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8:15—9:30 am
Chatterbox Cafe
9:00 AM
Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
English Language
11:45 AM
Karen Sunday School
12 Noon
Karen Worship Service

ATTENDANCE

February 22
English 78
Karen 182

March 1
English 69
Karen 158

March 8
English 82
Karen 175

March 15
English 73
Karen 191

AN EASTER PARABLE: EDITH EASTER



As we approach Easter, let me share a story told by Russell Kelfer of Wayside Chapel in San Antonio, Texas. Edith Burns was a wonderful Christian and the patient of a doctor by the name of Will Phillips. Dr. Phillips was a gentle doctor who saw patients as people. His favorite patient was Edith Burns. One morning he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Edith Burns. When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Edith with her big black Bible in her lap earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her.

Edith Burns had a habit of introducing herself in this way: "Hello, my name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved. Dr. Phillips walked into that office and there he saw the head nurse, Beverly. Beverly had first met Edith when she was taking her blood pressure. Edith began by saying, "My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" Beverly said, "Why yes I do." Edith said, "Well, what do you believe about Easter?" Beverly said, "Well, it's all about egg hunts, going to church, and dressing up." Edith kept pressing her about the real meaning of Easter, and finally led her to Christ as Lord and Savior.

Dr. Phillips said, "Beverly, don't call Edith into the office quite yet. I believe there is another delivery taking place in the waiting room." After being called back in the doctor's office, Edith sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, "Dr. Will, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?" Dr. Phillips said gently, "Edith, I'm the doctor and you're the patient." With a heavy heart he said, "Your lab report came back and it says you have cancer, and Edith, you're not going to live very long." Edith said, "Why Will Phillips, shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me I'm going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket!" Dr. Phillips thought to himself, "What a magnificent woman this Edith Burns is!"

Edith continued coming to Dr. Phillips. Christmas came and the office was closed through January 3rd. On the day the office opened, Edith did not show up. Later that afternoon, Edith called Dr. Phillips and said she would have to be moving her story to the hospital and said, "Will, I'm very near home, so would you make sure that they put women in here next to me in my room who need to know about Easter."

Well, they did just that and women began to come in and share that room with Edith. Many women were saved. Everybody on that floor from staff to patients were so excited about Edith, that they started calling her Edith Easter; that is everyone except Phyllis Cross, the head nurse. Phyllis made it plain that she wanted nothing to do with Edith because she was a "religious nut". She had been a nurse in an army hospital. She had seen it all and heard it all. She was the original G.I. Jane. She had been married three times, she was hard, cold, and did everything by the book.

One morning the two nurses who were to attend to Edith were sick. Edith had the flu and Phyllis Cross had to go in and give her a shot. When she walked in, Edith had a big smile on her face and said, "Phyllis, God loves you and I love you, and I have been praying for you." Phyllis Cross said, "Well, you can quit praying for me, it won't work. I'm not interested."



NOTES FROM YOUR
PARISH NURSES
SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



LIVING WILLS (AN IMPORTANT STEP IN PLANNING AHEAD)

When someone is hospitalized, too sick, confused or injured to voice his or her wishes, decisions still must be made. Who makes them? Who would make them for YOU? What measures do you want taken—or not taken? Have you told anyone? Have you written them down? Do you have the legal documents that will help assure that your wishes are recognized and respected?

If you have not prepared advance directives, those pivotal medical choices will be left to worried relatives or to a doctor or a guardian appointed by a judge, none of whom may have a clean understanding of your values, beliefs, and preferences.

Advance directives such as a health care power of attorney (proxy) and a living will are essential in assuring that you receive the treatment you want for yourself if you can't communicate your wishes. They also protect your loved ones from futile expense, distressing uncertainty, or painful disagreements.

WHAT ARE ADVANCED DIRECTIVES?

Step One: Hire an attorney to help you with the legal steps of a "Living Will". He can help you to know how specific you must be in writing down your wishes. Protect your estate by talking to the doctor to help you understand medical procedures and programs.

Step Two: Choose a health care agent to be your "Medical Power of Attorney." He can help you decide the basic steps to help you begin writing your "Living Will."

Step Three: Creating your advance directives. Your attorney can help write down and legalize your wishes for your medical care, your finances, your estate and your immediate needs.

This is great comfort in the case of illness or injuries that would cause you not to be able to express your desires for your care at that time.

It is YOUR life story and you can make sure that the final chapter is written the way you want. Don't put it off any longer.

PLEASE NOTE: POWER OF ATTORNEY AND DO NOT RESUSCITATE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE PARISH NURSE OFFICE.



"I strongly recommend you write a Will."

**MARCH & APRIL 2015 SUNDAY GREETERS
AT WELCOME CENTER**

9:15—10:00 am & 20 minutes after worship

March 22 Margie Mirr & Vera Mathis

March 29 Lucy Anderson & Ann Watkins (Palm Sunday)

April 5 Donna & Mike O'Neill (Easter)

April 12 Julie & Gary Rodell

April 19 JoAnn Parmley & Donna O'Neill

April 26 Willie & Ron Newenham

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED TO CHANGE THE TIME OR
DATE, PLEASE CALL DONNA O'NEILL AT 762-9572.**

**WEEKLY BUDGET NEED
FOR 2015 \$4,185.48**

February 22 \$3,411.00

March 1 5,081.00

March 8 1,689.00

March 15 3,079.00



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Edith said, "Well, I will pray and I have asked God not to let me go home until you come into the family." Phyllis Cross said, "Then you will never die because that will never happen," and curtly walked out of the room.

Every day Phyllis Cross would walk into the room and Edith would say, "God loves you Phyllis and I love you, and I'm praying for you." One day Phyllis Cross said she was literally drawn to Edith's room like a magnet would draw iron. She sat down on the bed and Edith said, "I'm so glad you have come, because God told me that today is your special day." Phyllis Cross said, "Edith, you have asked everybody here the question, 'Do you believe in Easter?' but you have never asked me." Edith said, "Phyllis, I wanted to many times, but God told me to wait until you asked, and now that you have asked..."

Edith Burns took her Bible and shared with Phyllis Cross the Easter Story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Edith said, "Phyllis, do you believe in Easter? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is alive and that He wants to live in your heart?" Phyllis Cross said, "Oh I want to believe that with all of my heart, and I do want Jesus in my life." Right there, Phyllis Cross prayed and invited Jesus Christ into her heart. For the first time Phyllis Cross did not walk out of a hospital room, she was carried out on the wings of angels.

Two days later, Phyllis Cross came in and Edith said, "Do you know what day it is?" Phyllis Cross said, "Why Edith, it's Good Friday." Edith said, "Oh, no, for you every day is Easter. Happy Easter Phyllis!" Two days later, on Easter Sunday, Phyllis Cross came into work, did some of her duties and then went down to the flower shop and got some Easter lilies because she wanted to go up to see Edith and give her some Easter lilies and wish her a Happy Easter. When she walked into Edith's room, Edith was in bed. That big black Bible was on her lap. Her hands were in that Bible. There was a sweet smile on her face.

When Phyllis Cross went to pick up Edith's hand, she realized Edith was dead. Her left hand was on John 14: "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." Her right hand was on Revelation 21:4, " And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Phyllis Cross took one look at that dead body, and then lifted her face toward heaven, and with tears streaming down here cheeks, said, "Happy Easter, Edith - Happy Easter!" Phyllis Cross left Edith's body, walked out of the room, and over to a table where two student nurses were sitting. She said, "My name is Phyllis Cross. Do you believe in Easter?"

Christian friends, remember someone was an "Edith Easter" to you as they shared the good news. Who is God calling you to be an Edith Easter to? The story of Easter is the best news in the world. Let's pray for opportunities to share it.
Pastor Flint



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

David Miller
 Wes May
 Cal Peters
 Susan Gritton
 Kim Schweitzer
 Toby Nye (Cancer)
 Lisa Ann Lewis
 Steve Hodgerson
 Mary Ann Schmidt
 Wayne McWade
 Sharon Angelo
 Brian Anderson
 Jennifer Johnson
 Grace Orton
 David Anderson
 Brad Dykeman
 Cathy McGill
 Jan & Dean Harmon
 Dana Smith
 Kathy Linquist
 Fred Leroy Scott (Scotty)
 John Barrett
 Nathan Meade
 Jim Cutler
 Abby Less (Cathy McGill's Niece)
 Rita Kalb
 Dan Murphy
 Jodi Allender
 Helen & Woody Bowling
 Glen Hanfron
 Chris Bivens
 Terry Lewis
 Taylor Gray (13)
 Diane Viavne
 Hayden Wangler (3—cancer)
 Michelle Strader
 Connie Neill
 Jamie Boucher
 Carrie Staniger Hauzenradar
 Gene Burrows
 Ruth Becker Scott
 Jacqueline Lake

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers, support and help while my mother, Lenore Kistler, was in the hospital. We appreciate it very much
 Nancy & Jim Crawford

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Patricia Ostrand (The Fountain)
 Betty McBride (Park Vista)
 Pearl Crusier (Park Vista)
 Karl Pearson (St. Anthony's)
 Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)
 Virginia Anderson (Lighthouse)
 Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)
 Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)
 Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)
 Cathy McGill (Home)
 Grace Orton (Home)
 Bob Lofgren (Home)
 Wanda Mitchell (Home)
 Elaine Kruckenberg (Home)
 June Irwin (Home)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anthony Mathis	D.J. Gladfelter
Tyler Mathis	Lauren Hugel
Galen Ryan	Nick Uzelac
Wm. Robert Crouch	

REMEMBER ALL OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER, ESPECIALLY THESE WITH WHOM WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

HAITI

Kihomi & Mabudiga Nzunga - Partner Missionaries

COSTA RICA

LILLIAN SOLT - PARTNER MISSIONARIES

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR

MISSIONARIES

ON THEIR TRIP TO COSTA RICA
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 THROUGH
 SUNDAY, MARCH 22

OKLAHOMA

MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,
 Betty Martin

USA & THAILAND

Duane & Marsha Binkley

Special Interest Missionaries

Taku and Katie Longkumer
 Kristy Engel
 Scott and Tan Coats

First Baptist Church of Moline Church Council Meeting,

March 16, 2015

Pastoral:	Pastor Flint Miller	Karen Ministry:	Absent
Human Resources:	Tom Olmsted		
	Officers		Coordinators
Moderator:	Martin Newell	Stewardship:	Tim O'Neill
Clerk:	Mary Anderson	Mission:	Absent
Treasurer:	Tom Van Deventer	Education:	Absent
Financial Secretary:	Paula Newell	Diaconate:	Wally Lofgren
		Worship & Prayer:	Cathy Jarvis

Also attending was Jane Olmsted representing the Audit Team.

Moderator Martin Newell called the meeting to order and Pastor Flint opened with prayer.

Jane Olmsted informed the council that she and Tom will be moving to Texas possibly at the end of May or in June. This will leave two positions open on the council. They will be missed!

Tim O'Neill reported that the flat roof of our church building has leaks in several rooms, and the chimney to the fireplace in the GA room needs a metal cap installed. Also needed is a new roof for the sanctuary and the chapel. Tim will put a committee together to determine the cost, and then they will work out a three to five year plan to get the work done.

Tom Van Deventer gave the Treasurer's report, and reviewed the budget year-to-date and for the month of February.

Wally Lofgren, on behalf of Barb Miller who was absent, reported that the Mission Board would like to give a one-time gift of \$500 to help with start-up costs for the new missionaries to France, Holale and Awenam, who visited our church last fall. The funds are already available. Wally will ask Barb how soon this needs to be done.

The new form for reimbursement of expenses was reviewed. Tom Van Deventer said that any suggestions for changes should be given to Joanie as soon as possible.

The church budget was discussed, and Martin suggested that each line item (account) in the budget needs an owner to take responsibility. He suggested a review of the 02 accounts to determine which ones could be retired. Martin suggested that the budget be put into a story form that the congregation can understand since it is confusing to the general congregation.

Martin reported that no one stepped forward to volunteer to be on the new Core Growth Team, so it's apparent that the work will have to be done by members of the church council. Five people were chosen for the Core Growth Team – Cathy Jarvis, Tim O'Neill, Pastor Flint, Martin Newell, and Paula Newell. They will hold two meetings per month, and the first meeting will be next week. The meeting was adjourned by Martin, and Pastor Flint closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anderson, Church Clerk



DON'T FORGET LOVE GIFT SUNDAY IS MARCH 29:

God so loved the world, that He gave...a gift.... His only son. During this Easter season, it is only fitting that we are reminded

of what Jesus did for us. He died on the cross for us that we have salvation through Him.

LOVE GIFT, taken each 5th Sunday, is your way of saying "Thank you!" The story of LOVE GIFT remains unfinished. By giving to LOVE GIFT, American Baptist play a vital role in the American Baptist churches at home and aboard.

Our next ABWM/Eleanor Smith Circle meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the G.A. room.

We will have David Turner from the Befrienders Program at Unity Point, Trinity Campus in Rock Island speak to us. Befrienders are volunteers who come in a variety of ages, professions, educational background and life circumstances. Trinity employees have also become Befrienders. This will be very informative. Coffee and refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. See you there.



EASTER LILIES



Sunday, March 22nd, is the last day you can order Easter Lilies to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5th. The cost is **\$7.50 per lily** and you can order them in honor or in memory of your loved one or friend. Please see Dorose Harrington or JoAnn Parmley to place your order or if you have questions.



Area 1 Great Rivers Region
 American Baptist Women's Ministries
SPRING SPIRITUAL FEST

Saturday, April 18, 2015
 First Baptist Church of Alpha
 101 D Street
 Alpha, IL 61413
 (309) 529-8181

9:30 am Refreshments and Fellowship
 10:00 am—11:30 am Meeting and Program

**YOU ARE
 NEEDED!!**



Volunteers are needed to help our members who need a ride to the doctor's office, grocery store, or other places. If you have the time and a car and are willing to serve in this way, please contact the church office. We are making a list of those that can help. Thanks in advance!

Celebrate Holy Week



Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday Celebration, 10 am.
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday Service, "Journey to the Cross" with special music, readings, symbols and imagery, 7 pm.
Friday, April 3	Good Friday, silent meditation and Holy Communion at the hour of Christ's death. Come anytime between 3 & 4 pm.
Sunday, April 5	Easter Resurrection Celebration, 10 am.



**TO DONATE OR FOR
 INFORMATION
 ON HUMAN
 TRAFFICKING**

**NETWORK AGAINST HUMAN
 TRAFFICKING
 1005 JARRETT CIRCLE
 AMES, IA 50014**

**TO REPORT AN INCIDENT:
<http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org/report-trafficking>**



DIMINISHING LIGHT

I love the Service of Diminishing Lights preparing us for Easter. It symbolizes so well the seeming tragedy of Christ's death and His joyous resurrection.

BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS

At our last ABWM meeting Mary Anderson showed some lovely photos she took of her trips to Manitoba in Canada to see the polar bears and her trip to Yellowstone National Park. Those bear cubs in Yellowstone were huggable! I told her she could be a photographer for National Geographic. Her photos are that good. Thank you, Mary, for showing the beauty of God's world.

SOME WORDS FROM NANCY

Nancy Crawford shares her thoughts: "I heard this story on the radio long ago and I think I can piece it together. A severe cold snap was coming. A man saw a group of ducks outside and knew they would be in trouble. He tried to help by herding them into the barn. But being wild they were too afraid of him to understand that he was trying to help. Every time he got near them they scattered in fear. The man felt if only he could get to their level he could help. The end of the story is that the man, whose family had been trying to witness to him, finally understood about Jesus and why he came to earth as a man to reach us. Jesus reveals to us perfectly the invisible God who loves us so."

WHO IS REBEKAH?

Some quick facts about Rebekah: She was the daughter-in-law of Abraham and Sarah, mother to Jacob and Esau, in what is now Israel. We learn of her in Genesis 24-29, 35, 49; and Romans 9. Some of the events leading up to the wedding of Isaac and Rebekah/Rebecca are part of traditional Jewish wedding ceremonies today, such as the veiling and the blessing. Source: Women in the Bible: Surprising Stories of Faith & Courage.



GOD'S CREATION

Savor the words of the great American poet, Maya Angelou. "While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation."

Blessings, Barbara



"I had a near-death experience and I shudder to tell you that Heaven is all computerized."

HAPPY
EASTER

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Barb Chaney, Editor
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**"2015 and Beyond:
Give to Live"**

Our Identity and Mission Statement:
"We are a multi-cultural family
seeking to grow in love of God and
neighbor intent on sharing the Good
News of Jesus Christ."

LOOK

LOOKING AHEAD
APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE: APRIL 20
MAILING: APRIL 23
(ONE ISSUE MONTHLY)



We're on the web!
www.fbc-
moline.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO
A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR
BRANDY ROADY ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH AT
2:00 PM. PLEASE RSVP TO
KAITLYN KIRIGAN
@ 309 738-3352 BY
MONDAY, MARCH 30TH.



THANK YOU!