, incl. Sunday School, Bible Study, Prayer, Choir, CRT, Youth
- * Our nation: - Many freedoms & blessings, including the responsibility of praying for our leaders
- * Our families: - Thankfulness for our blessings & concern for others' needs – incl. Paul Lepore's nephew, Tiovanni, after mother's death
 - Births of Dina Cherelus' & Jean Edouard Ulysse's first child, Jonathan Ulysse (11/1); Marie & Phillipe Ossel's daughter, Avichayil (1/30)
 - College & career students: Brian Manero, Juanita Falice, C.J. Mignott, Gina Lepore, Joel Watson;
Graduate School students: Joe Ballantine, Christina Manero; Serviceman: Demetrius Cardwell
 - At a distance: Dr. Harry & Irene Kiesel, Dolly Willing, Edna Witzke, Zoe Wright
- * Answered prayers: (Please inform Pastor....) improved health: Ellen Howell (tests negative); Courtney Ballantine; Merrie Coates' sister-in-law (good recup. fr. cancer surg.); job: Itania Dorilus

PRAY for:

- * Salvation from sin, and Eternal Life for family, friends, all contacts
- * Growing love for God, time with Him in prayer (esp. Sats., 10:30am & Day of Silent Prayer, 3/2)
- * Marriages and families' relationships to honor God, set godly examples
- * Pilgrim's Church ministries, to further God's work – incl. Missions
- * Missionaries' safety & fruitful ministries
- * International, National, State, & Local Authorities – to promote **world peace and stability**, esp. an end to multi-year violence in Cameroon, and recurring violence in Haiti
- * Job situations: Bruce Brown; Chris Coates; Dale Ainsley (green card awaited); Courtney Ballantine
- * Housing : Dorilus & Mignott families
- * Food Pantry (see weekly bulletins for items needed) and Deacons Benevolent Fund: to help meet families' needs
- * God's Touch – members & attenders of Pilgrim (shut-ins or current needs):
Dave & Joanne Ballantine (spiritual strength/wisdom); Maeghan Coates (torn knee cartilage); Ruth Lepore (knees); Kathy Lynch (leg blood clot); Cathy Menzel (M.S. issues); Drew Menzel (God's wisdom); Marie Ossel (baby, job & classes); Megan Overlander (M.S.); Dolly Willing (M.S., speech & phys. therapy); Edna Witzke (102nd healthy year); Zoe Wright (rheum. arthritis, polymyalgia)
- * God's Touch – friends, relatives, co-workers:
Dave Ballantine's mother, Doris (worsening Alzheimer's dementia); Dave's friend, Bill Cliff (gums surg. recup.); Elli Berky (much pain); Bruce Brown's brother, Eric (back tumor & general health); Raymond Dorilus' sister (can't speak, not eating); Lynda Kosik's great-niece, Emily (brain cancer, multiple tumors); Lynda's brother-in-law, Rick (open heart surg., 3/13); Mansolinos' neighbor, Ann (liver cancer); Cathy Menzel's bro., Thomas (colon cancer); Pastor's mother (physical strength); Dolly Willing's sister, Ruth (lung disease/coughing) & her husband, Bill (Parkinson's)
- * N.A.B. related: Rev. Larry Burd (ministry to Atlantic Association pastors/churches); Alice Zeeb (Alzheimer's)
- * Grief: families of Rev. John Ziegler (former Area Minister – d. 12/14); Joe Mullen (d. 1/22); Tony Ferrigno (father of Pilgrim's Tony – d. 2/9); Paul Lepore's sister, Deborah (d. 2/15); Jean Kraemer (d. 2/16)
- * Your Requests:

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
*Youth Boys meet Sundays at 1:00pm.					1	2 7:00 Day of Prayer
3 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 Worship & Communion 12:15 Trustees	4 4:30 Youth Girls at Coates	5 7:30 Bible Study	6 Ash Wednesday	7 2:00 CRT 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9 10:30 Prayer Gathering 7:00 Fun Night
10 Daylight Savings Time 9:45 SS all ages 10:30 Kaffee Klatsch 11:00 Worship 12:15 Deacons	11 4:30 Youth Girls	12 7:30 Bible Study	13	14 2:00 CRT 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal	15	16 10:30 Prayer Gathering
17 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 Worship	18 4:30 Youth Girls	19 7:30 Bible Study	20 1:00 Church Council	21 2:00 CRT 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal	22	23 10:30 Prayer Gathering
24 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 Worship	25 4:30 Youth Girls	26 7:30 Bible Study	27	28 2:00 CRT 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal	29	30 10:30 Prayer Gathering
31 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 Worship & Missions Offering 12:15 Lunch & White Cross Bandages						

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