

Westgate Witness



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Greetings in the Name of our Lord!

Ageing Well

I recently read an article that plays tongue and cheek with the symptoms of aging. Of course aging is relative. For example, Mr. Donald Brubaker, dear friend of the Westgate family, always says to me “Good Morning Young Man” or “Good afternoon Young Man.” When he says this I always smile because I no longer feel like a young man, but from his perspective I am a young man. I can remember getting very depressed when I approached my thirtieth birthday... (just a few years ago)... and I surmised that I should be much further along in my life at 30 then I was. Enough already... here is the list from the article I read about knowing when you're aging.

You Know your aging when....

1. Your back goes out more than you do.
2. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
3. You buy a compass for the dash of your car/truck.
4. You are proud of your lawn mower.
5. Your best friend is dating someone half their age and isn't breaking any laws.

6. Your arms are almost too short to read the newspaper.
7. You sing along with the elevator music.
8. You would rather go to work than stay home sick.
9. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
10. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
11. People call at 9:00 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"



We could list many more indicators of aging but here is a startling thought. AS WE GET OLDER, OUR VISION SHOULD IMPROVE. That's right, you heard me correctly. Not our vision of earth, but our vision of heaven. Those who have spent their life looking for heaven gain a skip in their step as the city comes into view. After Michelangelo died, someone found in his studio a piece of paper on which he had written a note to his apprentice. In the handwriting of his old age the great writer wrote: "Draw, Antonio, and do not waste time." There was a well-founded urgency, carpe diem. Time slips. Days Pass. Years fade. And life ends. And what we came to do must be done while there is time. He told me to tell you!

Pastor Robert Zimmerman

AB Men's Breakfast - Our next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be on May 21st @ 9:00 am. We will meet at the Family Fare Restaurant, 5921 Main St., East Petersburg PA 17520 for a casual Christian Men's fellowship time.



Next Board Meeting
Monday, MAY 6TH @ 6:30 PM



She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:26

A Tribute to Mothers, submitted by Pastor Robert

On Sunday May 12th we pay special tribute to mothers. We are participating in something that has been done for almost 100 years in America. It all started back in 1908. There was a woman named Anna Jarvis who loved her mother greatly, and requested of her pastor that they have a special service on Sunday to honor all of the mothers of the congregation. So, on May 10, 1908, they had a special service and presented a carnation to all the mothers who were present in that service, which was Mrs. Jarvis' mother's favorite flower.

Somehow that tradition seemed to catch on and on May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May every year as Mother's Day. He said it would be a time of public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.

Thank God for Mother's Love – Anonymous

A mother's patience of a saint could only be by the hand of God.

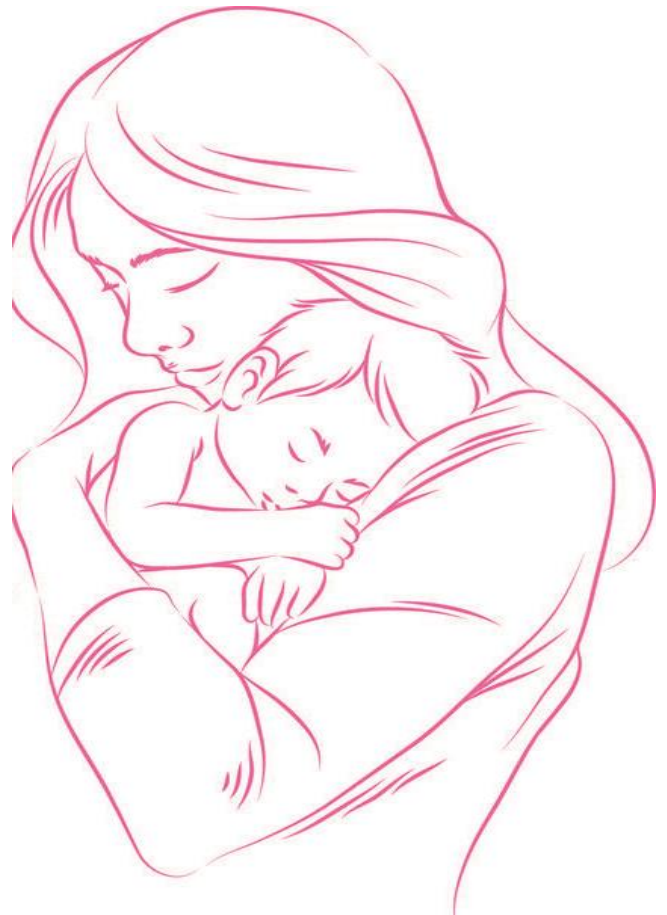
There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them everyone...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

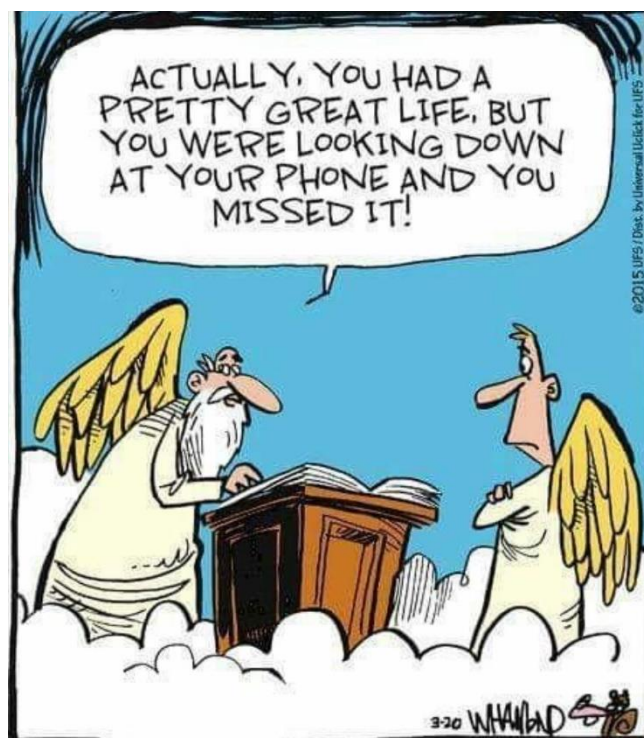


Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:4

Tasteful n Distasteful Christian Jokes

1. What is a physics teacher's favorite Bible verse? [Romans 8:39](#): **“Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**
2. How do we know God likes coffee? **Because the Bible says, He brews.**
3. Why wasn't Boaz a nice man before he got married? **He was Ruth-less.**
4. Aside from Adam & Eve, who in the Bible had no parents? **Joshua, son of Nun (“none”).**
5. A man gets on an airplane and sees a nun praying fervently beside him. “Are you afraid of flying?” he asks. **“Flying, no. Crashing, yes.”**
6. “A priest, a rabbi, and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender says, ‘**What is this, a joke?**’”
7. How do you make holy water? **Put water in a pot and boil the hell out of it.**
8. What did Moses say when he came down the mountain and saw the Israelites worshipping a golden calf? **Holy cow!**
9. Who was the world's first comedian? **Samson. He brought the house down.**
10. Need a boat? **I Noah guy.**
11. The Pharisees believe in the resurrection of the dead, but the [Sadducees](#) don't. **That's why they're sad, you see.**



On Saturday Evening May 4th at 5 p.m. the entire Westgate Church Family is invited to Ron and Gloria Austin's Home for a Kentucky Derby Party. We will enjoy plenty of great food, fellowship, and the viewing of the 150th Kentucky Derby Horse Race. Ladies don't forget to wear your decorative hats for this festive occasion. Beginning 5 p.m. at the Austin residence: 2126 Stonecrest Drive, Lancaster PA 17601.



Blessed
are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God.
Matthew 5:8

Women's Bible study!

Join us at 9:30 am each Tuesday for coffee, fellowship, study, and prayer.

We are studying the book of Matthew.

We'll look at the life of Jesus, His sermons, His disciples, and His love for us. The book culminates in the description of the resurrection and the great commission.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Tuesday, June 25th @ 9:30 am

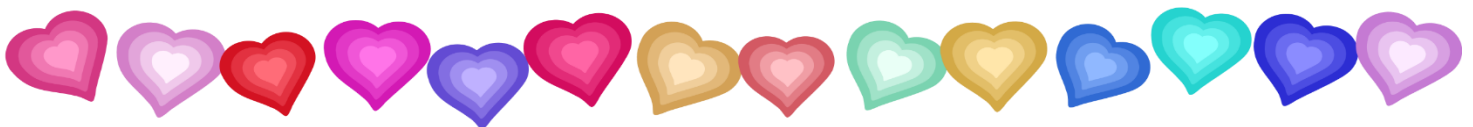
Join us for a Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Park City Diner

You do not need to attend Bible Study to come...

All ladies are invited and encouraged!!!



LADIES' BREAKFAST



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On Sunday May 5th at 9:30 a.m. we will begin a new study on

The 7 Churches of Revelation

In the 1st century A.D., Asia Minor experienced a strong ideological revolution. What would become one of the greatest world religions was challenging ancient pagan

worship and the order established by almighty imperial Rome and spreading like wildfire across the whole Roman Empire: Christianity was on the move. This is the hostile environment in which Saint John wrote his book of Revelation. One of the most complex and most mysterious books of the Bible, the text addresses seven churches located in what is now modern-day Turkey, who each received a personal letter from the risen Christ.

Through examination of the specific texts from Revelation and using various video presentations and group discussions, Stephen Appleby will facilitate as we explore such questions as: Who were these churches and what did they represent? What can they teach us about the history of our civilization? What do they have to say to Christians of today and those who live in the 21st century? Could the prophecies of Revelation still be relevant today? Come and enjoy the richness of this provocative study with others who are eager to learn together.



A few months ago, our Church along with three other congregations from the community sent letters of support to the nearby Synagogue, Temple Beth El, East Petersburg. We have not only received a wonderful thank you letter in return, but we have also been invited to a special service and meal at their Synagogue on Saturday June 8th. They have invited interested persons to join them for their traditional Shabbat (Sabbath) morning service followed by a luncheon. Please speak with me if you would be interested in attending the service and the meal which is to follow. Special thanks to Temple Beth El for the invitation.

Robert Zimmerman, Pastor



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May Birthdays & Anniversaries



2nd David Ryan
 8th Devon Guntz
 9th Blaine Proper
 12th George Guillen
 13th Carolyn McDonie
 18th Donal Myers
 19th Laura Schramm
 21st Robinson Guillen
 26th David Guillen
 30th Dottie Papez
 31st Connie Fisher

happy
 birthday
 i thank God
 for you.



28th Donald & Susan Miller



Treasurer's Report

May 2024	\$11,080.25
Budget Income	\$8,887.98
Non-budget income	\$2,192.27

