



You may have never heard the name of David Bradley. He helped create the personal computer. That's not his biggest claim to fame. His much larger accomplishment was developing the "Ctrl-Alt-Del" command. Pressing the combination of keys will force a computer to shut down and restart during a system failure. It took Bradley only five minutes to write this code that is used on computers, world-wide. Makes you wonder about all the great things that can be achieved in just a matter of minutes.

Wouldn't it be terrific if there were such a command to shut things down when there is a "system failure" in our lives or in an organization? Maybe there is. When a decision is about to be made, that may seem to be insignificant, ask these questions. What are the immediate consequences of this decision? How many people will it touch? What are the future effects? Is there a better course of action? These questions may take five minutes or a bit longer but could have a lifetime of positive results.

Isn't this basically what Jesus did on so many occasions when he responded to the questions and requests of people? One person asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Another said, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me!" In each case, Jesus told a short parable. It gave those individuals a brief time to hit the "Ctrl-Alt-Del" button of their thinking, ask a few questions and pray about it. Then they were better able to take an action that could develop a new relationship with their neighbor, their brother or sister and with God. Isn't it amazing what five minutes of well-spent time can accomplish?

Pastor Brandon

THANK YOU

March 2011

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your donation of food to help restock our Food Pantry. It is because of people like you that we are able to continue to provide much needed food to our clients at this challenging time. *The mission of Feed My People* is to show God's love and compassion to all of His people, particularly His people in need. As you know, Feed My People is the largest food pantry in the area. We continue to see more clients coming to us for food and other needs.

We are seeing fewer donations these days because of the economy and in need of increased financial support. Many of the adults we serve are single working parents. Many clients have lost jobs or had their hours cut. Many work full time at jobs that pay less than the living wage. Choices must be made between paying rent, buying food or other necessities.

Our motto is "*Hand in Hand – the Dream Continues.*" That is all of us, reaching out and helping others to the dream that is our Father's dream for all of His children. We are very thankful for your support. It is because of people like you that we have been able to continue to provide much needed food and other services for our clients at this challenging time.

God's blessing to you,
(signed) Carole and John DeGuire
Executive Co-Directors

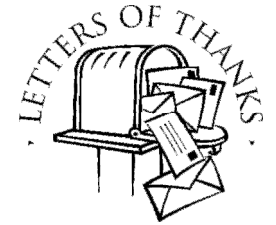
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March 22, 2011

Dear Sunday School Children,

Thank you for underwriting the cost of James' allowance with your recent gift of \$25.00. Your gift and encouragement is a great support for James in his efforts to overcome his troubles.

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We certainly could not do it without support from friends like you! We truly appreciate your spirit of giving to those in need. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,
(signed) Michael P. Brennan
Executive Director
Evangelical Children's Home

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April 6, 2011

Greetings in Christian love,

Thank you for answering one of our prayers. Through your willingness to let our loving Savior use you, you have filled the needs of others. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Please continue to lift us up to our loving Master when you talk to Him. May God bless you now and always.

In God's grace and mercy,
(signed) Johnniest B. Henry
St. John's Community Services Ministry, Inc.

P.S. They really enjoyed the sandwiches you made.
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Many thanks to everyone who donated to Jacob's Jar and the Swiderski family. Jacob is in Houston, Texas with his mom, Kristi. He is receiving daily radiation treatments during the week and should finish them up by mid-May.

St. Philip's Church and the Early Childhood Center collected over \$1,750.00 for the Swiderski family to help offset the huge medical expenses they are incurring. I dropped off the donation with Jacob's dad and he was most grateful.

I received this email from Kristi:

"I am speechless! I can't thank you, the preschool, day care, and St. Philip's church enough. I am so touched by what you said...there are names I don't know but they have been praying for Jacob for a long

time. I praise God for the support He gives us even from people we don't know. Thank you, thank you, thank you !!! Much love, Kristi."

I sincerely thank you all and ask you to continue to keep Jacob and his family in your prayers.

Linda Kammerer
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Many thanks to everyone who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a big success even though the weather wasn't very cooperative. We appreciate all your support of the youth endeavors. Once again – Thank You !!!
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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our shut ins – Helen Wright, Vernon Hornung, Jacque Walker, Elvira Rebiegne at The Quarters at DesPeres and Oscar Wenk at Delmar Gardens – Meramec Valley. Paul Shrout is now home after undergoing knee surgery (again).

MUSIC NOTES



I would like to thank everyone for their support, especially our faithful choir members, during this time that I have been serving as interim organist and choir director. It has been great fun and quite a challenge since I haven't been a "full time" organist for about eleven years. My piano at home has gotten a good working out lately.

It will soon be time for our choir to take their summer break and I am asking you as a congregation to help fill that "special music" time in the worship service. I know that there are those of you who would just love to "sing a solo or duet, or play an instrument" on Sunday morning. Now let's not all volunteer at once. We have plenty of Sundays to fill.

A calendar will be placed in the choir room on the cabinet, where the choir hangs their robes, for anyone wishing to volunteer for the two

remaining Sundays in May and those Sundays in June, July, and August.

I would also like to thank our bell choir, under the direction of Shirley Nottelmann, for sharing their beautiful music in our worship services this past year.

Thank you,
(signed) Ellen Brandon

CASUAL SUNDAYS

We will begin our summer casual dress this year on May 29th. Please use your discretion as to what is appropriate to wear for church. Be comfortable but also be respectful. Thanks !

BUILDING SECURITY

With the coming of warmer weather there will be a lot more of going in and out of the church building. We ask your help in checking that the doors are locked and lights are turned off if you are the last person/group to leave the building. There have been quite a few times when the building was checked to see that all was secured that open doors were found and lights on, particularly in the restrooms. So will you please help us out here and check the building before you leave. Thank you.

LYDIA'S HOUSE COMMUNITY MEAL

Thanks once again for a wonderful meal for Lydia's House. There were rave reviews from salads to desserts and for everything in between! To top it all off, there were leftovers for the ladies to take home.

The women who provided the food were Hilda Leonard, Judy Hickman, Frances Kalbfleish, Joyce Brand, Pat Siewing, Merle Schuette, JoAnn Leber, Carole Armistead, Lois Decker, Shirley Nottelmann, Virginia Hladnick, Joy Lopez, Joan Schumacher, Kathy Shelton, Nancy Krenning, Ardelle Dischinger and Ellen Disseler.

The next time we provide the food for Lydia's House will be June 1st.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The sixteen ladies who attended the fifth annual St. Philip's women's retreat all had a great time. A special thanks goes to Donna Philips for leading a devotional time and a closing communion service. We also enjoyed Mary Lou Farrow's flower quiz and Pat Siewing's lupine seeds story. In addition, we ate, did a craft, planted begonias, talked, laughed, shared stories of remembrances of spring and had wonderful fellowship. Let's do it again next year!

APPRAISAL TEA

Don't forget that the appraisal tea to benefit Joint Neighborhood Ministry is right around the corner. We will need to know no later than Sunday, May 8th, if you are coming. The sign-up sheet and details are on the bulletin board or call Sandy for reservations or with questions. It's an entertaining time with lots of food and all to help a good cause.

See you at the tea on May 14th!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship activity for May: lunch at Vin de Set on Chouteau, Tuesday, May 17th. Meet at church at 10:45 a.m. to carpool. Menu is a two course lunch for \$13.95. You will have a choice of soup or salad, steak, chicken or trout. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you care to join us. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Once again Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring a Christmas in July sale. If you happen to be cleaning or sorting through household items and you find something "Christmasy" that could be donated to this sale please put it aside and save it for the sale which will be on Sunday, July 17th. More information will be given at a later date.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



May 22nd will be the last Sunday for Sunday School for the church school year. However, we will have a summer curriculum which will be on a rotation basis for each month, June-August. We will have a story on the first Sunday, followed each Sunday with either crafts, games and songs, and making sandwiches and of course we will have snacks

each Sunday.

We will have a project for Mother's Day, so we need boys and girls to help with this.

It was good to see all the boys and girls on Sunday. Hope to see everyone again real soon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be collecting the food magazines (plus grocery store food newspaper ads, and seed catalogs) on May 1st and 8th.

On May 10th we will begin the Tuesday evening workshop at Virginia's. Bring an ingredient for a salad and a pair of scissors. See you there.

50+ GROUP

The May activity for the 50+ group will be lunch at Joey B's in Concord Village on Saturday, May 21st. For more information check the bulletin board and watch for a sign-up sheet. We hope you can join us for this event.

COMING EVENTS

- May 1 Youth Sunday
Youth to Creve Coeur Park
- May 2 Church Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- May 7 Parent's Night Out 5:30 – 10 p.m.
(Youth event)
- May 8 Birthday Sunday
Pizza Sale
- May 11 May Lunch Bunch at Virginia's
- May 14 Joint Neighborhood Ministry Tea 2 p.m.



- Junior High Lock-In
- May 15 Sr. High – Steak-n-Shake 6 p.m.
Pizza Sale
- May 17 Women's Fellowship – Lunch at Vin de Set 10:45 a.m.
- May 21 Car Wash (Auto Zone – youth event)
50+ Group– Lunch at Joey B's (Concord Village) 11:30 a.m.
- May 22 Pizzas delivered
- May 30 Office Closed – Memorial Day Holiday

COMMUNITY EVENTS (see bulletin board for more info)

Sunday, May 1 – Piano Concert – Eden U.C.C. Church – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4 – Trip to Emmaus Home at Marthasville – St. Lucas Women's Fellowship 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 14 – Rummage Sale – 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – St. Johns Evangelical Church

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Olivia Stevenson
- 3 Tom Kammerer
- 5 Mike Shelton
Brad Warner
Loyd Thurman
- 8 George Brand III
- 9 Stacey Witte
- 10 Alice Hillyard
- 11 Lindsey Knoll
Dorothy Vinyard
Vince Gottschlich
- 14 Kimberly Kelly
- 15 Pam Henson
- 17 Carl Philips
- 18 Nancy Krenning
- 19 Mary Lou Farrow
- 21 Jason Yung
- 23 Sue Bowles
- 25 Maurine Wenk
- 26 Sheannon Hladnick



- 26 Brandi Armistead
- 27 Haylee Thibodeaux
Keaton Wodicker
- 29 J.P. Ried
Sandy Stevenson
- 31 Kirk Tangeman
Laura Brym

USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME FOR MAY

Liturgists

May 1	Youth Sunday
May 8	Lois Decker
May 15	Gary Karcher
May 22	Mike Shelton
May 29	Harry Jennings



Welcoming Teams



May 1	Youth Sunday
May 8	Al Farrow, Mary Lou Farrow, Sandy Stevenson
May 15	Richelle Fischer, Dolores Zikes, Susan Cochran
May 22	Richelle Fischer, Carl and April Schillinger, Bob Leber
May 29	Joy Lopez, Tom Nottelmann, Roger and Lois Decker

Children's Time

May 1	Youth Sunday
May 8	
May 15	
May 22	
May 29	



Acolytes



May 1	Harrison Fischer
May 8	Jordan Lewis
May 15	Jamie Kotthoff
May 22	Elizabeth Vogt
May 29	Lucy Vogt

Somebody's Mother

Mary Dow Brine (1816-1913)

Taken from Home Touch Publications 2009

The woman was old and ragged and gray, and bent with the chill of the winter's day.

The street was wet with a recent snow and the woman's feet were aged and slow.

She stood at the crossing and waited long, alone, uncared for, amid the throng

Of human beings who passed her by nor heeded the glance of her anxious eyes.

Down the street, with laughter and shout, glad in the freedom of "school let out,"

Came the boys like a flock of sheep, hailing the snow piled white and deep.

Past the woman so old and gray hastened the children on their way.

Nor offered a helping hand to her – so meek, so timid, afraid to stir
Lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came one of the merry troop, the gayest laddie of all the group;
He paused beside her and whispered low, "I'll help you cross, if you wish to go."

Her aged hand on his strong young arm she placed, and so, without hurt or harm,

He guided the trembling feet along, proud that his own were firm and strong.

Then back again to his friends he went, his young heart happy and well content.

"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know, for all she's aged and poor and slow,

"And I hope some fellow will lend a hand to help my mother, you understand,

"If ever she's poor and old and gray, when her own dear boy is far away."

And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head in her home that night,
And the prayer she said was "God, be kind to the noble boy, who is somebody's son, and pride and joy!"