

Every Day I Choose ...

I Choose LOVE ... No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today, I will love God and what God loves.

I Choose JOY ... I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical, the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I Choose PEACE ... I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I Choose PATIENCE ... I will overlook the inconvenience of the world. Rather than complaining that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at the new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I Choose KINDNESS ... I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone; kind to the rich for they are afraid; and kind to the unkind, for such is how God treated me.

I Choose GOODNESS ... I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will see the good in others when it is hard to find. I will confess before I will accuse.

I Choose FAITHFULNESS ... Today, I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. My children will never fear that their father will fail to come home.

I Choose GENTLENESS ... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I Choose SELF-CONTROL ... I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal.

*LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, and SELF-CONTROL;
the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.*

To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek God's face. And then, when the day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

- Derrick Coble, *Bulletin Digest*

TEAMWORK

Being a Christian is much like playing a team sport. When we work together we are strong. But if we try to go it alone, we quickly get into trouble. We train together as we study God's Word (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15). We live together as a team, loving each other (James 5:16), and encouraging each other (Heb. 10:24, 25). But if we try to live life alone, our chances of defeating Satan are greatly diminished. That is the purpose of the Church - so that we can live our lives as a team, supporting each other, and not having to go it alone (Rom. 12:1-8).

-Bill Whiteman, Clarksville, TX, via *Bulletin Digest* -

It is what we give up, not what we lay up, that adds to our lasting store.

News & Notes

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each **Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for sick and needy kids.

MEMORIAL GET TOGETHER: In remembrance of Margie Logston, **next Tuesday, July 30th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship Building. Margie and Glenn were former members of this congregation, and Glenn served as one of our elders. This event will be hosted by Glenn and Margie's son-in-law and daughter, Wes and Glenna Harrison. Come and share your stories and see pictures.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: **Next Friday, August 2nd** at the Hanoverton Church of Christ.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **Next Saturday, August 3rd, 8:00 a.m.** at EJ's Restaurant in Chester.

WV RESOURCE FAIR: **Next Saturday, August 3rd, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at the Weirton Event Center. Sign-up sheet on the desk if you can help.

NURSING HOME VISIT & DEVOTIONAL: **Canceled for next Saturday, August 3rd** at Fox. **To be rescheduled.**

FELLOWSHIP DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: **Next Sunday, Aug. 4th;** dinner at **about noon** at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon worship at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

GOSPEL MEETING: **Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9th-11th** at the St. Clair Ave. Church of Christ with Dan Jenkins of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Topics and other details on the bulletin board.

7th ANNUAL SING & PIE FLING: **Friday, Aug. 16th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** (singing lead by Andy Robison); **8:00-? p.m.** (fellowship & desserts) at the WV School of Preaching in Moundsville, WV. **R.S.V.P. by Aug. 15th.** Details on the bulletin board.

DELONG CORN ROAST: **Saturday, Aug. 17th, 1:00 p.m.** at the home of Charlie & Barb Delong. The Delongs will furnish the corn. Those who want to supplement the corn can take any of the following: a covered dish, snacks, or a dessert. Also, take a lawn chair in case there is not enough seating.

PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER: **Monday, Sept. 2nd (Labor Day),** the Chester and the St. Clair Ave. congregations will have a joint Bar-B-Que at Thompson Park. More details to come later.

SECRET SISTERS: Remember daily in prayer and with a small gift or remembrance once each month. Questions: see Latisha Brown.

PANTRY: Kidney beans.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS & CARDS: **Marlene Reynolds, 140 N. Surrey Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920.** Marlene has cancer.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.