

CASTLE—parents. Knowing that our children are a gift from God, we can see them as a blessing (Psalm 127:4-5; James 1:17). Our attitude impacts our effectiveness to fulfill our responsibility to encourage, educate, train, and grow our young ones in a godly direction (Proverbs 22:6; Titus 2; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21). Remember, there is no greater joy than to hear that our children are walking in the truth (3 John 1:4).

How do we view our families? Are they a breathtaking castle built to the glory of God? Or, do we think of them as a mere hassle that gets in the way?

May God bless our families and our attitudes toward each other. May we bring glory to Him through the family of God (Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Timothy 3:15).

**“Attitude can change everything.”**

## The Time to Love is Now

By: Gerald Cowen

**I wonder if you love me,  
Though I really hope you do.  
I wonder, if you told me so  
Would I think it really true?  
Actions overshadow words,  
Whenever they are bad, not good.  
Unless the words and actions match  
They both can be misunderstood.**

**I hope that if you love me  
You'll find a way to let me know**

**So I can have the feelings  
Which from true affection flow**

**Now, while I am living.  
Do not wait until I'm gone  
To speak your words to others,  
Or have them cut in polished stone.**

**If you wait until I'm sleeping,  
Never more in life to wake,  
With silent death between us,  
There's no comfort we can take.  
Even when we both are dead,  
Love's joy that might have been  
But was not properly expressed  
Cannot really bless us then.**

**And so I say again to you,  
If you love me, please say it,  
Tell me now while I am living  
So I can know and treasure it.  
And since I know you also need  
To hear about my love for you,  
I'm going to tell it to you now:  
I love you. I do love you.**



## UPDATES

Congratulations to all of the high school graduates! Best wishes to Jahkari Mesidor and Olivia Powell!

Our Worship and Bible study services are being streamed Live on Facebook and are able to be shared.

Check out our website for weekly bulletins and uploads of our Worship services and Wednesday evening Bible studies.

# The Family Newsletter

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## Castle or Hassle?

—Robert Guinn

**While discussing the responsibilities that come with home-ownership, my neighbor made the following statement, "Your castle is your hassle."**

Being first-time home-owners, my wife and I are experiencing a slight learning curve when it comes to the maintenance and upkeep of our property. Though we try to keep a positive view of our home, things (like the AC going out) tempt that positive attitude.

Attitude can change everything. A castle is a cherished monument and fortress; something that brings a sense of pride, accomplishment, and awe. A hassle, however, is something viewed as an obligation, bother, or something you have to "put up with." So, we can look at our house and see a lovely home or a never-ending source of chores and work. Our attitude not only affects how we feel toward our house but also our families.

What happens when we view our spouses as a hassle, obstacle, or obligation? Will we cultivate an intimate relationship or be driven apart? When we view our spouse as a cherished blessing from God, it becomes easier to grow closer to God and each other. God revealed a plan for husbands and wives to live together with different roles and functions; being united with a mutual love, respect, understanding, and submission (1 Corinthians 7; Ephesians 5:22-23; Titus 2; 1 Peter 3). This becomes very difficult when our attitudes devalue our spouse.

What about our children? Do we look at them only as a "mouth to feed," or a hindrance to what we want? When we do, we prevent ourselves from fulfilling our roles as —CASTLE

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### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

**Drexil Eugene Powell—Rehabilitation and Recent Fall**

Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center, Room 161, Bed 2, CLC, 1 Medical Center Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301

**Dennis Straight—Seeing some improvement, thanks for prayers, and please continue!**

PO Box 71, Fairview, WV 26570

**Charlie Snodgrass—Recovering Right Leg Amputation**

Tygart Center, 1539 Country Club Road, Fairmont, WV 26554

**Brandi Bane—Battling Breast Cancer**

PO Box 106, Grant Town, WV 26574

**Dave Riley—Needs your prayers, hospice care during final days.**

1137 Wades Road, Morgantown, WV 26501

**Shirley Clelland—Appreciates your calls, cards, and prayers**

PO Box 162, Fairview, WV 26570

**Ethel “Aldene” Efaw—Unable to be out**

327 Medical Park Drive, RM# 7312, Bridgeport, WV 26330

**Oneita Opyoke—Hoping to be out**

3659 Crossroads Road, Fairview, WV 26570

**Rose Boggs—Unable to be out**

924 Robinson Run Road, Rivesville, WV 26588

**Kate Wells—Unable to be out**

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### Sermon Notes

**Pantry Item  
of the Week  
Any Canned  
Good**

Wednesday Night  
Bible Study  
Psalms

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**Donley Rinehart**  
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