

Part 1: The PROBLEM of Emotionally UN-Healthy Spirituality

As a young boy my father jumped into a haystack and onto to a pitchfork. The country doctor put some salve on it and sent him away. Later the infection almost killed him but thank the Lord, he was treated properly and recovered.

Christians, preachers included, can be great at avoiding Christ's deep work in their lives. After all, who would ever suspect? There is grave danger to anyone who appears respectable and knows a few religious words. It's the danger of self-deception. Of treating the surface of our sin problem without going beneath the surface. There is a deadly heart-condition within us that left untreated will end us if we don't get help.

Jesus is the great physician. *"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."* (Luke 5:31-32). He didn't mean self-righteous people are healthy, but that you have to realize and admit you have a problem before you can be helped.

At first my young father was treated only on the surface. His high fever soon showed it was something much deeper. He got the help he needed to live.

Turning Jesus into a discussion can be a deadly hobby that keeps Jesus at arm's length. Anyone can sit warehoused in a church for years and remain unchanged. But now you have an opportunity.

The great physician now is here! He's calling you to admit you need help. He will heal and heal deeply.

Mark

EHS Small Groups start TODAY! If you don't have a Small Group/ LIFE Group for the 8-week "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" series, **SIGN-UP at the Book Table** in the lobby. We are also looking for **people willing to HOST** a Small Group. We will provide you with ALL the study materials you need to lead a group discussion! Please Sign-up.

1. **Small Groups** start with Lesson #1 Today
2. Day-by-Day **Devotionals** (from the little book) start Tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 28
3. **Read Chapter 4** this week.

Welcome Daniel Eisenback! ...who has placed membership with us. His info: 12 Mockingbird Lane, Audubon Park, NJ 08106. 609-315-2765, dc1dee@aol.com

Sr. High Youth Group: Sunday, Oct. 4. BREAKFAST at the church building.

Treat Boxes for Our Kids at College: Val has a list of our college students and their favorite items for the Treat-Boxes. ***The list is on the bulletin board.*** Start bringing in items to Val or Fay, but remember our ***deadline is Oct. 4th.*** Please sign-up to bring items or to send out a box.

Winterfest Youth Fundraising Dinner— Oct. 17th
Join us for this great evening and **donate** what you will for the dinner to help our teens go to their Youth Rally trip in Tennessee. The huge Winterfest Rally is a blessing to their lives.

New Visions Shelter Meal- We Need your Help

We are scheduled to *prepare and serve breakfast* at New Visions shelter, **Monday, October 19th**. We need help with food donation, preparation, and serving. We plan to *meet* in Teen Room across the Lobby for brief meeting **TODAY**. Becky and Brenda will be coordinating.

Children's Church Meeting Oct. 11th A short meeting after Worship for those involved or want to be involved in this great ministry for our children.

Our Food Pantry is in Need of Supplies: Please bring in non-perishable food items that we can give to those in need. The basket is below the bulletin board in the Lobby.

Our SPECIAL COLLECTION Sunday is Nov. 22nd
Please start praying about how you can contribute.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Gerry Hogan

Welcome & Scripture: Nelson Nuñez (Psalm 122:1-9)

Opening Prayer: Tate Perazzelli

Lord's Supper: Jess Nitla, Rick, John Derricott, John Corbett

Scripture Before Message: Ed Francoeur Jr. (1 John 5:9-13)

Announcements & Prayer: Bret Goen

Greeters: Tony Sr., Rich Fabi, Sandie Fabi, Margaret Perazzelli

Nursery: Pam & Elaine Next Week- Bibi & Alexia

Red Cleaning Team: Sept. 30-Oct. 3 **Lillian** Coordinates

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Worship 117

Bible Class 73

Wed PM..... 39

Contribution \$3,593

Budget Goal \$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 28

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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)

