

Greater *things*

*Jesus said to his followers:
“... if you have faith in me,
you will do the same things
that I am doing. You will do
even greater things, now
that I am going back to
the Father.” (John 14:12)*

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“...Help Me Want The Healer, more than the healing...”

By Ashley Litwiller, Minister of Worship and Youth

Fractured relationships, burdening financial surprises, or health situations can creep in and remain unresolved in life. You can find yourself feeling angry that God still has not resolved the problem that you have been praying for. So, when a song lyric breaks through the daily distraction, you are unprepared to burst into tears and feel overcome with hurt and a craving for healing.

Natalie Grant's newest album holds a song titled, "More Than Anything". In September 2017, she asked for prayer prior to an unexpected surgery that was needed to remove half of her thyroid where two tumors were. Since our thyroid is tied up with our vocal chords, this was possibly life changing for her as a professional singer. Of course, she was afraid, but she reminded herself to take every thought captive and stand on the Scriptures through the whole process. Not all of us are personally touched by cancer, but we are touched by trials that test our trust and faith of God and His Goodness.

Recently, self-proclaimed atheist Stephan Hawking died and it reminded me of something he famously said, "One can't prove that God doesn't exist. But science makes God unnecessary..." As Christians, we know that scientific truths serve to reveal more about God and the wonderful works that He does to keep this

world spinning. Ecclesiastes and Job remind us: God is involved in every single atom and molecule in the universe and we can't even begin to imagine what all goes into making all the decisions all at once, but God is a pro at making decisions.

Even Jesus on the cross as He was dying for us, he knew the purpose for his death long before it came. He knew the effect was so great that the temporal pain would be worth it. Mark 16 tells us that even knowing that, Jesus still cried out "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" In Luke, we're told one of the criminals hanging beside him tempted him to save himself and take the pain away.

"...I know any second You could take my pain away, but even if you don't, I pray...", Natalie sings. The truth is not all of us are healed, saved, gifted as we think we should be. But God knows

what is best for us and His Kingdom, even if it doesn't seem right to us. We experience and learn more about the character of God in the valley than we ever do in the mountain top.

Whatever our situation, we should use this chorus as our prayer. When we are in a time of testing, overcome with fear and doubt, we will pray for the presence of our Savior, more than we want saved from any threat that tries to turn our attention and devotion away from our Lord.

Help me want the
Healer more than the healing
Savior more than the saving
Giver more than the giving
Help me want you,
Jesus,
more than anything

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What is your job and what does it consist of? I am an Operations Manager for Hardwoods Specialty Products. We are a furniture grade lumber and plywood distributor. I do nearly all of the lumber and plywood purchasing. I am in charge of all of our office and warehouse personnel. I also help run our sales desk assisting our customers and salesmen.

What is your favorite verse and/or book of the Bible? Philippians 4:13

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? Just recently with Ben Miller. Through his battle with cancer, there was much prayer and through this prayer, a miracle was performed.

Who is your favorite author? Stephen King

What is your happiest memory? Natalie saying, "Yes!" when I asked her to marry me.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy playing and watching nearly all sports. My favorite is baseball. GO CUBS!!!!

If you could host a dinner part with any living 3 people, who would you invite? Natalie Miller—of course!

Anthony Rizzo—He's not just an amazing baseball player; the amount of work he does through his charity is truly admirable. He sets an outstanding example for everybody that looks up to him. Warren Buffett—He's one of the greatest business minds to ever live, but he's also one of the most charitable to ever live. He has pledged to give away most of his fortune to various charities to benefit the under privileged.

What was your first job? Summer cleanup crew for Arthur High School; lots of painting and scraping gum off desks and lockers.

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	Stewardship	Attendance
2//25/18	\$4,809	102
3/4/18	\$7,170	146
3/11/18	\$4,491	97
3/18/18	\$2,556	114

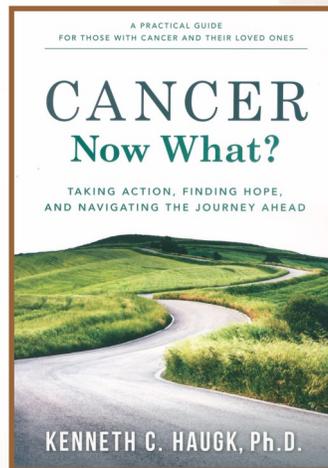
Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal Spirit of God, who dwelled in Jesus Christ, who empowers the church, who is the source of our life in Christ, and who is poured out on those who believe as the guarantee of our redemption and the redemption of creation.

Article 3 from Confession of Faith
in a Mennonite Perspective
Summary Statement

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ervin Yoder	April 2
Sherrill Shunk	April 2
Taylor Miller	April 3
Chad Yoder	April 3
Derek Rhodes	April 4
Ryan Miller	April 4
Liz Diener	April 7
Elizabeth Miller	April 17
Lynn Marner	April 19
Isabella Miller	April 25
Colby Herschberger	April 25
Galen Tulley	April 26
Bailey Mentzer	April 27



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH:

Cancer: Now What?

Taking Action, Finding Hope,
and Navigating the Journey Ahead

By Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D.

Cancer can turn your world upside down...Dr. Haugk provides answers to people with cancer and for their loved ones. He draws on what he learned as he supported his wife during her fight with cancer, as well as wisdom and knowledge of over 3,500 cancer survivors, loved ones, and medical professionals. He is the founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries, an international non-for-profit educational organization based in St. Louis.

You can check out this book in the book rack in the foyer.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Karen Litteral	April 6th
Joe & Lanora Gingerich	April 8th
Cliff & Kathy Yoder	April 17th