



Need a Refill?!

By Barry Boverie

As the snow falls outside, there is a part of me longing for the warmer days that May and June will bring -the summer heat and the beginning of the BBQ season. I was driving down the road the other day and noticed the sign in front of Suburban Propane stating "we refill propane tanks" showing a picture of the gas grill sized propane tank. It made me think of the summer BBQ season and made me wonder how empty my tank was just then.

Like most people, I have had those moments when grilling a full rack of hamburgers that all of sudden the gas heat goes away. All of the best laid plans have gone awry as one detail was missed – not enough propane. This past summer, while at a U-Haul store I noticed a gauge for such tanks that would let one know when the tank would be nearing empty thus alleviating the guessing game of how empty is that tank.

We as Christians often play the same guessing game within our spiritual walk. We think we have enough left in our tank to handle the day or task that is before us. Most of the time we make a correct read on the situation and we handle whatever that moment brings to our plate. I am sure, though, that most of you can remember a time when you let your spiritual tank get too low and temptation or stress got the best of you.

You gave into a demand that otherwise you would have easily ignored. Maybe a desire got the best of you and a purchase was made that should not have been. You were caught up in a lie or falsehood before you could stop the words coming out of your mouth.

These moments are not about your lack of love and commitment to the lord

and His calling, but a result of an empty tank. I wonder if this was where Peter was when he was in the courtyard of the Sanhedrin the night Jesus was betrayed. He must have thought his tank was full enough to be there. After all, he had just had an incredible evening with Jesus. What he did not recognize was the toll it had taken on his fuel supply.

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He struggled with Jesus washing his feet. The sharing of the bread and the cup had brought about too many questions. He was confused by the dismissing of Judas for the betrayal.

On top of all this, they followed up with some singing and then a night of prayer in the garden. Peter and the others are told to watch and pray and yet Jesus returns to find them asleep. Luke 22:45 says that "he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow." The events of the day had gone past all the fuel that they had prepared.

In the midst of this, it gets even more intense as the crowd comes to arrest Jesus. There Peter is, running on fumes, and in desperation he draws the sword.


Jesus' movement had never been about the sword and yet Peter gives into the temptation.




He then follows to the see what will happen to Jesus and before the morning cock's crow he has denied his Lord three times. Luke 22:61 says that Jesus looked right at Peter after the third denial. This encounter of a look echoed the words that Jesus had used to warn Peter of this and he went out and wept bitterly.

It is a very dangerous position we put ourselves into when we let our tanks run low. We do not know what each day will hold and what we will need to navigate through the trials and temptations that will come.

It is an inconvenience to run out of propane when cooking hamburgers; it can be spiritual devastation to let your tank run empty. Jesus warned to always be prepared for his coming in the parable of the ten virgins. They let their oil run out and while they were away buying more the bridegroom came (Matthew 25:1-13)!

Wisdom says to keep a gauge on your spiritual fervor (Romans 10:10-12). When it is low, do something to refuel. Pray, study scripture, fellowship, fast, slow down, turn off the TV, change habits, major in healthy relationships, give up idols(addictions), walk in faith, lose weight, reduce stress, fulfill commitments, etc. What is God calling you towards to refill your tank? The danger is much more significant than having to eat undercooked hamburgers! 

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“The Sweet Sixteen Weekend” Invitational Basketball Tournament

Friday and Saturday

March 25th & 26th, 2011



It is once again time to start planning for our annual MCH Invitational Basketball Tournament. The two-day event will be held Friday evening March 25th and Saturday March 26th. As in the past we will use the Middletown location (Crosspointe Church of Christ) for some games on Friday evening with all of Saturday's games to be played on the MCH campus.

The entry fee is \$250.00 and is due on or before February 23rd. Each team is limited to 15 players per game. If you have more than 15 willing players you may contact me for the options available. Each team will be supplied up to 15 jerseys for use during the tournament, and will need to be returned following your team's final game.

We will once again be offering two tournament divisions; a competitive division (Div. I), and a recreational division (Div. II). In order to accomplish this we would like to have “Sweet” 16 teams registered and at least 8 of those willing to compete in the recreational division. Your early registration will be helpful in determining whether we would be able to offer divisional play.

This event is scheduled for the same weekend as the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament round of 16 teams, and we will be providing an area where you will be able to enjoy the games throughout the day and evening.

We look forward to your team's early registration. Remember these points:

- The entry fee is \$250 per team due on or before February 15th. After that date the entry cost is \$300
- Each team is to consist of no more than 15 members per game. Each team will receive up to 15 jerseys.
- The registration form is to include all team member's names as well as their addresses and preferred jersey size
- We will have “competitive” and “recreational” divisions if entries will allow it. Please check the appropriate box to tell us which division your team wishes to compete in.
- Top teams from last year will be divided into respective pools and each pool filled out by random draw.
- Concessions will be available with proceeds going to Mid-Western Children's Home.
- NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament games will be televised throughout the event.

There will be plenty to do between now and the tournament so I ask that you contact me as soon as possible if you have any questions. I would encourage teams who have not yet participated to do so. Join us this year and be a part of a great time and a great event that benefits a great cause!

If you have any questions or are ready to sign up, call me at (513) 716-7106 or email me at benzickafoose@yahoo.com. 🖐️

THANKS CARPETLAND!

Thanks to CarpetLand at Milford and their representative Greg Theilman for donating carpeting to cover the basement floor in House 3. Greg has worked with us for years providing good service and advice. In our time of need, CarpetLand was there to meet our needs. 🙌

Getting more than 1 copy of our Moments newsletter? Please let us know so we can update our records! Call Beth at 513-877-2004. 🙌

NEEDS LIST

(WE ARE PROVIDING FOR 6 GROUP HOMES. EACH HOME PROVIDES FOR BETWEEN 8 AND 12 PEOPLE.)

- Paper Towels**
- Toilet Tissue**
- Canned Meats**
(Tuna, Vienna Sausages, ham)
- Shampoo and Conditioners**
(girl and boy)
- Shower Gel, Body Wash**
- Laundry Detergent**
- All Color Bleach**
- Dryer Sheets**
- Fishing Poles and**
Closed Face Reels

3 of our houses are in need of specially fitted double oven units, so funds for these would be greatly appreciated.



Mark your calendars for upcoming events.

Basketball Tournament

March 25-26, 2011

Golf Outing

August 6, 2011

We just received a check for \$95 because some of our friends are utilizing the GoodSearch Internet Search Engine! It's so easy! Please consider this next time you are surfing the web!



GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, Ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

And if you download the GoodSearch – Mid Western Children's Home toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Mid Western Children's Home toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/mid-western-childrens-home>. 🙌


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\$250,000

\$154,146

Independent Living Center Update

Please continue to pray for our efforts raising funds for the Independent Living Center. 🙌

Memorial/Honor Gift Coupon

<p>This gift of \$ _____ is given</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In Memory <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor</p> <p>of _____</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p>	<p>Please send acknowledgement to:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In Memory <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor</p> <p>of _____</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p>
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A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS!

What would we do without our friends? Here are just a few pictures from the past few months. Thanks to everyone for your continued support! 🙌



Members of Withamsville WinGs group on Campus for an Ornament Party



Barry Boverie receiving a Very Generous donation from TEDIA

WOW! NEW DISHWASHERS!

Thanks to some VERY generous donors for providing funds to purchase new dishwashers in all our houses! Again, our friends come through for us! We are so blessed by your generosity! 🙌



Lima Church of Christ

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, WE REACHED OUR GOAL FOR THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WE HAVE BEEN SAVING LABELS TO PURCHASE!

WE ARE NOW STARTING TO RE-BUILD OUR ACCOUNT, SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS FOR US (ALL WE NEED IS THE UPC LABEL). JUST DROP THEM OFF TO OUR OFFICE, OR PUT THEM IN THE MAIL TO US. 🙌

Check out our Website at www.mid-western.org! We are now able to accept donations through our website. From the "support" or "contact" pages, simply click the donate button and follow directions.

Special Thanks to Girl Scout Troop 40234!

During the Holidays, we are so blessed with donations of food, gifts for the children, gifts for the house parents and gifts for the general operation of our homes. It would be impossible to name each and every person or organization who gave of their time and money, but we would like to mention a group that has helped for the past 2 years. Girl Scout Troop 40234, from Batavia Ohio, worked all year long to earn money to buy items for us at Christmas. They brought hams, fresh fruit, after school snacks and other goodies for each home. We appreciate these young girls and their eagerness to help the children here at Mid-Western. 🙌

Memorials 10/20/10 through 1/25/11

Special Honor Gifts

In honor of
Kim and Chris Bolsinger
 Steven and Cassandra Rohm

A Christmas honor for
Robert and Genevieve Bowles
 Robert, Susan and Laura Kulp

In honor of employee
Gideon Devadason
 Statistical Solutions

In honor of
David and Pam Eichhold
 (for their continued volunteer efforts
 to Mid-Western Children's Home)
 Ron and Jo Ann Weber

A Christmas honor for
David Eichhold
 (Loveland, OH)
 I.T. Dept. of totes, Isotoner

*In honor of, and with
 Deep Appreciation for*
Ilene Johnson
 (Middletown, OH)
 Dwight and Kitty Hesson

In honor of
Dolly Mire's birthday
 David and Phyllis Hartman

A Christmas gift honoring
K.C. and Linda Roberts
 (Marietta, GA)
 Donna Roberts

In honor of
K.C. Roberts birthday
 (Marietta, GA)
 Donna Roberts

In honor of
James H. Springer,
 missionary to Germany
 Helen Stewart

A Christmas gift honoring
Gladys C. Williston
 (Middletown, OH)
 Joyce Wilder, Linda Atkinson,
 Danny Williston and Liz Wilson

In honor of
Hermitt and Gladys C. Williston
 (Middletown, OH)
 Grant and Abby

Adkins, Ruth
 Leo Hesson and daughters
 Joy, Judy and Jacquie

Allman, Bob
 Uleta Allman

Bailey, Gene
 Skip and Linda Gooch

Baker, Bessie
 (Huntington, WV)
 Hubert and Louise Fuller

Barnett, Charles
 Mildred Lucas

Boaz, Kathryn
 Bill and Johnnie Boverie

Bonnell, Bud
 James and Margaret Vargo

Brose, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
 (Martinsville, OH)
 Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Spears

Carlston, Richard
 Bill and Linda Hurst

Carter, Sarah
 (Hendersonville, TN)
 Phoebe Carey

Clark, Betty
 Daniel and Denise Spears

Clements, Carol
 (Mansfield, OH)
 Betty and Jim Perry

Cockrell, Clyda
 Myrtle Wright

Congdon, Shirley
 (Livonia, MI)
 Ralph E. Congdon

Craddock, Judd and Inez
 (Hurricane, WV)
 Charles and Sue Craddock

Creager, Ethel
 Tom and Edna Britton

Cullom, Ned and Dolly
 Carolyn Cullom Kemp

Curnutte, Art and Mary
 Inez Mosley

Decker, Bill
 (Abilene, TX)
 Bill and Johnnie Boverie

DeVore, Gloria
 Thurman E. DeVore

DeVore, Lula
 Thurman E. DeVore

Dunn, Rick
 George and Loretta Thomas

Eddy, Okey and Helen
 (Mansfield, OH)
 Betty and Jim Perry

Edwards, Glenna
 Daniel and Denise Spears

Eernisse, Earl
 James and Margaret Vargo

Engle, Kayla
 Roger and Charlene Engle

Finch, Marshall
 Thomas and Marilyn Ward
 Hazel Finch

Fisher, Henry C.
 Virginia Marquett

Fowler, Bertha
 Thurman E. DeVore

Foster, Blanche
 (Abilene, TX)
 Bill and Johnnie Boverie

Memorials 10/20/10 through 1/25/11

Gates, Jeremy

Bill and Johnnie Boverie

Gates, Mary Lou

Tuscarawas Valley
Intermediate School Staff
Ruth Menefee Cadle
Larry Welch Family
Co Workers of Stacy Gates
at CSX J.R. DePriest Signal Shop
Rheadon W. Roe
Mike and Myra Griffith
Rhonda McCormick
Ken Roe
Marilyn Haver

Grubbs, Cristin and Katie

Bill and Johnnie Boverie

Hall, Frank C.

(Xenia, OH)
Mary A. Hall

Hayes, Elmo Lincoln

Mrs. Ann Hayes

Hayes, Daisy

(Scottown, OH)
Hazel Finch

Hayes, John T.

(Westerville, OH)
Karen Hayes

Heinselmann, Ted

Linda Watson

Henderson, Lora and Georgia

Mrs. Betty Henderson

Hennigin, Bill

James and Margaret Vargo

Hess, Jim and Elva

(Mansfield, OH)
Betty and Jim Perry

Hesson, Norma

(Hiawassee, GA)
Leo Hesson and daughters
Joy, Judy and Jacquie

Hesson, M/M I.G.

(Chesapeake, OH)
Leo Hesson and daughters
Joy, Judy and Jacquie

Hesson, Paul and Levedah

(Huntington, WV)
Leo Hesson and daughters
Joy, Judy and Jacquie

Hetzler, Eric

Barbara and Dan Finrock

Hill, George

(Huntington, WV)
Mildred Lucas

Houser, Bill

(Parkersburg, WV)
Betty Houser

Huffman, Ray and Joan

James and Margaret Vargo

Jack, Alice J.

(Proctorville, OH)
David W. Judd

Johnsen, Mercedes (Marcy)

(Milford, OH)
Skip Grierson and Family
Bob and Barbara Shumard
Gary and Lisa Clifton
Wendy Bales
Douglas and Marjory Fouss

Jones, M/M Jim and Ruby

(Middletown, OH)
Mike and Elaine Sivak
Thomas and Kaye Gilliam

Jones, Jimmy W.

Mrs. Ann Hayes

Kelley, Michael

Leona T. Kelley

Kelley, Paul E.

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Kerr, John

(Hamilton, OH)
Barbara and Dan Finrock

Kramer, Paul

Joseph and Jenae Toms

Lough, Oscar and Grace

Mrs. Betty Henderson

Lowe, Ferrell,

Barbara Lowe

Lucas, Charles

(Huntington, WV)
Mildred Lucas

Martin, Dean

James and Margaret Vargo

McAfee, Craig

Thomas and Edna Britton

Mellott, Victor G.

Diane A Mellott

Moore, Joy

Hazel Finch

Morris, Estle Lee

Valerie L. Heine
Satisloh North America, Inc.
Mike and Elaine Sivak
Tom and Edna Britton

Mulcock, Agnes

Bill and Johnnie Boverie

Murad, Thomas A.

(Bridgeport, OH)
Linda Denney

Nichols, Stanley and Marion

James and Margaret Vargo

Oeder, Lester

(Morrow, OH)
John Edward and Carolyn Kemp

Phillips, Brianna

James and Margaret Vargo

Powell, Chris (Son)

James T. Powell

Powell, Margaret (Mother)

James T. Powell

Pruitt, Kisha

David W. Judd

Reed, Floyd

(Trenton, OH)
Eleanor Reed and children
Darrell Reed and Donna Spivey

Richards, Jim

(Carlisle, OH)
Tom and Edna Britton

Rudolph, Edith

James and Margaret Vargo

Memorials 10/20/10 through 1/25/11

Sanders, Paul
(Cincinnati, OH)
Lois Sanders

Satterfield, Jackie
Laurel Ave. Church of Christ

Schulte, Paul N
(Cincinnati, OH)
Active Seniors
Withamsville Church of Christ
Donna Melton
Lonnie and Melissa Delaney
Hill Intermediate School

Sloan, Jack
(Columbia, TN)
Phil and Darleen Gear
Luke and Amy Andrick

Smith, Veronica
Uleta Allman

Snyder, Lloyd and Della
(Columbus, OH)
Howard and Mariruth Seubert

Stewart, Bobbie
Bill and Johnnie Boverie

Stotts, Dorothy
Linda Watson

Stotts, Harry
Linda Watson

Stotts, Monty
Linda Watson

Szydlowski, Barb
Barbara and Dan Finrock

Taylor, Mary
Jim and Kathy Derickson

Van Eaton, Martha
Scott and Jane Waltman

Vargo, Angeline
James and Margaret Vargo

Vargo, Kris
Harold and Juanita Carpenter

Vargo, Kris and Jill
James and Margaret Vargo

Ward, Teresa Lynne Mitchem
(Chesapeake, OH)
David W. Judd

Weese, Grant and Vesta
Paul and Reba McDaniel

Williston, Hermitt
(Middletown, OH)
Beloved Husband and
Father
Gladys Williston and children
Joyce Wilder, Linda Atkinson,
Danny Williston and Liz Wilson

Wolstenholm, Debbie
Barbara and Dan Finrock

Wright, Bud
(Pikeville, TN)
Myrtle Wright

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