

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Dr. Dennis Pruett, a well-known medical missionary to Zimbabwe who suggested that God heals in three ways:

1) **Regenerative**

(Natural): God created our body to heal itself; daily it wards off potential disease, heals itself from wounds, infections and injuries. (Don't you wish our cars would repair themselves?) God deserves the credit because He created this marvelous body to regenerate itself!

2) **Reconstructive**

(Technological): This is the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes. God allows the scientific advancement that man has discovered to bring healing to the body (medicine,

surgeries, chemotherapy etc.). Again God deserves the credit because He is the author of all knowledge and the giver of every good gift.

3) **Restorative**

(Supernatural): Sometimes God touches us and miraculously heals us. God does it without any involvement from us. There is no human explanation. This is the method that gets the most press because it's miraculous and unexplainable. God deserves the credit because only He can perform miracles.

Rusty suggested that when we pray for healing, we should pray

that God would heal in any one of these three ways. But, remember, if the person does get well, no matter what the circumstances might be, God deserves the credit for the healing.

Good stuff! But I think it's helpful to consider a fourth way that God heals:

4) **Resurrection**

(Eternal): Not everyone receives a dramatic, earthly answer to prayer like JoAnn Sampson did. The same week we received the good news about JoAnn, another friend informed us that her sister had just died. Their family and friends also prayed for

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healing but she did not recover. Did God not answer that prayer? Did friends and family not have enough faith or pray with enough intensity?

Those of us who

Super Bowl/Super Sunday??

February is right around the corner, and with February comes the culmination of the professional football season—the Super Bowl. At this point, we know the New England Patriots will be taking on the Atlanta Falcons, and it will prove to be a battle of quarterbacks.

Many of you will watch this big football game. Many of you will watch simply for the entertainment; maybe watching the commercials is exciting to you.

Many of you are true fans of the NFL and want to see who is going to be the crowning champion of this season. Some of you are even strong fans of one of these teams and will be wholeheartedly cheering your team on for a potential victory, or maybe cheering on a team to victory because the opposing team won the league championship against your favorite team. Whatever the reason,

many of us will be prepared to watch, cheer, eat great “football food”, and enjoy the game.

I want to ask you a question. How different would our world be if we, as Christians, would take some of the time spent watching various sporting events and spend it serving others in the name of Christ? 1Peter 4:10 says *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve oth-*

ers, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. I am certainly not saying that watching or attending sporting or other events is bad. I am referring to the amount of time we spend doing other things rather than introducing people to Christ.

We are surrounded daily by people who are lost and headed to an eternity in hell. Are we bothered by that thought? Are we prepared to stand before

Serving in February

Greeters:

- 5—Dean & Sue Smethurst (A)
- 12—Tom & Cindy Horton (A)
- 19—Scott & Anne Bard (A)
- 26—Toby & Jane Runyan (A)

Communion Ministry:

- 5—Jim & Pat McPeak
- 12—Brock Rohrer
- 19—Adam Perry

26—Bob & Mary Lloyd

Prayer Warriors:

Jane Perry & Kim Snavely

Welcome Center:

- 5—Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45)
- 12—Lesley Shirkey (9); (9:45)
- 19—Jordan/Heather Day (9:45)



Please sign up if you would like to enter your chili in the contest on Sunday, February 5th. The Golden Bowl Trophy could be yours!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Vincent Girardot
- 4 Katelyn Farrell
- 7 Jacob Manges,
Logan Smith
- 9 Esther
Rosendaul, Danielle
Strouse

- 12 Cassidy Hughart
- 13 Ben Riehle
- 14 Dean Krill
- 17 Wendy Farrell
- 18 Roger Ellis, Doc Engel
- 21 Nora Altman, Esther Krill
- 24 Jan Piper, Kayla Stiverson
- 25 Katie Beerbower, Melissa
Beerbower
- 27 John Altman
- 28 Polly Slesman



- 4 Joe & Linda
Roberts (22)
- 14 Tom & Cin-
dy Horton (31)
- 15 Mark & Kelly
Breining (19)

The Current

The Current is a movement that has begun in Bryan and will take place each Saturday evening 5-6 PM in our worship center. This service will feature meaningful worship and practical biblical conversations with a laid-back vibe. All are welcome.

Family News

The church family extends her sympathy to the following families:

- ♥ Scott & Anne Bard on the **passing of Anne's mother, Marjorie Parker.**
- ♥ Gerry & Sandi Oberlin and family on the passing **of Gerry's father, Lloyd Oberlin.**



The 9th annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, hosted by the Mission Team and the Pancake & Sausage Committee will be held Thursday, March 23, 5:00

-7:00 PM. The free will offering will go toward the 2017 Mission Trip (to be determined). Frozen

one pound yummy **Jacoby's sausage patties** and casing links will be available for purchase for \$4 each.

FEBRUARY

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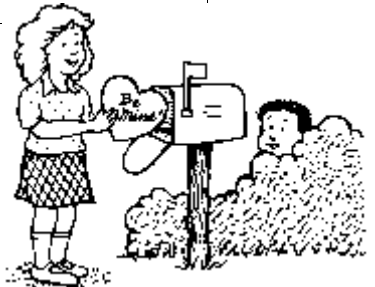
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			5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Fusion 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	9:30 Senior Seekers  GROUNDHOG DAY		5:00-6:00 The Current
5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:45 Chili Cook-off 6:00 Jr/Sr High Super Bowl Party	6	7 9:30 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 10:00 Craft Group	8 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 Fusion 6:30 Adult Bible Studies	9 9:30 Senior Seekers	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ 4 Seasons 5:00-6:00 The Current
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Make Disciples



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Facts & Figures

January 1	
Attendance SS	Worship 102
Offering	\$3,475.00
January 8	
Attendance SS 38	Worship 62/40/111
Offering	\$5,111.00
January 15	
Attendance SS 28	Worship 67/42/84
Offering	\$4,348.00
January 22	
Attendance SS 31	Worship ??/34/103
Offering	\$5,544.00
January 29	
Attendance SS Unity	Worship 40/115
Offering	\$2,839.00
Needed for Budget	\$5,828.86

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Kevin Bergman (GA), Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bright, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Norma Kuster, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Sna-

vely, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Tammy, Joe Vaccaro, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. *Other Concerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Amy Boyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Geri Cox, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridgway, Doc Engel, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Madelon Salisbury, Esther Krill, Alex & Kendra Anderson, Maryann Mitchell, Janet McCarthy, Lola Pardee, Mary Jane Sweebe, Cheryl Towers; *Shut Ins:* Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Lin-

da Lewis Fairlawn Haven: Gerald Wetmore, *Genesis:* Geri Cox, Vivian Holdsworth, *The Lakes of Monclova:* Roger Ellis, The Commons of Providence Road: Barbara Hake.





Inclement Weather Policy

Level 1: All services will proceed as scheduled. Level 2 at 6:00 Sunday morning: All services will be cancelled. Level 3: All services will be cancelled. Please check the following sources for church news: WBNO, WBCL, and our church website (www.bryanfcc.org).

are believers need to remember that we're not promised God will always heal us if we just believe and pray fervently. If He did, no Christian would ever die. It's not that we lack faith or that the person who dies didn't believe strongly enough. God chooses to make some people physically well, but in His Sovereign will, He allows others to die so they will be made perfect for eternity.

First Corinthians 15:51-52 promises, *"Listen, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."* God doesn't promise to heal everyone physically. But God does promise to give us new resurrected bodies in which there will be no pain, no sorrow, no tears, no decay and no death.

So while God chooses to make some people well temporarily on earth, He chooses to make others perfect eternally in heaven. That means praying Christians can't lose. God is going to heal us one way or another. That may sound like circular logic or a cop-out to a skeptic. But to those who know the Lord Jesus, it sounds like hope. To us it's called faith...faith in the ultimate goodness of a God who has already demonstrated the power to conquer the grave in Jesus Christ.

That's why the Apostle Paul wrote, *"...Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain"* (Philippians 1:18-21).

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Destined to win,

Larry Snavelly



and how we worked to accomplish the command that Jesus gave us to go into all the world (Matt 28:19)? I challenge all of us to be more aware of all of those around us, of the time we actually have to spend serving others, and of the command that Jesus gave each one of us. Are we prepared to stand before God, to hear Him say "well done good and faithful servant"? Then let's work to get those around us also prepared.

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin