



“Dear God,  
I am so afraid to open my clenched fists!  
Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to?  
Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands?  
Please help me to gradually open my hands  
and to discover that I am not what I own,  
but what you want to give me.”

-Henri J.M. Nouwen

### Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Buena Vista Pregnancy Center

“Tree of Life” gifts and change-filled baby bottles are due today. Please leave your donations under the BVPC table in the fellowship hall. Thanks for your generosity!



### February Birthdays

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| 1..... Kevin Hargrove  | 14... Kevin Koopman   |
| 5..... Ken Davis       | 14... Judeen Petersen |
| 9..... Debbie Olguin   | 12... Brenda Natrass  |
| 10... Atlanta Hargrove | 19... Minnie Newton   |
| 11... Mickey Russell   | 22... Angelo Olguin   |

### Nursery Duty

- | <b>February</b>               | <b>helpers</b>  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5.....Mia Davis.....          | Candice Gray    |
| 12....Margaret Ouellette..... | Maranda Atha    |
| 19....Rita Kiefer.....        | Jim Webster     |
| 26....Sabrina Zirkle.....     | Jackie Castillo |

## Beyond Fixing Bicycles

by Russ Lawson

I recently read a little story about a little girl that touched my heart. It seems that this little girl was late coming home for supper one evening. When she got home her parents were understandably upset. He questioned her about why she had been so late, after all they had worried about her!



The little girl said, “I stopped to help Marcie, she had a wreck on her bicycle and it was broken.” Her father said, “But you don’t know anything about fixing bicycles!” To which the little girls replied, “I know, but I stopped to help her cry.”

Now you may or may not know anything about fixing bicycles, or cars, or washing machines, or refrigerators or much of anything else. But when friends have broken things in their lives and are in despair, we can help them with that! The truth is that you are rarely in the position of being able to fix the brokenness of someone’s life, but you can help them cry about it. You can encourage them and help them through the hard times in life!

**The apostle Paul wrote:**

*Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15 KJV).*

*Laugh with your happy friends when they’re happy: share tears when they’re down (Romans 12:15 MSG).*



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## Auto-Correct Spelling and Life

by Steve Ridgell

At first I thought it would be a wonderful thing. I am not a very good speller, so when I found out there was a feature that automatically corrected your spelling I was delighted. I would no longer agonize over how to spell difficult words. It was everything I hoped for until I saw it in action. It evidently cannot tell if I am trying to write there, their, or they’re. I am not sure it knows the difference between prostate and prostrate. Now that difference sure can change what you meant to write. Missed you and messed you are different things, too (or is that to or two?). Thing or think. Weep or weed.

I realize that some of these issues are because I type too fast, I do not proofread, and I have clumsy fingers. But all I wanted was an application that would do the work for me, correct my mistakes, and make me appear smarter than I am. Well, none of that is working very well. However, I have found something where auto-correct is very helpful. I now blame it for everything. Any miscommunication is no longer my fault; something must have changed what I wrote. So do not blame me. If it will not help me to appear more responsible, I will use it to avoid all responsibility.

It makes me wonder if that is not how some people wish the Christian life could be. How great would it be if Jesus would just auto-correct our life? We would not have to make any hard choices. There would not be any consequences for bad decisions or poor judgment. We would not have to make intentional decisions on how to live better, or to more closely follow Jesus. We could look more spiritual than we really are.

Or maybe we could use the concept of spiritual auto-check to avoid the hard choices. Just blame something or someone else when things do not go well in your spiritual life. Refuse to take responsibility for poor choices. Do not face up to the consequences of our actions. Practice a Christianity that requires nothing. Say the right things but avoid the hard struggle of really following in the steps of Jesus.



## New Prayers

**Lois Hargrove** (*Kevin's mom*) - was in the hospital for dehydration from her recent chemo treatment. She has multiple myeloma that has spread to her spine.

**Minnie Newton** - is in the hospital in Loveland (Medical Center of the Rockies - Rm 4122) after emergency surgery to remove part of her colon. She will hopefully be released soon and then will return to rehab.

**Jacqueline Vardas Smith** - her masectomy went fine on Friday and her lymph nodes were clear. Good news!

## Ongoing Prayers

**Newtons, Rebekah Kenna, Paddocks Greg Beeson, Felix Olguin, Tim Willburn** (*BV resident*), **Jeri Obias** (*Colleen's sister*), **Pat Chase** (*Glenn's mother*) **April Rodman** (*Sarah's sister-in-law*), **Lois Hargrove Ben Atchley & Dick Kaler** (*friends of Readers*),

**Jamie Stout** (*BVHS*), **Shirley Tafoya** (*Maranda's grandmother*) **Doris Lines** (*Debbie's sister*), **Young (Fike) family, Jackie Vardas**

## Military

**Major Clint Wilson - Air Force, stateside** (*Campbell's nephew*)

**Reece Coryell Battle - Army, Germany** (*Shaundra & Stacey's nephew*)

**Craig Isham - Army, stateside**

**Major David Smith - Army, stateside** (*Frank & Carol's son*)

**Sikes children: Julie Morris - Afganistan, Bob Morris - Iraq**

**Sergeant Angela Orr - Germany**

**M.J. Martin - Navy, stateside** (*Martin's son*)

**Bert Williams - Army, stateside** (*Karen White's nephew*)

**Ryan Williams - Navy, Inactive Ready Reserve** (*Karen White's nephew*)

**Barry White - Army, stateside** (*Karen White's husband*)

**Matthew Chamberlin - Navy, stateside** (*Branson's grandson*)

**Angela B. Mayer - Army, stateside** (*Atha's neice*)

**Brent Taylor - Air Force, stateside** (*Jim & Judy's son*)

**John Behr - Army Reserve, Stateside**

**Issac Howard - Army, stateside** (*Margaret's friend*)

**David Young - Air Force, stateside** (*Beeson's grandson-in-law*)

**Sgt Steve Stewart - Air Force** (*Casey Russell's uncle*)

**Lt. Col Brian Stewart - Air Force** (*Casey Russell's uncle*)

**Larrisa Cooper - Navy, stateside** (*Casey Russell's sister*)

**Austin Barnes - Special Forces** (*Casey Russell's cousin*)

**Sebastian Gerard - Navy, stateside** (*Martha's great-grandson*)

## Mission Work

- Quito, Ecuador, South America
- Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico
- Chipata, Zambia, South Africa
- Granby, Colorado, USA

## February 26

**Announcements:** Gerry Dixon  
**Song Leader:** Gary Campbell  
**First Prayer:** Jim Webster  
**Closing Prayer:** Glen Zirkle  
**The Lord's Table:** Ken Davis  
 Bob Dorries  
 Dan Greene  
 Pete Miller  
**Coordinator:** Stacey Moss

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*When you visit us...*

*You can expect to find your friendly neighbors, assembled to worship God the father, and proclaim the love and grace He has given to us; and remember Jesus, the Christ, our example – our Savior. We will strive always to provoke love and good deeds of one another.*

*As in the 1st Century New Testament Church, our worship to God is simple – without mankind's rituals. You will find a wholesome respect for the Word of God as inspired by the Holy Spirit. We study only the Holy Scriptures – no human creeds will be used by us.*

*In addition to the worship of our Creator, we strive to fulfil our Savior's stated plan for us by sharing His Gospel message with this community and throughout the world.*

*Sermons every Sunday will be based wholly upon the Word of God. They will be Christ-centered and Biblically based so we can develop a deepening relationship with God through our understanding and personal involvement with Him and His truth in our everyday life.*

Sunday



Wednesday

10:00 am ..... Bible Class

7:00 pm ..... Devotional

11:00 am..... Assembly

or Bible Class

Noon..... Fellowship Meal

1:30 pm ..... Devotional

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