

Bright Eyes



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We're Progressing Forward

by Butch Tull, Board President



I have to say that 2011 was a roller-coaster year, with all its' ups and downs, but really, aren't all years like that? Take our church for example; we have welcomed many new faces in 2012 and welcomed back some old faces and said goodbye(for now) to a few.

That is what is nice about Spiritualism. It is there when one needs it. People are finally questioning instead of going along on what they have been told to think. Now, more and more people are thinking outside the box and searching for answers to what is truth. My own search began in 2002 and I have learned so much and grown so much since I began attending this church regularly. It fills my heart to come here and be a part of this wonderful family. Yes, it breaks my heart to see people leave, but everyone leaves for their own reasons be it family, jobs or more personal reasons. We all miss them and wish them well and know that one day they may find their way back.

Our recent loss of our beloved Gary Scarbeary left a huge hole in our church family. But the legacy he left behind-the memory of his laughter and his never ending kindness-will always be with us. His spiritual presence is felt each and every Sunday. Sometimes you end up

knowing someone better after they are gone by remembering all the wonderful qualities they possessed. Shouldn't we all be acknowledging those qualities in each other now, in the living?

Life can overwhelm us sometimes but we are all blessed to have our ministers and church family to lean on. Remember, we are all on this rollercoaster ride together. If anyone needs for someone to talk to or to listen, we are here.

Love and Blessings to you all,

Butch Tull



Library Committee Report

by Jemma Barry, Judy Tittle,
Kris Vancil, Bonnie Crosier

Hello everyone!

A quick update on our "soon to be" new library: We have purchased and set up the new book shelving in the rear hallway and cataloging of all books is near completion.

We wish to thank Jemma Barry, Dr. Merlin Mather, Gary Scarbeary, and Bob and Sharon Bianchi for their donation of books to our library.

We are working diligently to complete our task and hope that all books will be available for you to check out soon. As a reminder, if you have previously checked out books but have not returned them, please do so that we may have accurate records. You will certainly be able to check the books out again.

Thank you all for your patience.

APRIL 8, 2012 . . . Save the Date !

The annual meeting of members was changed last year from January to April. The annual church membership dues remains at \$20.00 and can now be paid at any time. Members must be current to run for office or vote at the annual meeting. Dues can be paid to Secretary Sharon Bianchi. Save the Date: April 8, 2012 immediately following Sunday service for our annual meeting.



THE SIDEBAR

A pastor was serving a small young church that met in temporary facilities. During the chaos of setting up the chairs and putting out the hymnals, he heard one of his members complain about back pain. Just before service his wife explained that Jack was recovering from surgery. During the healing service, Pastor asked everyone to pray to God to help Jack recover from surgery and to "restore him to full function." He heard a gasp and muffled laughter but continued with service. Later, he found out that Jack's surgery was a vasectomy. You know what they say, "**Be careful what you pray for.**"

10 Commandments for an Unhappy Life

1. Thou shalt wear a grim expression at all times and thou shalt hold thy body in a stiff and rigid posture, and exercise thy muscles as little as possible especially during messages.
2. Thou shalt never get to service on time but shall make a grand entrance later so everyone knows you have arrived.
3. Thou shalt stuff and store all thy feelings in thy gut and never seek help.
4. Thou shalt put aside play, and shalt inflict upon others that which was once inflicted upon you.
5. Thou shalt go to as many "all you can eat" buffets as possible and complain about being overweight.
6. Thou shalt not take a real vacation.
7. Thou shalt make excuses for not giving generously when the collection plate is passed.
8. Thou shalt expect the worst in all situations, blame everyone around you for everything and dwell of the faults and fears of others.
9. Thou shalt be in control at all times no matter what
10. Thou shalt let thy ego be your flashlight as you walk your path.



AND NOW A WORD... from Your Pastor

Greetings: Our church ministry consists of two divisions. First, we have our Service people or those who serve at the lectern or platform. This consists of our healers, our sermon givers, our music and instrumentalists, the Pastor and those who assist in Lyceum presentations. Each person who takes on the responsibility to serve in any of these capacities is there to help others as well as themselves have a meaningful and spiritual sense of fulfillment as they attend church service each week.

The second division consists of those who attend our weekly church service, whether they are a member of the church or a non-member. Whether you know it or not, you are part of our ministry. You minister to those around you both in church and outside of church. You do this by your actions and commitment in demonstrating a loving and caring attitude toward others.

A minister does not need to be someone who has taken classes and become

ordained but is one who ensures they are in pursuit of right choices and right living and strive to help others do the same. While the appointed minister may give ministry through a blessing, you, as a non-appointed minister may do the same through a handshake or a sincere smile. Any expression of love is a blessing that can be given at anytime, anywhere by anyone.

You are all ministers of this church and your love and attitude are a blessing. Be free with those blessings, give them out and give them away. The more you give, the more blessings are returned to you.

I am asked, why do Reverend Sharon and I make the long trip each week when we live so far away? We come for the blessings that you all give to us each and every week. As we minister to you, you have continuously ministered to us and we are grateful.

Blessings for your love,

Pastor Bob

A Passionate Life

by Morris Pratt Institute Student, Tom Conley

Today, I have been doing a lot of reading on varied subjects. Interestingly, the subjects of these various readings share a commonality. They were considered pioneers in their field of interest. What inspires me most is that the pioneers of the varied beliefs and theories all suffered duress, whether it be emotional or physical. This is especially true for our Pioneers of Modern Spiritualism.

Mediums were held up to great ridicule, suspicion and scrutiny. Many were made to sit in rooms or on stage in auditoriums in the nude, in full view of the doubters to "prove" their mediumship. Many had their hands and feet bound tightly to ensure against any fraudulent movements. Why? Because like so many other pioneers, they had a Passion for the advancement of Spiritualism not only as a movement but

as a religion that encouraged tolerance and an undeniable understanding that there is a continuance of life. Many people just couldn't understand this or grasp the reality of it.

I've had many passions in my life but the two that have lasted are music and my desire to expand my spirituality. Both of these passions have no end. There is always a new way to express musical notes. There is always a new way to expand on love, which is trying to reach for being Godlike.

I encourage a passionate way of living. Being passionate about spirituality, serving others, creativity, whatever, is necessary for a passionate way of life. Beginning a day with passion encourages serenity in knowing that my daily experiences will be enhanced by the fact that I strongly believe in what I am doing. We are all pioneers when it comes to our own lives. Are you living a passionate life? **What is your passion?**

