

families they are welcome here and we want them here. If you would like to be part of the group already providing this ministry, or if you have questions about what all it entails, let Krissy Bonson know. You will need to have your child clearance if you haven't done so already. The office can assist you with this. Thank you!

Wayne and Nancy Miller moved from Valley View Village to the Terrace on Thursday. Their **new address** is A222 Valley View Terrace, Belleville, PA 17004 and their new phone number is 717-935-3748.

"My Coins Count" offerings begin next Sunday March 7, and will be given to our local Belleville Fire Company. The Fire Company has said that any monies received will be given to the "Seth Berger Fund". Seth was a young firefighter from Belleville, who was killed in an auto accident January 19, 2020. To date, the focus of the fund has not yet been determined. It could be used for scholarships for others wanting to become a fire fighter. But more than likely, it will be used to purchase some piece of needed equipment for the Belleville Fire Company. Start saving your coins (dollars and checks are permitted too!). As you enter the auditorium, there will be firemen's boots to put your coins, dollars and checks. Our goal is \$1,000. Checks should be made to Maple Grove Church.

Today is the last day to contribute tooth paste, tooth brushes and bath soaps for **Shelter Services**. *For the month of March* we will be collecting Clorox and laundry detergent. The Shelter also has a need for a micro wave and a few sets of double bed sheets. These should be in good condition but do not have to be new. If you can donate any of these items, please contact Lavern & Kathy Yutzy at yutco@msn.com or 717-437-0707 or 717-437-0006.

Food for thought from our Health Promoter – Dar Yoder

If the words you spoke appeared on your skin, would you still be beautiful?

Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy		
	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	No Nursery	JoAnn Byler and Toni Peachey
Nursery-Worship	No Nursery	Kristin Kauffman & Sarah Yoder
Sound Technician	John Baker	Jared Byler



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“Gathered to know Jesus, sent to make Jesus known”

LENT/EASTER DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
GOING DEEPER
WEEK 3 - MARCH 1 - 7, 2021

This begins our second full week of Lent. What has God been trying to impress upon you? What have you heard? Learned? What have been the most consistent distractions or reasons for staying where you are, rather than going deeper? Be honest with yourself, since God already knows the answers to these questions!

Don't expect to have a revelation from heaven every day. It is taking the time to be with God that's important. Like taking time with a friend is important, even if nothing earth shattering is shared. Remember, our reason to give something up is to gain something even better.

Hopefully by now, you are beginning to develop a rhythm and perhaps a favorite time of the day to spend time with this devotional material, perhaps a rhythm you will continue beyond Lent, if you have not been doing so before this.

We hope you are enjoying this Lenten/Easter time with God.

THEME - DEEPER COMMITMENT

THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY: The amount of time and energy and resources that I am willing to put into something is usually directly proportional to what I get out of it. This is true even in my walk with Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING FOR EACH DAY - Mark 8:31-38

DAILY PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

MONDAY - For your prayer today, think about or look up a song that talks about the cross and pray the lyrics. As an alternative, pray a prayer of thanks for Jesus' willingness to go to the cross for you.

TUESDAY - Pray for someone dear to you who is carrying an unusually heavy burden right now.

WEDNESDAY - Pray that somebody in your neighborhood or community who might be drawn closer to Jesus today from seeing your commitment to Jesus.

THURSDAY - Pray that God would show you ways that God may want you to be more involved in the God's Kingdom work at Maple Grove. And offer to be used in those ways.

FRIDAY - Pray for those who may be tempted to leave the faith because of some hard situations they are dealing with.

SATURDAY - Pray that God would reveal to you an area in your life that God wants you to commit in a deeper way to Him.

SUNDAY PRAYER – God, it's been said, when the going gets tough the tough get going. God that is so easy to say, but it might be easier to take the easy way out, easier to play it safe and live to fight another day. Like Peter, who loved you with such a passion, was filled with such energy, who was so quick to speak. Peter was so quick to say "YES" he was with you. But when his faith was seriously challenged, when the road to following you became dangerous, he chose the easier road of denial. You knew Peter, knew what he was made of, what would happen before the cock crowed twice. But it didn't stop you choosing him, naming him "Rock". There is comfort for us, Lord, in Peter's frailty, reassurance that your love and confidence extends to both strong and frail, as you look to our potential, and in your love forget our momentary weaknesses.

BLESSING FOR EACH DAY - May the blessings you experience in following God wherever He leads far outweigh the grand illusions you have of staying put! May you truly experience that God's yoke is easier and His burden is lighter than anything the world has for you.

FINAL THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY - (Take a few moments to quietly reflect on what God's Spirit may be saying to your spirit.) What one thing, the next thing you can lose in order to gain more of what God has for you?