

The Epistle

Five Biblical Principles of Money

Principle #2: God will provide.



It is not an exaggeration to say that one of the takeaways from almost every story in the Bible is that God will provide—God will give us everything that we need.

God provides a son for Abraham and Sarah, just like he promised. God provides Mo-

ses to lead the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt, just like he promised.

God will provide is the whole point of manna in the wilderness (Read Exodus 16). After the Hebrews leave Egypt, they grumble about food. God provided the manna (a white, flakey edible substance like bread) each day. The people gathered the manna each day, and they were not allowed to store it over night or it would rot. The point was to teach the people that they

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Valley Inter-faith Donation Item of the Month

August's donation item is **baby food** (no formula, please). Thank you for your generosity!

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could trust God for daily bread.

When the Israelites were failing to keep God's law, God provided prophets to get them back on track, just like he promised.

God provides Jesus Christ to rescue all people from

sin, death, the devil, and suffering, just like he promised.

God the Son provides enough food for 5,000 people with just five loaves and two fish. God the Son provides healing for the blind, sick, and crippled, just like he promised. Jesus says,

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“Do not worry about your life” (Mt. 6:25-34; Lk. 12:24-34) because God will provide! God provides his Holy Spirit to the Apostles to equip them to build the church, just like he promised.

Do you see the pattern throughout all of Scripture? God provides, just like he promised. This principle is true for the Old Testament and the New. It is true for whole communities and for individuals. It is true for biblical characters and for you.

Perhaps your parents, grandparents, or other Christians you know have said this to you a time or two. The tricky thing is that we often feel mixed emotions when we hear it: there is a sting of doubt that says, “Maybe for you, but what if God doesn't for me?” and there is a longing for this promise to be true. It is often said in times of difficulty, which is both why it's hard to believe and why we need to believe it. Saying it transforms the moment: saying “God will provide” reminds our hearts and others not to be afraid because God will take care of us. When we invoke this promise, God overcomes our fear and replaces it with hope.

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Five Biblical Principles of Money

The next time you are worried about your bank account, investments, grocery bill, or retirement, try claiming God's promise for yourself. Testify to yourself, "God will provide" and watch how God sets you free from fear—because he will, and he will provide, just like he promised.

Pastor Emily Beckering

Council on Aging Presentation Aug. 9



Home. As we age, that's where we all want to stay for as long as we can. But when you or a loved one need help, sorting through all the options can be confusing. You can get the right answers from Council on Aging (COA).

As the Area Agency on Aging for Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties, COA's mission is to enhance people's lives by assisting them to remain independent at home through a range of quality services. With more than 40 years of experience, COA is the expert at helping individuals, families and caregivers manage complex medical and long-term care needs.

Join us August 9, 5-6:30 p.m., for an informative presentation about COA's programs and services. The presentation is open to everyone in the Reading community and will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in the school cafeteria, 330 West Vine Street in Reading. Questions about the presentation should be directed to the Parish Nurse, (513) 554-1010 x22. For more information about Council on Aging, call (513) 721-1025 or visit www.help4seniors.org.

Dorcas Circle

It will not be long now before we finish the quilts for this year's shipment to Lutheran World Relief. The ladies will meet on their usual day—Wednesday, August 15. We have also added an extra Wednesday work day in September. Mark your calendars for September 5 and 19.

There will be a Quilt Raffle before the quilts are shipped. All of the quilts will be placed in the sanctuary for the blessing on the last Sunday in September, and the raffle drawing will be held that Sunday. Look for more information in the September newsletter.





ST. PAUL PLAYERS

Fall Play is Cast

St. Paul Players is pleased to announce that its December production of *The Christmas Express*, by Pat Cook, has been fully cast. Our audiences can look forward to actors with familiar, formerly familiar, and fresh faces to bring seasonal wonder and excitement to our December stage. Most performances will be MATINEES, on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning with luncheon at 1:00pm. [Traditionalists, whose bedtimes are after dark, can still plan to enjoy an evening performance on Friday, December 7th. Tickets are an astonishing bar-

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Boiler Room Cleaning: We Need You!

Members of the Congregation:

As part of the improvement projects that are taking place in and around the church, our next project is the replacement of the boiler in the basement / furnace room of the church.

Yes, you can guess where this article is going: before the boiler replacement can take place, the basement / furnace room of the church must be cleaned and items that are not used anymore be removed.

What this means to each of the groups and individuals who have items stored in the basement / furnace room to review the items you have stored there, organize them, remove any unused items, and dispose of them in the dumpster in the parking lot. If we need to order an additional dumpster pickup, we will make those arrangements as necessary.

As the contractor begins the process of replacing the boiler, they will need extra room around the boiler area to replace it, which also is a very dirty process. So, if you have items that need to be protected from construction dirt, please consider removing them and then organizing and covering the remaining items, protecting them from the construction dirt and traffic.

On an additional note; if, you know of items that are presently located there and not needed anymore, please take the time and the effort upon yourself to remove and dispose of them on your own. The organization of the basement / furnace room is a process that is long overdue and needs to be addressed without the consideration of the boiler replacement.

Your cooperation and effort is greatly appreciated as we move forward with improvements around the church.

Mark Lohmeier, Chairman
Capital Improvement Committee

Reading VBS a ROARing Success!

Did you hear shouts of “WOW!” in the church last week? Vacation Bible School was in the house!

Over fifty kids and thirty adults from churches around Reading came to Serengeti Trek to Know God, Talk to God, Tell About God, Love God, and Work for God.

The kids had a wonderful time. Each day we heard them telling their parents at pick-up time how excited they were to come back the next day. For children who don't attend church regularly, special events like this allow us to help build a foundation for their life-long relationship with Christ. And our own children experience God's love anew and meet new friends.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, talent, and treasure to make this wonderful event happen.

Special thanks to our neighbors at ALMS Christian Church, Reading Rd. for the delicious lunches they provided for the kids and volunteers each day, and STAR 93.3 for entertaining us at the Friday picnic!

Celebrations in August



- 1 Bess Sturgill
- 4 Noah Smith-Trondle
- 6 Carolyn Koehl
- 7 Ryan Coulehan
- 8 Jeff & Holly Ford**
- 10 Webb Grandy, Anna Smith-Trondle
- 11 James Dageforde

- 15 Kirstyn Kreiner
- 16 Kyra Cowan, Maci Lawson, Tom Pyle
- 19 Ed & Kathy Hirt**
- 22 Doug & Marty Lohmeier**
- 24 Rodney Bronner, Pat Coldiron
- 26 Bob Portmann
- 27 Jack & Joyce Spelman**
- 29 Jack & Barbara Moorhouse**

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gain at \$10 (for dinner and a show); reservations can be made anytime at stpaulplayers.com or by telephone, (513) 324-8304, beginning in October.

We look forward, in order of appearance, to: Sherry Bronner, Nate Huitger, Darchelle Derthick, Owen Kelm, Molly Simons, Carroll B. Mayhugh, Jr., Cindy Lou Mayhugh, Sarah Papin, David Hill, and Kim Coulehan. Barry Prince is directing and Nick Huitger is producing.

The play has been skillfully wrought and can be understood (and enjoyed) on several levels. The show is appropriate for children and grownups of all ages who are able to experience a sense of wonder at the miracles of Christmas.

Our Life Together

For emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Emily Beckering, 513-760-5884.

If you have requests for the Prayer Chain, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Tim Arkfeld** (former member); **Jimmy Berthud** (Portmanns' friend); **Debbie Brooks** (friend of Elinor Schieman); **Jodie Calhoun; Christian; Geoff Coldiron** (Pat's son); **Kathy Curless; Debbie, Steve, Jessica Davis** (friends of Holly Ford); **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Rita Edwards; Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Jason Garcia** (Mayhughs' nephew) **Jim Forst; the Fothergill family** (former members); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **Jason Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's nephew); **Hannah; Bill Harris and Cheryl Harris** (relatives of Donald Harris); **Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Ed Hirt; Doug Hibbeler** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Jay King** (son of Jamie King, who cleans the church); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Maria** (Lohmeiers' friend); **Jack Marvin** (Kathy Crosby's friend); **Barbara and Jack Moorhouse; Jean Nolte; David Oaks** (Faulkners' son-in-law); **Pete, Zac, and Andrew Padolipa** (Wagners' friends); **Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper; Brianna Pirrmann; Faith Pirrmann; Nick Pirrmann; Sarah Rupert** (Carolyn Koehl's sister); **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn**

Schnetzer (Sturgills' cousin); **the Selke/Fletcher family** (family friends of Pirrmanns); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Elaine Sieckman** (Cindy Sieckman's mother-in-law); **Kim Sieckman; Freida Mae Simpson; Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Scott Songer; Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Rosemary Spaeth** (friend of Elinor Schieman); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Richard Thompson** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Sherman and Mike Waddle; Jane Weatherford** (Donald Harris's mother); **Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law); **Zach** (friend of Kings).

At the death of: **Mary Jane Flege, Edna Willet.**

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Bernice Baglien, Dottie Bangert, Louise Barry, Carol Leonard, Jack and Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar, Edna Willet.**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **John Garbrecht** (Carolyn Koehl's nephew); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).

Ministry Schedule	During the Service (10:30 a.m.)
Month-Long Ministries	<p>Bulletins: Carole Replogle and Linda Miller Greeters: Bob and Marilyn Portmann Altar Guild: <i>Linens:</i> Jane Erbeck; <i>Setup:</i> Carole Replogle; <i>Cleanup:</i> Holly Ford Counter: Nancy Erbeck</p>
August 5 11 Pentecost	<p>Assisting Minister: David Hill Lesson Reader: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Acolyte: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Communion Ministers: Chelsea King, Elinor Schieman Nursery: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Activity Time: Linda Lawson</p>
August 12 12 Pentecost	<p>Assisting Minister: Doug Lohmeier Lesson Reader: Carroll Mayhugh Acolyte: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Communion Minister: Carolyn Koehl Nursery: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Activity Time: Penny Huber</p>
August 19 13 Pentecost	<p>Assisting Minister: Terry McDowell Lesson Reader: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Acolyte: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Communion Minister: Chelsea King Nursery: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Activity Time: Chelsea King</p>
August 26 14 Pentecost	<p>Assisting Minister: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Lesson Reader: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Acolyte: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Book Bearer: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Communion Ministers: Ron & Shirley Harbaugh Nursery: <i>Volunteer Needed</i> Activity Time: <i>Volunteer Needed</i></p>

St. Paul
Lutheran Church

As a community of Christian believers, we are called by God to use the many gifts He has given us, within the church and the community, so others may come to know Him.

Lavender & Old Lace: 3 More Shows!

Admission \$10 - Includes Dinner Before the Show

St. Paul Players

Lavender and Old Lace

A Drama/Comedy in Three Acts by Rose Warner

Friday July 27th, & August 3rd at 7:00 pm,

Saturday July 28th, & August 4th at 7:00 pm,

& Sunday July 29th, & August 5th at 1:00 pm



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