

the moving sermon Paul preached to Agrippa in the twenty-sixth chapter of the book of Acts. While speaking of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, Paul was interrupted by Festus and accused of being "beside" himself (Acts 26:24). Luke then records these words of Paul: "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe." (Acts 26:25-27). Agrippa uttered one brief sentence in reply to Paul. He said, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian" (Acts 26:28). One of the saddest words heard at the judgment will be the bitter cry of "almost." To "almost" be a Christian is to be a child of Satan. To "almost" repent of your sins is to die in your sins. To "almost" be saved is to be eternally lost. To "almost" go to heaven is to be sent to hell. "Almost cannot avail; almost is but to fail; sad, sad, that bitter wail—almost, but lost."

Almost Persuaded
Philip P. Bliss, pub.1871

“Almost persuaded” now to believe; “Almost persuaded” Christ to receive; Seems now some soul to say, “Go, Spirit, go Thy way, Some more convenient day On Thee I’ll call.”

“Almost persuaded,” come, come today; “Almost persuaded,” turn not away; Jesus invites you here, Angels are ling’ring near, Prayers rise from hearts so dear; O wand’rer, come!

“Almost persuaded,” harvest is past! “Almost persuaded,” doom comes at last!“ Almost” cannot avail; “Almost” is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail— “Almost,” but lost!

Announcements

Prayer List

Eleanor Jatko will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

Neal Sandstede, Jennifer's father, in our prayer list as he had surgery to remove his spleen (pancreatic cancer) last Friday at Skyridge Medical Center).

KD's supervisor's wife is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

Sherry's aunt, **Jackie**, has started chemo for breast cancer.

PJ Kite is asking for prayers for healing in his shoulder and for success on his job hunt.

Jennifer Kite had her appendix taken out Thursday night. She is home but uncomfortable. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

Ongoing prayers:

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend, with his cancer and treatments.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

Sam Sims stroke recovery

Jim & Monte Hazlet, health issues

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father –cancer

John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi- cancer.

Ransom Boone-recovering from a fall

Lorraine Spencer- declining health

News and Notes

Family Matters Bible Study

This Saturday, Feb. 22nd, is the study at the Thacker's home, 9500 E. 159th Ave. Brighton, at 5:00 p.m. Come join us for a potluck style meal followed by a Bible study. The food theme is Mexican. Child care is provided.

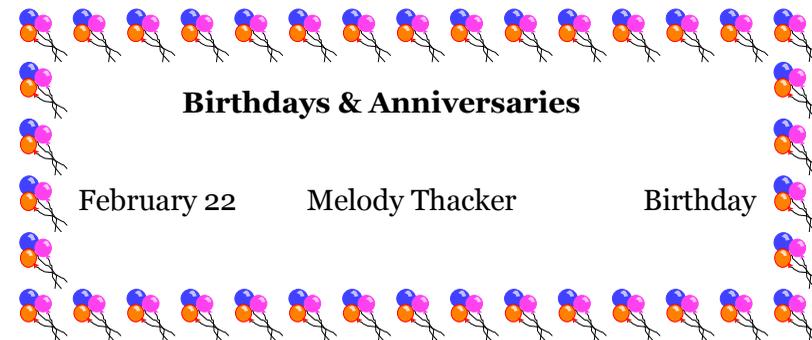


TODAY Elders Deacons Meeting

The Elders Deacons Meeting today at 4:30 p.m. Please be prepared to talk about your area of service.

Youth Devo

March 7th is the next devo. Details to follow soon.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 22

Melody Thacker

Birthday