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Words From The Path.

This morning, Diania and I had to run a couple of errands and make two hospital visits, and a nursing home call. On this journey she wanted to stop in Norton at the CVS Pharmacy. Diania knows that one of my two or three hundred weaknesses is Carmel Corn. She told me that she had seen a box of Carmel Corn for forty nine cents. Soooooo, like any "addict", I bought a box of CVS brand Carmel Corn with Peanuts. While I was sitting in the car waiting for her to finishing shopping, I decided to open the box of Carmel Corn. While I was "inhaling" it, I began to read something on the side label of the box. (I love reading product labels. I always loved the one on under-arm spray deodorant that warns, "Not to be sprayed in eyes!" How many people would not know that? How many people have eyes that perspire?) Anyway, back to the Carmel Corn box.

As I was whiling away the hours waiting for Diania, on the side of the box I found these words. *"I'm proud to put our name on this product. It represents the quality and value you've come to expect from CVS. I know you'll enjoy the great taste."* (I did.) *"As always, it carries our money back guarantee."* It was signed by a Mr. Tim Ryan, CEO of CVS Pharmacy Inc.

I thought to myself, (since no one else was in the car as of yet, so I had no one to talk to by myself,) 'Mr. Ryan. That is a pretty smart marketing gimmick. Sign you name to every

product individually. People will notice." But then I began to think about the ramifications of signing ones name to a document or as the means of an endorsement tool. Sometimes, it takes a great deal of nerve to sign your name to something. Before 1787 there was no such thing as "The Constitution of The United States of America." It was brand new. These men who signed their names to it had no model or proto type to go by. They were the first. They didn't know if it would fly, or if they would all be hanged for creating such a piece. (Had there been an ACLU back then, we know what would have happened to them!)

In 1979, Frederick J. Dowie, president and sole stockholder of Fred Dowie Enterprises, Inc., ordered 325,000 hot-dog buns from the Colonial Baking Company. Payment was made by corporate check. The check, for \$28,000, showed the name, address, and bank account number of the company. It also bore, on the signature line in the lower right, the cursive signature "Frederick J. Dowie." Only three hundred of the buns were sold by the company. Following a dispute over the ownership and responsibility for the remaining buns, payment was stopped on the check. Colonial brought suit not only against Dowie's company but also against Dowie himself, based on the fact that he signed the check. Dowie argued that he had signed merely as authorized representative of the corporation. In support of this argument, Dowie pointed out that

the instrument was clearly marked as a corporate check, bearing the name and address of the firm. Certainly, said Dowie, the signing officer of a corporation should not be held liable in such a situation. The Supreme Court of the state of Iowa disagreed. Dowie was held personally liable for the \$28,000.

Once you have signed your name to something, you are stating that you believe in it; you support it; you are willing to risk your good name, life and limb for it.

Well, when a person gives their heart to Jesus Christ and commits to follow him, we do not sign an agreement. But, Jesus does. He puts his name of us. Revelation 14:1 says, **¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.** When we became a Christian, God *'signed off on us!'* God placed his good name on you and me. That should have some special meaning to us. The very Creator of all, has placed His name on us and we are indeed someone special to him. We should carry that name with honor.

This past Saturday, April 17th, 2010, a very special event occurred for my family. Our fifth grand child was born, the first boy in the group, Evan Drake Murphy. My dad was the final Murphy of his family tree with the family name. I was the only son born to carry on the name. When

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And the Winner is...

Newsletter

Articles or information to be published in the Newsletter are due by the third Sunday of the month. Please submit to the church office.

Singers and Musicians

If you are on the monthly music schedule to sing and find you cannot do so, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please notify the church office of such a change. Our thanks to each of you who serve.

—The Ministries & Programming Council

When There Is A Death In The Family

If there is a death in your immediate family, (Parent, Sibling, Spouse, Child,) or in the family of a church member, please notify a member of the Benevolence Committee (listed below) so the church may send flowers and for food preparation when applicable.

—The Benevolence Committee

Mona Orr—Chair
Phyllis Belcher
Sue Ellen Fleming
Diania Murphy

**The Sunday School winner
for the month of March was
Rita Broyles !!**

Congratulations Rita!



More Than a Name

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It read:



“I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me. Good-bye. Hello. Nancy.”

That’s a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simply names. They were living people who loved and were loved ... and are still loved.

B i b l e Q u i z

One Old Testament prophet believed that God had consecrated him to be his spokesman even before his birth. He wrote: “Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’”

Choose the correct prophet from the list below.

- A. Amos
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Micah
- D. Hosea



Answer: (See Jeremiah 1:4-10, NRSV.)

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Diania and I had son Derek, he was the last one in the line with the name. Now it has been passed down to Drake. As I held him in my arms, all I could think of, perhaps very selfishly, was how proud my dad would be to know that the name would carry on for another generation. That name means something to all the Murphy males. We have carried it with pride, and I expect Derek will teach Drake the meaning and the pride that we carry.

Now what if my dad or I, or Derek had done something to dishonor the Murphy name? It would have been devastating to the rest of the family. But we have all been so proud, once we became aware of the circumstance surrounding our family name, to carry on the name. I know that Drake will carry it with honor.

There are times when I see people, who so proudly call themselves Christians, out in the public

Your Faith Can Grow

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite floated across the water to the other side. Workers then attached a string to the thread and pulled it across. To the string, they attached a rope and pulled it back. By this slow-but-sure method, the bridge was built.

Our faith may be just a little thread or no larger than a mustard seed, but we must act on it (see James 2:14-18). Through action, our faith will be strengthened (Colossians 1:23) as it moves us to do even greater works of faith for our Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:3). And in this slow-but-sure way, our faith can grow exceedingly (Ephesians 4:15-16).

A High Standard

Beloved humorist Will Rogers had great appreciation for his mother. Mary Rogers taught her eight children God’s laws, and she loved and guided them with wisdom and passion. She performed endless works of charity, thus setting an example for them to follow.

So it was with Mary, the innocent maid God chose to be Jesus’ mother. She witnessed Jesus’ cruel death and was present at his glorious resurrection. As proof of their unbreakable bond, Jesus, from the

cross, made sure Mary would be cared for.

According to The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible (Abingdon Press): “Mary ... represents all that was finest in Jewish womanhood and motherhood. Her deep spiritual sensitivity; her purity, faith and obedience to the divine will; her scrupulous attention to the training of her son in the religious traditions of his people; her loyalty to him, as evidence by her presence at the Cross, even when she did not fully understand him — all mark her as a person of remarkable qualities.”

doing things that dishonor the name of Christ. The Bride of Christ; the Church; will be a beautiful creature to behold at the wedding feast of the Lamb. She will be without spot or wrinkle. May we all carry the name of Christ with honor and pride and do nothing to besmirch the good name of the Father.

Wear the name proudly. Wear the name with honor. Wear the name of Christ with courage. Be a Christian just as if you were to be the last Christian ever protecting the name, and as always, *stay on the path with Jesus.*

“My Mother’s Garden”

A mother is a gardener,
Planting the seeds
Of faith, truth and love
That develop into the fairest flowers
Of character, virtue and happiness
In the lives of her children.

Happy Mother's Day!

Congratulations
to Derek and Emily
Murphy on the birth of
their son

Evan Drake

On April 17th, 2010

Weighing 7 lbs.

and 19 ¾” long.

Drake has one big sister
Ella!

Proud grandparent’s:
Rev. Ben & Diania
Murphy.

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Sunday:

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday:

Adventure Club Choir 6:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Adventure Club 7:00 p.m.

Youth Meeting 7:00 p.m.



This Month:

- 4 WCG Meeting
- 5 Ministry & Programming Council Meeting
- 9 Mother's Day
- 12 Finance Council Meeting
- 19 Christian Ed. Council Meeting
- 31 Memorial Day

June:

- 1 WCG Meeting
- 2 Ministry & Programming Council Meeting
- 9 Finance Council Meeting