

GOSPEL GAZETTE

Church of Christ, Fenwick

“ANY DAY THANKSGIVING” Author unknown via North Park St. bulletin

Deacon Bell was the cheeriest old man

You'd meet with in many a day

He showed that the Lord had a pretty good plan

For running His world and he'd say:

“I'm thankful that things are about as they are

They could sure be a mighty sight wuss;

The things we've complained of loudest so far

Have proved to be blessings to us.”

While others cried over the drought he'd reply:

“It's better than having a flood

We oughta thank God when the weather gets dry

And we don't have to waller in mud.”

Yet when it was storming he'd never complain

But say with his unending trust:

“The Lord, in His goodness, give us the rain

To lay down the nasty old dust.”

When hard times hit him they fell like the dew

On a mountain's high rising crest,

For his simple philosophy held to the view

That everything works for the best;

And for other's misfortunes he always could find

Such sweet consolations to give,

It seemed like he envied the crippled and blind

And the lives they were destined to live.

Well one day he got caught in a sawmill machine

It cost him his leg, but he said:

“That's getting off better'n some folks I've seen

- I'm just thankful it wasn't my head.”

And always thereafter he stumbled on a peg

Or patiently went with a crutch.

Declaring: “Man I'm saving a lot on that leg

My socks only cost half as much.”

When his end was approaching he said with a smile

As they folded his hands on his breast:

“I've worked pretty hard a considerable while

And I'm thankful to get a good rest.”

So he went through the world strewing smiles on his way

And the neighbours surviving him tell

That each day here was thanksgiving

To the sweet old man – Deacon Bell.

WELCOME TO ALL!

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SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sylvia, Pete, Charlotte, Donna M., Jack, Ralph & Joyce, Garson & Elsie, Merla, Sue O., Dorothy, Bernice, Sue S., Harold & Betty, Dorothy P. and Don

THANK YOU: Thank you for the get well fruit basket. While it was unnecessary and unexpected, it was greatly appreciated.

I see a respirologist on November 10.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: John DesGroseillier is lonely. Jules and Andrea would like to move him closer to them but he does not want to leave his home. Pray for peace in his life.

Harold Bruggen's sister was interred on Thursday. It was hard for him not to be there. Pray God comforts him.

Our neighbours, Leslie Comfort and the Haveman family. Leslie has been diagnosed with cellulitis in her foot and ankle area but there is some question regarding the diagnoses. She is on strong antibiotics but making little progress. Pray for healing.

Nick and Michelle's little girl (I think her name is Donella) has a brain tumour. She has had surgery and both chemo and radiation treatments. Pray for healing for her and comfort for her parents.

A cousin of Virginia's, Kenny Mingus, has ocular melanoma. Treatment procedure sounds promising (a radiation plaque is surgically placed on the eye for 4 days) but not sure of the after-effects regarding his sight. Pray the cancer is stopped and clear vision follows.

LET US KNOW: If you have people needing prayers let us know (an email is probably the best way) so we can publish it. The more prayers sent heavenward the better.

HOUSING: Cody has asked if anyone knows of a house or apartment to rent around the Fenwick area. It also needs to be on the lower rent side cost wise.

GOSPEL HERALD: Anyone can access the Gospel Herald at gospelherald.org. The subscription is free and if you sign up for it you will be notified when a new issue has been posted. We are not certain about copying and printing for those without a computer.

MORE EGGS: Check out the copier room.

A happy heart transfigures all the world for us. It finds something to be thankful for in the most trying circumstances. Let us try to see the beauty and goodness of God. The Psalmist tells us, "The world is full of the goodness of the Lord." How much do you see of it? Open your eyes and stop grumbling, and then your experience will start songs of praise in your heart to the Giver of all good.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

