



April 10th, 2024 #1,032

Just the Facts, Ma'am!

One of the shows that some of you watched back in the day was the police drama Dragnet. **"This best-known quote 'just the facts, ma'am' from the TV series was never actually said by Sgt. Joe Friday...or at least not quite. It was used in a pseudo-parody movie with Dan Aykroyd adapting the phrase from two similar statements: "All we want are the facts, ma'am" and "All we know are the facts, ma'am." No matter what the actual quote was, the sentiment is fantastic and one that all of us need to be reminded of today. One of the pet peeves of many of us is when people share their perspective or opinions about an event or situation before getting all the facts.**



When it happens by Christ followers it should really bother us. Let me give you an example. On April 1 in NCAA women's basketball, LSU played Iowa. After the game there were posts all over social media, including by a casual Pastor friend of mine, lambasting LSU players for not being present at the singing of the national anthem. They were called out for intentionally walking off the court in some type of protest. But all of this vitriol took place before hearing all of the facts.

In a press conference, the LSU coach stated it was unintentional. She said, "honestly, I don't even know when the anthem was played. We kind of have a routine [for leaving the court at a certain time]." A post recently from an LSU basketball reporter stated that it is common for teams to miss the national anthem. They have their pregame routines. She gave two examples: "In the other women's basketball game that night, Southern California - Connecticut, neither team was present during the national anthem, and neither Iowa nor Michigan's football team was present for the national anthem during the Big Ten championship game this year. LSU's basketball team was not present during the national anthem because it doesn't fit with the team's normal pre-game routine."

Now, we may or may not agree that they should be there for the anthem and therefore they should change their routine or officials should change when the anthem is played. **This is not my point of this article.** My point is, that some Christ followers made accusations that were not based upon facts. This borders on slander and even comes close to gossip, both of which are forbidden in the Bible. This is what happened to our Lord. The religious leaders brought all kinds of false witnesses to his trial to falsely accuse him.

Let us seek to know the facts before we make any conclusion or judgment as to a person's motivation, statements, or other actions. Let us seek to understand the full situation. In so doing we truly follow Christ. And if we can't get all or at least most of the facts, let us then refrain from commenting lest we fall into sin.

Prayer & Praises



- Please pray for Joanne Miller's sister Linda Whiteford who is in Penn State Medical in Lancaster. Very confused and a new CT scan shows another lesion on the brain. Less than a month ago the MRI showed NO lesions in the brain.
- Please pray for Kathy McWilliams as she was in to have fluid removed from her leg which has been ongoing and the swelling came back the next day. Pray that God would give the doctors wisdom in how to treat this for Kathy.
- Jim & Dorothy Kauffman requested prayer for her cousins, Glenn & Marsha Longenecker who were involved in a multi-vehicle accident on Rt. 30. Glenn passed away as a result and Marsha sustained injuries and is hospitalized at this time, so please pray for Marsha to heal and for comfort for the Longenecker family during this time.
- Please pray for Ruth Cook who is in the York Hospital with an infection.
- Please keep Dakota Dixon and his family in your prayers.
- Please keep Betty Gerber in your prayers as she starts radiation for a malignant nodule on her lung.
- Please keep Sharon Stepp in your prayers for continued healing from shoulder surgery.
- Please keep Anna Fair (Barb Becker's mom) in your prayers. She is home from the hospital.
- Please keep Ruthanna Miller's family in your prayers as Ruthanna passed away on Sunday at the Hanover Hospital.
- Merv Good had a heart of praise and gratefulness for the resurrection and a love for all people to know God.
- Greg Verbosky is in the hospital with diverticulitis. Please pray for healing.
- Carolyn had praise that there were "tiny" miracles for Dakota Dixon since he was surrendered to the Lord. Please keep Dakota in your prayers.
- Flossie Deardorff requested prayer for her nephew Joel who was in the hospital with pancreatitis and wasn't doing well. Pray for healing.
- Dorothy Kauffman gave praise for healing from her recent health troubles.
- Sharon Stepp asked for prayer for her mother-in-law Fern Stepp who is having health, heart and circulation problems. She was going through testing and wasn't happy about it and it has been a hard few days for her sister-in-law Brenda (Fern's daughter) So pray for healing, direction for doctors, and rest and strength for Brenda.

Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

*Kathy McWilliams	*Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer)	*Ken Warren	*Mary Fisher
*Alyssa Leakway	*Gloria Gerber	*Missy Braden	*Bryce Baublitz
*Julie Waggoner	*Bill Barley	*Brandon Little	*Derek Meck
*Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson)	*Ruth Cook	*Victor Riddle	*Mark Lipsitz

Cancer Special Prayers

*Julia McCartney	*Greg & Sandy George	*Butch Warren's brother	*Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family)
	*Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip	*Tom Kimmel	*Sandy Harlacker
*Ellie Basko	*Mark Yonker	*Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother)	
*Jean Beck	*Donald Moore	*Butch Warren	

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Weekly Prayer Point

Let us pray that the seed of God's word will draw us closer to our Lord & King faithfully fulfilling His command to go into all the world! **Let us sow for eternity!!**

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Brandts Congregation in St. Thomas, PA and Pastor Roger Myers
- Brick Congregation in Maysville, WV and Pastor Randy Cosner



This week

Wednesday 4/10

- *Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- *Life Group 6:30 pm

Thursday 4/11

- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Sunday 4/14

- *9 am Come Worship!
- *Congregational Business Meeting (after worship)
- *Widows/Widowers Luncheon Noon
- *Music & Dessert Night 6 pm

Next Week

Wednesday 4/17

- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Women's Choir 7:45 pm

Thursday 4/18

- *Walking with Jesus 1:30 pm
- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Saturday 4/20

- *Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 am

Sunday 4/21

- *9 am Come Worship!



Happy Anniversary
April

16 – Josh & Amanda Stewart
30 – Trevor & Korena Rosenberry



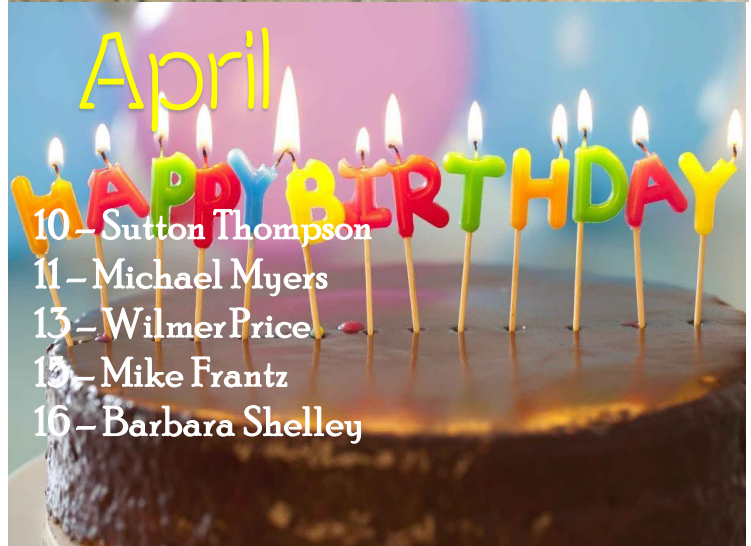
Spring Fling
Saturday, May 4th, 2024
10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Mom and Dad, how would you like a couple of hours to complete those spring chores, spend a little time together, or maybe just grab a little extra rest?

Drop off the kids ages 5 through 12

We are planning a couple of hours of movies, a petting zoo, games, crafts, and a light lunch.

Bermudian Church, 279 Bermudian Church Road, East Berlin, PA





Music and Dessert Night – April 14 – 6:00 PM

On this night we are going to gather in the Gathering Place and eat some good desserts. In between bites, we are going to sing some of our favorite hymns, some praise songs, and listen to some special music. The night will last no more than an hour and a half. This will be a very informal time.

Wednesday
April 10th & 24th
All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

"The Great Disappearance"
By Dr. David Jeremiah
Small group study
Thursday evenings
April 18th, 25th, May 2nd
through June 13
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the sanctuary

Prayer Shawl
Ministry
Next Meeting
Thursday, April 25th, 2024
10 am – 2 pm

CAMP EDER
Golf Outing
Friday May 10th, 2024

Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain
78 Country Club Trail
Fairfield, Pa. 17320

7:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 am Shotgun Start (Four Player Scramble Format)
1:00 Lunch at Camp Eder

Registration \$90 per person
\$360 per four person team
Hole sponsor and Foursome \$460

To register or for more information contact Camp Eder
717-642-8256
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914 Mt Hope Rd
Fairfield, Pa 17320

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Wednesdays
April 10th, 17th & 24th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Revelation

Sunday, April 14th 2024

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MEN'S BREAKFAST
3rd Saturday each month
NEXT MEETING
April 20th, 7 am
Dover Valley Restaurant

Ruth's Harvest
a cooperative ministry with the Abbottstown-East Berlin Food Pantry and Bermudian Springs School

Furnishing food items for children with inadequate nutrition at home. April 24th

COLLECTING AGAIN
Thank You for your faithful giving!

Widow and Widowers Luncheon
Sunday
April 14th
At Noon
At
Dover Valley Restaurant
Please See Nancy Smith to RSVP

Joanne Miller will be having a sub/sandwich sale to raise money for her IMO trip.
Forms will be distributed after church on Sunday, April 21st.
Orders are due Sunday, May 5th.
Pick-up will be on Thursday, May 16th from 3:00-6:00 PM.

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Bermudian Church

VBS Vacation Bible School

July 28-Aug 1st

Volunteers Needed!!! --- See Sue Mayle for more info and to sign up to help!