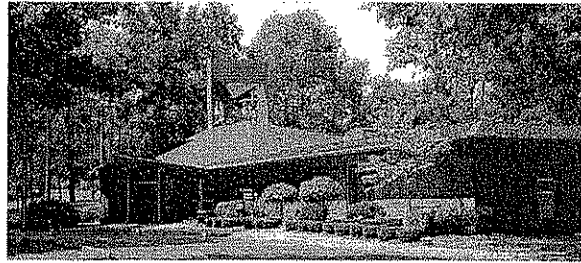


REDEEMING TIMES
NEW BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 2007



Dear Members and Friends of New Bedford Church,

Mother's Day is the 13th of May. Father's Day is the 17th of June. We are reminded how critical our families are. We as parents and we as a church family need to keep our children in prayer. I invite you to spend this time between Mother's Day and Father's Day to have a special time of prayer for our children. Next to this letter is a prayer chart that was first printed by the ReNew Network for Christian Women. Pray very specifically for your own children. Pray for you grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to these prayers, please go through the Directory and select a family in the church and daily pray for the children of that family. It is not easy in this day and age to be a parent. It is not easy in this day and age to grow up as an obedient child of God. The pressures and temptations to make wrong choices are constantly present. We need to surround our children with love and with prayer. Join me and make this a season of prayer! You may also want to daily look up the text that is part of the prayer chart. Be in prayer and be in the Word.

Finally, I want to once again urge parents to register your children for Seneca Hills this Summer. There are camps for children from Kindergarten to 12th grade. A week at camp will be an opportunity to grow in faith and make wonderful friends. The church pays 1/2 the camp fees. Sign up today!

Faithfully Yours,

Doug

Praying for our children

1. Salvation Lord, I pray that my children would obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, eternal glory. 2 Tim. 2:10.	2. God's Grace I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18.	3. Love Father, grant that my children would learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who lives in them. Eph. 5:2.	4. Integrity Lord, may integrity and uprightness protect my children because their hope is in you. Psalm 25:21.	5. Self Control Father, help my children not be like many others, but to be alert and self-controlled in all they do. 1 Thess. 5:6.	6. Love for God's Word Lord, may my children regard your Word as more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. Psalm 19:10.	7. Justice God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do. Psalm 11:7 & Micah 6:8.
8. Mercy Oh Father, grant that my children would be full of mercy and compassion as you are Lord. James 5:11.	9. Respect Lord, help my children to show proper respect to everyone, as your Word commands. 1 Peter 2:17.	10. Self Esteem God, help my children develop a strong self esteem rooted in the realization that they are Your workmanship. Eph. 2:10.	11. Faithfulness Let faithfulness never leave my children, but bind this virtue around their necks.	12. Courage Lord, may my children always be strong and courageous in their character and their actions. Deut. 31:6.	13. Purity Create in my children pure hearts, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their lives. Psalm 51:10.	14. Kindness Father, I pray that my children would be kind to each other and to everyone else. 1 Thess. 5:15.
15. Generosity Lord, I pray my children would be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share. 1 Tim. 6:18.	16. Peace Loving Father God, help my children make every effort to do what leads to peace. Romans 14:19.	17. Joy Heavenly Father, grant that my children would be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 1 Thess. 1:6.	18. Perseverance Lord, teach my children to persevere in all they do, and help them run with perseverance the race set before them. Heb. 12:1.	19. Humility God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all. Titus 3:2.	20. Compassion Holy Father, I pray that You would clothe my children with the virtue of compassion. Col. 3:12.	21. Responsibility Lord, grant that my children would learn to be responsible, for each one should carry his own load. Gal. 6:5.
22. Contentment Father, teach my children the secret of being content in every situation, through Him who gives them strength. Phil. 4:12-13.	23. Faith Lord, help my children to fight the good fight of faith, taking hold of the eternal life to which they were called. 1 Tim. 6:12.	24. A Servant's Heart God, help my children develop servants' hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly. Eph. 6:7.	25. Hope God of hope, grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.	26. Patience God, strengthen my children with all power, so that they may have great endurance and patience. Col. 1:11.	27. Passion for the Lord Lord, I pray my children's souls would pant for You as the deer pants for streams of water. Psalm 42:1.	28. Wisdom Father, I pray my children would ask and that You would generously give wisdom to them as You promise. James 1:5.
29. Prayerfulness I ask that my children would be committed to prayer, and not faint, lose heart or give up. Luke 18:1.	30. Gratitude Lord, help my children to live lives that are overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to You. Eph. 5:20.	31. Boldness I pray that my children would fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel of Christ Jesus. Eph. 6:19.		Using this calendar will allow you to pray 31 different Biblical virtues into your children.	Use it as a guide each month, combining some of the traits for months that do not have 31 days.	Claim and believe that God is working each one of these virtues into your children's lives.

SESSION NOTES

We have three Bible Studies that continue to meet each week. We are thankful for those who meet in the small groups to study God's Word.

Sunday evening at 6:30P.M. a study meets at the home of Jane Eppinger. The study for the next few weeks will be "In the Dust of the Master" a Focus on the Family study on Discipleship.

Also on Sunday evenings a group meets at the home of the Runyans. Their study is on "Heaven". For these two studies babysitting is available at the church.

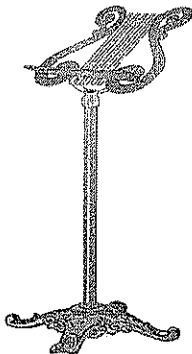
On Tuesday afternoons Lillian Fulkman leads a study at the church continuing their study on the book of Revelation. This study is almost finished and a new book and topic will be picked soon. It's never too late to join one of the studies.

NEW PRAYER CHAIN LIST

Included in this newsletter there is a new prayer chain list. Please study it and find out who you are to call. ALL CALLS TO START THE PRAYER CHAIN SHOULD GO TO DIANA HALT OR CINDY BELL. They in turn will call the list leaders who are marked with an *.

DEDICATION

This coming Sunday, May 6, during worship service we will be dedicating the music stand that the choir bought in memory of George Fynes and also the video projectors which were given as a memorial gift.



GRADUATES

If you have someone graduating this year (from high school or college) please let us know in the church office. Don't assume that we know all the graduates—we don't!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP LUNCHEON

On May 20th following worship please plan to stay for a Turkey and Biscuit Lunch. Donations will be accepted to build a small house in San Luis, Mexico.

SYMPATHY

As brothers and sisters in Christ, our congregation extends sincere sympathy to Rosalie Black and family at the death of her mother Julia Diezman of April 5th.

Our congregation extends love, support and sympathy to the family of Donna Ealy who entered her eternal rest this past month. It was a long, hard struggle for Donna and we rejoice that she has gone home to be with her Lord. Please continue to pray for the Ealy, Bicehouse and Halt families during this trying time.

Sympathy is extended to Jimmy Buxton, the Buxton family the Rubino family at the death of Jimmy's great grandmother Carmello Rubino recently.

To June Smith and family at the death of their uncle Dale Crawford this past week.

To our own church families who have lost loved ones and to the families and friends of students and faculty of Virginia Tech who were killed or injured this past month we offer our sympathy and concern as we remember Psalm 30:5b:

"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning".

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Women of our church have been invited to the Prayer Breakfast to be held at the West Middlesex Presbyterian Church on May 22, 2007 at 9:30A.M. The speaker will be Rev. Charles Crane. He will be speaking on "The Role of the Navy Chaplain Today"

Reservations should be in by May 18th if possible. All who come are encouraged to bring men and/or women's personal toiletry items. The items will be sent to service men and women to show our appreciation for their service to our country.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Eileen Oskowski-----	May 2
Ray Pence-----	2
Debi Fynes-----	2
Tish Kauffman-----	2
Grant Dieter-----	5
Mailee Whiting-----	8
Rona Hilliard-----	8
Kim Runyan-----	9
Tyler Thompson-----	11
Doris Spence-----	12
Diane Fulkman-----	15
Doug Wallace-----	16
Erin Elmer-----	18
Isabella DeVite-----	19
Ashley Shaffer-----	19
Mariah Carna-----	24
Nancy Templeton-----	24
Harvey Haines-----	24
Roy Komar-----	27
Natalie Bell-----	30
Jim Boyer-----	30
Dave Cuscino-----	31
Charlotte Wallace-----	31



WOMEN'S NEWS

- The Elizabeth Circle met on Tuesday evening, May 1st at the church
- The Deborah Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 9:00A.M.
- The Rebecca Circle will meet on Monday, May 21st at the church 7:00P.M.
- The Lydia Circle will meet at the church on May 21st at 7:30P.M.

LADIES: We will be starting a Beth Moore Bible Study on Monday, June 4th at 7:00P.M. and continue for 12 weeks. We will determine a topic soon. The cost of the book will be \$15.00. Beth Moore is a renowned Bible teacher and we are excited about this new challenge.

Please come and join us. Each study will last about 2 hours with a DVD lesson and discussion to follow. There is some homework (or devotions) that pertain to each lesson.

“Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”

Proverbs 31:30

MOTHER- DAUGHTER BANQUET

(For all women of the church)

The Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held here at the church on Thursday, My 10th at 6:00P.M. The meat, rolls and beverage will be furnished. Each family (according to the first initial of your last name) should bring a casserole, salad, or potato dish. The program for the evening is

“An Evening With A Clown”

A - D -----	Dessert
E - I-----	Potato dish
J - P-----	Vegetable dish
Q - Z-----	Salad



Please note that we have to have an approximate number of people coming so we can set the tables accordingly. Someone will be in the vestibule on Sunday morning sign you up. Hope to see you all there.

The Ladies who were on the Retreat at the Castle raised over \$245.00 for various missions.

1/3 will go to the Castle

1/3 will go to the Women's Shelter (New Castle)

1/3 will go to Heifer International (the Ark)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

There are still several directories that have not been picked up. They are on the table in the vestibule. If you have not gotten yours stop by any day and pick them up

Please remember the following people who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have ask for prayer.

Charlotte Wallace-----	Jameson Care Center
Justin Dillon-----	Home
Katharine Bell-----	Cedar Manor
Shirley Ruby-----	At home
Verda Hepler-----	Home
Dee Haines-----	Home at Harvey Jr.'s
Gladys Barnhart-----	Home
Lauretta Black-----	Home
Gertie Bretz-----	Overlook for therapy
Jack Doverspike-----	Home
Barb Gasset (June's sister)	Recovering from a stroke

ONES

The Ones will be going to the Cookery following worship service on May 6th.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family

We thank the Lord for Bob's successful surgery. Also we would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and well wishes.

Bob and Elaine Slagle

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There are no adequate words to thank my church family and friends for their prayers, cards, visits and help during my illness over the past several weeks. You have been so compassionate and I do thank all of you.
Charlotte Wallace

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Thank you to all those who signed up for Young Children at Worship. We are now all set until the end of August. Thanks again! Margie Matthews

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Thank you to my church family for the cards, calls, concern, prayers and for all the words of encouragement while I was hospitalized recently. I also thank Pastor Doug for his visits and prayers.
-Jack Doverspike

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After her long illness we know that Donna ran into the arms of Jesus. What a wonderful hope we have. Thank you ALL for your compassion, prayers, love, cards, visits, e-mails, and food sent in. We do feel God's loving arms supporting us.

The Ealy, Bicehouse and Halt families

DID YOU KNOW

- Bob and Rachel Whiting celebrated their **65th** wedding anniversary in March. Congratulations!
One of the ladies at the Retreat is quite a gun handler???????????????
- Frank and Shirley Davidson returned from a trip to Holland
- That sheep follow their shepherd, but goats often wander on their own because they think they know a better path and can see a better view.
- That February 2008 we will have our famous Family Fun Night. Be thinking about what your act will be .
- The Memorial Day Service will be held at the Monument on Saturday, May 26th at 11:00A.M. Pastor Doug will be the speaker.
- Also we will honor our veterans at worship service on May 27th.

YOUTH NEWS

TO ALL YOUTH AND CHURCH FAMILY

Our youth activities have been going well. Our Sunday nights continue with a time of Praise and Worship led by Pastor Doug followed by our Bible Studies. We thank Shirley Janoski for volunteering to lead the Jr. High's Bible Study since February. The kids miss you Shirley, but God has blessed us with another great leader. Todd Riachy began teaching Jr. highs Bible Study a few week ago and is doing a wonderful job. And it doesn't hurt that he has a killer arm when throwing a football. Well, actually it does hurt. Just ask Wes! Angela Houk is in charge of organizing the snack/activity time. If anyone is interested in providing a snack some Sunday evening, please contact Angela.

A few weeks ago we started a Fun and Fellowship time on Wednesdays from 4:30P.M. to 6:30P.M. Supper is provided and we play ping pong, board games, and just hang out. Our attendance is growing and I praise God for each one of you. This is such a busy time of year and we miss all of you athletes who are so busy with sports. I look forward to you joining us at the end of your seasons.

Don't forget the lock-in that's scheduled for May 18th. Whoever brings at least 5 friends gets to build an ice cream sundae on my head. Talk about a brain freeze! It's going to be a great time! I don't want to spoil all the activities but just to name a few we will be having a ping-pong tournament, singing karaoke, playing video games, making our own personal pizzas, and doing facials (girls only). You really won't want to miss it. And neither will you adults. So anyone who has a strong desire to stay up all night and be a chaperone, please let me know as soon as possible.

Calling all high school seniors

I would like to take you aboard the Gateway Clipper in Pittsburgh for a one hour sightseeing tour. Please be checking your schedules so we can arrange a time that works and let me know.

Prom time is here! I pray for each of our youth who will be attending the prom. This is such a memorable event in your life. Have a wonderful time and keep Christ first. Remember that He will be with you throughout the entire evening, as he is always. Make wise decisions and enjoy your night.

In Christ, Geniene

*Cindy Bell 724 652 7063 *Diana Halt 724 964 8208

*Sharon Book 724 964 8392

Jane Eppinger 724 964 8488
Pam Mortimer 724 964 8950
Evelyn Exley 724 964 8568
Sandy Courson 724 964 8877
Melvin Kauffman 724 964 8205

*Beginning
May 6 ☺*

*Wanda Boyles 724 652 4214

Bobby Morehead 724 964 8695
Nancy Phillis 724 964 8383
Darlene Robinson 724 654 8183
Bev Varano 724 964 8617
Diane McConnell 724 964 3611 ** no answering machine*

*Elaine Hepler 724 964 8189

Erma Gorley 724 964 8072
June Gates 724 964 8122
Gale Phillips 724 964 8449
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June, July + Aug only)*

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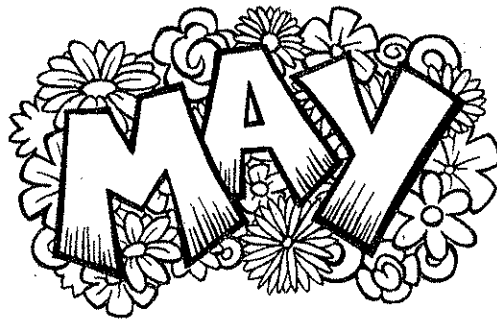
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