

## *An Epistle from Paul:*

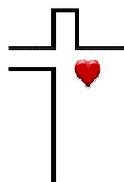
**The Blessing of True Friends!** – What would it be like to have no true friends? Can you and I imagine this world without faithful, true-blue friends? The following two illustrations will help illustrate this further and will give me opportunity then to conclude with my point.

Right after Jack Benny had died, George Burns was interviewed on TV. “Jack and I had a wonderful friendship for nearly 55 years,” Burns said, “Jack never walked out on me when I sang a song, and I never walked out on him when he played his violin. We laughed together, we played together, we ate together. I suppose for many of those years we talked every single day.”

Two friends in World War I were inseparable. They enlisted together, trained together, were shipped overseas together, and fought side-by-side in the trenches. During an attack, one of the men was critically wounded in a field filled with barbed wire obstacles, and he was unable to crawl back to his foxhole. The entire area was under a fierce enemy crossfire, making it suicidal to try to reach him. Yet his friend didn’t hesitate to try. Before he could get out of his own trench, his sergeant yanked him back inside and ordered him not to go. “It’s too late. You can’t do him any good, and you’ll only get yourself killed.” A few moments later, the officer turned his back and instantly the man was gone after his friend. The man shortly returned with his friend, now dead, in his arms. The man himself was mortally wounded. The sergeant was both angry and deeply moved. “What a waste,” he blurted out. “He’s dead and you’re dying. It just wasn’t worth it.” With almost his last breath, the dying man replied, “Oh, yes it was, Sarge. When I got to him, the only thing he said was, ‘I knew you’d come, Jim!’”

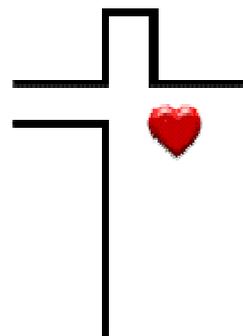
Let me simply say, some of our greatest blessings have and remain our true friends. Proverbs 17:17 says, “*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*” Our greatest Friend, of course, is Jesus Christ Who said as recorded in Hebrews 13:5 “*...I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.*” May we ever value and grow in our understanding of the blessing of true friends!

In His Marvelous Love, *Paul*



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## *The Timely Word*

*Proverbs 15:23 “... How delightful is a timely word.”*

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Wednesday Bible Study .....10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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*Keep Western Buckeye Christian  
Camp in Mind!*



Camp time is now upon us. As has already been announced, the church here wants to urge and encourage our youth and their friends to seriously consider going to camp this summer at Western Buckeye Christian Camp. To further encourage this, the leadership has decided this year the church will pay “full tuition” and expenses for those desiring to make this a part of their summer plans. Brochures and information can be found on the table in the foyer, or you can call us, or you can get the on the camp’s website and find answers to questions you need answered. We want to do anything and everything we can to encourage our youth and their friends to make this part of their “bucket list” for this summer. A week of intense Bible study and good Christian activities will make for time well spent. This is where lifetime memories and decisions can and often are made... Get signed up and go to camp!



## Here's the Count!

May 13, 2012.....\$1,458.00  
 May 20, 2012.....\$2,085.00

## New Sermon Series!

This new sermon series will be pushed back a few weeks. After looking over the calendar more closely, it looks like a wise and good thing to begin this new series in September... Meanwhile, with a busy summer schedule before us we will continue to look at several Biblical principles that need our attention and application. We look forward to the start of this new series starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Sept.!!!



## Men's Banquet Cometh!

All men (younger and older) are invited to this special gathering being put on by our ladies. It will be taking place Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> here at the building at 6 PM. Please sign up in the foyer giving them a pretty good idea the number for whom they need to prepare. Plan now to join us then!!

## Congrats to our Graduate!

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the date we'll set aside to honor the one graduate we have this year. Jeniffer Eby will be graduated from Twin Valley High in the next week. We want to do what Scripture says we should do – *give honor to where honor is due*. Join us this day to give honor to Jeniffer and to be an encouragement to her and the decisions she makes for the future. Our prayer is she will mature in her faith and be faithful to Christ/His Church in the days ahead!!!



(by no means an exhaustive list)

**All Military Personnel:** Adam Wentzell, Christopher Drew, Ben Shelley, Zachary Polsini, Cody Vance, Bud Reed, Courtney Reed, Austin Brasher, and Stephen Watts (if other please let us know...)

**Recovering and Other Matters:**

Doris Childers, Betty Teater, Ruby Rieger, Florence & Jeanie Laubauch, Emma Grace Mills, Reva Cole, Dan Swihart, Monte Rieger, Dottie Campbell, Kathy Romeo, Kay Stafford, Tim Ketchem, Janice Worley, Neil Snow, Pam Kauslick, Emily Shank, Dalene McIntire, Jerry Spicer, Wanda Lee, Dave Mills, Jalynn Cunningham, Aneta Means, Greg Moore, John Hackenbracht...

**Dealing With Cancer:** Pam Cole, Mary Lou Kidwell, A.T. Rogers, Judy Bell, Ron Hornsby, Terry Liming, Rita Culp...



Our men are minded that the next Leadership/Board Meeting will be taking place, Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> here at the building at 6:30 PM! With Summer upon us, we'll need to stay on top of several matters.

## Show Them They are Lost!

The need for salvation is unrealized until one knows their lostness apart from Christ! Our greatest challenge today is to help individuals realize just how lost they are without Christ as their Lord and Savior. May the Lord use this church to reach out to those around us who are open to their need for a Savior. May the Lord use us all to win the lost and build the won in our Lord!!!

