



Eli Bryson Kayla Aubrey

Eli got a new job close to home and he also celebrated his twenty-first birthday. Bryson was chosen as 'Player Of The Week' by his football coaches and he also turned eight years old. Kayla earned 'The Principals Award' for the first and second semester and she also turned seven. Aubrey graduated from preschool. She will be the high school graduating class of 2034! (Hopefully Jesus will come before then.) Aubrey also turned five.



On May 13 we celebrated our precious Momma's eightieth birthday. Her life has been dedicated to serving God, her family and others. She is still touching the lives of so many. Meet my family (left to right) my sisters, Vicky, Rachel, and Rachel's husband, Troy, my mom, Frances, (back row) myself and my husband, Robin, (front row) my sister-in-law, Teresa and my brother, William.

My knee replacement surgery went well. Through the Lord's help & your prayers, I have made great progress. You are such a great blessing to me & I love you!



After two scans, Vicky was informed the tumor on her lung had shrunk in size from 17 mil. to 11 mil. The tumors (one larger tumor and three smaller ones that they hadn't told us about) are the same and have not grown! The tumor team will meet and discuss plans for surgery. If all goes well, she will have the right portion of her liver removed. Eventually, they will also begin radiation on her lung before removing that portion. My sister-in-law, Teresa, is seeing improvement each day. We praise the Lord for all He has brought her through. The doctor will be removing a portion of her liver. **Thank you for all the calls and prayers for me and my family!**

"God doesn't intend for you to handle all the pain and stress in your life by yourself. We are wired for each other. We need each other!" Rick Warren



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*"...in all these things we are **More Than Conquerors** through Him who loves us."*
Romans 8:37

"So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that He has promised." Hebrews 10:35-36

Confident Trust: My mind immediately goes to the story of Abraham. God had promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son and that their son would become a great nation.

Abraham trusted and believed God would fulfill His promise. Although Sarah tried to take matters into her own hands, God assured Abraham that he would have a son through Sarah.

After Isaac was weaned, God told Abraham to do the unthinkable! He told Abraham to sacrifice his son. This is where Abraham's "Confident Trust" comes in. Abraham trusted God, even when asked to take the life of his son.

When the time came, Abraham took Isaac, two servants, provisions, a knife, wood and fire. After traveling three days, Abraham said to his servant, "Stay here with the donkey while the boy and I go over there. We will worship and then WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU." (Gen. 22:4-5)

Abraham's "Confident Trust" in God didn't stop at the promise of the birth of his son. Oh no, God promised that Isaac would become a great nation and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore! That makes me want to shout, "Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus!!"

Patient Endurance (To wait upon the fulfillment of God's promises; continuing to build one's strength despite fatigue, stress or other adverse condition.) **This Is What We Need Now!** We all know someone who is dealing with fatigue, stress and other adverse conditions. Like me, I'm sure most of you can also raise your hand to this fact.

Hold on to your "Confident Trust". Remember God's faithfulness in the past and rest assured He has not forgotten us now. We still have work to do as we await the return of our Lord Jesus. Remember, there's a great reward awaiting us.

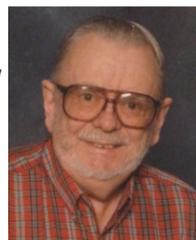
Celebrations



Loretta Jacobs had a wonderful birthday weekend. Loretta received birthday greetings from friends and family through cards and Facebook messages. There were pleasant surprises along the way, including her favorite, coconut cream pie.

Harriet Ketner shared, "Although my family from NYC couldn't come because of Covid, my 85th birthday was great. I received lots of cards and had two birthday cakes."

Lawane Hahn had a quiet birthday with his daughter, Ruth.



Cheryl Albanese celebrated her birthday with her sister, Ruth and her family. She shared, "We had a wonderful day together."

David Selleck shared, "my daughter Mel, who resides in the Boston area, came and spent the week of my birthday with me. My son and his wife came up from Pittsburgh and had dinner with me as well. My granddaughter and her family also visited me for a while. I was really honored with such care & attention being given to me."



Evelyn Machamer shared, "This year is my 94th birthday. Two of my nieces had a 'take out' dinner, of my choice, delivered to my home. I chose a lump crab cake. My mouth is still watering. I thank God I'm still able to maintain my house and drive."



Marjorie Jones celebrated her 90th birthday on a Caribbean cruise with her family. (Left to right) her DIL, Rita, her son, Grant,

Marjorie and her daughters, Donna & Taffy. In January she traveled to Belize with her daughter, Taffy. Marjorie didn't let being in another country stop her from watching the Super Bowl. She enjoyed eating jalapeno poppers while watching the game of the year.



Ruby Mayeski says, "The Lord is so good. He gave me so many blessings on my 93rd birthday. I received

Ninety-six cards plus emails, phone calls, several lunches with friends, and a beautiful "High Tea" at the home of a friend. We celebrated all of our family's April birthdays on Easter Sunday, including mine.

Roberta Anderson shared that she enjoyed spending time with her sister, Donna, who took her out for lunch. She also said, "My son, Steven, (who is a cake decorator) made me a beautiful 'Singer sewing machine' cake. Unfortunately, no one took pictures when we were together."



New Babies



Carolyn Leeper would like to you to meet her sixteenth great grandbaby, Aibileen Melora Gros, born on February 23.

Sharon Poole shares her newest granddaughter, Addie Mae, born on March 28. Also, meet Zack (7), Evie (4) and Luke (2).



Fred Tomlinson is still preaching the Word of God. He shared that his son, Eric, comes on Thursday nights to record him. Eric then shares his message on the internet. You can hear these messages by going to: YouTube.com and search for Tomlinson Ministries.



Marjorie Jones spent time in the hospital due to heart issues. Each day she is regaining more strength. However, she is having some difficulty swallowing. The family is believing for a full recovery.

Lawane Hahn has been in and out of the hospital undergoing several tests. He is now going through physical therapy and is gaining more strength. Through it all, he is putting his trust in the Lord.

Sharon Shimko is recovering from a stroke she had back in January. It seems to have somewhat affected her speech.

Ruby Mayeski requests continued prayer for her grandson, Adam, who is dealing with cancer. Also, pray for her step-daughter who is recovering from a fall that led her to have surgery and spend time in ICU and then rehab.

Robert McDonald has had two great losses in his family. His niece's husband passed away on Jan. 31 and his brother, Arthur, passed away on Feb. 24.

Diane Bidwell needs God's strength to get over an illness and for healing in her left shoulder and arm which causes her very intense pain. She also asks us to pray for her grandson, Shane Steffy, who is serving in the US Coast Guard. He is training to be a rescue swimmer.

Connie Homerski is dealing with a progressive disease that is affecting her eyesight. Connie still believes God can heal.

Angie Antin is adjusting to her new living situation. She is asking us to pray for open doors so she can share Christ and pray with others.

Jean Tennant has been dealing with arthritis in her back for several years. In mid-May she had to get a shot to help with the pain. She is trusting and believing the Lord will heal her.

Robert Harris spent several days in the hospital with Covid. He is home moving toward full recovery.

Faye White and her son, Edward, both were quite sick with Covid. Pray for continued strength and total healing.

Priscilla Richmond is requesting prayer for her grandson, Daniel, who needs a kidney transplant.

Gloria Mosley requested prayer for her grandson, John. He is answering God's call to ministry and is moving toward getting his credentials. He will be serving in the very church his Grandpa Mosley built.

Many of our MTC friends have had Covid, some are still recovering after spending time in the hospital, others have lost family members and close friends. Some of our MTC friends are dealing with other issues such as physical problems, loneliness, depression, adjusting to new living conditions and unsaved loved ones. We need each other more than ever before. Please use your MTC contact list as your prayer focus. If you feel led, make a call or send a card to encourage those that God lays upon your heart.

Our Newest MTC's

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BD ~ May 14

Rev. Alex Velazquez Jr.
2231 Napfle Street
Philadelphia, PA 19152
(215) 742-8837
BD ~ October 21

Rev. Jack Provard
1A Sheffield Drive
Dillsburg, PA 19152
(215) 432-1412
BD ~ February 2



Grief, what is it? The truth is, I don't really know. What I do know is that it HURTS! Grief causes feelings of loss, loneliness, and shame. Then there's the rollercoaster of not being able to sleep, not being able to eat and the gaining and losing of weight. To top it all off, the Kleenex always seems to run out at the most inopportune time!

Celeste Falvo

I lost my husband, Dave, on September 8, 2004, after a nineteen month illness. At that time I was surrounded by my two sons, my daughter-in-law and my first grandson. I had a large network of friends and family nearby that checked in often. Although I appreciated them, I didn't want people around. I pushed them away, built walls and hid. I cried out to the Lord and struggled silently in pain. I lived like this until 2009 but still avoided contact with Cindy, our wonderful MTC Coordinator, for her support because she reminded me of the ministry I no longer had. Like every other year, she sent a card. She never stopped reaching out to me, even though I rarely responded. But in this card, Cindy wrote, "I would really love to talk to you!" That day I responded. You see, I was isolated in my grief towards ministry. I knew I needed to move forward to be the woman who God created me to be.

It wasn't easy. There were so many changes, plus I had to make decisions without Dave by my side. No more "pillow talk," no comforting arms to hold me. Through it all, my battle cry remained. Isaiah 41:10. "...I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my right hand."

As a result of this grief journey, God gave me the opportunity to be a Grief Share Facilitator, to help others experiencing heartache. While this was not the kind of ministry I expected, I was mightily blessed by it. Before he passed, Dave and I had counseled many through their grief process. Looking back, I didn't think I needed help getting through my own grief, but I was wrong. Since then, I have discovered there are many extra layers of grief when serving in ministry. These are called SECONDARY LOSSES. My secondary losses included leaving the church where we pastored, our ministry was gone. I felt like I lost part of my identity. I was no longer the pastor's wife and not a wife at all!

For some reason, I feel like we, in the ministry, tend to avoid talking about our grief and especially about our secondary losses. I hope that together we can lift up those who are silently struggling and mentor one another in a more purposeful way. It's what I needed all along, and perhaps you do too.

Ephesians 1:18: "So we can discern our new path and our heart (our Peacebox) may be flooded (to shine) with light to help others on this journey." (paraphrased)

May you be blessed and comforted! ~ Celeste Falvo

Easter



Phil Cochrane enjoyed Easter with his four children and their spouses along with two of his grandchildren. Phil has a total of seven grandchildren plus their spouses along with four great grandchildren.



Mother's Day



Jean Tennant had a wonderful time celebrating with her family. On Saturday her son, Neil, drove from New Haven and a total of eight of us went out for dinner. Pictured here with Jean are her sons, Steven (L) and Tim (R).

Carol Kenzy started her weekend celebration by having a lovely meal at an Italian restaurant, "Isabella's," in Selinsgrove with three of her daughters, Raelene, Ronda and Renee.



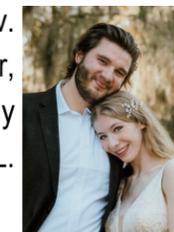
Barbara Stigile celebrated her special day in Aruba with her daughters: (L-R) Ramona, Barbara, Donna and Melody. Barbara also shared, "My granddaughter, Carrie, was married on April 24. It was a beautiful day. Meet Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Whelan."



Mary Harman shares her grandson's wedding photo with us. Meet Mr. & Mrs. Jason Harman. They were married at the Atlantic City Country Club on November 11, 2020. (L-R) Darryl & Kim (son and daughter-n-law), Jason & Mary (Bride & Groom), Mary and John, (grandson).



Betty Schell shared, "Because of Covid, I was unable to attend the wedding of my granddaughter, Brittany. My youngest son, Rev. Jonathan Schell, Brittany's father, performed the wedding ceremony on February 25, in Switzerland, FL. Meet Mr. & Mrs. Jonathon Wolf."



Gloria Mosley was unable to attend her granddaughter's wedding on Saturday, May 29, 2021. However, the family was able to take this lovely photo before hand. Mr. & Mrs. William Donaghey were married at Faith Church in Nanticoke, PA.



Weddings

Jubilarian Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry



Wayne & Shirley Hixon



John & Sandra Kuert



Paul Walters

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More Than Conquerors at our Seniors Luncheon at District Council in May

(Left to Right)
Cindy (me)
Robert McDonald
Ruby Mayeski
Faye White
David Selleck





HOME WITH JESUS!

Beverly A Clute, (88), passed away on February 21. She was preceded in death by her faithful husband, LaVerne Clute. Beverly served wholeheartedly as a minister's wife. She helped manage her husband's activities in the churches where they served. She also led and oversaw ministries to girls and women. In her latter years, Beverly continued to help several single women in many ways. Most of which was driving them to various places for work, visits to the doctor, shopping, pay bills and even enjoying a meal together from time to time. Together, she and LaVerne ministered at the following PennDel churches: Tunkhannock, Shamokin, Lewistown, Jeannette and Beaver Falls.

Arthur McDonald, (73), passed away February 24, after battling a long illness. Art worked many years in the tax/accounting business as the owner/operator of Art's Taxes in Northern Cambria. He was also a dedicated clergyman who enjoyed many years helping others in the local area. He also enjoyed volunteering at the Cambria County Fair in the Agricultural Building and was a member of Calvary Evangelical Church in Cherry Tree.

Amelia Velazquez, (61), passed away on March 4. Amelia will always be remembered as a beautiful and devoted wife, an adoring daughter, loving sister, excellent cook, jokester, anointed singer, lifelong friend and dedicated pastor.

Mildred T. Provard (Milly) (88), passed away Saturday, May 29, peacefully in her home. Milly and her husband, Jack Provard, were happily married for sixty-six years and served together in ministry in the PennDel Ministry Network and Southern New England Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God. She was a pastor's wife, daycare director, church organist and choir participant.

Harrison Tilley, 91, passed away peacefully on May 24. Born in Caswell, ME, the son of the late Harrison B. and Elsie Howland Tilley. Harrison was the husband of Elsie Castner Tilley with whom he shared over sixty years of marriage until her passing in 2016. He was a church planter and founded the church in Brodheadsville. In addition, Harrison was the lead pastor at the following PennDel churches: Cresco, Wrightsville, Mercersburg and Greentown.



More Than Conquerors Book Project ~ "From Our Heart To Yours"



This book will include testimonies, funny stories and words of encouragement from the widows and widowers of the PennDel Network. Your years of ministry are not wasted! Your wealth of information will be encouraging and helpful to many, including young couples in ministry. You still have much to offer and God still has a plan for your life. So, pray about what God would have you share in our book **"From Our Hearts To Yours"**.

I'm Looking Forward To Reading Your Stories!

Here are some topics Ideas:

- How you started in ministry
- Juggling family & ministry
- Working full-time outside the church
- A Financial Miracle
- A miracle you experienced
- Raising children in ministry
- How you handled fear of people
- How you survived the rebellious teen years
- Changing churches
- Something funny that happed in ministry
- Your favorite scripture & Why?

Guidelines:

- (1) You choose your stories & their titles
- (2) Each entry should be 500 hundred words or less.
- (3) You may submit more than one entry.

Email your entries to:
mac4320@aol.com ~ Subject: MTC Book
Call Cindy if you have any questions at 610-334-3095.

Emily Brubaker shared, "It has been over a year since the lockdown. I was finally able to see my daughter, Donna, on May 16. We even got to go out for lunch. Being in lockdown for so long has been very difficult for all of us living here. I am so glad we are able to be with family once again."



Jim Paisley shared, "I am doing well. I have been doing some traveling visiting family and friends. I am also keeping busy at church and have had the opportunity to share the Gospel at a nearby Lutheran Church."



Bryan Koch - After ministering for the past thirty-three years at Glad Tidings Church (GT), in Wyomissing, PA. Bryan is following God's call for new a ministry. He shared, "I'll be on the Executive team at PAATC (PA Adult & Teen Challenge). I'm coaching pastors from around the country through Bryan Koch Ministries. In addition, I am helping churches, non-profits and businesses in facility expansion with Arthur Funk & Sons construction and speaking on weekends in conferences such as colleges, businesses, etc."



Mari Richter shared, "In 2020 I was asked by my Pastor to start a Seniors group at my church. We met for a bit and then had to stop because of Covid. I am excited that we are now starting back up and I'm looking forward to what God has for us in the future."



Carol Kurka shared, "On March 6, I was honored to be awarded the Rising Star Naomi Award from the Ruth Sisters Fellowship International. I was supposed to receive it last summer but Covid changed those plans. The Award was mailed to me and I was recognized during an amazing Zoom meeting. I was blessed by so many of the women that are in the ministry and being used by God in such amazing ways!"



Angie Antin shared, "I spent four months in the hospital due to health issues and then developed pneumonia on top of everything else. God has helped me, and I was able to pray with many others while there."



Dale Bupp shared, "I have been doing well. For some time, I have been filling in at a local church preaching and teaching. When their Pastor passed away, I was asked to become their new Pastor. I accepted the position at Mt. Holly Springs Independent"



Janet Giles shared, "The Lord has really blessed me. Last October I had a mild case of Covid. Even though I have several physical issues, and I did not need to be hospitalized. However, I did spend fifteen days in my apartment. With all the shutdowns, my senior ministries stopped in March, 2020. That has felt so strange. I am keeping busy helping with my sister, who is ninety and doing remarkable for her age. Her husband is ninety-one and has dementia."

Priscilla Richmond shared, that she is doing well. She said, "My daughter, Dorcas, and I live on the beautiful peninsula of Virginia Beach. We are four miles from the nearest Walmart. Our drive there and back consists of three bridges and two tunnels, each way. We know God has brought us here."



Judy Kyllonen, pictured here with her granddaughter, Tori, is on her way to church. After a year of watching church online, Judy was so glad to be back in person on March 7.



Rowann Rainbow: The following was shared by her son Daryl, "this is the face of a special lady who hasn't had a one-on-one visit with family members in fifteen months. This face is living of the strength of God's sufficient and sustaining grace. Family means everything to all of us!"