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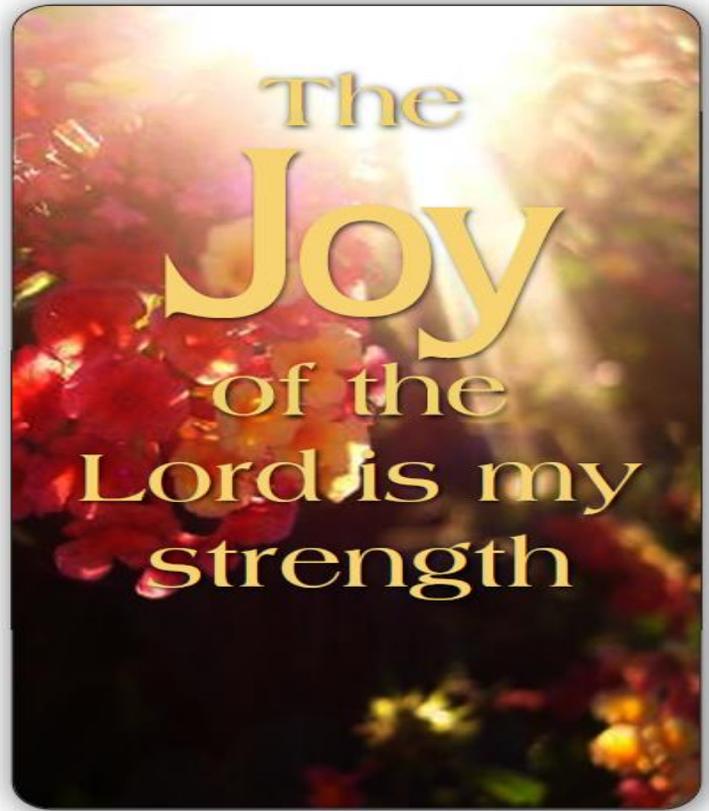
The Traditions Worship Service is online at 9 AM Sundays at www.ccomaha.org/live

or during the week at www.ccomaha.org/messages

The Senior Server is now available online at www.ccomaha.org/ Ministries ... Boomers & Seniors

The joy of the Lord is
the strength of His people,
The sunshine that banishes
sadness and gloom;
The fountain that bursts
in the desert of sorrow,
And sheds o'er the wilderness
gladness and bloom.

Words by A. B. Simpson



Picture by Anne Moore

Super Adults

Tuesday, June 18

***Stories with
Special Guests
Carey Schlieker
and Lance Grush***

Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM ~ Atrium

10:30 AM ~ Chapel

Noon ~ Lunch

Fellowship Hall

Lunch Reservations

- Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium
- New Community Groups
- Sue Beed @ 402.938.1570
- Email paulg@ccomaha.org

For menu planning, reservations and cancellations must be made by noon the Sunday prior to the event.

~~~ **Menu** ~~~

Pork & Broccoli Stir Fry,  
Steamed Rice, Egg Rolls  
Crunchy Asian Cole Slaw, Egg Drop Soup  
Wonton Hershey Kisses



# Upcoming Events

*Invite friends to come with you!*

## SENIORS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

First Tuesday each month

*Great encouragement, fellowship, delicious lunch, inspiring speakers /  
D127 Fellowship Hall / 11:30 AM*



June 4 – Bill Wallace shares his faith story!



July 2 – Sharon Kendall shares her faith story!

*Lunch sign-up (\$6) by Noon the Sunday prior @ the Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium, your New Community Group, call Margaret Betten / 402-885-8758, or email [paulg@cccomaha.org](mailto:paulg@cccomaha.org)*



## SENIORS BREAKFAST

Second Tuesday each month

*Come for encouraging fellowship! All Welcome!  
Meeting 8:30 AM at Village Inn @ 138<sup>th</sup> & Maple*

## SUPER ADULTS

Third Tuesday each month

June 18 – Be blessed hearing Stories from  
Carey Schlieker & Lance Grush



July 16 – “Safety for Seniors” with OPD Officer Jenny Nelson

August 20 – Resources with the Alzheimer’s Association

9:30 AM Check-in & Coffee in Atrium / 10:30 Chapel / Noon Lunch

*Sign-up (\$6) by Noon the Sunday prior Sunday prior @ the Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium, at your New Community Group, call Sue Beed / 402-938-1570, or email [paulg@cccomaha.org](mailto:paulg@cccomaha.org)*



## The Stamp Ministry

Fridays come anytime between 8–11 AM in Room D127

All are welcome! Join in the work and Fellowship.

Contact Janice Hurley at 402-393-1010



# Happy Birthday

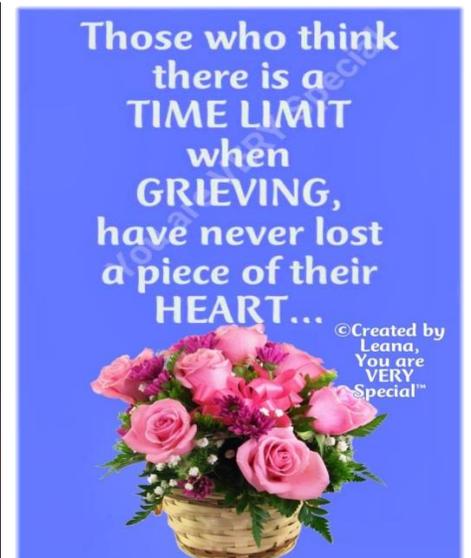
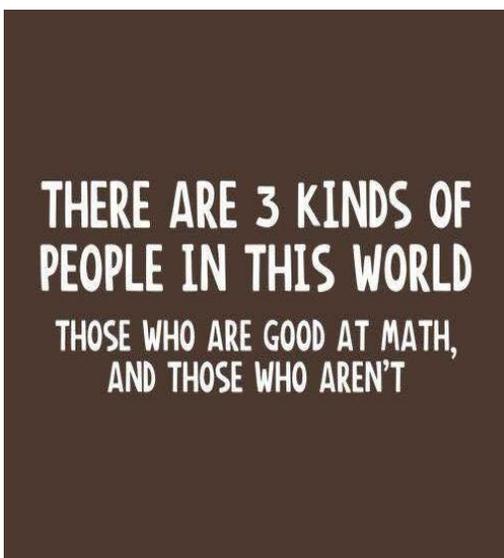
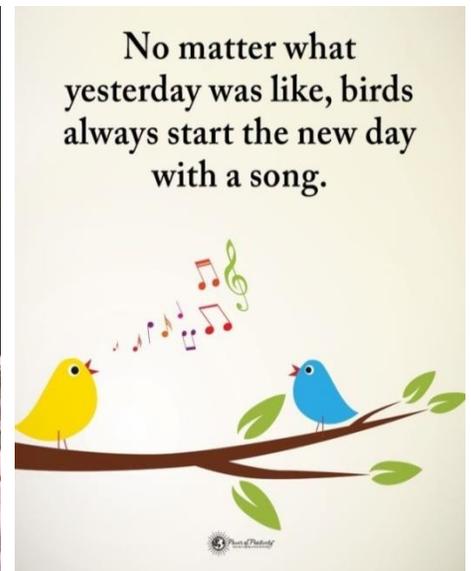
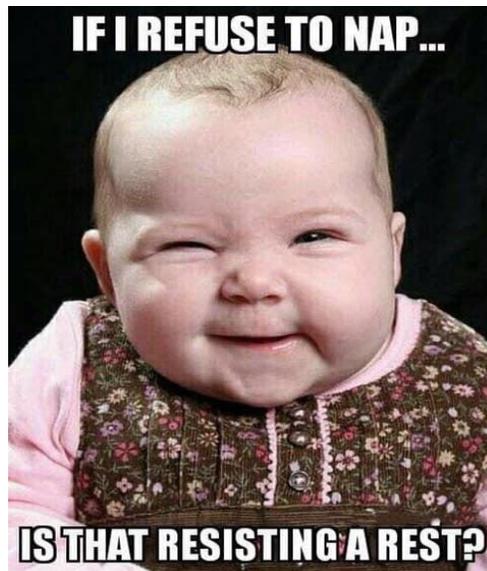
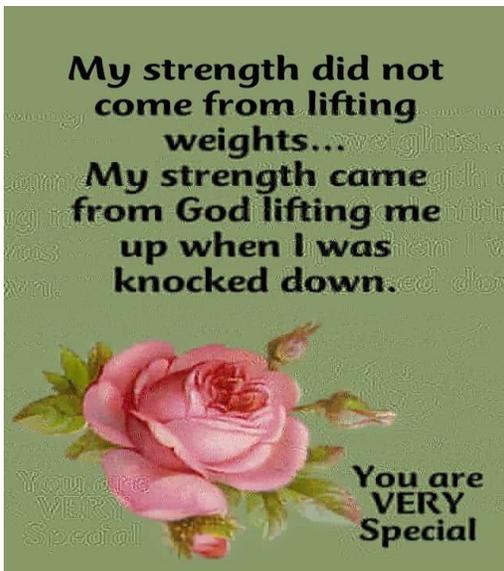


Margo Cochrane 6/1  
 Marilyn Doolittle 6/4  
 Sonia White 6/4  
 Brad Yerger 6/4  
 Larry Beam 6/6  
 Chip Doolittle 6/6  
 Joyce Bluhm 6/7  
 Paul Christopherson 6/7  
 Jack McCartney 6/7  
 Lucie Reit 6/7  
 Betty Diedrichsen 6/8  
 Jan Thompson 6/8

Hilda Krommendyk 6/9  
 Bill Alford 6/10  
 Margaret Griffith 6/10  
 Mary Alice Christensen 6/13  
 Carole Ritcharde 6/13  
 Dick Wiese 6/14  
 Beverly Hempstead 6/15  
 Patricia Pinto 6/15  
 Harvey Miller 6/18  
 Pat Boland 6/19  
 Jack McCrary 6/19

Ber Krommendyk 6/20  
 Claire Livingston 6/20  
 Sherry Martin 6/20  
 Robert Simmonds 6/20  
 Bob Clary 6/21  
 Judy DeVries 6/21  
 Allan Merit 6/21  
 Kate Morris 6/21  
 Janet Wangler 6/22  
 Edith Swaney 6/26

***A Happy Birthday to you! A Happy Birthday to you! May you feel Jesus near, every Day of the year!***



## VERSES TO PONDER

***“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6***

***“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8***



*Picture by Anne Moore*

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
*By George Croly*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:  
Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The kindling of the heav'n-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

### **Our Prayer for One Another:**

***“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19***

***“Just as the joy of the Lord is our strength, the strength of the Lord is our joy!”***  
***A.W. Tozer***

## Joy

Quiet, still peace  
Mid terror and agony.  
Hope in a Rock,  
Purpose in Prayer,  
Cross at the Center.  
The Anointed One Walks Unseen  
Through a Warped World and says,  
“My peace I give to you;  
Not as the World Gives.”

*Anonymous from Jan Boren*

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;  
my hope comes from Him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation;  
He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.  
My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.  
Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart to Him,  
For God is our refuge.

**Psalm 62:5-8**



## Pray the Word “HOLY SPIRIT”

*“We need continual infillings of the Spirit to meet the strong, ungodly tendencies of the age.”*

Jim Cymbala, Brooklyn Tabernacle

Father, thank You for sending the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to teach me and remind me of the things that Jesus said. Thank You for His presence with me—forever.

Forgive me, Father, for the times that I resist the Holy Spirit, even though I know that He is the One Who draws me closer to You, convicts of sin, and leads me into deeper truth. How thankful I am that the Holy Spirit helps me in my weakness — that when I don’t know what or how I should pray, He intercedes for me in agreement with Your will.

Tenderize my heart, O God, and make me sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. I ask that You remove any hardness of heart that still remains in me, and give me a heart of flesh. Holy Spirit, reveal even the hidden sin in my life as I wait on You...*(Pause and wait before the Lord, confess those things He brings to your mind)*

Your Word promises that You, heavenly Father, will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask You, and so I ask Father, as Your child — fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit! *(Pause and wait before the Lord, personalize this prayer and make it your own.)*

Empower me by Your Spirit to live victoriously for Christ, that as I am in the world, I may not ever be of the world. I ask that the power of the Holy Spirit come on me that I might be a witness for You, and boldly speak Your Word. Teach me, Holy Spirit, when and what I should say for I long for greater spiritual fruit to be produced in my life. Strengthen me, I pray, to stand firm against the enemy and to persevere and do the Father’s will.

O God, like the early disciples, may my life be characterized by fullness of joy, and the presence of the Holy Spirit so that Jesus will be seen more clearly in me and through me, and my life bring glory to His name. May a longing for more of You increase in my heart and be lived-out through my actions in words. In Jesus’ name I ask. Amen.

*John 14:26; John 14:16; John 16:8; Romans 8:26-27; Ezekiel 36:26; Luke 11:13; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31; Luke 12:12; Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 6:11; Acts 13:52*

**Tiece King. Pray the Word is sponsored by the C&MA Evangelical Church of Bangkok ([www.ecb.asia](http://www.ecb.asia)). Books and resources are available through Prayer Shop Publishing ([www.prayershop.org](http://www.prayershop.org)).**

## “Only Jesus”

Hi, I’m Jane. I have a sweet story to share with you. I come from quite a large family - people of high morals, honest, trustworthy, kind, but sadly, many are unsaved. I have a deep burden on my heart for my loved ones, and have prayed that God would help me and use me to share Jesus with them.

I want to share a story about my oldest cousin, Norman. He is 83 years old, and probably one of the kindest men you could ever meet. Norman was diagnosed with lung cancer. Sadly, he was given just 6 months to live. But, I’m so happy to say he trusted Christ as Savior while he was in his late 60’s, which has made his journey much easier. Norman has lived in two retirement communities the past 10 years. Many residents have often shared with me how they love and respect Norman for his kindness, always wanting to help, putting others first, very humble.

As Norman’s illness progressed and he moved on to Hospice Care, I continued to visit him. The week before Norman passed, I said to him his friends were concerned about him. I told him that many shared what a dear, kind man he was, putting others first, always wanting to help where there was a need. Norman stopped me as I spoke and said, “Jane, no, **only Jesus!** It’s not me, **only Jesus.**” I said, “Wow, Norman, that is the name of a beautiful new Christian song, and it’s one of my favorites!” Norm had never heard of the song, so I read a few of the lyrics to him. It goes like this:

**“I don’t want to leave a legacy.  
I don’t care if they remember me, only Jesus.  
And I’ve only got one life to live.  
I’ll let every second point to Him, only Jesus.  
Jesus is the only name to remember.”**

I said, “Norman, it’s as if this song was written for you!” Again, Norman said, “**only Jesus.**”

Norman’s son, Troy asked that I share memories about Norman at his funeral. I said, “Yes, I would be honored.” (But to be honest, I was very nervous about speaking.) The Lord gave me a beautiful story about my dear cousin and I would be able to share with our unsaved family members – just as I had asked! What a privilege and a joy it was to share Norman’s sweet story, as well as present the gospel to our many relatives and friends. “Thank you Lord!”

I think what a beautiful world it would be if we **all** would live by the words of “**Only Jesus.**”

**By Jane Cleveland**

*Jane is a Silver Tsunami Minister and her husband John is the president of the Ambassador Sunday School Class*

# Truth for Life

## Just a Little Longer

*Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.*

*Psalm 30:5*

Christian, if you are in a night of trial, think of tomorrow; cheer up your heart with the thought of the coming of your Lord. Be patient, for "Lo! He comes with clouds descending." Be patient! The farmer waits until He reaps His harvest.

Be patient; for you know who has said, "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with Me, to repay everyone for what he has done." If you are presently in wretched circumstances, remember:

*A few more days of marching into battle,  
Then you will receive the crown.*

Your head may be bowed with thorny troubles now, but it shall wear a starry crown before long. Your heart may be filled with care--it shall be filled with the praise of heaven soon. Your clothes may be soiled with dust now; soon they shall be gloriously white. Wait a little longer. How trivial our troubles and trials will seem when we look back upon them! Looking at them here in the prospect, they seem immense; but when we get to heaven we shall view everything from a new perspective.

Our trials will then seem light and momentary afflictions. Let us go on boldly; even if the night be ever so dark, the morning comes, which is more than they can say who are shut up in the darkness of hell. Do you know what it is then to live on the future--to live on expectation--to anticipate heaven? You are happy, believer, to have such a sure and comforting hope. It may be all dark now, but it will soon be light; it may be all trial now, but it will soon be all happiness. What does it matter if "weeping may tarry for the night" when "joy comes with the morning"?

*"Morning & Evening," Alistair Begg, Crossway  
By Charles Spurgeon, edited by Alistair Begg*



## When Morning Guilds the Sky

1. When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer,  
To Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. When sleep her balm denies,  
My silent spirit sighs,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evil thoughts molest,  
With this I shield my breast:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. The night becomes as day  
When from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The pow'rs of darkness fear  
When this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
5. In heav'n's eternal bliss  
The loveliest strain is this,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let earth, and sea, and sky  
From depth to height reply,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
6. Be this, while life is mine,  
My song of love divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Sing this eternal song  
Through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

## Boomers & Beyond Groups

**New Community Groups** are welcoming classes that meet year around, focused on making healthy disciples for Jesus through strong biblical teaching, warm fellowship, missionary focus, loving care, and dedicated prayer. Come join a group!

**Dayspring** / 7:45 AM / C117 Dayspring is a cross-generational class that welcomes singles and couples for challenging teaching, ministry projects, missionary support, and outstanding care groups.

**Kingdom Builders** / 9 AM / C220 Join Kingdom Builders for prayer, fellowship, biblical teaching, and learning the Word together.

**Scripture: Living It Out** / 9 AM / I188 Fireside Room This cross-generational group for ages focuses on Bible study, friendship, life application, and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ. (Formerly *Thankful Hearts*)

**Ambassadors** / 10:30 AM / D127 These caring and praying seniors focus on strong biblical teaching with love for Christ, missionaries, and our nation.

**Ecclesia** / 10:30 AM / D126 A mix of seniors and younger adults. Sing the old hymns, fellowship, and go deep into God's Word. Join our caring family!

**SALT - Spiritually Advancing Linked Together** / 10:30 AM / C117 Boomers and seniors are welcome for great fellowship, prayer, the study of God's Word, and class socials.

**Journey Groups for all adults** are where real life happens together. Meet regularly to study, pray, and grow with others. Belong to a community, be transformed by the gospel, and be on mission for the people in the city. To learn more about Journey Groups or find one near you, visit the Next Steps booth in the Atrium or online at [www.ccomaha.org/journey-groups](http://www.ccomaha.org/journey-groups)



## Come Pray Together Wednesdays

*"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts."*

*Zechariah 4:6*

**10:30-11:30 AM in Classroom C118**

... for our Pastor and church ministries, our Missionaries, revival, the Persecuted Church, our children, City, Nation, the World, and needs in the body.

## GriefShare

**Christ Community Church**

**Tuesdays - 6:30-8:00 PM / R188 Fireside Rm**

In our journey from mourning to joy, GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

While this is a 13-week series, persons may begin attending at any point.

Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence.

Please come. Invite a friend or loved one.

Contact: Deb Jones / 402.658.0767



**"Boomers & Beyond"** What's your passion? Looking for a place serve? Pick up a brochure at the Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium!

**The Monthly Senior Server Newsletter** - Pick-up your copy at the Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium or call **Sue Beed at 402-938-1570.**

The **Server** is available online at [www.ccomaha.org/Ministries ... Boomers & Seniors](http://www.ccomaha.org/Ministries...Boomers&Seniors)

**Financial Guidance** --- John Guthmann is available for confidential assistance free of charge through the CCC Counseling Office ...  
Call John @ 402-399-8058

**CCC Benevolence & Food Pantry**  
Need help with immediate and emergency needs?  
Call Doni Gregory @ 402-330-3360

**Monthly Hymn Sheets available at Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium!**

## Preparing Well to Finish Well

Believing it is a God-honoring gesture to communicate our desires to our loved ones, two booklets have been prepared: "My Funeral Wishes" and "Valuable Documents." Available at Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium or call Sue @ 402-330-3360

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Great is Thy Faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

*“Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow --- Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!”*