

Glynn's Last Easter

This week Glynn Durham died, making just one last Easter Sunday on the calendar that was his life. He was a minister who served selflessly for over 40 years in South Jersey; a humble, prayerful, faithful servant of the Lord. He survived many trials in this life, and three bouts with life-threatening cancer. After years of fighting, his body gave out, but never his servant heart—he was faithful to the end.

Like most Christians, I have a tacit agreement with the Lord that if I serve him nothing bad will happen to my loved ones or to me. I know there are no such agreements and the testimony of scripture seems to say the opposite, like in Hebrews 11:13-16. Because this challenges my assumptions, it's upsetting to me. But it didn't matter if Glynn's health was good or bad, he served his Lord. And that's where he is now. Down here, our work goes on. Someday our place too will be taken. We think we are indispensable. We are not. This has been the way of the world since the fall: Satan dealing out sin and death, God giving grace and new life. Still on this side of the curtain of eternity, we only feel the loss. Glynn on the other side of that curtain feels the glory.

The stars of night are outshone by the brilliant arrival of the sun. An apple seed is dwarfed by an apple tree. Don't we understand that we have an eternal, imperishable essence that goes beyond our limited physical bodies? God tells us so. His word affirms it. The resurrected Jesus showed it. His creation points to it. The dead seed sprouts green. The dead winter bursts into spring. People die, yet even more babies are born continually increasing our world population. Death hasn't yet outpaced life and never will. The Adversary can only destroy, but our God endlessly creates.

We don't throw out treasure; we keep what we love. Same with God. God loves people. God loves Glynn. He's with him. Our brother is okay. So are we. Just as Glynn kept serving in place of others who faithfully served before him, so we. Christian, don't fear your passage into eternal life. Let your only concern be to serve our good Father till the end. That was the example of Glynn.

Mark

Cathedral Kitchen, This Tuesday, April 25, 3:30:

See Vivian if you can help feed the homeless!

Next Sunday is Our Fellowship Meal, April 30th:

Team 1 will Set-up and Clean-up. The meal will be **Stuffed Baked Potatoes**. Please **sign-up** to bring Toppings, Salads, Desserts and Drinks. *The potatoes will be provided.*

Sr. Youth Group: Friday, **April 28th**, Broga and smoothies. See Sandra M. for details.

Our Church Retreat Sign-up Sheets are posted:

May 19-21 are the dates! This is a weekend of fun. Choose what you want to do. There is hiking, games, food, just sitting and talking, and much more. There are also different overnight accommodations. Choose where you want to sleep, the big building with a bunk room for the ladies and one for the men. Air-conditioned cabins are available, with 2 bunks and a bathroom. You can also sleep in the main building or even in your own tent.

Background Check Reminder: Please remember if you are in the Nursery, or teaching our children, teens or adults, a background check is required. Please see Donna M. for a packet and with any questions.

Camp Manatawny Needs Workers! Can you help?

If you are at least 18 and would like to work at Camp Manatawny during the Junior-High Session on **July 22-29** please contact Aaron Pearl from the Pitman Road Church. 609-805-0408.

"New Visions" Soup Kitchen- May 16th: We are collecting much **needed supplies** for our next day of service. The **shelter** needs these items: trial size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, feminine care products, toothbrushes. If you happen upon large industrial cookware such as stockpots or frying pans, please consider donating them. The pans don't have to be new, just in good condition.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Bill Ceraso (Psalm 40:1-5)

Opening Prayer: Howard Mansdoerfer

Lord's Supper: Tate, Jay Morris, John Derricott, Tommy Walker

Scripture Before Message: Ed Francoeur Jr. (Heb. 11:13-16)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Rick Boyle

Nursery: April & Hannah Next Week: Debbie & Thaleena
Pink Cleaning Team April 26-29 **Donna & Howard** coordinate

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher
Church Office- (856) 854-019

Worship Total 156
Bible Class 87
Wed. PM 43

ELDERS:

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Contribution.....\$3,807
Budget Goal\$4,260

Hebrews 11:13-16 “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better

country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”

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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)

