

## “If Paul Had a Twitter Account”

We are living in the Information Age – or should it be called The Useless Information Age? The three giant social networking Web sites – Facebook (with its 350 million users), MySpace, and Twitter – allow users to share their thoughts with friends and strangers. If you want to let people half way around the world know that you just saved \$8 at Kroger, you can. You can share your deepest thoughts and your shallowest feelings. You can air your political views or cheer your favorite team. Whether or not people actually care about your opinions is beside the point. It is all about sharing what is on your mind.

Twitter’s concept is the simplest of all the social sites. Users can give 140-character opinions on any and every issue. These updates are called “tweets”. The author’s subscribers are known as “followers”.

I wonder what the apostle Paul would have tweeted to his followers when he was writing his thirteen preserved epistles. He might have tweeted this:

**Romans:** “All have sinned. All deserve death. But there is no condemnation in Christ.”

**1 Corinthians:** “A divided church is a poor representative of Christ.”

**2 Corinthians:** “My apostleship and your benevolence are genuine.”

**Galatians:** “Moses’ law served its purpose. We are now to live by faith and walk by the Spirit.”

**Ephesians:** “We are saved by grace and unified by one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.”

**Philippians:** “Don’t let circumstances dictate your faith. Live with joy. Be content.”

**Colossians:** “Human philosophy distorts the gospel. Live for Jesus.”

**1 and 2 Thessalonians:** “Jesus will return and many people will not be ready. Be prepared for that day.”

**1 and 2 Timothy:** “Ministry should protect the gospel and serve the needy. There is no better work.”

**Titus:** “The grace of God teaches us to live godly lives.”

**Philemon:** “People from all backgrounds can be useful in the church.”

– James Hayes



## For Your Information

### GRADUATION DINNER

We will be honoring our graduates today with a fellowship potluck dinner after morning services. Our grads this year include: Caroline Doss, Garrett Durham, Ethan Rogers and college grads Kirk Gilpin and Caleb Guard.

### EDP MEETING

There will be an EDP Meeting on June 6 at 4:00.

### TURN, TURN, TURN

TTT Planners will meet Sunday, June 6th at 4:30 in the teachers' work room.

### POTLUCK DINNER

There will be a Potluck Dinner on June 12 at 6:00 pm. Please see your team leader for details.

# Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson  
Norma Biller  
Betty Buckner  
Marguerite Charles  
Jim Dorsett  
Al Farrow  
Collin Gregory  
Walter & Betty Jenkins  
Martha Keith  
Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors  
Jo Musgrove  
Grace Myers  
Evelyn Scott  
Elsie Smith  
Ruth Stanton  
Evelyn White  
EV Wimmer  
WJ Wood

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## Tuesday Night Talents TNT

In light of our gospel meeting with John Shannon and recent lessons from Eddy, it's become apparent that I'm not doing my part in the cause for Christ's church. I'm not putting myself to work. Benevolence is something that God commands from each of his followers, but I come up with so many different excuses that keep me from sending cards to the sick, visiting those in need, and providing encouragement to the weak. For this reason, with the support from the elders, I would like to start a program at Westside called "Tuesday Night Talents (TNT)." This program will provide us with the opportunity to use our "talents" in fulfilling our obligation to "do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). Every Tuesday, we will meet at the building (a meal will be provided for the first meeting so sign up on the board, and possibly subsequent meetings), then we will break up into groups. Some groups will visit, some will write cards, some will make phone calls, and some will participate in miscellaneous activities around the building (maintenance, VBS projects, etc.). I will also consider any other ideas people may have as to benevolent activities we can take part in. TNT is meant to help us do our "jobs" as Christians. It's much easier to get things done when we do them together! The first TNT meeting is scheduled for **June 29th at 6:00 p.m.**, so let's start TNT off with a bang (no pun intended)! - Jeremy White



- **Annette Shrader** is home from UVA & LGH. She goes back to UVA on Tuesday.
- **Claude Crowe** is home. Short visits would be appreciated.
- **Norce Lowe** had surgery on Wednesday.

### Remember in prayer:

Shannon VanRavesteyn, Kathleen Soliday, Elizabeth Lynch, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Hartman Sr., Mary Canaday, Marty Clark, Earl Humbarger, Ronald Goodman

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**Announcements** David Brown  
**Song Leader (AM)** Jeff Durham  
**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
6/6 Bob Garby  
6/13 Eric Earnhart  
6/20 Glen Gabbard  
6/27 Charlie Maness

**Preside at Communion** Don Pettit  
**Serve Table**

John Black, Jim Harrington  
Mitch Jearls, Ed Mickens

**Closing Prayer**

6/6 Danny Guard  
6/13 Adam House  
6/10 Mike Durham  
6/27 Jeremy White

**Song Leader (PM)** Adam House

**Opening Prayer (PM)**

6/6 Charlie Gwaltney  
6/13 Greg Edwards  
6/20 Garrett Durham  
6/27 Ethan Rogers

**Scripture Reader** Jimmy Harrington

**Closing Prayer (PM)**

6/6 Herb Baker  
6/13 Jeff Durham  
6/20 Jim Bush  
6/27 Sam Valentine

**Serve Table (PM)**

Nathan Pelfrey, Cameron Brown

**Song Leader (Wed)** Eric Earnhart

**Prayer (Wed)**

6/2 AC Janney  
6/9 Norris Gearhart  
6/16 Gene Benefield  
6/23 Mark Brooks  
6/30 Tom Rogers

**Open/Close Bldg** Squeaky Valentine  
**Greeters** Valentines, Jearls

**Nursery Attend** Hazel Maness (AM)  
Emily Gray (PM)

**Ushers** Roger Mays, Mark Laplante  
**Handouts** Noah & Garrett Laplante  
Kevin Mickens

**Prepare communion**

Audrey Gabbard, Rebecca Durham

**Last weeks attendance 5/23&26/10**

Bible Class— 156    Worship Service—171  
Sunday Eve.— 148    Wednesday Eve.—158  
Contribution—\$5052

### “But God...” (3)

We continue our look at some of the 44 instances in which the phrase “but God” appears in the Bible. As we have seen, it is a phrase of contrast showing that something was said, done or had occurred which was followed by something God said or did that changed the matter completely. Our study brings us again to the life of Joseph.

At the close of the book of Genesis Jacob has died and was taken with a huge procession back to his homeland to be buried (Gen. 50:1-13). Upon their return from the funeral, Joseph’s brothers fear that since their father was dead Joseph would now try to exact punishment upon them for their having sold him into slavery. They sent word to Joseph reminding him of their father’s request that Joseph forgive them and not get even with them for their actions (Gen. 50:16, 17). Joseph was once again moved to tears and stated to his brothers, “But as for you, ye thought evil against me; **but God** meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive” (Gen. 50:20). In so stating he again revealed that God’s providence had overruled their actions and that he had accepted that and was grateful. What they had intended in a mischievous, hurtful way, God had used for good.

The children of Israel grew into a mighty nation numerically under the protection of Egypt. However, after the death of Joseph there arose another Pharaoh who did not recognize the commitment of his predecessors (Ex. 1:8), and subjected Israel to grievous burdens. Under the hand of Moses God delivered them from bondage. As they departed Egypt they were not led via the direct and shorter route by God, as He knew they would be fearful of the Philistines and desire to return to Egypt (Ex. 13:17). The next verse states, “**But God** led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt” (Ex. 13:18). The nearest route was not the best route. So it is for us- God’s way, though not always the shortest and most comfortable, is always the best way.

-Eddy