



MY CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD AND MEN

Now that the summer is over and the kids are back in school, and regular routines are getting in order, I have found myself thinking about my grandfather, Melvin Jay Berry (Pa), a lot lately. Since his falling asleep and going home in late June (from a 2 year battle with Pancreatic Cancer), I have been remembering some of the words and phrases he mentioned to me in the prior weeks.

He told me Go Blue! He was a Huge Michigan fan (Enormous, Gigantic, Massive, Giant, or Colossal might be a better word to describe how much he loved that team from up north). He knew I didn't care, because I am a Huge Ohio State fan, but he knew I loved to hear *him* say it.

He told me he would like another Bratwurst. He loved them. He loved them plain; and with one bite of that over-sized sausage you could see on his face that he was happy and content.

He told me that he was proud of me. He and B didn't have much money but with what they had, they were able to help substantially with my Seminary so I would have zero debt after graduation. He never had the opportunity to hear me teach but I knew he didn't have to for him to be proud of me.

He told me that he loved my grandmother (B). They took care of, looked after, and loved one another for over 50 years. He was faithful to only her and he showed her every day.

He told me that he had lived a good life and didn't have one regret; that he was so thankful to be loved by God the Father and Saved by Jesus, and he said, "I know his Spirit lives in me".

My Grandfather was a good man and lived a good life. He was kind to everyone he met and worked hard all his life. He was not a bible scholar but with one of his last phrases to me he was able to echo the words of Paul in Acts 23:1 - Then Paul, looking earnestly at the counsel, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

Paul was not perfect (nor was my Pa), but Paul felt no guilt for anything he had done. With this statement, it should be noted that a conscience uninformed by biblical truth will not necessarily pass accurate judgments.

It is possible for the conscience to be damaged, weakened, and even gone. The Bible says that the conscience can be weakened (I Corinthians 8:7), wounded (I Corinthians 8:12), defiled (Titus 1:15), evil (Hebrews 10:20), and seared (I Timothy 4:2). And it is obvious that a conscience in one of these states will not assess things properly.

The Bible, on the other hand, does mention that a conscience can be good (I Timothy 1:5), blameless (Acts 24:16), and clear (I Timothy 3:9).

A Christians' conscience, informed by the standards of God's Word, are able to assess accurately their actions. This can only happen by a consistent and deliberate exposure to the truths of God's Word.

How is your conscience? How do you know? What a church we would be if we had a clear conscience proven by the Word of God.

Pastor Andy



Newsletter

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Franklin Road Baptist Church

Christ is our Message . . . The Bible is our Text

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 9:15am. We'll be studying the Gospel of John. Questions? Please call Betty Donoho, 862-5983; Sharron Popa, 549-3291; or Myrna Jones, 626-7596.

FRBC DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are updating our church family Directory and will be scheduling photograph sessions in late August through September. In August you will receive a phone call to set up the time for your family's photograph session.

The photograph of yourself or family in the current FRBC family Directory may be satisfactory for use.

Also, if you are not contacted by Aug 24, please contact Joan Janelsins at 894-4822 to set up a session.

MUGS AND MUFFINS

Young adult women and older, you are invited to participate in our first mugs and muffins event.

Saturday Sept 22nd 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Come for a time of fellowship and to hear Betty Lou Donoho share her testimony all while enjoying delicious muffins and hot coffee or tea.

SENIORS 55+ ROAD TRIP

Are you 55+? Retired? Semi-Retired? or just available on Sept 24th? Please make plans to join us for a catered lunch at Gaither Resource Center in Alexandria. After lunch we will tour the center. We will be leaving church @ 10:00 a.m. Approximate cost of the trip will be \$25. Money will be due Sept 16th. Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board.

NANCY CIRCLE

The Nancy Circle will start our new year on Tues, Sept 11th at 9:30 a.m. All ladies of the church are invited. Come join us.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

"Will you help send the light through the open door" ???

Mark your calendars for FRBC'S Missions Conference Sept. 8th & 9th. On Sat. the 8th, we will be putting Bibles together for the Philippines from 9:00 - 2:00. There will be a morning session from 9:00 - 12:00, lunch from 11:30 - 12:30, and an afternoon session from 12:00 - 2:00. If you are planning to come to the afternoon session, come early & eat lunch before you start & if you are coming to the morning session, plan on eating when you finish. (this way we can have people working continuously). There is something for everyone to do, so plan on coming!! Please sign up at the Welcome Center for the sessions & lunch. (Vera Thompson & Linda Keser are cooking a delicious meal, so don't miss out)!!! On Sunday, Sept. 9th, adults & kids from the Ukraine Team, Jamaica Team & summer camps will be sharing their experiences of how they "carried the light through the open door" and then Kenny Hopper, missionary with Bearing Precious Seed, will share a message from his heart in our Morning Service. Come be a part of "Sending the Light Through the Open Door"!!!!

MISSIONS HELP NEEDED

On Friday Sept 7th @ 2:00 p.m. we need at least 6 (strong) people to help unload the equipment we will be using to put the Bibles together . If you would be willing to help, please let Don Jones know. (626-4852). Thanks for your help in advance!!!

ITEM NEEDED

The Missions Committee is in need of a twin size mattress/box spring & bed frame for one of our mission houses. We have a family with 6 children coming in November, and we are one bed short. Please contact Cindy Clark (326-36111) or fatfreequeen0514 @hotmail.com for more information.

Deacons

David Fleetwood 446-0173
Bill Widbin 861-1991

Deaconesses

Joyce Willits 899-4366
Gaylene Goodroad 826-3982

Trustees (Aug)

John Magnussen 823-2212
Doug Painter 897-5806

Nursery 9/2

Daphne Hansen
Pat Campbell
Dave & Sheila Moeller

Greeters 9/2

Dick & Evelyn Smith

OFFERING

8/19/12

Amount needed	7,748.00
Amount received	6,161.00
Deficit this week	1,587.00
Needed YTD	263,432.00
Received YTD	273,182.00
Over YTD	9,750.00
Sunday School	97
Morning Worship	228

OFFERING

8/26/12

Amount needed	7,748.00
Amount received	6,857.00
Deficit this week	891.00
Needed YTD	271,180.00
Received YTD	280,039.00
Over YTD	8,859.00
Sunday School	92
Morning Worship	211

Military Prayer Requests

- Daniel Becker (Air Force-Little Rock, AR)
- Nathan Penley (Army)
- Tyler Bouma (Navy)
- Jeremiah Tomasetti (Army-Brother of Liz Johnston)
- Rob Popa (Son of Sharron Popa)
- Charlie Holland (Army - Korea) Grandson of Charlie & Dee Byram

Cares & Prayers August 27, 2012

At Home

Richard Arthur (<i>Parkinson's Disease</i>)	11050 Presbyterian Drive, Apt 1004, 46236
Elizabeth Bays	907 N. Belmar, 46219
Naomi Bonham (<i>Circulation in Legs</i>)	5167 Bill Drive, 46236
Nita Foust (<i>Health Issues</i>) & Linda Zinn (<i>Heart</i>)	5225 Grapevine Drive, 46235
Janice Hodges (<i>Hip Replacement</i>)	1019 Paul Drive, 46229
Dave Hunt (<i>Cerebellar Ataxia</i>)	10612 Creekside Woods Drive, 46239
Liz Johnston (<i>Eye Surgery 8/6 & 8/14</i>)	101 N. Franklin Road, 46219
Myrna Jones (<i>Ovarian Cancer</i>)	7223 Sunset Ridge Parkway, 46259
Stephani Kuhn (<i>Multiple Sclerosis, Strength</i>)	4079 S. Meadow Wood Court, New Palestine, 46163
John Neir (<i>Heart</i>)	7845 Yarmouth Way, 46239
Sylvia Myers	1433 S. Fox Tail Pass, New Palestine, 46163
Wanetta Perrine (<i>Knee problems</i>)	1749 N. Graham, 46218
Bea Wagner (<i>Heart</i>)	1223 N. Edmondson Ave #B3, 46219
Ed Waldo (<i>Heart, Health Issues</i>)	8128 Heritage Commons Drive, 46219

Shut Ins - Church Family

Dulcie Benson	Pleasant View Lodge, 7476 Lane Road, McCordsville, 46055
Bob Bettge	8800 Spoon Drive, 46219
Erma Feiler	9028 E. 13th Street, 46229
Martha Fields	11466 Creekwood Circle, 46239
Mildred Gumberts	Springhurst Health Campus, 628 N. Meridian, # 209, Greenfield, 46140
Bette Jensen	8800 Spoon Drive, Apt 305, 46219
Del Maupin (<i>Recovering from Open Heart Surgery</i>)	Wildwood Healthcare Center 7301 E. 16th Street, 46219
Dot Murphy	1343 N. Edmondson Ave, Apt D109, 46219
Bill Ransom (<i>Dialysis</i>)	8800 Spoon Drive, Room 106, 46219
Naomi Runyan	8480 Craig Street, Apt 103, 46250
Frances Runyon	8800 Spoon Drive, Apt 306, 46219
Margie Shields	Rosewalk, 1301 N. Ritter, Apt 326, 46219
Harold Woodburn	Beech Grove Meadows, 2002 E. Albany, Beech Grove, 46107

Friends of Church Family

Charles Baxter (<i>Stroke</i>)	<i>Friend of Kay Armbruster</i>
Jack Caldwell (<i>Severe health problems</i>)	<i>Brother of Anna Williams Hall</i>
Olivean Caldwell (<i>Congestive heart failure</i>)	<i>Sister-in-law of Anna Williams Hall</i>
Eli Dilts (<i>Brain Tumor—7 years old</i>)	<i>Family member of Jean Hickman</i>
Noah Harvey (<i>Heart Transplant</i>)	<i>Infant family member of Gene & Jan Crouch</i>
Linda Holland (<i>Cancer</i>)	<i>Daughter of Charles & Dolores Byram, Tavares, FL</i>
Laura Madden (<i>Cancer</i>)	1800 Fenton Manor, Cumming, GA 30041
Carita Noe (<i>Colon Cancer</i>)	<i>Daughter of Elizabeth Bays</i>
Dennis Ryan (<i>Pray for his Salvation</i>)	<i>Nephew of Terri Andrews</i>
Robin Tabor (<i>Inoperable Cancer</i>)	<i>Friend of Naomi Bonham, Pray for her Salvation</i>
Diana (<i>Crohn's Disease</i>) & Wayne (<i>Cancer</i>) Widgren	<i>Daughter and Son-in-law of Naomi Bonham, Nestor Falls, Ontario</i>

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August 27, 2012 - September 9, 2012

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Monday, August 27	Monday, September 3
Ms Krista Hunter	Cherie Stout Bob & Doris Hicks (1995) Office Closed
Tuesday, August 28	Tuesday, September 4
	Mrs. Jean Hickman Bob & Nancy Atherton (1955)
Wednesday, August 29	Wednesday, September 5
5:45p Dinner Program 6:30p Awana 6:30p Adult Bible Study and The Way 7:20p Choir Rehearsal	Mr Greg Kuhn & Ms Debbie Bouma Tyler Penley 9:15a Ladies Bible Study 5:45p Dinner Program 6:30p Awana 6:30p Adult Bible Study and The Way 7:20p Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, August 30	Thursday, September 6
11:00a Seniors 55+ Lunch 7:00p YAK	Mr. Kevin Bates 10:00a Joy Singers 11:00a Seniors 55+ Lunch 7:00p YAK
Friday, August 31	Friday, September 7
Mrs. Vera Peterman Mr. Kyle Collins 8:30a ROMEO	Mr. Ron Sanders 8:30a ROMEO
Saturday, September 1	Saturday, September 8
Mrs. Kathy Maupin Missions Conference 8:00a Men's Prayer Meeting 9:00a Session 1--Assembling Bibles 11:30a Lunch 12:00p Session 2--Assembling Bibles	8:00a Men's Prayer Meeting
Sunday, September 2	Sunday, September 9
Mrs. Elva Brown, Lauren Hunt & Eli Bridenthal 9:00a Sunday School-Missions Conference 10:00a Morning Service-Missions Conference 5:00p Personnel Committee Meeting 6:00p Evening Chapel 6:00p The Way	Mr. Robert Bettge & Doug Painter Mrs. Michele Patton & Chloe Lavoncher 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service 5:00p Deaconesses Meeting 6:00p Evening Chapel & The Way 7:00p Budget & Finance Committee Meeting