

Providing What We Cannot

A store manager overheard a clerk saying to a customer, "No, ma'am, we haven't had any for some weeks now, and it doesn't look as if we'll be getting any soon."

Alarmed, the manager rushed over to the customer who was walking out the door and said, "That isn't true, ma'am. Of course, we'll have some soon. In fact, we placed an order for it a couple of weeks ago."

Then the manager drew the clerk aside and growled, "Never, never, never say we don't have something. If we don't have it, say we ordered it and it's on it's way. Now, what was it she wanted?"

"Rain."

As much as we'd like to think that we can provide everything that others might need, the truth is we cannot. There are some things only God can provide.

Maybe you've been in one of those situations lately. Perhaps you have a family member who has been going through a serious illness. Or maybe you have a child away at college who is experiencing some trials and is feeling very alone. Or maybe you have a friend who is going through some tough times in her marriage.

There are some small things you can do to help, but ultimately you feel helpless because you can't provide what they really need. And so you pray to God, because there are some things only God can provide. We sometimes make the mistake of thinking, "That's the least I can do." No, that's the most we can do. We have a God who can provide what we cannot. Keep that in mind today if you're feeling inadequate to meet the needs of everyone around you.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us..." (Ephesians 3:20).

Have a great day!

- Alan Smith, *Thought For the Day*,
Helen Street Church of Christ - Fayetteville, North Carolina

Prayer is only devalued by low interest.

News & Notes

PRAY FOR: Word has been received that Virginia Ferrell has been placed in a Hospice House in Florida due to a broken hip she received from a fall. Also, remember **Kaedyn Ballew** (10 month old great grandson of Donna Stevens). This little boy has been diagnosed with leukemia and is under going chemotherapy treatments in Florida. Continue to remember **Florence Cooper** (Denver and family) as well. Florence is under Hospice care.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in this project.

PANTRY: Canned vegetables.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: Sept. 10th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at McKinleyville.

DATE OF OUR MEETING CHANGED: To Oct. 3-7 instead of Sept. 12-16.

BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR MID-WESTERN: See the bulletin board for details and sample labels.

THOSE WITH MEDICAL CONCERNS: Fred Rayl, Ella Beagle, Jim Beagle, Alva Scadden, Jackie Parsons, Harry & Imogene Nice, Roy Pratt (address on bulletin board), Michael Hanlon (son of Michelle), George Wiersbicki (brother of Ed). Weirton Medical Center (Skilled): Jessie Stiles (grandmother of Docie Moore). FOX: Pauline Clutter, Ruby Eddy. In Iowa: Jack Board. Check the bulletin board for others who are shut in.

MEETINGS & LECTURESHIPS

McKinleyville	Different Speakers	Aug. 29-Sept. 1
WV Christian Lectures	Weirton Hgts.	Sept. 26-29
CHESTER	Charles Pugh	Oct. 3- 7
WVSOP	Moundsville	Oct. 24-28

CONCERNING TREES ... AND US

- ✓ Have deep roots.
- ✓ Branch out.
- ✓ Be flexible.
- ✓ Keep growing on the inside.
- ✓ Bloom often.
- ✓ Show your colors.
- ✓ Point your trunk upward.
- ✓ Raise your limbs to heaven.
- ✓ And bring forth good fruit as long as you live.

- Bulletin Digest -

THOSE ROTTEN KIDS

"Our youths love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect for their elders, and love to chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. The contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up food, and tyrannize teachers."



Think this describes the kids in 2010? Actually, it was spoken by Socrates in 400 B.C.

- Belvedere Beacon - Belvedere, SC -