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THANKSGIVING

This is not your usual Torch newsletter, nor is it Pastor Glenn! It is only me, Margie, writing to you from my room at Bacharach Rehab Center. I had the bilateral (2 knees) surgery last week on Friday, Nov. 20. After a rough few days, I was transferred to The Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation on 11/24. I am now sleeping all night, which is a big accomplishment! Before that, I would only sleep 1-2 hours each night, all the while in quite a bit of pain and distress. The night hours passed very slow.

I praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy helping me to get through those late night and early morning hours. During that time I thought of the people in my family who also endured pain from major surgeries and hospital stays when their bodies failed them. Images of my husband, George during the last two weeks of his life flashed through my mind. You do not fully realize what someone else is going through until you experience intense pain and immobility yourself. I also thought of my Mother and how strong she was. In her 90 years of life, she had experienced several surgeries and cancer treatments. I remembered how my she walked with a limp in her older age. She probably should've had knee surgery but chose not to. Many of you remember praying for my nephew, Danny Gilliam Jr., who fell off a scaffolding almost 2 years ago now. He was bedbound for over 9 months! I thought of the things that they all must have endured.

My hours were filled with prayers that I could be as brave as my family had been through their hours of pain. Little things like being able to walk, sleep and even go to the bathroom should not be taken for granted. Each one of these things is a gift from God... our bodies are living miracles!

Now I am 3 days into my rehab and the physical therapist gave me an A+ today. Each day is a little better. Today, on this day of Thanksgiving, I have so much to be thankful for. My family and my friends at Tabernacle and beyond have been so supportive and loving. I have found ways while in the hospital to be helpful and caring to others. The Lord continues to give me opportunities to share my faith and His love every day. Looking on the bright side might sound simple, but it works! Humor has also played a big part in my recovery. I wish you all a healthy and joy filled Thanksgiving.

God bless you all, Margie Katity

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletters for Nov. 27th & Dec. 4th - A note from Margie... "You will not be receiving newsletters for the next couple of weeks as I will be having knee surgery and rehabbing at Bacharach in Galloway. At some point, I may have my laptop at Rehab and be able to email the printable newsletter to someone in the church to mail to those who normally receive them. Please continue to keep me in your prayers."

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you for participating in the OCC Shoebox program. I'm sure the children will remember receiving gifts from afar the rest of their lives!

Listen to the service on your phone! If you are unable to access the internet, you may

call-in to the 11am service to listen on your phone! **Call: (929) 205-6099** then just give the **Meeting ID: 981 176 2526** then the **Password: 779813**.

Shoprite cards continue to be available after the Sunday service or by calling Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331.





Prayer reminds us that we are not alone in our feelings and we can ease our own fears by praying for others. As we pray for our friends and family listed below, please also remember in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the extra challenges that we face from time to time... fear, anxiety, economic hardships, isolation, & many other stresses that are unique to the times we live in.

- Pastor Glenn & Family
- Jodi Cathrall
- John Dickinson
- Dawn Garretson
- Betty Wund
- Carol Cahill
- Ralph Genovese
- Flo Magee
- Andrew Wund
- Lyndsey Bolton
- Betty Church
- Betty Carlton
- Tandl Ankrum
- Tom Ankrum
- Jay Spurl
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Steve Brown
- Braden Brojakowski
- Margie Katity - In Bacharach rehab
- Frank Cahill - post surgery recovery
- Dan Gilliam - (Margie's brother is home, recovering from surgery)

Prayer for those who have lost loved ones

- Janis Halbruner & Family
- The Chinn Family
- Bill Stahl & family
- Elizabeth Bailey & Family

- Flo Magee and Family
- The family of Mary Mason
- Jackie Matkowski & Family
- The Gorsline Family
- The Still Family



Covid Related Requests

- The Lords protection over those attending services at church
- Pray for an effective Covid-19 vaccine soon
- Wisdom for leaders in Local & Federal Government
- Basic Blessing workers and distributions during Covid-19

Those in Shut In & Convalescent Care

Court House Center: Carol Cahill
 Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford & Shirley Halbruner
 Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson

Those that live alone:

Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, Bob Jenkins, John Leo, Ernie Long, Alice Fuddy, Steve Brown and other friends and family who remain anonymous.



A Note from Our Treasurer
MAILING CHANGES!
Please mail all church offerings to our Financial Secretary during Margie's rehab:
T.U.M.C. c/o Barbara Mortensen
306 Edgewood Avenue, Rio Grande, NJ 08242

A Bit of Clean Humor...

The Bible, Through the Eyes of a Child

Here's our version of the stories of the Bible if they were to be told by a child.

Creation

In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord, thy God, is one," but I think He has to be much older than that.

Anyway, God made the world and then He said, "Give me some light," and somebody gave it to Him. He split an atom and made Eve. Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors, yet.

Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars, either.

Adam and Eve's son, Cain, hated his brother as long as he was Abel. After a while, all of the first people died, except Methuselah, who lived to be, like, a million years old.