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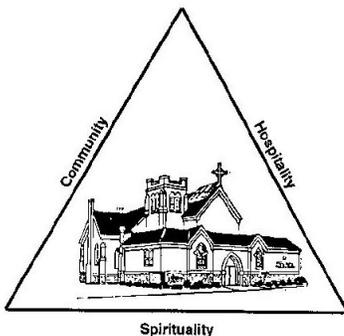
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Spring has sprung and the world is being reborn again. The flowers are growing, the grass is turning green and renewal is all around us. As a community of believers we see hope and the possibility of renewal but questions and doubt begin to arise. How do we make this renewal happen, what if people begin to show up, what if the wrong people show up? How we prepare sets the tone for the type of renewal we have. Limited renewal, explosive renewal, or no renewal it all depends on what we prepare for. Over the last few months we have had a limited renewal with people returning to the church and some of them staying. That has been very good, You have also taken the call to financial stability very seriously with your pledges of support for the church budget. Thank you. So now comes the hard part of everything that is happening, what type of church are WE called to be?

If we look at scripture we know the church is supposed to be growing and dynamic. I believe that is possible with the help of God but in the same breath it would only take a few people to make that a difficult task. I think we need to be thinking as a church about what we want to be for God, the community and ourselves. Is it even possible to make those three things fit together in harmony? Yes it is because with God all things are possible. First, we know God wants us to make disciples of the world and you have been doing that all along, whether you realize it or not, through your mission outreach, education, and hospitality. Is it enough? I believe that is a question we the church have to answer. Second, our community, what does Elida say about St. Paul's? Start to ask when you are having conversations with your friends and neighbors. Don't try to change how they think about the church; just gather what their first impression is about the church. Even if that impression is St. who? If the results of this fact finding are bad how do we change it? Finally we need to ask the hardest question of all and I have asked that question here before and I am going to keep asking until we get a clear picture. What kind of church do you want St. Paul's to be? Yes it is a selfish question. No, it is not a put down on you to answer the question. We really need to know so everyone is aware of the direction we are headed and that we don't have a church headed in 2 or more different directions.

Spring is a time of renewal and regrowth, but for it to really spring into beauty you have to work hard, get a little dirty and put up with a few storms. But in the end the result is spectacular and I know with your hard work God's plan for St Paul's will be spectacular too.

*Pastor Paul*



## Thought for the Month:

You don't stop laughing  
because you grow old.  
You grow old because you  
stop laughing.

# Congratulations

to **Michele Theodore**  
for authoring a  
**FRONT PAGE ARTICLE** in  
The Ohio State University  
campus newspaper, **The Lantern**,  
on Friday, February 22nd.

Michele has secured the job of  
copy editor for The Lantern  
For the 2013-2014 school year.

**Way to go, Michele!**



## Congratulations

to **Reggie McAdams**  
for **STARTING** in University of  
Akron's basketball game and  
scoring **6 points**, helping the  
Akron Zips defeat North  
Dakota State ;on Feb. 22nd!

Akron lost to Virginia  
Commonwealth in the second  
round of the NCAA Tournament,  
Finishing the season with a  
30-7 record.

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Save Your Coins

**April**  
**Coins for Communion**  
to benefit  
**5 Loaves Food Pantry**

**Seniors Day Out**

**Tuesday, April 16**

**All seniors welcome!**



You really shouldn't say  
**"I love you"** unless you  
mean it. But if you mean it,  
you should say it a lot.  
People forget!

-Jessica, age  
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Newsletter  
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of each month

### St. Paul's Epistle

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Congratulations to Coach Denny Thompson, Aric Thompson, and the Elida Boys Basketball team in earning the Western Buckeye League Co-Champions title.

It was their second year in a row as the WBL Champs.

They went on to get second place in the Districts.

Go Dawgs!



**To Grace Baptist Church  
AWANA Grand Prix Winners:**

**Makayla Bok on her 3rd place Speed in the 3-6 grade division at 166.0 MPH**

**Brittany Scannell on her 4th place Speed in the 3-6 grade division at 165.6 MPH**

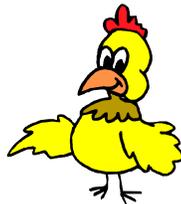
**Cody Scannell on his 1st place Design and 2nd place Speed in the K-2 division at 164.5 MPH**

**Way to Go, Makayla, Brittany & Cody!!**

**We're proud of you!**



# Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



## Koinonia Chicken Barbeque

**April 27th  
5:00 to 7:00 PM  
\$7.50**

**Menu:  
1/2 Chicken (Harlan's),  
homemade potato salad, applesauce,  
roll and homemade dessert**

**Walk-in, dine-in, or carry-out**

An elderly man's wife had recently died, and the man was sitting out in his yard crying. A four-year-old boy who lived next door went into his neighbor's yard, climbed into the man's lap, and sat there. Later, when the child came home, his mother asked what he had said to the man. "Nothing," the boy answered. "I just helped him cry."



## St. Paul's Missions On-Track

The Missions Committee met on February 28, 2013. The committee discussed the balances in the funds for the end of January. The Missions fund had a balance of \$1,117.29. The Ramps fund has a balance of \$1,356.27. **Special offerings** totals were \$736 dollars each for the Missions fund and the AEGMA from the Christmas Offering. Other donations were: Human Relations Day - \$23, Heartbeat of Lima - \$73.01, the Heifer Project - \$21.00 and Hope V & E - \$58.60. The 2012 Camp Wesley project cost was \$8,019.97 with all but \$159 being collected from donations and participation fees. The remaining \$159 came out of the Missions fund.

Jamie Wyant talked about the **Camp Wesley Project** for this summer. The project will be done on weekends, since we can't start on the work until June when camps are already in session. We are waiting on the Ohio Conference to appoint a camp manager for Camp Wesley so we can discuss prioritizing a list of needed projects. An **organizational meeting** of those wishing to participate (including other churches) in the Camp Wesley Mission will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM here at St. Paul's Church. Participation fee for the project will be \$50 per person.

Our volunteers this month for **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** on Friday, March 29, are Margie Best, Carole Grapner, Deb Hurd, Martha Vazquez, Bill McKinney, and Helen and Dillon Staas. Thank-you for your service to those in need. Also, the **\$5 on the 5<sup>th</sup>** donations for the **United Methodist Children's Home** is coming up on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

March 10<sup>th</sup> was food pantry Sunday. Corinne Piper collected the food from St. Paul's and delivered it to the **Five Loaves Food Pantry** at Allentown UMC. **The Lima Area Methodist Men's breakfast** was held Saturday, March 9, hosted by the men at Bath Community U.M. Church on Bluelick Road. Jamie Wyant gave a PowerPoint presentation about this summer's **Camp Wesley Project**. The LAMM group voted to donate \$125 to the project from the LAMM treasury. Two other possible local missions were discussed and will be investigated. Jim Boedicker and Rev. David Harris entertained those present with guitars and banjo. Their rendition of "dueling banjos" was fantastic.

On Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, there was an organizational meeting at New Creation Lutheran Church's building in Elida to discuss using it as a possible **youth center**. Volunteers will be needed to help renovate the building into a youth center and to help staff the center. The youth center project was one of St. Paul's **Strategic Initiatives** that came out of our ReFocus program.

Several persons have shown an interest in going to **Haiti** this summer with **Living Waters International** to help fix well pumps. At any one time, there are ½ the pumps needing repaired in a country that has no central water system. The trip cost will be around \$1,800 per person with additional money needed for the repair of the pumps. More information will be forthcoming on this mission project.

The **Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing** will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Colonial Golfers Club. St. Paul's Church will provide volunteers, donations and golfers for this event. More information will be provided on this event later.

Pastor Paul is planning to have a **Missions Sunday** this Spring or Summer to let everyone know about all of the mission opportunities available in our community to the people of St. Paul's, to serve God and his people.

Submitted by Tim Piper, Mission Committee Chair

# Who Is This Jesus?

He lived in an obscure outpost of the Roman Empire, a carpenter by trade who was a member of a persecuted minority. Yet before he died a violent death at age 33 he had set loose a force that affected the course of human history - and the individual lives of human beings down through the centuries.

Jesus comes to us in many guises, often tailored and shaped by our own needs and perceptions. For those who want to know how they should live, he is the supreme teacher of a special way of life. For those who are sensitive to life's mysteries, he is a poetic idealist who brings us into contact with a world beyond this one.

For those stirred by the demands for justice, he is a radical social reformer. For those who regard our attachment to material goods and values at the root of evil, he is an ascetic monk who had no place to lay his head.

For the thinker and the scholar he is often an enigma, a formidable piece of theological doctrine rather than a human being. For still others he is a bigger-than-life celebrity, a spiritual superstar. And with all our images there are names and titles that seek to capture the essence of this most remarkable human being: Immanuel, Messiah, Lord, Master, Savior, Rabbi, Son of God, Son of Man.

Try as we might, we never succeed in making Jesus into our own image. Despite all those Christians who may claim to truly know him, there is no one, all-satisfying definitive answer.

Nor can we simply take another person's concept of Jesus and appropriate it as our own. He expects more of us than that. He pinned the disciples down once and for all on that score. He asked them one day what they heard people saying about who they thought he was. After listening to the scuttlebutt, he looked them straight in the eye and said, "All right, but what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

"That," as Hamlet would say, "is the question!"

- Oliver Powell, "Who is This Jesus?"  
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## Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs 2013	
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Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

March 3, 2013	96
March 10, 2013	93
March 17, 2013	95
March 24, 2013	110

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
March 3, 2013	\$6,456.89	\$1,020.54
March 10, 2013	\$2,292.00	\$614.00
March 17, 2013	\$2,243.00	\$508.00
March 24, 2013	\$2,532.50	\$679.00

## Sunday School Attendance

March 3, 2013	25
March 10, 2013	19
March 17, 2013	24
March 24, 2013	34

## Greeters

April 7, 2013	Brad & Slone Whetstone
April 14, 2013	Bill & Esther McKinney
April 21, 2013	Steve & Tracy Sdao
April 28, 2013	Marty & Kathy White

## Flower Calendar

April 7, 2013	Virginia Hollar
April 14, 2013	Ray & Phyllis Trigg
April 21, 2013	Susan Nartker
April 28, 2013	Jerry Crates



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## Daily Bible Readings for April

**Monday 4/1**

Psalm 93,98, 66, Exodus 12:14-27  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

**Tuesday 4/2**

Psalm 103, 111, 114  
Exodus 12:28-39  
1 Corinthians 15:12-28  
Mark 16:9-20

**Wednesday 4/3**

Psalm 97, 99, 115  
Exodus 12:40-51  
1 Corinthians 15:29-41  
Matthew 28:1-16

**Thursday 4/4**

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149  
Exodus 13:3-10  
1 Corinthians 15:41-50  
Matthew 28:16-20

**Friday 4/5**

Psalm 136, 118  
Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16  
1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Luke 24:1-12

**Saturday 4/6**

Psalm 145, 104  
Exodus 13:17-14:4  
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10  
Mark 12:18-27

**Sunday 4/7**

Psalm 112, 113, 146, 147  
Exodus 14:5-22  
1 John 1:1-7, John 14:1-7

**Monday 4/8**

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, Exodus 14:21-31  
1 Peter 1:1-12, John 14:1-17

**Tuesday 4/9**

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11  
Exodus 15:1-21  
1 Peter 1:13-25, John 14:18-31

**Wednesday 4/10**

Psalm 12, 13, 14  
Exodus 15:22-16:10  
1 Peter 2:1-10, John 15:1-11

**Thursday 4/11**

Psalm 18, Exodus 16:10-22  
1 Peter 2:11-25, John 15:12-27

**Friday 4/12**

Psalm 16, 17, Exodus 16:23-36  
1 Peter 3:13-4:6, John 16:1-15

**Saturday 4/13**

Psalm 20, 21, Exodus 17:1-16  
1 Peter 4:7-19, John 16:16-33

**Sunday 4/14**

Psalm 115, 148, 149, 150  
Exodus 18:1-12  
1 John 2:7-17, Mark 16:9-20

**Monday 4/15**

Psalm 9, 15, 25  
Exodus 18:13-27  
1 Peter 5:1-14, Matthew 3:1-6

**Tuesday 4/16**

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39  
Exodus 19:1-16  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Matthew 3:7-12

**Wednesday 4/17**

Psalm 38, Exodus 19:16-25  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Thursday 4/18**

Psalm 37, Exodus 20:1-21  
Colossians 1:24-2:7  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Friday 4/19**

Psalm 105, Exodus 24:1-18  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Matthew 4:12-17

**Saturday 4/20**

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43  
Exodus 25:1-22  
Colossians 3:1-17  
Matthew 4:18-25

**Sunday 4/21**

Psalm 63, 98, 103  
Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38  
1 John 2:18-29, Mark 6:30-44

**Monday 4/22**

Psalm 41, 44, 52, Exodus 32:1-20  
Colossians 3:18-4:6  
Matthew 5:1-10

**Tuesday 4/23**

Psalm 45, 47, 48  
Exodus 32:21-34  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 5:11-16

**Wednesday 4/24**

Psalm 49, 53, Exodus 33:1-23  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:17-20

**Thursday 4/25**

Psalm 50, 59, 60, Exodus 34:1-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20  
Matthew 5:21-26

**Friday 4/26**

Psalm 40, 51, 54  
Exodus 34:18-35  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
Matthew 5:27-37

**Saturday 4/27**

Psalm 55, 138, 139  
Exodus 40:18-38  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
Matthew 5:38-48

**Sunday 4/28**

Psalm 8, 24, 29  
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36  
Hebrews 12:1-14  
Luke 4:16-30

**Monday 4/29**

Psalm 56, 57, 58  
Leviticus 16:1-19  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Tuesday 4/30**

Psalm 61, 62, 68  
Leviticus 16:20-34  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 6:7-15

# Remember When...



April, 1991  
Koinonia Chicken Barbeque  
Linda Holman, Mary Steiner,  
Don Chaffins



April, 1997  
Koinonia Chicken Barbeque  
Jan Wyant, Corinne Piper,  
Margie Best



April, 2005  
Koinonia Chicken Barbeque  
It takes many hands to put on  
a chicken barbeque!

# Connecting With ...



Acolytes Ian House and Hayden McKee light the candles on February 24, 2013.



## Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or  
in the Hospital

Karen Bible  
Cindy Guess  
Joanna Hurd  
Ruth Shaw

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn  
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing,  
Support, Strength &  
Encouragement

Joanna Hurd  
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Eddie Mault  
Jason Stanley



Congratulations to Amanda Crates and Travis Cummans, who were married at St. Paul's on Saturday, February 16, 2013. Amanda is the daughter of Mike and Kim Crates and the granddaughter of Jerry Crates.

# The People of St. Paul's

*Dear St. Paul's,  
Your kindness and sympathy  
are more deeply appreciated  
than any words of thanks  
can ever express.  
Thank you for the beautiful  
flowers and all the support.*

**Dave Decker**

**Thank  
You!**

*Dear Pastor Paul &  
Congregation,  
Please accept this donation in  
memory of my Aunt, Virginia  
Yarger. I know she derived a  
great deal of comfort from her  
church and her church family  
after the deaths of her son  
Michael and her husband—  
whom I will always think of as  
'Uncle Shorty'. Thank you for  
being there for her, and I know  
you will join me in mourning  
her passing. I'm sure she and  
her sisters are all together  
again (my mother was one of  
them) and that thought brings  
me a great deal of comfort.*

**Sincerely,  
Diane Luoma**



*Thanks to St. Paul's  
church and it's Nuture  
Committee for a large  
"candy tin" full of  
numerous fineries and  
small necessities to help  
keep my life comfortable  
while I am a resident at  
"Elm Croft Assisted Living  
for Seniors" .  
It was also delivered by  
two special church  
members.*

**Thanks again.  
Love,  
Mary LaRue**

*To the 'Crafty Creatures'  
at St. Paul's United  
Methodist Church,  
I really can't express  
appropriately our gratitude  
for your donation of lap  
quilts. They all were so  
beautiful and the residents  
just love them! Thank you so  
very much; words just can't  
convey our appreciation for  
your labors of love!*

**Again thank you!  
Cheri Benroth,  
Activities Director at  
Baton Rouge Health Services**



**Prayer List Updates  
Please Contact  
Lavonne Segovia**

**Meetings**

TBA  
**PPR...7:00 PM**  
 April 2, 2013  
**Trustees...7 PM**  
 April 3, 2013  
**Worship...6:00 PM**  
 April 8, 2013  
**Finance...7:00 PM**  
 April 8, 2013  
**No Ad Council**  
 April 16, 2013  
**Missions...7:00 PM**  
**Sundays**  
**Prayer...8:45 AM**  
**Sunday School...9:00 AM**  
**Fellowship...9:30 AM**  
**Worship...10:00 AM**  
**Bell Choir...6:30 PM**  
**Wednesdays**  
**Chancel Choir...7:00 PM**

# April 2013

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Mike Crates	<b>3</b> David Scannell  Helen Scholfield 91 years	<b>4</b> Lynda Evans	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Dan Best	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pam Lozano	<b>11</b> Brittany Scannell	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Todd Chaffins	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Doug Guess	<b>18</b> Paul Scannell Brent Stemen	<b>19</b> Maedene Holmes	<b>20</b> Lori Motzer Aaron Piper Kelly Warris
<b>21</b> Krista Slemmons	<b>22</b> Chloe Nartker	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Jaxson Stemen	<b>29</b> Gerald Strayer	<b>30</b>				

*Anniversaries*


  
*Carl & Lois Rabley*  
*April 4*  
*49 years*  
  
*Ray & Phyllis Trigg*  
*April 15*  
*53 years*  
  
*John & Joy Fletcher*  
*April 17*  
  
*Tony & Pam Lozano*  
*April 17*  
  
*Brian & Angie Nartker*  
*April 17*

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Red Velvet Poke Cake (served at carry-in luncheon)

*By Jan Wyant*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	Red Velvet cake mix	Prepare cake mix according to package directions for a 9x13 cake. Bake according to directions on box. Once cake comes out of the oven, allow it to cool for just a couple of minutes. With a wooden spoon handle, a spatula handle or some other similarly-sized object, begin poking holes in the warm cake.  You want the holes to be BIG so that the pudding has plenty of room to get down in there. Be sure to poke right down to the bottom of the cake.  In a medium bowl, whisk together pudding mix with 4 cups milk, until all the lumps are gone. Pour pudding over cake, taking care to pour it right into the holes as much as possible. Spread it all out and using the back of the spoon, gently push pudding down into the holes.  Put the cake into the fridge to set and cool (about 2 hours). Once the cake has completely cooled, spread on whipped topping. Spread it out evenly over the pudding layer. Spread crushed Oreos on the top of the cake. Needs to be kept in the refrigerator.
Ingredients needed	Eggs, oil, water	
2 (3.4 oz.) boxes	Instant Cheesecake-flavored pudding	
4 cups	Milk	
1 (8 oz.) tub	Frozen whipped topping, thawed	
10	Oreo cookies, crushed (optional)	



## Corn Casserole

*By Mary Irvin*

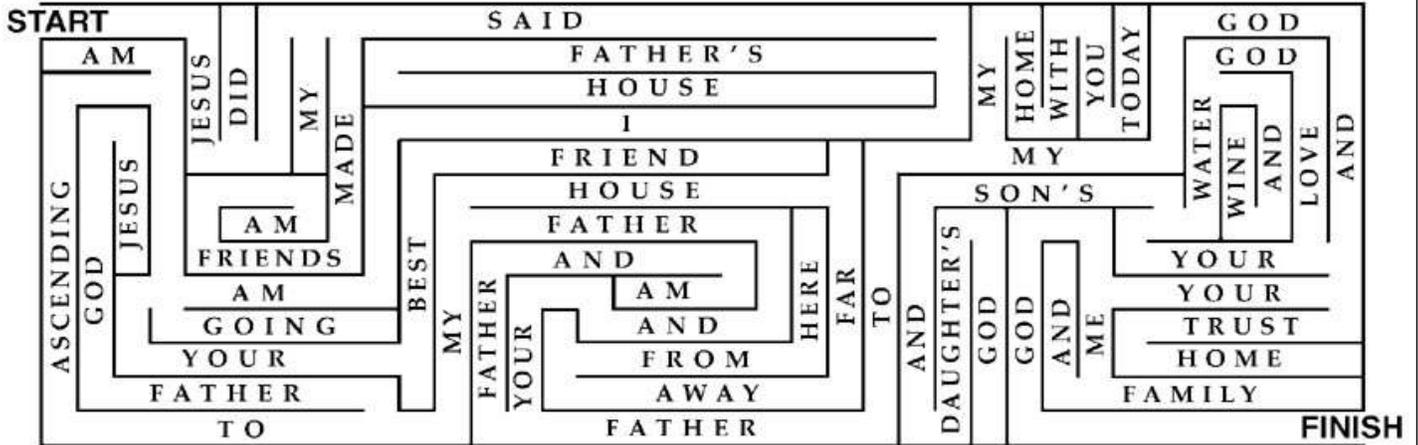
Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	Jiffy corn muffin mix	Preheat oven to 325 degrees.  Mix ingredients all together.  Spray 2 quart casserole dish. Bake for 45-60 minutes.
2	Eggs, beaten	
1 can	Cream style corn	
1 can	Whole corn, undrained	
1 stick	Oleo, melted	
1 (8 oz.)	Sour cream or cream cheese	



# KIDZ KORNER

## Maze

Collect the words as you make your way through the maze. Write the words in the blanks below.



\_\_\_\_\_ , " \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ , " \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ , " John 20:17b

Answer: Jesus said, "I am ascending to my father and your father, to my God and your God."

## Picture Find

Circle these things in the picture at right.

- Apple
- Baby Birds
- Basket
- Easter Eggs
- Fawn
- Flowers
- Flying Birds
- Rabbit
- Trees
- Tulip



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# April 2013



## Living Our Faith

### Life

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.  
Life is beauty, admire it.  
Life is bliss, taste it.  
Life is a dream, realize it.  
Life is a challenge, meet it.  
Life is a duty, complete it.  
Life is a game, play it.  
Life is a promise, fulfill it.  
Life is sorrow, overcome it.  
Life is a song, sing it.  
Life is a struggle, accept it.  
Life is a tragedy, confront it.  
Life is an adventure, dare it.  
Life is luck, make it.  
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.  
Life is life, fight for it.

- Mother Teresa

### A Parable of Forgiveness

The story is told of a woman who went to St. Francis of Assisi and asked what she had to do to be forgiven for her gossiping. St. Francis told her to take feathers and place one at the doorstep of everyone in the town of whom she had spoken ill.

She did so and returned to St. Francis, who told her to then go and retrieve all the feathers. When she attempted to do so she discovered that the feathers were scattered all around town.

Again, she returned to St. Francis and told him about the feathers. He said to her, "You wish to repent and be forgiven of your sin. Good. But the damage of your words is done and cannot be taken back."

### Abraham Lincoln

A story is told of former US President Abraham Lincoln who apparently had little patience for those people who pretended to be wise but had very little in the way of facts.

Lincoln ostensibly told the story about a man who was lost in the dark night in a thunderstorm. Lightning was crashing all around him, and he was afraid.

Finally driven to his knees, the man said: "Dear God, I'm not a prayin' man, so I'll make this brief. If it's all the same to you, God, could we have a little more light and a little less noise?"

