

Daily Moments with Pastor Steve



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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PRAYER LIST

Luanne Hinshaw
Cancer

Barbara Quick
Cancer
G. McGinnis Cousin

Helen Thornblow
Cancer - Hospice
Fr. Martin's

Ed Manning
Cancer
Bro. Mary Manning

Annie Ruth Ulfig
Cancer
Sis. E. Blackburn

Bonnie Howard
Fr. Chris Andrews

Jack Bullington
Chemotherapy

Pearl Kimel
Rehab for hip
mom - Rick Kimel

Ron Bodsford
Pancreas Tests

Elaine Dean
Stroke
Sis. D. Schroyer

Alice Strader
Home Recovering
Sis. D. Schroyer

Elaise Cathy
Sis. P. Roberts

Perry Fortescue
Health Issues
Neph. Bill Fortescue

Edith Farmer
Better

Lisa Hale
Recovering

Bill Holder
Rehab @ Home

Marilyn Mercer
Tests on Foot

Mercer Family
Mark's Issues

Hilda Smith
Brian Center - Rehab

Jennifer Grant
Family Issues



Hi Guys,

Bear with me as I experiment with the way I can make these devotionals look more professional and can get them to you in a much easier way. I am doing this with IWeb and saving as a PDF. I am looking for ideas that will allow me to do these devotionals, perhaps involve us in some blogging, and keep the church up-to-date on happenings and circumstances. I look forward to any ideas you may have.

What about the little engine that couldn't?

Friday, July 8, 2011

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Do you have any secrets? Would you like to know some? I ask because there are some folks who claim to have learned those secrets that answer the deep questions of life. Even more, most of those folks have made it possible for you to share in their knowledge. All you have to do is buy their books.

Do I hear you asking, "What books?" You know, books that carry titles like *The Secret to Becoming Rich*, *The Secret of Being Smart*, *The Top Ten Secrets to Making Many Friends* and the standard, *Secret Recipes to Living Longer*.

Of course, the search to find answers is not confined to adults. There is a famous children's story called *The Little Engine That Could*. Here's the plot: there was a little train who didn't think he could climb over a mountain because it was too high and difficult. Just when it seemed he must turn back, the train began to repeat, "I think I can. I think I can." Soon the train was past the mountains and he had discovered the secret of success is thinking positively.

The little train learned a great lesson. Unfortunately, it's a lesson that doesn't always work.

Ask St. Paul. He knows.

You might think that being one of the Lord's apostles would have certain measurable, earthly perks. The truth is Paul experienced tremendous hardships in his life, including shipwreck, imprisonment, torture and hunger. These were things from which positive thinking could not deliver him.

Paul's deliverance came from a different source: his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Philippians 4:12 Paul essentially said, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."

And where did Jesus fit in? Paul lets us know. He said, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." What a wonderful secret of being joyful in all things -- not by relying on yourself or the power of positive thinking or by any other man-made resource.

Brandy Null
ICU Baptist
Guillian Barr
Hope House Family

David Murphy
Cancer - Stage 4
Fr. Martin's

Brenda Houge
Home Recovering

Dr. Bill Gamble
Memory Issues
Fr. Martin's

Mildred Holder
Back Surgery Aug

Maggie Richard
3 year old
Heart Surgery Soon
Fr. K. Craig

Relying on Jesus: that's the secret of contentment. It's a secret Jesus' redeemed ought to make sure is known by everyone.

Thank You, Heavenly Father, for the strength You give us through the victory over sin and death that Jesus has won. Help us look to You in every situation of our lives. In His Name. Amen.

UMM Sunday - 8:00 am
Staff Appreciation After Worship
Starts Sunday - July 10 - 5:30pm

