

Deeply Moved in Spirit and Troubled

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died”....

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again... at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I AM the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.... Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she told him....

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was **deeply moved in spirit and troubled**.

“Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept.

Sure, a miracle followed. But the only miraculous thing about it was the timing. Jesus chose to resurrect Lazarus right away. There is a greater miracle that will come later for the rest of us: our own resurrection.

In the meantime, our Lord, Jesus, feels deep compassion. He is troubled by our sorrow even though he knows, just as in Lazarus' case, that resurrection is coming. If you are a Christian, your story will have a happy ending, but that doesn't erase your sorrow right now. The resurrection isn't the full answer to our struggles. You also need to know that God is with you now. He is engaging in a faith-building conversation with you. He is deeply moved and is troubled by your troubles right now. His great power is coupled with sincere compassion. That compassion coupled with power will result in your ultimate vindication and rescue. But we have to wait for his timing. He is redeeming his creation, holding the door open as long as possible so as many can be saved as possible. You are in, but he is just as compassionate for those who are not yet in his grace.

Don't doubt his deep heart-felt compassion for every heart-ache you face. He will give you strength for today and the first minute you see him in heaven will be worth every challenge you faced in this short life.



John 11:21-27, 32-35

Our Great Friend Bill Willer Has Passed

The viewing will be here, Monday evening from 6:00-8:00PM. The funeral is here, Tuesday at 11:00AM. Burial will follow at the “Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery” in Arneytown in N. Burlington County (one-hour drive each way). There will be a luncheon back here at the building at 3:00PM. Bill saw 3 tours of duty in Vietnam as a gunnery in the Marine Corps.

MAY is MINISTRY MONTH:

Deacons & Ministry Leaders: Ministry Fair Posters Need to be Here and Set-up Next Sunday, May 2.

See Kim English TODAY if you haven't picked up your poster/display-board to prepare for Ministry Month in May—we have new blank display-boards available, too. Tables will be set-up in the auditorium to set the posters on.

ALL CHURCH Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 1st starting at 8 AM. Please come help clean and paint. Questions? See Bob English.

Elders, Deacons & Preacher's Meeting: 6:30 PM, Monday, May 3rd.

Our Church Retreat May 7th - 9th: Sign-up Sheets are up. Choose where you want to sleep. If you could **HELP** with soccer, basketball, softball, or foosball, see Tony Jr.
Ø If you have any **general questions see Tony Jr.**
Ø If you have **food questions, please see Becky Fortunato.**

Retreat People Coming Saturday, May 8th Only:

Please sign-up too! Saturday-only folks will need to pay \$3 per meal per person. We need to know how much food to prepare.

VBS HERE, JULY 11- 14th WA Sunday through Wednesday. We are gathering volunteers for many areas. See Kristin Ceraso if you can help (456-5730). Sign-up sheets are coming!

Haircuts for Missions: Will be on Monday, May 10th from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The sign-up sheet is up.

We Need Volunteers for the Lawn: Robert Haller has volunteered again to do the lawn "most of the time." We need some guys to fill in the gaps. Sign-up for "fill-in" duty.

Margaret's Trip to Honduras: There is a sign-up sheet for supplies that she needs for her trip if you can help.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Main Prayer: Dan Swinehart **Closing Prayer:** Mark Finn

Lord's Supper: Tony Sr., Justin Henderson, Jack Swinehart, Tony Jr.

Greeters: Rick Boyle, Nelson Nuñez, Wini Boyle, Val Henderson

Nursery: Karen & Veronica Next Week: Sue and Erin

Red Action Team cleans this week ; **Lillian** coordinates

LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn - Evangelist

Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856-986-4876)

Tony Ceraso, Jr.

Jack Swinehart

Worship, total..... 127

Bible Class..... 105

Wednesday.....51

Contribution..... **\$3,169**

Budget Goal..... \$4,260

"He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty." -Proverbs 28:19

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow."

-Jesus, Matthew 6:33-34

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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

Wednesday night kids



help with



Camden Lunches