

Mar. 19 thru Mar. 26, 2024

Bits of Home Chat: Carl and I took a few days to be with some of our family we do not see often. It was our way of celebrating our 54th anniversary. One of the highlights was holding our 3rd great-grandchild. She was just about 6 pounds when we saw her. None of our kids were that small. They were 7# 1 ounce, 8# 3 ounces, and 9# 5 ounces. Anyway, the tiny bundle slept the whole evening, so we never saw her eyes. I volunteered to help out for 2 or 3 days if her mom gets overwhelmed with her super active toddler and the newborn. ...We were up in Punxsutawney, once again, and that was fun. We learned of an old schoolhouse that now houses an Amish owned flea market of sorts. They had a lot of hardware items, and handmade furniture, plus a myriad of other things from toys to bird feeders and from plaques to plant food. We found a small outdoor chair for the Great Grandkids, a pair of nail clippers and a For Sale sign for the RV. The RV has not been sold yet. We ask you to pray for that if you will, please. We see answers to prayers sometimes that happen as you, our students are praying. What an honor it is for us to know that you pray for things here! We sincerely appreciate it!



....While we were in Punxy, we noticed new or refinished groundhog statues here and there throughout the town. I am trying to get a list of all of them and their locations, or pictures of them all. We will send you pictures as we are able. I found a few online and I have also contacted their Chamber of Commerce to see if they can help with getting the info.



....Did any of you have a real cold snap on Sunday and Monday the 17th and 18th? It was so cold around here that we nearly froze just walking to and from the car both days. Yes, we usually do get a snowstorm in mid-March, but since most of March has been unusually warm, we were taken off guard. Carl had his winter coat with him, but I did not. Those were 2 of our travel and visiting days, so we cut the running around short and drove home where there is a garage to get out of the car and into a wonderfully comfortable house! We ate leftover chicken and potatoes baked in the microwave. Then we played a hand or two of Uno and started a game of Phase 10, which we will go back to tomorrow evening, Lord willing.Our granddaughter who is due to have her second baby soon (our 4th great grandchild) was at the hospital for most of the 18th because the baby's heartrate went down too low. As of that evening she was back home, and things were OK. We had seen her while we were in Big Run where we stayed with Brian and went to his church on Sunday, where he preached the morning service. She looked tired and I wonder if she was also dehydrated. We do not know yet what happened. Speaking of Big Run, if you are familiar with the sound of little frogs called "Peepers", then you will appreciate this. (The **spring peeper** is a small [chorus frog](#) widespread throughout the eastern United States and Canada). A sure sign that Spring has arrived is when you can hear the peepers out in the surrounding area that strike up their band of sounds and serenade your trek outdoors. They can be heard and recognized readily as evening moves in and the sun has set. Big Run has kept a careful record for nearly 100 years of when their Peepers first sound. They have had a Peeper's dinner each Spring for the past 30 years to celebrate the Peepers. No kidding, everyone wears green to the dinner. This year the entertainment was a Christian group of young men called The Canoe ridge Band, who play Christian songs and some country songs as they play guitar, violin, base fiddle, and banjo. I will close this part now and then get to finding us all some special scriptures.

Bye friends, and Happy Peeper season! The Earleys, Carl and Kay

Memory or Focus verses on Christ's power:

John10:17-18 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

More scriptures on Christ's power:

Saving: Isaiah 63:1 Pardoning: Matthew 9:6 Infinite: Matthew 28:18 Over Nature: Luke 8:25 Over his own Life: John 10:18 Life-giving: John 17:2 Wonder-working: Acts 10:38 Demonstrated by his Resurrection: Romans 1:4 & Hebrews 1:3