



Connections

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A LITTLE FRIDAY AFTERNOON AFFLICTION FOR MY COMFORT

I got an email Friday afternoon. It was from a Christian advocacy group that sends enough emails to be slightly annoying but not so many that I take the time to unsubscribe. It was the subject line that caught my attention:

Pray for Glenn Beck.

It caught my attention because Mr. Beck is on the cover of the most recent *Time Magazine* and because I tend to think cable pundits like Beck are responsible for much of the anger and incivility in our national debate these days.

I don't give much thought to the Glenn Becks and Rush Limbaughs of this world, and when I do it's usually with a roll-my-eyes-while-shaking-my-head kind of disapproval. If you're a fan, that's fine. For my purposes here, you need to know that I am not.



So I get this email asking me to pray for Glenn Beck, and I immediately have two thoughts, both at the same time. The first is: Why would I pray for *him*? And the second is a kind of prayer in itself: Lord, do you really think it is possible to knock some sense into this guy?

Neither of which are responses I would expect from a committed Christian and a daily practitioner of prayer. But there it is.



Then I opened up and read the email. It included a quote from Beck talking about his 21 year old daughter

who suffers from cerebral palsy. He talks about his fear that if somebody—anybody other than he and his family—were in a position to make a decision about her care, they might not see what he sees. He's afraid that government bureaucrats might weigh her future "quality of life" and not leave room for the miracles that sometimes happen in the lives of God's children.

The email goes on to make it clear that under the current healthcare reform proposals, Mr. Beck and his family have nothing to fear. But at the end, the email cites a recent television program in which Beck asks his audience to pray for safety and wisdom for himself and his staff. The email authors say that though they strongly disagree with many of Glenn Beck's views, "we too believe in a God far greater than all of us. So on this point, let's

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OUR VERY OWN FIELD OF DREAMS

Gail Haberstroh, a St. Andrew member since earlier this year, came from a Lutheran background. When she and her family (including husband Brian) relocated from Hawaii and settled in the Lauren Lakes subdivision in August 2008, they didn't set out to join a Methodist church. But the new St. Andrew building, which they could see from their house, attracted their attention.

The Haberstrohs began attending around Christmas, then decided to join the church in spring 2009. Gail said that if it wasn't for the new structure that can be easily seen off County Farm Road and surrounding areas, it would have been unlikely that the family would have ended up at St. Andrew.

"Visibility was a huge factor," she said. "We had absolutely no idea where the former church was."

That is exactly the impact we hoped we would have when deciding to construct our new building. It brings to mind the famous Kevin Costner quote in the classic base-

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take Glenn at his word and pray for him to have wisdom as he speaks out on these issues." The email then gives the reader a place to click in order to send an email of your own to 1) tell Glenn Beck he has nothing to fear from healthcare reform and 2) that you will be praying for him.

This is one of the things that drives me crazy about Jesus. Sure, he comforts me when I'm afflicted, but he's just as likely to afflict me when I grow a little too comfortable. Jesus is always challenging my assumptions even when they are carefully weighed and reasoned. Pray for Glenn Beck? Pray for an entertainer who gets paid big bucks to whip up his army of committed fans to new heights of distrust for their government with ever more inflammatory rhetoric? You can't be serious, I protest. But of course Jesus is very serious indeed.

And so I started to go down that road. I started to think about how I might pray for Beck. How someone with as much influence as he has ought to be in the thoughts and prayers of anyone—right or left—who cares about the future of political discourse in America. What problem could I possibly have asking God to give Glenn Beck an extra portion of God's own kind of potent wisdom—a wisdom that is always tempered by grace and refined with compassion?

Then I wondered how the September 12 March in Washington might have gone had one of the more

respected speakers taking the podium that afternoon asked all the people of faith in the crowd to pause and pray for our nation's President. Can you imagine how the tone of the event might have changed if some had simply asked that they pray for the same thing Beck asked for himself—protection and wisdom—for President Obama and his cabinet? Can you imagine how all those town hall meetings might have proceeded this summer had someone in attendance asked all the people of faith who were present to begin those meetings by praying for their representative or senator?



We like to call ourselves a Christian nation, but the behavior from both conservatives and liberals lately has been anything but. Maybe it's time for those of us inside Christ's church to agree to disagree about politics so that we can get busy doing the work of Jesus in our world. Let's pray for those with whom we strongly disagree. Let's bring a word of peace and patience when we find ourselves surrounded by bitter debate. Let's work as hard at hearing what others are trying to say as we are trying to be heard. Let's allow God to set the agenda, supply the principles, and guide his people as we look beyond our self-interest toward what is in the best interests of all.

And for me, this week, that means taking time to pray for a certain cable news commentator, Glenn Beck.



ARE YOU NEW TO ST. ANDREW?

The Church Growth Work area is pleased to announce an opportunity to learn more about St. Andrew. Orientation classes will be held for five Sunday mornings starting Sunday, October 4 (October 11,



Become Part of Our Church Family 18, 25 and November 1) at 10:00 a.m. A final class will be lead by

Pastor Burchill on Sunday, November 1, at 6:00 p.m. These classes are simply an avenue to provide information about the church and a chance to get to know some of the congregation a little better. It is strongly suggested that you attend each of these sessions as it will give you a better overall view of our church structure and mission. If you would like to attend these classes, please look for the forms to sign up in the church bulletin on Sunday or contact Laurie Klenosky at 463-6285 or laklenosky@gmail.com. Extra forms will be available in the church office or at the Welcome Center. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you a little better.

CURRENT GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2009 giving statements are available in the office today for you to pick up. Please stop and get yours so that we can save the postage of mailing them out. If you have any questions about the information contained on the statement, contact Larry Biehl at 583-4041 or larrybiehl@indy.net.

LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL/OFFICE ASSISTANT

With Melissa Martin moving to a new position on our staff as Director of Children's Ministries, we are looking for a new Financial/Office Assistant. This is an 8-12



hour a week position that includes an ability to work with finance and productivity software on

the computer, organizational and proofreading skills, answer phones and interact with others, with a high premium put on confidentiality and discretion. Interest in the position should be turned in to the office in written format, listing assets and former experience that apply to the position. If you or someone you know would be an excellent asset in our church office, please get that information turned in as soon as possible. For more information, you can contact our Staff Parish Committee at staffparish@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FROM EMMA ALVEY

I am home from the hospital and improving daily. Currently my doctor is in the process of adjusting the blood thinning medication that is to dissolve the clot and prevent future problems.

Thanks to St. Andrew for your prayers, cards and concerns.

Emma

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ball movie, *Field of Dreams* — "If you build it, they will come."



Since opening its doors in the summer of 2007, the new St. Andrew building has caught the attention of many people,, and also has made possible a variety of new programs, thanks to more space. Here is just a sampling of the ministries that have grown or been created since the new building opened:

- We have increased the number of adult Sunday school classes from two to five.
- We have been able to offer new-member orientation classes during the Sunday school hour.
- We have been able to offer scrapbooking days to the community, attracting healthy crowds to our church.
- Increased space has enabled a more organized welcoming system on Sunday mornings, with guests greeted with coffee, pastries and plenty of room to mingle.
- In 2007, average church attendance was 386. In 2008, it had risen to 395. And so far this year, the average is 418.
- Vacation Bible School is offered in a larger area and has grown since 2007. This year, we attracted 156 children, compared to 141 in both 2007 and 2008.
- BreakAway for those just completing 5th grade had its largest group ever in summer 2009 — 31. This is up from around 23 or 24 the previous couple of years.



We have made great strides in increasing our ministry due to more space in the new building, but this is no time to grow complacent. We can feel proud of what we have accomplished, and with continued faith and prayers, we are sure to accomplish much more. The Fulfilling the Promise campaign will pay the building loan down to \$1,000,000 at its completion in mid-2011. Thanks to the faithful commitments of our members to the campaign, we are past the 50 percent mark in terms of total amount given so far. To date, more than \$470,000 have been given to the follow-on campaign toward the \$910,167 pledged total. Halftime early in the second quarter. Way to go, team!

So go out and minister, reach out to the community, and be ready to grow with the church. And as we are celebrating our "halftime" success, remember that the way to ensure victory all the way to the finish line (or the ninth inning or fourth quarter, to continue with our sports metaphors) is to keep on being faithful with your commitments, just as sports fans are faithful to their team to the end.

The Campaign Completion Team

St. Andrew to Host All Day Scrapbooking Event

Saturday, November 14, 2009

8 a.m.—9 p.m.

4703 N. 50 W.

West Lafayette, IN 47906

765-497-7755

On Saturday, November 14, St. Andrew will once again open its doors to scrapbooking enthusiasts in the community. We will have vendors selling their products and giving demonstrations during the day. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day. Pre-registration is required by November 11. Registration fee of \$30 will include breakfast, lunch and dinner. Join us for a relaxing day of cropping, shopping, eating and talking with others that share the scrapbooking bug.



Scrapbooking Registration Saturday, November 14, 2009 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please try to sit me near the following person: _____

Cost: \$30 – Includes Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner, plus snacks. Some scrapbook tools will be available for use. Scrapbook vendors will be on site to show off the latest products and techniques!

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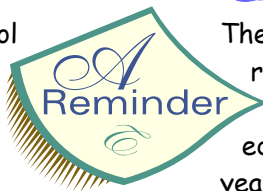
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Registration Deadline is Wednesday, November 11.

Questions? Please contact Debbie Honsowetz (538-2863) or Holly McDonald (497-8234).

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS

Our fall Sunday School classes have gotten off to a great start! Here are a few reminders:



- ❖ Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 10:45 a.m. Please be respectful of our teachers who would like to attend the 11:00 service and pick up your children promptly at 10:45 a.m. (Children 2nd-5th grade will be allowed to leave the Children's Area to meet up with their parents at the conclusion of Sunday School. Parents will need to pick up all younger children from their classrooms.)

- ❖ Our Children's Area, Nursery, and Sprouts room have been designated "No Nut" areas. We have several children with nut allergies and want to keep everyone safe. Please do not take food into these rooms that may contain nuts.



- ❖ Please have your child finish any snacks (donut holes, etc.) before they enter their classrooms for Sunday School. Not all items that are served during Coffee Hour are "nut-free" and having children eating at the beginning of class is messy and disruptive. Many of the Sunday School classes serve a nut-free snack during the Sunday School hour.

COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR GIFT CARD SALES

The Education Work Area at St. Andrew sells a variety of gift cards on Sunday mornings in The Commons to raise funds to cover some of our educational expenses. For the past several years Michelle Akridge has coordinated this effort, but she is stepping down to devote more time and energy to teaching Sunday School. St. Andrew is very thankful to Michelle for her many years of dedication!



The coordinator is responsible for securing the gift cards and coordinating volunteers to staff the gift card desk. If you would enjoy the opportunity to meet and greet others in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, this may be a good fit for you. For more information about this opportunity, please contact Suzanne Clemenz at 430-4648 or clemenzs@comcast.net.

GAZEBO DEDICATION PLANNED

You are invited to take a short walk to the gazebo at 10:00 Sunday, October 4. At that time we plan to share in a short dedication service in our beautiful meditation place on the hill. Please join us. If the weather is bad we will have the service on October 11.



COATS FOR OLDER KIDS

The Missions Committee is collecting winter coats for **junior high and high school** students for Bashor Children's Home. New or very gently used coats sized M, L, and XL will be gratefully accepted and can be brought to church by October 18. There will be a box labeled "Coats for Bashor Children" in The Commons near the church office. Thank you for your help with this project.



2010 OPERATING BUDGET PROCESS

The process for passing an operating budget for 2010 is beginning. You will receive a letter and budget recommendations in the mail shortly. Also, there will be individuals from Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, Council on Ministries and Finance in The Commons following the church services on Sept 27 and Oct 4, 11, and 18 to give explanations and to answer your questions.

HOLD THESE DATES!

Fall Spruce Up—
October 18—after lunch
 at church, all-church
 work and fun,
 till 3:00 p.m.

Celebration Dinner—
October 25
 Great food,
 fellowship & fun!



THANK YOU FROM LUANN

What a special congregation you are! Thank you for the surprise celebration of my 25 years on staff at St. Andrew. It has been a true joy to serve God through His gift of music and to worship together with such wonderful friends!

LuAnn Boggess

DIRECTORIES IN THE COMMONS

There are new directories with current home and e-mail addresses in The Commons. Please take a copy for your home. More will be printed as needed.

CENTER STAGE COMMUNITY MEAL

Our next meeting will be the meal we provide to the community at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 18. The meal is served around 12:15, but we need to be there between 11:30 and 11:45 to set up. The menu will consist of chicken casserole (see Jan Coleman for the recipe), rolls, applesauce, and cookies. If you can contribute food or \$\$\$, please respond to Jan at 463-6051 or janc2712@msn.com. We anticipate feeding between 80-90 people so as much participation as possible is needed, both in food and in service at the meal.



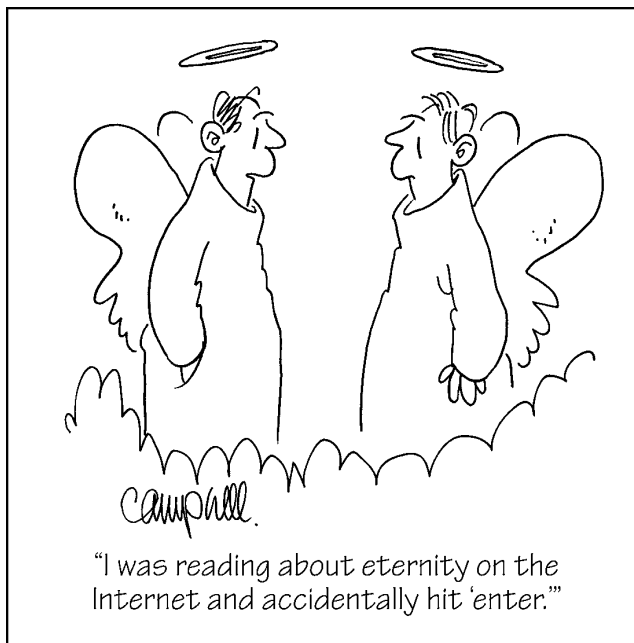
RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Several from our St. Andrew family have been hospitalized recently. Dick Nelson remains in rehab following a stroke on September 18. He is recuperating well and working hard. Al Segrist is home following surgery two weeks ago. Also hospitalized were Kim Goodman, Emma Alvey, Bruce Schuver and Marilyn Polley. All are now home and getting back on their feet. Please remember these members of our church family as they recuperate and are touched by God's healing hand.

Just for Fun! —CHILDREN'S GRACE

My friend Bob was trying to teach his daughter, Jenny, how to say grace before meals. After a few weeks of coaching, Bob decided Jenny was ready to say grace all by herself.

Jenny started out fine, thanking God for her mommy and daddy and brother and sister and for the rolls and the salad, etc. She ended with a big, "Thank you, God, for the spaghetti!" and lifted her head.



The tradition in Bob's house, though, was to end each prayer with "In Jesus' name, Amen." So Bob prompted Jenny, "In ..."

At first, Jenny seemed confused. Then she proudly exclaimed, "In tomato sauce. Amen."

—Barbara J. Doll, Upper Saddle River, N.J. "Kids of the Kingdom,"

Christian Reader

October 2009

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ST. ANDREW CONNECTIONS

St. Andrew UMC

Phone: 497-7755

Traditional Worship: Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.—September—May

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided at all times



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