



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



**Devotional**  
**Elder Janet**  
**Petruzzello**

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love;  
give preference to one another in honor.

The scripture here talks about brotherly affection which comes from the heart of God.

For me the word brotherly causes me to think of family.

With our families we love them not because of what they do, but more because of who they are.



## “Hello From Helen”

Well hello again,

Hello everyone,

We had our July Communion Family Dinner and it was great, the chefs made fried fish and hush puppies. We had a jar of pennies and we had to guess how many were in the jar, only the youth were eligible to win the money. Most of the adults guessed way too low but the youth did

All you have to do is be born.

Family love is not earned or forced. I guess I would describe it as free love, no motives.

This is how we come to love all humanity. Amen!

Only God can cause such a change of heart in our lives.

As we begin to think less of ourselves we become more aware of others.

This is how we honor each other by seeing the significant value in people the way God values all mankind.

As Pastor Michael said on Sunday, if we're looking for God we'll find him in each other.

We all want to love and be loved.

I know I didn't always think this way . The power of love is changing the way I think which is changing how I live.

Little by little God is enlarging our hearts to touch the many.

Praise be to God .  
Hallelujah !!!

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pretty good. The ultimate winner was Quin Radhe and he won over \$37.00. Congratulations Quin. We all had such a great time talking, joking and enjoying great food, as we always do when we are together.

The Book Store/Gathering Place hosted an all day lunch on Tuesday August 2nd. Needless to say, the Gathering Place was full of family all , it was so nice to have everyone around.

We are fixing up the church. There are always people cutting trees, mowing the lawn, cleaning the church and much more. If you would like to get involved please let us know what your strengths are. This is a special way of making this church your own and getting more involved with your church family.

Helping Hands Ministry, started by Jim Sammons is up and running. God bless these wonderful volunteers who want to help. There are flyers on the Welcome desk, one is if you have a request help and the other is if you would like to be a

## **Them, The Invisible Population**

There is a fable that comes out of Arabia, from hundreds of years ago. A couple lived in their tent with their son and the husband's elderly father. It began that the wife started arguing with her husband that the tent was no longer large enough for all of them and that the grandfather had to move on. "But my father is too old to care for himself, where can he go?" "That is not my concern, she said, we have kept him long enough." Sadly, the man called to his young son and told him of the decision. He then told him to go to the barn and get his grandfather a nice blanket to give him some comfort for his journey. The boy returned with half a blanket. Enraged, the man demanded to know why his son brought his grandfather only half a blanket. "Well, father," answered the boy, "I am saving the other half for you." In this case, in going along with the idea of this fable, a man received a warning. An awakening to his own mortality. For most, the awakening happens late in life when the new generation moves forward in the world. A soundless attitude stockpiles everyone into two groups, the elderly being "them" and the young who know themselves as "us." The point at which the "them" group become aware

volunteer.

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that they have moved on is indicated by multiple ways: employers offer a buyout package to urge them toward retirement. The years of gathered knowledge and experience which has made them so indispensable before, suddenly seems unimportant compared to the hiring of younger, less experienced will begin at a lower rate of pay: styles change and the “them” generation look different: language changes. Words that once, had one meaning have now taken on a new, perhaps vulgar meaning: changes barreling through, mores, morals, until the “them” feel as if they had been whisked to a new planet. They suddenly become shocked at the vision in the mirror.”When did I get old, can this be me, I feel the same, think the same, but the wrinkles, this can’t be me! So even the “them” group are involved in the prejudice. They have not been prepared to move from the “us” to the “them”. They have idolized youth, imagined themselves to be a part of the “us” group forever. They have attended funerals and suppressed the image of their own deaths, but old? This was another generation. Now, the realization comes crashing through, a remembering of parents, grandparents, those loved ones for which there was no time of patience, their invisible older family members. The few minutes

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that should have been spent,  
that kind word or deed,  
never to be said or done.  
With awareness comes guilt  
and the "them" group are  
sandwiched between the  
past and the future.  
By Fran Bonaguro



## Who Am I?

I am an animal lover

I love to fish

I have one child

I enjoy a rainy day

I love to cook

I was in Hurricane  
Charlie

My favorite author is  
Randy Wayne White,  
mysteries

My favorite singer is  
Jermaine Stewart,  
pop and dance  
music although I



## Who Am I?

Meet Tric Pliley

I was born in Tyler  
Texas

Something most  
people don't know  
about me is that I  
was a Regional  
Scout Coordinator.  
One of my favorite  
things to do is to  
read in a hammock.

When I was a  
teenager, I once got  
to fly a plane.

I have 3 children.

I was once in a  
tornado, 14 of them  
came through in 2

don't dance

My favorite actor is  
John Cusack

I have been to the  
Bahamas but I love  
to do a lot of road  
trips

The best part of  
waking up for me is  
being in Florida

The song that best  
sums me up is  
Thriller

If I had a warning  
label it would read  
"Don't feed after  
dark"

If you think you know  
who I am, contact  
Helen in the church  
office with your  
guess.

*If you think you know "Who April's  
mystery person is, please contact Helen  
in the church office and submit your  
guess. The identity of the mystery person  
will be revealed in the next issue of  
"Getting to Know You"*

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days. The whole  
town was damaged  
but we didn't have  
any damage.

My favorite holiday is  
St. Patrick's Day.  
If I were to write an  
auto-biography it  
would be titled "The  
Wisdom of Crossing  
Paths".

If I could have one  
superpower it would  
be to see the  
invisible.

The best gift I have  
ever received is a  
pure heart.

One of the things on  
my bucket list and  
that is to stand on  
Machu Picchu in  
Peru.

If I ruled the world,  
there would be  
financial sharing  
between the citizens  
and the government.

If I came with a  
warning label it  
would say: "Don't  
push my buttons".  
If you think you know  
who I am, contact  
Helen in the church  
office with your

guess.

**Two Correct guess from:**

1. Head Usher Bill Carley
2. Pastor Michael Porzio

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