

Thoughts For the Journey—MARCH 2015

So . . . You Want to be Miserable?

Few seek misery, but many people find it. Just in case you are satisfied and content with life and would like to walk on the wild side, here's a great guide to misery. Expect everyone to take care of your needs. Everyone – family, friends, and church family – owes you something. Since no one can take care of you completely, tell them when they fail. Compare yourself with others. The trouble with keeping up with the Joneses is that the Joneses never stop. We envy and strive to possess the cars others have, try to live in homes beyond our means or wish we could play the piano like, Krystian Zimerman or sing like, Mariah Carey or Josh Groban. Yet God gives you the talent to use that is easily buried under mounds of self-pity. The only thing left to do is to attend your own pity party.

Next, live for tomorrow. Make a note of the day you will be happy. "I'll be happy when I get out of school, get a job, get a promotion or retire." To the one who waits, neither tomorrow nor joy arrives. Spend time complaining about your lot in life. Life is unfair, so let everyone know about it. Soon, you will drive away acquaintances, friends, family and church family. Then you will be able to complain that no one cares to listen.

From a cell in prison, the Apostle Paul reminded the Philippians that he had learned in all circumstances to be – *content*. Beloved the secret is not that difficult. Solve your problems by helping others. No one can be miserable who brings a smile to another person. Use your talents and gifts. You are unique and God made you what you are, not what someone else is. Put each day to bed at night. Yesterday has left and tomorrow never arrives. *Enjoy the day that God gave you. Be thankful.* Life is unfair. You will experience trouble. However, God's blessings far outweigh life's disappointments. No one else can be miserable and grateful at the same time. Happiness is not found in life's breaks. It is a decision made with each new sunrise. Remember Paul's command, "Rejoice and again I say, rejoice!"

Blessings for Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

2	Collin Trimble
3	Pete Tallos
5	Alex Carpenter
6	Eileen Weber
	Stephanie Tyler Garvin
	Brittney Bokar
7	Lisa Woodby, Arlene Squire
8	Mary Tite
12	Dolly Dixon, Tammy Hammond
14	Cassidy Karban
	Robin & Jim Galvin
17	Mike Krasnevich
	Dan Landin, Kennadi Daniels
20	Melissa Daniels
	Val & Ted Fletcher
	Glenn & Carol Swartz
21	Ted Fletcher
	Angie & Ed Carter
	Donna & Bruce Burdick
22	Becky Moran
	Holly Chapman
23	Linda Morrison
24	Rachel Trimble
	Liz Bokar
25	Bill Nowagarski, Karen Mole
28	Scott White
	Shannon Belfi
	Carol & Doug Busche
29	Karen Vilevac
30	Christine Smith
31	Vicky Spitzer, Paige Bokman

CHINESE AUCTION — April 15th

Mark your calendar for this community family event. This is an evening that is enjoyed by all ages. **Doors open at 7:00 p.m.** More info as we get closer or call the church office, 748-2230.

Serving at the Lord's Table:

8:00 Jim & Linda Ickes
 9:30 Mike Mott, Chris Chapman, Carol Bokman, Theresa Sizemore, John Klinect, Tammy Hammond, Theresa McDonough



ELDERS Bob Hammond, Jeff Hensley

MISSIONS —MARCH 2015

Cornerstone Among Women — Pocket change on the small table display.

Food Pantry — Soups

Salvation Army—Sample size toiletries (soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)

Cans For Cody —Alum. Drink cans

Recycle Papers — Bin provided

Cancelled Stamps — Leave 1/4 inch of envelope around the stamp.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 29th @ 2:00. Just a reminder that we ARE asking for candy to fill the plastic eggs and small gifts and gift certificates for the kids prizes. Any questions see Polly Tallos.



Family Meal: A Free Community Meal

Tuesday, MARCH 24TH—Dinner is served at 5:30 PM

On the 4th Tuesday of the month NECC serves a free meal to ANYONE in the community that is interested in coming together as a 'family'. Enjoy good home cooked food and good company for an evening. If you would like to help by donating, cooking, serving, or cleanup please sign up in the fellowship hall.

FUNDRAISER FOR: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Hosted By: Cystic Fibrosis Warriors

Please join us on **SATURDAY, MARCH 28th from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. for a Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, hosted by the CYSTIC FIBROSIS WARRIORS (which include Theresa McDonough and Dawn Schieferle). Dawn was born with Cystic Fibrosis that affects her daily life. All of us have seen how CF has effected Dawn—weeks spent in the hospital fighting infections or using an oxygen tank at just 28 years old. This event will be held in the NECC Fellowship Hall and dinner includes: salad, spaghetti, meatballs, dessert & beverage. COST IS: \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). 100% of the funds raised will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.**

The CF Foundation has raised and invested hundreds of millions of dollars to support the development of new CF drugs and therapies. They are the reason Dawn and many others have lived past their life expectancy when first diagnosed. But the lives of people with this disease are still cut far too short. We hope that you will join us for dinner and take a look at our great auction/raffle prizes which include **4 admission passes to Cedar Point and 4 admission passes to King's Island.**

If you cannot attend this event and would still like to make a donation please visit:

<http://cfwarriors.passioncff.org> (donations are tax deductible)

You may contact JOY (Theresa's niece) with any questions regarding this event by email:

cysticfibrosiswarriors@yahoo.com OR call/text 614-805-8004

We hope to see you there! Thank you for the continued support and prayers.

CYF STATE YOUTH CONVENTION — March 13—15

Our high school youth will be attending the State Youth Convention the weekend of **March 13-15** at Camp Christian. During that time we will have the opportunity to pack up "care boxes" for those serving in the military. To do that, we will need the following donations: *knitting needles/ yarn, blank greeting cards, encouragement cards, refrigerated cookie dough, individually wrapped snack bars/candies and monetary donations for postage.* We need name and addresses of any active duty family members to send to. **MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH BY Wednesday, MARCH 11th.**

