

## Mike's Musings

Bring a Friend to Church... Point him/her to Heaven...

*This month, I'm collaborating with Richard Goehring, the Chair of our Bring-A-Friend Sunday Team, to encourage your participation in this special celebration. The following is a blend of our thoughts about the purpose of this exciting event. We hope it will challenge you to "want to" be with us on March 25, to do your best to bring a friend, and to pray for those "friends" who will join us for the first time.*

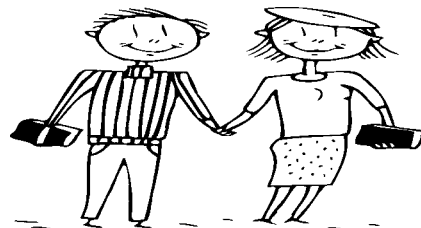
*God Bless! Pastor Mike*

What a concept!! Inviting people whose company we enjoy to share an experience with us that bring meaning to our lives each week. It's the easiest evangelism there is. Consider for a moment what it means to "be a friend" or, as the Bible says it "a brother".

A "friend" seeks the company of those who share his/her values, and beliefs. If that's true, then a church congregation is the ultimate group of friends. They share a common destiny – the promise of living with the Lord in Heaven forever. This bond helps make us a family of friends. Friends also are a help to one another. Remember the story of the paralytic in Luke 5:18-20? Four friends cared enough about their paralyzed friend that they wanted to help him. They fought against the obstacles and carried him to Jesus who forgave his sins and healed his body. **Would we do that for a friend?**

The label "brother" (sister) reveals a different facet of friendship. A brother/sister is a person who shares the same "blood line". When Jesus came to earth, He called believers "brothers and sisters". (Matthew 12:46-50)

Throughout the New Testament, those who were converted were called brothers". (Acts 22:6-15). So were those sent out to preach the Gospel. It all speaks to the close relationship we have with others who share the same Heavenly Father. Wouldn't it be great if our "friends" who don't know Christ became part of God's forever family because you invited them to church?



## Bring a Friend

The Old Testament uses the family as an underlying theme. God created family (Adam and Eve); saved the family from destruction (Noah and his sons); made Israel his "family" or chosen people. In the New Testament, that same family line was used to bring Jesus into the world (son of David). Jesus taught his followers about the special relationship they have in him with "Abba" – the Father. What a privilege to introduce our friends to such a compassionate God. Since the fall, the enemy has

tried to destroy family and relationships, but Jesus said, "I will build my church (my family) and the gates of hell will not overcome it." (Matt. 16:18)

So, why hold a **Bring-A-Friend Sunday**? Burry's has a long history of pointing people to Heaven and bringing people into the family of God. We are blessed with strong "family" bonds that have stretched from generation to generation. We need to continue that tradition. Inviting our un-churched friends to share a Sunday of worship and a fellowship meal together may well be the "divine appointment" God uses to adopt them into His family and make them part of our grace-driven church. Think of it! Your invitation could be the very thing God uses to point your friend to heaven! He/she could soon be your brother or sister in Christ.

We pray that inviting a friend to church is something you want to do. If so, then **Bring-A-Friend Sunday** is just an opportunity to exercise that joyous privilege. But it's also a sacred duty. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

May God help us to put our love for others into action on March 25, as we bring our friends to Burry's Church to share with us and to meet Jesus.

# Thanks

The Playground Committee would once again like to thank the congregation for making our soup sale a success.

The Lord provided the cold weather, we provided the hot soup, and you donated a total of \$525.00. Please remember to return the "empty" jars to the kitchen for reuse. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the Pancake/Buckwheat and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, March 3, from 8 am - 11 am

*My thanks for the lovely flowers and cards I received for my 82nd birthday.  
Bless Everyone,  
Butch Tallon*

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls when I was recuperating from my surgery.  
Bless Everyone,  
Donna Tallon

*We would like to thank all who helped with the dinner for the Seraphine Zahn family. We couldn't do it without you.  
~Faith Circle*



This year's Lenten Offerings will be combined with our Easter Special Offering and is designated for:

- Acquire the Fire Conference for our youth
- Repair of the Education Building roof.

## Announcing the 5th Annual BIBLE CLUB PINEWOOD DERBY



Saturday, March 17 -- Weigh in at 2 pm

Bring your own car  
(kits available at hobby stores and Michael's)  
or choose one of our donated cars on race day.

Bring your parents and friends.  
Everyone is invited to stay for our complimentary dinner at 5:00 pm.

Please call 724-452-6941  
to reserve your places for dinner!



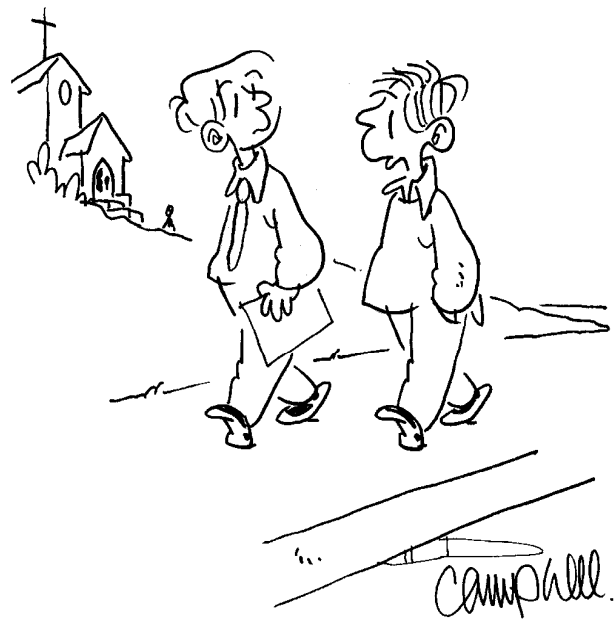
### Daylight Savings Time

begins on  
**Sunday, March 11**  
and runs until  
November 4th.

Don't forget to set  
your clocks 1 hour ahead!!

### January Box Score Averages

Sunday School ..... 134	General ..... \$2,576.27
Worship ..... 202	Benevolence... \$1,327.75



"He has a universal remote. That's how God rules the universe."

**SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS** - sponsored by Faith Circle

Having trouble coming up with something to donate to the upcoming Silent Auction? OR, are you unable to spend extra cash right now? Have we got "good news" for you! Here are a few practical, yet simple ideas that will help jump start your imagination!

**Do you like to cook?**

How about donating a *HOMEMADE, HAND DELIVERED MEAL* coupon. Date to be determined by both parties.

**Do you love children?**

Give mom and dad a date night (or day) by donating a *NIGHT ON THE TOWN - MINUS THE LITTLE ONES* coupon.

**Do you enjoy the great outdoors and yard work?**

Put your hands to work by donating a gift certificate that entitles the bidder to yard work of your choice. Such as: *CLEAN GUTTERS, MOW LAWNS, PULL WEEDS, PLANT SPRING FLOWERS.....*

**Who has time for Spring Cleaning?**

Give a Coupon to: *WASH WINDOWS, CLEAN CUPBOARDS, RE-ORGANIZE CLOSETS*, etc.

**Do you love cars (clean, fresh, shiny cars)?**

Offer your services by donating a coupon for a *CAR WASH (INSIDE & OUT)*

**Desserts are always a hit!**

Make your favorite dessert and bring it in on auction day.

Don't let this list limit your creative juices. The ideas are endless! We hope this will allow you to be part of this year's exciting Silent Auction on *Saturday, March 10, 2007*. The Lord bless you for investing yourself in this way for the glory of God. If you would like help putting together a certificate, feel free to contact any of the women from the Ways and Means Committee of Faith Circle; Joanne Weil, Linda Young or Joy Zahn.

**Faith Circle**  
*"Imitating Christ by Sewing Others"*

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*  
 ~ Ephesians 5:1-2



Faith Circle would like to invite the women of Burry's Church to join us as we gather for fellowship and ministry opportunities. We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise announced).

Our time together consists of:

- ♥ Devotion & Prayer
  - ♥ Friendship & Fun
  - ♥ Planning & Organizing
  - ♥ Fellowship & Refreshment
- see next months Newsletter for Committee information*

**2007 Officers**

- President—Linda Van Arsdale
- Vice President—Lois Mignogna
- Secretary—Judy Gerwig
- Treasurer—Hedy Pflug

## Mercy Matters - Work At Home Scams by Pastor Tom

It is likely you've seen ads in magazines, late-night TV, or on the internet promoting some work at home opportunity. They claim success in making lots of money in very little time if you enroll in their program, buy their book or call their toll free number for "free" information. Many claim you can earn money on your home computer, usually over the internet. The proposals sound good, seemingly do-able, with minimal time or money invested and little or no training. But, BEWARE! The old adage, "if it seems too good to be true, it probably is" applies in the overwhelming majority of cases. Typical scams include such things as: money/wire transfers, forwarding merchandise, setting up retail web-sites, foreign exchange trading, light assembly of toys or widgets, etc., envelope stuffing, and medical billing. If you think you smell a scam, check it out with the Better Business Bureau.

However, just because the company's name is listed in the directory doesn't mean it is a legitimate operation. Suspect businesses change names all the time, masking their dirty track records. It requires thorough probing. Here is some advice from a Forbes Magazine's article, "Home Is Where the Scam Is" by Mary Crane: Pay attention to details, if things are misspelled, use poor grammar and lots of capitalization and/or punctuation marks are often seen in scams. Do not call 1-900 numbers, as you will receive hefty charges on your phone bill. Research the "gushing" testimonials. If you track down the people in the testimonial and they won't talk to you, take it as a sign that this is a scam. Never pay cash for employment. Look for exact details about how you will be compensated, if it is too vague and the company won't provide details in writing, avoid them. If you think you have been scammed, you should contact :

Beaver County Alliance for Consumer Protection  
 Director  
 469 Constitution Blvd., Suite 3  
 Route 51  
 New Brighton, PA 15066  
 724-843-3282  
 Fax: 724-843-2706  
[www.acp-beaver.org](http://www.acp-beaver.org)

Bureau of Consumer Protection  
 Office of Attorney General  
 16th Floor, Strawberry Square  
 Harrisburg, PA 17120  
 717-787-3391  
 Toll free: 1-800-441-2555  
 Toll free: 1-877-888-4877 (Health Care Section)  
 Fax: 717-787-8242 [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov)

Proverbs 15:22 says "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." Do much research and talk to as many trusted people as you can. If you need someone to discuss a possible opportunity or you've been scammed, contact one of the staff or one of the deacons.

## Recipe Corner

**TURTLE CAKE** ~Prepare this the day before serving~  
 by Amy Foeks

1 box Swiss chocolate cake mix	1 can condensed milk
1 1/2 sticks butter	1 (14 oz) bag caramels
3/4 cups pecans, crushed	Whipped Cream

Mix cake according to package directions. Divide batter in half. To 1/2 batter add 1/2 can condensed milk and 3/4 stick melted butter. Put into greased 9x13 pan. Bake 20 minutes at 350..

In double boiler melt caramels.

Then add the other 1/2 can of condensed milk and 3/4 stick butter, mix well.


Pour over baked cake. Spread 1/2 cup crushed pecans over caramel mixture.

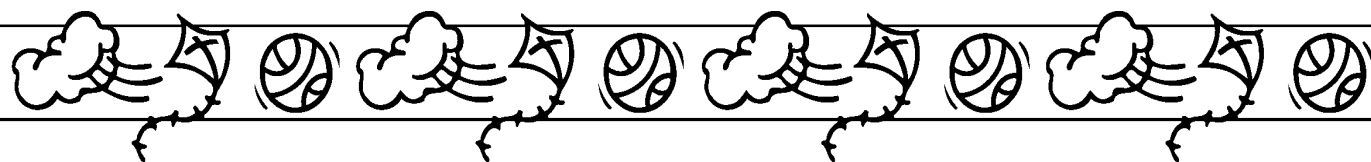
Pour the other 1/2 cake mixture over caramel mixture, and sprinkle remaining pecans over the second cake layer. Bake 20 to 25 minutes at 350.

Top with whipped cream before serving. ENJOY!



**YUMMY!**

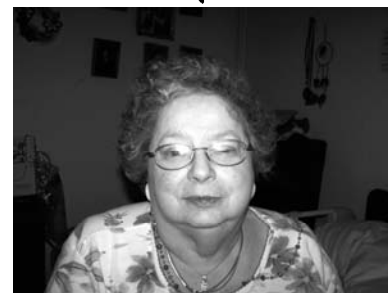
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Jeri Yeck	9		Jacob Aland	25		
Jeremy Merriman	11		Crystal Anney	26		
Dick Graham	12		Glenn Young	27		
Tom Harley	13		Jesse Ralston	30		
Anna Zahn	14		Jim & Christa Harley	5	Bertha Schaub	31
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Austin Garlitz	19	Myron & Lori Bonzo	27			



### People In The Pew: Geneva Weyand -- by Pastor Tom

Geneva (Genny) Weyand is one of our “Golden Agers”. She hasn’t been able to make it to a church service at Burry’s for a number of years, although she greatly desires to be here. She has Parkinson’s and lives at Providence Nursing Home in Beaver Falls.

Genny first came to Burry’s at the invitation of her friend and neighbor, Nancy Alexander. They had moved to the same neighborhood on Inman Drive at about the same time. Genny and her late husband Ross joined Burry’s soon after. She was drawn to Burry’s, in part, by how friendly the people of Burry’s were to them. In time, Ross and Genny invited another neighbor to church, Mary Dillon, who also became part of our Burry’s family.



Ross and Genny were married in 1950. The Weyand's came to faith in Christ during an “altar call” at a church they visited in the early years of their marriage and after their move to Beaver County. They grew up in Somerset, PA. Shortly after their marriage, Ross lost his job. At the time, his brother was working in Beaver County and invited them to move here to find work. Ross followed his brother’s advice and was employed by Phoenix Glass Company (now Anchor Hocking) in Monaca. The Weyand's had two sons. Somehow Genny managed a career along with her family, working at Raus’ Pharmacy and later at Woolworth’s Department Store.

Ross and Genny loved the Lord and longed to be used by Him to point people to heaven. They dreamed of becoming missionaries and going to Brazil. The Weyand's started attending classes and worship services at New Tribes Missions campus in New Sewickley. They planned to sell their house upon retirement and move to the Brazilian jungle as NTM missionaries.

The Lord had other plans for the Weyand's. Ross died unexpectedly. Then Genny’s health declined. About four years ago, she moved into Providence Nursing Home. Providence has now become Genny’s mission field. She feels called of by the Lord to shares her faith with other residents and staff, and her efforts are making a difference for eternity. A few years ago, she shared the gospel with a fellow resident named Joe. Joe trusted Christ for salvation and now worships every Sunday with Genny at the little Baptist church around the block from Providence.

We have been challenged this year to “Point People to Heaven”. May God encourage us through Genny’s example to eagerly tell others about our Lord and Savior and our hope of Heaven. Although, we don’t get to see her in the pews, we are grateful that Genny Weyand is part of our grace-driven family.