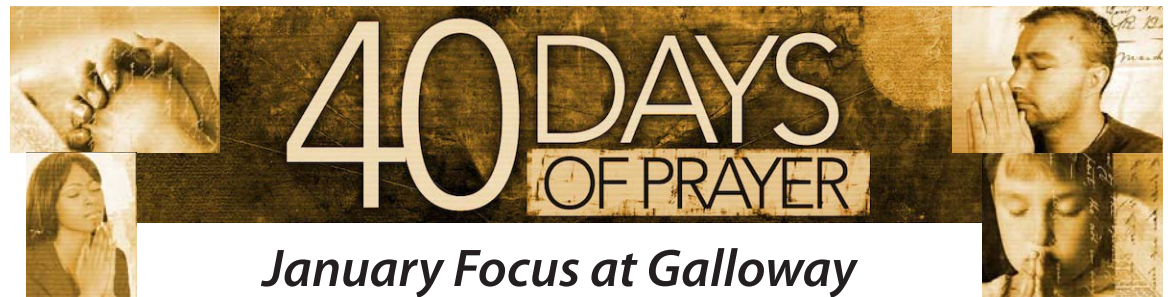


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TRANSFORMING
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AT A TIME.


UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 2012

GOOD NEWS



*January Focus at Galloway
Kicks Off on January 8*

We'll kick-off an eight week study on prayer using the 40 day devotional book, Love to Pray, by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend. We'll be learning how to pray, what to pray, ways to pray, and why to pray at all. Through the use of scripture and reflection, daily devotionals and weekly messages, we'll learn to love to pray and grow deeper in our relationships with the Lord.

The devotional, Love to Pray, will be available January 1st. Individuals can use the 40 Day Devotional on their own, or they can join a Life Class or a Life Group to go through the 40 Days of Prayer with a group of folks who also want to grow in prayer. Those participating in a group will be taught by national prayer leaders like Henry Blackaby, who wrote Experiencing God, Paul Cedar of Mission America, and Fern Nichols, Founder of Mom's in Touch, and Dr. Alvin VanderGriend, Harvest Ministries.

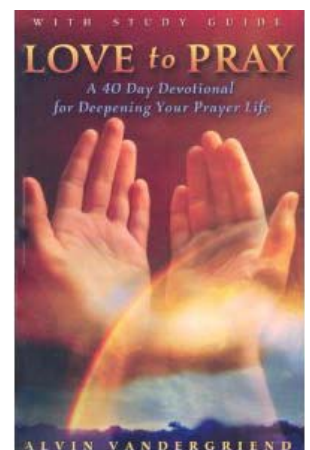
Information on Life Groups on Love to Pray – will be available at the Welcome Center. There will be groups in the daytime and evenings, in the church and in the community you live in. Hope you'll join us!

January 8-14 Week One
Study: **What's the Good of Prayer?**
Sermon: Romans 8:26-27 – *How the Spirit Helps us Pray*

January 15-21 Week Two
Study: **The Requirements of Prayer**
Sermon: 2 Chron. 7:13-16 – *The Value of Repentant Prayer*

January 22-28 Week Three
Study: **Claiming God's Riches**
Sermon: 1 John 5:14-15 – *Getting What We Ask for in Prayer*

January 29-Feb. 4 Week Four
Study: **Praying for Others**
Sermon: Luke 11:5-9 – *A Friend in the Middle*





Memorize - Personalize

PSALM 37:4-5 (KJV)

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass.

Verse Review: PROVERBS 29:2 (1/11 KJV)

When the _____ are in _____, the people _____; but when the _____ beareth rule, the people _____.

For those wishing to update or complete scripture memorization packets, verses are available at the information desk. If you don't find what you need, contact Bev Brenan at 437-5078.

Attendance Report

	8:15	10:45	Total
November 20	81	173	254
November 27	106	211	317
December 4	105	226	331
December 11	104	239	343

November Financial Report

Tithe	\$36,165.10	Missions	\$1,321.00
Building Fund	\$4,640.90	Interest/Div.	\$14.03
Loose Plate	\$949.91	Reimbursements	\$64.24
		Building Use	\$-----

Total Deposits \$43,155.18 Expenses \$54,066.77

Expenses include the mtg pymt of \$11,748.

A full financial report may be obtained from the church office.

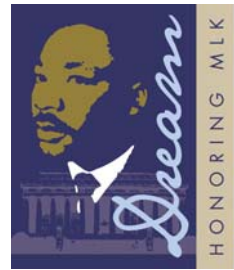


Newsletter News

Articles, announcements, comments or questions may be directed to Wendy McLoughlin at wendilyn@hotmail.com

Deadline For next month's Newsletter:

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH



On February 4, 1968, exactly two months before Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, he delivered his last sermon at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church. In it, he described his preferences for his own funeral. He didn't want people to mention his Nobel Peace Prize or where he went to school; none of that was important. Instead, he wanted his eulogist to say King "tried to give his life serving others" and "tried to love somebody."

In that sermon, King also said "everybody can serve," regardless of background or educational level. **The only requirements, he said, were "a heart full of grace" and "a soul generated by love."**



- 1 - Dustin LeGoullon
- 2 - Bruce Wagner
- 3 - Luke Braugher, Linda Lang, Patty Switzer
- 4 - Martha Slocum, Stacy Hawkins
- 6 - John Painter
- 7 - Pam Weaver
- 9 - Jennifer Keas, Lacey Garich
- 10 - Kerry Switzer Jr, Elizabeth Dailey
- 11 - Bob Carr, Aryn Porterfield
- 12 - Cayla Jones, Jeff Scott
- 13 - Ben Nettles
- 14 - Peggy Hamm
- 15 - Ron Slocum, Nathan Weaver, Judy Wojtowicz
- 17 - John Kurtich, Jillian Brinkley
- 18 - Jonathan Byham, Kylea Butler
- 19 - Dennis Dailey
- 20 - Joan Haun, Cindy Porter
- 22 - Bob Finch, Margo Schall
- 23 - Cole Irwin, Aubria Schneider
- 24 - Deb Mihleder, Caleb McCarthy, Adam Peterson, MacKenzie McGinnis
- 26 - Sally Huff, Erika Scott, Jennifer Karns, Gabriel Shorts
- 28 - Jerry Jolley, Breanne Slocum, Alexis Goodwill, Patty Frank
- 29 - Dan Jones
- 30 - Roxanne Bell
- 31 - Angela Colwell



- 8 - Don & Aileen Palmer
- 9 - Dan & Amanda Culbertson
- 13 - Joe & Ruth Gayetty

FREE Family Movie Night



What's on your plate Sunday, January 15, 2012?

No commitments? Great! That means you're free to take one small step in transforming yourself from "dreamer" to "doer" by sharing in *America's Sunday Supper*. *America's Sunday Supper* is an opportunity for individuals to reach out to new persons and build community over a shared meal.

Consider *America's Sunday Supper* the simple gentle spiritual nudge you need to reach out and join hands with those who may be outside your close knit circle but who care deeply about what's going on in our community. Inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *America's Sunday Supper* invites people from all backgrounds to come together, to share a meal, to discuss issues that affect their community and to highlight the power each person has to make a difference, starting with where we live!

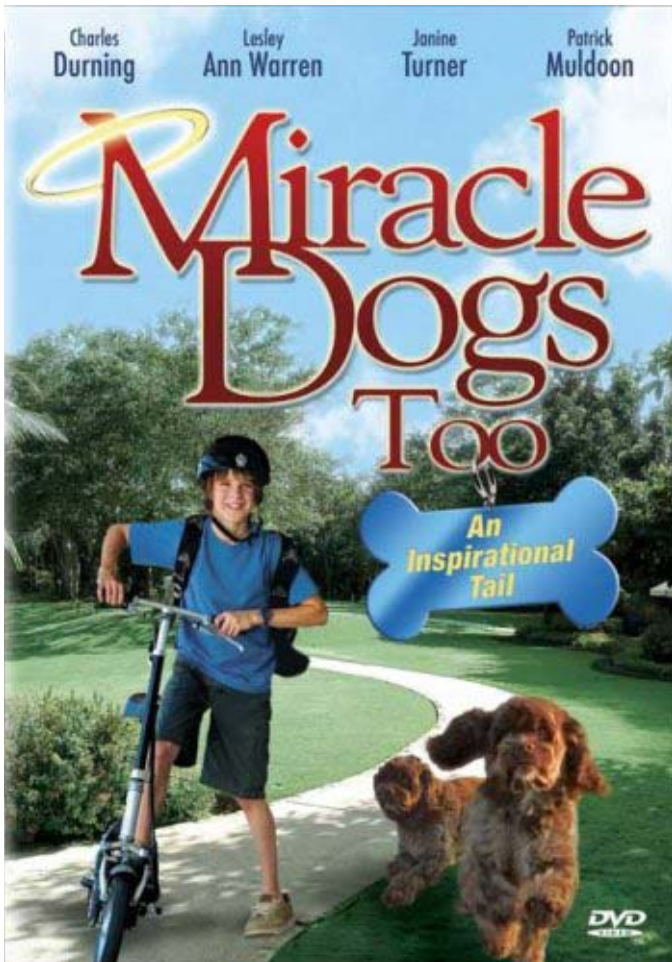
America's Sunday Supper is about having a conversation that includes diverse viewpoints and voices on family and community concerns. It's not about the size of the group or the number of people who attend. It's about the collective focus on issues our families and communities have. It's not about "me;" It's about "we." It's about we the people, who, by being "other-centered," as Dr. King said in his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, are able to build up what those who are "self-centered" have torn down.

What do we dream about? Seeing more families break the shackles of poverty? Reducing violence? Becoming healthier? Employment opportunities? Feeding more of the hungry? Being better parents to our children and children to our parents? How can we be the hands and feet of Christ as we consider these issues?

Let's share our dreams across our tables as we celebrate *America's Sunday Supper*, January 15, 2012 – and then get busy, in small groups and as the church, working together to realize them.

The Seth's will be inviting our neighbors from the Erie Street Church of God to join them for Sunday dinner at their home on January 15. **Who might you invite to join YOU for Sunday dinner?** Make sure you let us know how it goes!

Go to sundaysupperumc.org



January 6th at 7:00pm

Galloway Church Fellowship Hall

Upon moving with his family to a new town and befriending a pair of magical mutts, a ten-year-old boy must choose between his love of animals and his desire to do the right thing.



FUTURE MOVIE
NIGHT: March 2

SHARE THIS WITH A FRIEND!

Tis the Season of New Year's Resolutions

This is a time to look at the past and look to the future, a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make. Here are some typical resolution areas that make the top ten list:

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| More time with family and friends | Quit drinking |
| Exercise more | Get out of debt |
| Lose weight | Learn something new |
| Quit smoking | Help others |
| Get organized | Enjoy life more (find something you enjoy and do it more often) |

They are all good, but where is God in it all? Does God want us making New Year Resolutions?

I believe God wants us to become more and more like Jesus Christ. If the resolutions or goals we set help us to become who God created us and redeemed us to be, then I believe God will use our resolutions and goal setting for His glory and honor. The Apostle Paul wrote the church of Philippi and said he had one clear goal: "to know and become like Christ" (Philippians 3:10). Then he shared a plan for accomplishing his goal.

Paul starts by "**forgetting what is behind**" (v. 13). Paul is talking about forgetting in such a way that the past, good or bad, will have no negative bearing on one's present spiritual growth and condition. We need to forget the wrongs that could paralyze us with guilt and despair. Paul definitely had some of these. As a persecutor of the church, he had a lot he wanted to leave behind.

He also didn't want to dwell on how far he had come from where he was. This might make him want to be content with where he was and too satisfied or smug about his spirituality. He realized he still had a long way to go if he wanted to know Christ and become like Christ.

In order to make solid resolutions, we have to put the failures of previous attempts behind us. Sometimes we make resolutions and find that it takes us a very short period of time before we have already broken them. Eight out of ten people who make New Year's resolutions won't keep them for more than a month.

Maybe your failure to keep past resolutions makes you cynical or skeptical about making resolutions. But if we adhere to the method of Paul, we forget about all those. We have a clean slate when we forget the past, when we leave it behind.

Paul's first step is forgetting what is behind. The second step found here that will help us make resolutions that last is "**straining toward what is ahead.**" (v. 13) This word helps us to picture a runner with his body bent over, hand outstretched, eyes fastened on the goal, never giving a backward glance. The runner is focused and determined. A plan of action, once developed, has to be held to with great exertion and intensity. Concentrating on a solid plan will help to make our resolutions more of a reality.

If you are looking to set some goals for 2012 the following questions may be helpful:

- A. Will this goal glorify God?** The Bible says, "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31). God wants your goals or your resolutions to bring him glory.
- B. Will this goal make me more like Jesus?** As we make resolutions for ourselves, this is really one of the ultimate questions. Would Jesus spend his time this way? Would Jesus have this as a goal?
- C. Will this goal help me to be a blessing?** Some things aren't necessarily wrong as goals, they're just not all that important. One way to make this distinction is to measure the goal's positive impact on others. Will this goal make a positive contribution and help you to be a blessing to your family, co-workers, church, community and your world?

D. Will this goal enhance my ability to witness? Everything that we are involved in with other people is an opportunity to be a witness for Jesus Christ. Do any of your goals intentionally involve you with unchurched people so that you can be a witness for Jesus Christ? Things like joining the YMCA or Curves, going as a chaperone on school trips with your children, inviting a neighbor over for dessert. Do you have any goals that specifically get you involved with people who need to know Jesus Christ?

Once you've set some goals, they have to be translated into activities. A lot of us set worthy goals, but then nothing happens. What activities will help us get where we want to go? Reconfigure how you spend your time to help support your new goals. If you don't schedule the important things in your life, you won't do them. If you've made the goal to get closer to God and your activity is to read a chapter of the Bible each day, you have to schedule the time for this, or it simply won't happen.

Maybe you've made the goals of getting in better shape, and being a better witness in your community, and you combined them into one activity – joining an exercise class. If you don't do the work to sign up and then put the class schedule in your calendar, it won't happen. If you don't schedule it, you know what will happen. NOTHING! And that's the very reason why so many of our resolutions don't stick. We don't have a plan that we stick to. Paul "strained" toward his goal. We have to do the same with our resolutions.

We've seen that Paul's methods for reaching a goal included forgetting the past and developing a plan by straining toward what was ahead. Here are a couple helpful hints for success.

A. Go slow! You probably can't work on changing everything all at once. This is usually my mistake. I see 15 things I want to work on in the coming year, and I start all of them at once. This can be pretty frustrating.

The cartoon character Calvin from *Calvin and Hobbes* once said, "God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I'm so far behind I'll never die." The key with resolutions is just to make a couple and stick to them. It's better to work on a little at a time and succeed greatly than to work on everything all at once only to accomplish very little or nothing.

B. Remember this statement: "With the help of the Lord, I intend this year to work at improving myself in this area of my life." That's really what resolutions are - self-improvement for God. We want to be more like Jesus Christ. He wants to help us become more like Himself.

C. If you break a resolution, don't give up! Remember, Paul said "forgetting what is behind." God is continually making us new. If you have a relapse, talk to God about it, then get back in gear. It's not the end of the world. God forgives.

D. Memorize Scripture that helps you focus on your goal. The Bible has a lot to say to us as we work on becoming more like Christ. Put the Scripture on your refrigerator or mirror, your computer monitor or the dashboard of your car. See it, remember it and live it!

E. Get a Buddy. Tell a friend about your resolution and ask them to keep track of your progress. Accountability always helps me. Maybe you and a friend could work on the same resolution and help each other! Making resolutions is a very Christian thing to do. Christ will be coming back for His bride, and we want to be ready.

GALLOWAY GOALS: We as a church know there are some things we want to be about, areas we feel we need to grow in, things we know God wants us to be about so that He would be glorified and honored. Here are our two Galloway All-Church Goals; you might want to consider how these are part of your personal New Year's Resolutions:

TO BE A PEOPLE OF PRAYER ...Prayer is central to our dependence upon God. We want to help grow praying people and become a praying church, a church where everything is covered in prayer and every member is challenged to have a prayer ministry, a church that is seen by the community to be full of praying people, a place in which prayer is experienced and lives are being changed.

TO HAVE A HEART FOR THE LOST ...We desire Galloway to reflect God's heart for the lost, to be a people committed to seeking out those Christ died for, to be building relationships, to annually share the Good News of Jesus Christ with thousands so that hundreds may come to Christ and connect with Christ's Church. We desire to be a church that helps people learn how to share their faith, provides corporate evangelistic outreach opportunities, and attracts people to the church, a church that believes in serving the community, planting seeds, watering seeds and working for the harvest of souls.

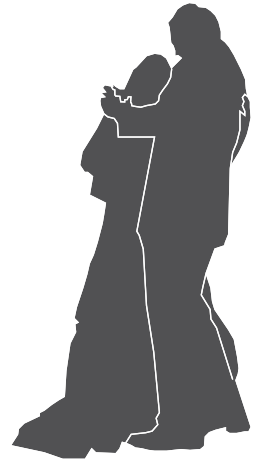


Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The honour of thy presence is hereby requested at the

Father Daughter Ball

on Friday, the twenty-seventh of January
in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve



The evenings celebrations

Including fanciful desserts, a keepsake photograph and an evening of magical memories

FREE FOR ALL AGES

will commence at half-past six through the eighth hour of the evening

Galloway United Methodist Church
196 Seyster Road • Franklin, Pennsylvania
814-437-5425



Glamorous evening attire requested
Please R.S.V.P. by January 11, 2012



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy,
it does not boast, it is not proud.

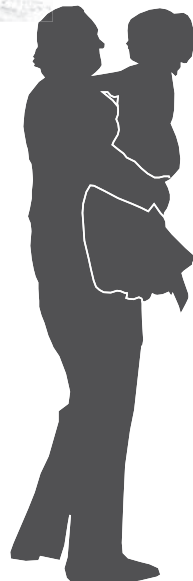
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres

- I Corinthians 13:4 & 7

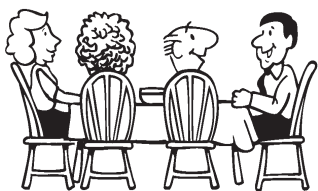
Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and special guys can treat their special girls to an enchanting and fun night here at Galloway. We will provide the music, dessert, story, and activities. A photographer will be on site to capture the special moment for Dad and daughter in a keepsake photo. All you need to do is ask your special girl and arrive on January 27, 2012.

Tickets are FREE! And the evening is open to all ages! Make this one of many special nights you spend with your daughter.

Surrogate dads are needed for the evening. If you would be willing to be that special guy in a young ladies life, please sign up at the welcome center in the greeting area, or ask the girl directly.



This will be a night you won't want to miss!
Please R.S.V.P. by January 11, 2011 so that we can make proper preparations. Call the church at 814-437-5425 to make your reservation or with any questions.



Over 50's

The Over 50's will meet on January 12 for a tureen luncheon at noon. Then there will be a planning session for the coming year to decide on what activities the group will be doing.

Wheel Chair Ministry Says Thank You

On behalf of our entire staff at Free Wheelchair Mission, thank you for your recent donation. This gift of generosity will provide wheelchairs for people in developing countries, changing their lives forever. Everyday, they will be reminded that God loves them and hasn't forgotten them.

We are grateful for our partnership with you!

Mike Kenyon



Prayer chain requests may be called to:



Ruth Ruditis (673-7162)
from 8:30am to 5:30pm

Judy (church office 437-5425)
from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Tina Switzer (673-6229)
from 5:30pm to 10:00pm

Deb Resinger (437-3506)
from 10:00pm to 8:30am

If you cannot reach any of the ladies above, please call one of the following ladies. Each one is the head of a prayer chain and she will start the chains.

Daytime (8:30am to 5:30pm)

Ruth Ruditis 673-7162
Shirley Hays 432-4990
Krisy Butler 432-3088
Aileen Palmer 437-5167

Evening (5:30pm to 10:00pm)

Tina Switzer 432-7611
Darlene Finch 437-3268
Gail Baker 437-5066
Deb Resinger 437-3506

Late Night (after 10:00pm)

Deb Resinger 437-3506
Pastor & Susan Seth 437-1925



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

A caring disciple

In **Acts 9**, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

___ a d c l t n e			
___ r o h m t a e			
___ s r g b a p e			
___ r b i e d a			
___ p e h t s h r e d			
___ r d h a e n l c a			
___ f a d o o			

Her name in Greek

___ p d e e s h			
___ d c h i l n e r o			
___ d r o v e			
___ a c e h t r			
___ s a r c o s			
___ n u s o a t i n m			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

Galloway Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

February 3-5 Winter Slam 2012 Ski Retreat
non-refundable deposit due Jan. 11 with registration

February 12 Confirmation Class Begins

Confirmation 2012

It's that time of year again. The air has gotten colder; the impending doom of snow is looming before us... And, our Confirmation class is starting up again. Confirmation is an amazing opportunity for students to be able to take a deep look into Christianity and be able to learn the things we believe and why we believe them. As always, Confirmation is primarily for 7th Graders, but anyone who has not yet been confirmed is more than welcome to join us. Please, if you or your student are interested in joining the confirmation class and you have not received a letter from me in the mail, contact me, Dan Culbertson, at 814-437-5425 or dan@gallowaychurch.org.

Confirmation Mentors Needed

Do you think that teenagers need some guidance in their lives? Do you love Jesus? Are you willing to follow his command of making disciples, regardless of the time commitment? Then you should join the confirmation class as a mentor!!! Please contact Dan (814-437-5425 or dan@gallowaychurch.org) if you are interested in being a confirmation mentor, and we will try and connect you with an appropriate student who has no mentor.

Winter Slam 2012

February 3rd through the 5th, we will be joining a couple hundred other teenagers on a retreat known as Winter Slam!! Winter Slam is an amazing opportunity for us to worship, grow and also fellowship through skiing, snowboarding, tubing, or other various winter fun activities. Winter Slam is held at Laurelville Retreat Center and Hidden Valley Ski Resort. Worship will be lead by Keith Conner from K.C and the Gloworms and the guest speaker for the weekend is Phil Pranger, a former youth director, now Resident Director/Dean of Students at Southern Wesleyan University.

Cost: \$30 plus an activity fee ranging from \$5-\$62 depending on your chosen activity.

The actual cost is \$85 plus activity fee, but we're covering some cost for you!

Deposit and Registration due Jan. 11th / Total Amount and paperwork due Jan. 25th

More Information and Registration can be found at the ministry table in the Welcome Center and at the Welcome Desk In the Youth Room.



Youth Ministry Missions

This summer, students will be able to go on one of two amazing short term missions trips.

PITTSBURGH PROJECT JH SERVICE PROJECT

July 23-July 27th, we will be returning to Pittsburgh to serve at the Pittsburgh Project. This trip is a great opportunity to be the Hands and Feet of Christ by helping the people of the greater Pittsburgh area with their various needs. The overall cost for the student on this trip is \$185 with a non-refundable deposit of \$50 due by March 14th. There are limited spaces on the trip, so turn in a deposit to reserve your spot today!

PHILADELPHIA PROJECT SH SERVICE PROJECT

This year we are going to be heading to Philadelphia to serve in the name of Christ! There will be various types of service opportunities on this trip, from physical home repair to evangelism opportunities. The tentative dates for this trip are July 29th-August 3rd. The overall cost per student on this trip is \$185 with a deposit date TBA once the trip dates are finalized.

There will be plenty of fundraising opportunities for both of these trips, so stay tuned!!!



February 24 & 25, 2012
Oil City High School Auditorium

i promised what!?

I TAKE YOU...TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

Embracing Reality

TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH

Intimacy

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Conflict Management

FOR RICHER OR FOR POORER

Financial Unity

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, 'TIL DEATH DO US PART

Secrets Of A Lasting Marriage



Few of us knew what we were promising when we made our vows at the altar. (Some of us still aren't sure!) The traditional vows seem to add a touch of romance and validity to the ceremony, but what do they look like lived out in day-to-day marriage?

Using their unique style of dynamic delivery, Jeff and Debby share the tools that help a marriage ride out of the altar and into the sunset.

JEFF AND DEBBY MCELROY

Being the most sought-after couple in the area of marriage enrichment in the country, they have used their experience on the national speaking circuit to design this conference to be unlike any other you've ever attended on marriage.



Combine the antics of "Tool Time," the poignancy of a Hallmark card commercial, and the hard-hitting challenges of Vince Lombardi, and you have an idea of what you'll experience during this dynamic conference.

All couples are encouraged to join us this exciting weekend of humor and insight. This whole NEW presentation from Jeff and Debby is designed to strengthen any marriage.

Purchase one set of advance tickets for \$60/couple (ends January 15) or standard registration for \$70/ couple (ends February 19) or late regration for \$90/couple. All military are FREE!

For more information, call Johanna McCoy at 814-437-2597 or visit www.gallowaychurch.org

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion One Combined Service 9:30am Right Living	2 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm	3 Staff Mtg 8:30am SPRC 7pm	4 Early Childhood & Children's Ministries Youth Ministry Clothing Swap	5	6 Family Movie Night: <i>Miracle Dogs Too</i> 7pm	7
8 How the Spirit Helps Us Pray Infant Dedication	9 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm Finance 6:30pm	10 Levites 8:30am GUMW 9:30am Ministry Council 7pm	11 MOPS 9:30am Early Childhood & Children's Ministries Youth Ministry Clothing Swap	12 Over 50's 11:30am	13	14
15 The Value of Repentant Prayer America's Sunday Supper	16 Staff Meeting 9am Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> Finance Mtg 7pm	17 Staff Mtg 8:30am	18 Early Childhood & Children's Ministries Youth Ministry Clothing Swap	19	20	21
22 Getting What We Ask for in Prayer	23 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm	24 Levites 8:30am	25 MOPS 9:30am Early Childhood & Children's Ministries Youth Ministry Clothing Swap	26	27	28
29 Praying for Others	30 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm Strategic Planning Team 6:30pm	31			Father Daughter Ball 6:30pm	