

TRUST...

assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone (or something)

confidence in; dependence on (Webster)

Is there anyone we can trust today?

Yes, we can trust God.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

That's the theme for our March/April women's Bible study. We are taking helicopter views of the entire Bible every two months this year and learning lots. About eight women come to my house and some other people participate via email. Let me know if you would like to join us.

My weekly routine is the same: Monday- prepare lessons; Tuesday- teach; Wednesday and Thursday – appointments, visits with shut-ins, misc.; Friday- pick up and package food distribution bakery; do a home delivery; Saturday- prepare for Sunday; Sunday- attend church, teach primaries, nap, read and enjoy fellowship with others. In between I do a lot of mentoring via phone, internet and home contacts; house and yard work (Yes, spring cleanup and planting are

+well underway); writing, exercising, reading, doing puzzles, spending time with the Lord, and thoroughly enjoying life.

As the weather warms up, people are coming out of their houses more often and neighborhood conversations grow. A couple days ago as I raked acorns off my front banks and pulled up grass and weeds from the flower beds, a car stopped (as they often do) and a man leaned out his window to say, "Spring must be here. You are in your garden again." The woman who accepted the Lord last spring is getting ready to be baptized and join the church. **Pray for these contacts that they will become a door to opening spring and new life in many hearts.**

Many of my friends, neighbors, students, sisters and brothers in Christ, are carrying heavy burdens: a mother of six whose husband just went back to jail (We are claiming him for Christ. Intercede with us for Nathan. He needs help. Pray his heart will be broken and he will turn to God); husbands dealing with addictions; children turning away from the Lord; a wife who just found pornography on her husband's phone; husbands whose physical conditions demand a lot of care from their wives; women who have just lost their mate; health problems, turmoil of spirit and soul ...the list goes on. The blind man I used to take to band practice every week just had serious cancer surgery. I stop over regularly with homemade apple sauce, flowers or whatever, and pray with his wife. As I talk personally to the Lord, I trust she will begin to realize that she too can know and talk to the God of heaven through Jesus Christ. **Pray the Lord will**

always give me a listening ear, a caring heart and wisdom to help point others to the One who carries all our burdens.

I still love teaching the 1st-3rd graders on Sunday mornings. What a joy to encourage tender hearts to trust God. **Pray I will teach well, that they will learn well and that more of those who have not been coming to church this past year will soon be back.**

This winter I sorted and boxed up much of my library to send to Bible schools in Myanmar. I also purchased Bibles and some study materials for the pastors. I had delightful fellowship with those doing the container (who stayed overnight with me) and others from Ohio contributing books. **Pray for the believers in Myanmar and that the container will soon be able to be sent.**

So many of “my children,” the people around the world in whom I have invested my life, are living in difficult situations. **Pray** for those in Central African Republic, Ethiopia (especially Abraham’s Oasis), and Haiti. **Pray** also for those where I am currently making a different kind of investment - Egypt and the Middle East, France, Taiwan, prison ministries, outreach to Amish people ... and others. I love being God's steward. **Pray** for wisdom and willingness to expand my investments. **Pray** for your own ministries and investments.

May God make this a beautiful spring of new growth for all of us - Polly (Baptist Mid-Mission retiree)