

OBITUARIES

Katie Counter

VAN HORNE-Katie Lynn Counter, 17, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004 at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on the 19th of December

Funeral services were Monday, Jan 3, 2005 at St. John Lutheran Church in Newhall with the Rev. Steven Rempfer officiating

Interment was at St. John Cemetery , Newhall

Katie Lynn Counter was born April 6, 1987 at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids to H. Jeff and Linda K. (Steggall) Counter She was a senior at Benton Community High School who loved school and music Katie was employed at West Side K-Mart in Cedar Rapids.

She is survived by her parents, Jeff and Linda Counter of Van Home, her brother, Derek, and her sister, Erin, both at home, her paternal grandmother, Ione Cooksey of Argyle, MN, her maternal grandmother, Jerri Steggall of Ely, her maternal great-grandmother, Doris Mote of Central City; paternal aunts and uncles, Barb and Less Rose, Lori and Jon Deschene, Brenda and David Safranski, Karen Olson, Shari and Ray Safranski, Stacie and David Nelson, Amy and Philip Klopp, and Pammy and Kelly Durand, maternal aunts and uncles, Cindy and Steve Bye, Patti and Curt Hagen, Dick and Linda Steggall and John Steggall, and many cousins

Her paternal grandfather, Herbert R. Counter and her maternal grandfather, Richard Allen Steggall, preceded Katie in death

A memorial fund in Katie's name has been established at the Atkins Savings Bank Trust in Atkins Phillips Funeral Home in Keystone was in charge of arrangements.



Elma Schanbacher

ATKINS Elma A. Krug Schanbacher, 96, died early Friday morning, Dec. 31, 2004 at the Vinton Lutheran Home where she had been a resident the past five years

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Atkins with the Rev. Douglas Woltemath officiating Interment was at St. Stephen's Cemetery near Atkins.

A memorial fund has been established. Phillips Funeral Home in Vinton was in charge of arrangements

Elma Schanbacher was born June 15, 1908 in Fremont Township near Atkins to August and Elizabeth (Happel) Krug. She attended St. Stephen's Parochial School and then graduated from the Van Home High School. On Jan. 11, 1933 she married Bernard J. Schanbacher at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Atkins The couple farmed in the Atkins area until retiring in 1959 and moving to town. Bernard preceded her in death in 1976.

Elma was a member of the Ladies Society and the Quilting Group of St. Stephen's congregation in Atkins. She also belonged to numerous card clubs and was a volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids for many years.

Elma is survived by three sons, Ronald Schanbacher Sr. and wife, Janet of Newhall, Allan Schanbacher and wife, Joyce of Atkins, and Merlyn Schanbacher and wife, Joanne of Newhall; eight grandchildren, Steve Schanbacher, Ronald Schanbacher, Jr., Robert Schanbacher, Jeff Schanbacher, Lori Kithcart, J. Edward Schanbacher, Brian Schanbacher, and Chris Karr; twenty one great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, her sister, Irene Rinderknecht of Marion, and her brother, Melvin Krug of Atkins

In addition to her parents and husband, her brothers, Harvey, Irvin, and Delbert Krug and her sisters, Edna Haerther and Louise Rinderknecht preceded her in death



Leona Eckert

Funeral services for Leona Eckert, 96, of Blairstown, were Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Grace Lutheran Church in Blairstown. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Blairstown. Mrs. Eckert died Tuesday, December 28, 2004, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City from a sudden illness

Leona Blanche Eckert was born November 30, 1908, on a farm near Watkins. Her mother died when she was very young and she was raised by her father and stepmother.



er, Jacob and Frieda Schutterle. She grew up near Watkins and attended country school. On March 10, 1926, she married Ernie Eckert and they lived in the Blairstown area. He preceded her in death in 1972. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid.

She is survived by her daughters, Doris (Jack) Burkhardt of Cedar Rapids, and Darlene (Wendell) Mosel of San Antonio, TX; a brother, Charles Schutterle of Cedar Rapids; a sister, Evelyn (Dean) Kramer of Luzerne; five grandchildren, Drew, Jay, Scott, Dawn and Janelle, and two great-grandchildren, Anthony and Amber.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Eckert in 1982, and four brothers, Jacob Jr., Fred, Hank and Leroy Schutterle.

Overton Family Funeral Home in Blairstown was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial fund has been established

Betty Jean Kaloupek

Funeral services for Betty Jean Kaloupek, 81, of Elberon, were Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at the United Methodist Church in Elberon with the Rev. Norman Bennett officiating. Burial was in Bohemian National Cemetery, Vining. Mrs. Kaloupek died December 31, 2004, at her home from a sudden illness

Honorary pallbearers were Benjamin Kaloupek, Erica Kaloupek, Nicole Kaloupek and Emma Kaloupek.

Music selections included "Amazing Grace" and "On Eagle's Wings". The Elberon First United Methodist Women hosted a luncheon after the services at the Elberon Community Center

Betty Jean Kaloupek was born March 6, 1923, at Chelsea, the daughter of Wilbur "Brown" Boyer McNall and Nellie Margaret Smith McNall. She received her education from the Chelsea School District, graduating in 1940, and attended Cedar Rapids Business College. She married Glenn Allen Kaloupek on May 15, 1950, at the Little Brown Church, Nashua. She had worked as a secretary at Central Fiber Products Company in Tama and lived in Elberon since her marriage. She was a member of the Elberon First United Methodist Church Women, Elberon American Legion Auxiliary, and active in the Elberon First United Methodist Church until recent years when ill health limited her activities. She was an especially sweet and caring woman who was much loved by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn; her children, Danny Kaloupek of Auburndale, MA, and Jamie Kaloupek of Elberon; a brother, Ronald McNall, and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1952, and her mother in 1978.

Hrabak Funeral Home in Belle Plaine was in charge of arrangements.



Elvera M. Schulte Reinke

Elvera M. Schulte Reinke, 81, of Wausau, WI formerly of Watkins, died Monday Dec. 27, 2004 at Hospice House in Wausau. Services officiated by Deacon Robert Anderson of St. Ann's Parish in Wausau were held at Helke Funeral Home in Wausau at noon Jan. 3, 2005. There will be a cremation and burial will be at a later date in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Norway

Elvera Mary Toelle was born Jan. 11, 1923 in Wausau. She met Robert J. Schulte of Watkins when he was in the service there. They married October 1947 and lived in rural Watkins until his death in March 1963. She married Elmer Reinke of Wausau in September 1972 and he died in July 1977.

Survivors include a sister, Marie (David) Meilahn, brothers, Lawrence (Margie) and George all from WI; and 25 nieces and nephews from and formerly from the Watkins-Norway area who cherish her. Elvera is also survived by stepson, James (Sally) Reinke, WI and stepdaughter Sharon (Gary) Gillingham, IL, and their children David, Alissa, and Thomas.

In addition to her husbands, Elvera was preceded in death by her sister, Ellen Nora Reinke, two nephews, and a niece

Gertrude Kearney Burrows

A Mass of Christian Burial was held for Gertrude Kearney Burrows, 88, of Cedar Rapids, on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at St. Pius X in Cedar Rapids with Father Donald Klein officiating. Mrs. Burrows died of an apparent heart attack on Friday, Dec. 31, 2004.

Gertrude Kearney Burrows was born June 26, 1916, in rural Tama County, near Vining, the daughter of John and Catherine Kearney. At the time of her death, she was the last surviving child of a family of seven, four girls and three boys. She was married to Richard Walters Burrows of Belle Plaine in May 20, 1940, and lived in Belle Plaine from then until 1969, when they moved to Cedar Rapids. Her husband preceded her in death on May 17, 1979. They had four sons, William R. of New York, born in 1942; Jerome M. (Jerry), born in 1944, who died in 1994; Donald J. of Cedar Rapids, born in 1949; and Paul D. of Cedar Rapids, born in 1958. She was devoted to her children and returned to work after they entered school.

A secretary for the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce in the 1930s, she later taught school in a one-room country schoolhouse south of Belle Plaine, when she met her husband-to-be, Richard. She then worked at the Belle Plaine Union, which was the newspaper owned and operated by her husband's family, and then at LeFebure Corp. in Cedar Rapids until her retirement. She was a lifelong member of the Catholic church, St. Pius Circle, avidly followed developments in the church and served as a volunteer at St. Pius Parish in northeast Cedar Rapids after her retirement.

She is survived by three of her sons, William and his wife, Linda; Donald and his children, Ann Howell of Springfield, MO, and her son, Zachary, Bradley Burrows of Oelwein, Jeffrey Burrows of North Liberty and Kelly Bourquin of Storms-Mansfield, CN, and her children, Jacob and Graciela; and Paul and his son, Ryan, and grandson, Sam Burrows.

In lieu of flowers or Mass offerings, the family requests donations be sent in her memory for relief of the sufferings of victims of the Asian Tsunami to Catholic Relief Services (www.catholicrelief.org) 1-800-736-3467; P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090), or to the building fund at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Teahen Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids was in charge of arrangements.



Area church notes

ATKINS

PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. Mike Andrew. Sunday-Worship 9 a.m.; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sept. through May; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; Ladies' Guild Second Thursday 2 p.m.; Thurs. Nov. 11, 11 a.m., annual turkey dinner.

ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS). Rev. Douglas Woltemath Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m., Sunday School/Fellowship 10:15 a.m., Nimble Fingers Quilters 9 a.m. Tuesday, Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Praise Service, 7:30 p.m.; Choir Thursday 7:30 p.m.

BELLE PLAINE

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Rev. David Crow. Office phone, 319-444-2410; home phone 319-434-2408. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Thurs. Jan. 6, 1 p.m. UMW, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, 7 p.m. UMYF; Sat. Jan. 8, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study-Gospel of John (Fellowship Hall); Mon. Jan. 10, 6 p.m. Cub Scouts; Tues. Jan. 11, 9 a.m., Staff mtg., 1 p.m. Quilter Club, 6:30 p.m. Care-Giver, Vision Team; Wed. Jan. 12, 7:30 a.m. Sacred Sanctuary, 5 p.m. Cub Scouts, 7 p.m. Praise Band; Thurs. Jan. 13, 7 p.m. Church Council, UMYF.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sunset Drive. Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Office phone, 319-444-2849; Rev. Dean Duncan, pastor. Lutheran Family Services Counseling 800-373-3001, Rev. Randy Nord, Counselor, Thursdays, by appointment only. Saturday Evening Divine Service, 6 p.m., Sunday School/LifeLight Adult Bible Class 9 a.m., Sunday Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Thurs. Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m. Catechetical Service, 7 p.m. Confirmation Classes, 8 p.m. Adult Choir practice; Fri. Jan. 7, Pastors' Day Off; Sat. Jan. 8, 6 p.m. Divine Service; Sun. Jan. 9, 8:15 a.m. Board of Social Ministry mtg., 9 a.m. Sunday School/LifeLight Bible Class, 10:15 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School Choir sings, 11:30 a.m. Board of Elders' mtg., Board of Parish Admin. mtg., 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Club Christmas Potluck at Winkie's; Mon. Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. LifeLight Bible Class; Tues. Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference, 7 p.m. Adult Bible Class on Romans; Wed. Jan. 12, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study at Lincoln Cafe; Thurs. Jan. 13, 1:30 p.m. Women in Mission mtg., 6:30 p.m. Catechetical Service, 7 p.m. Confirmation Classes, 8 p.m. Adult Choir practice.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Rev. Al Wagner, 1400 Eighth Ave. Office phone 444-2341. Sunday Worship 10 a.m.; Women's Fellowship, first Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.; Financial Board meets second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.; Spiritual Board meets second Sunday of each month after service

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, Belle Plaine Branch, 1514 First Ave. Michael Dixon, Branch President, 319-351-7685. Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m.; Sunday School & Primary, 10:15 a.m.; Priesthood, Relief Society, Young Women and Young Men, 11:10 p.m. Family History Library hours, Monday, 1-5 p.m.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. Mike Stombaugh, Pastor, 1168 78th Street Trail, Belle Plaine. Phone 444-2966. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Preaching, 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study. Free transportation, nursery every service, Live Wire program for seniors, classes for all ages.

RESTITUTION CHURCH OF GOD OF THE ABRAHAMIC FAITH, 10th Street at Second Avenue. Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Worship; 7 p.m., Thursday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Pastor Delbert Rankin, 319-623-8096

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC. Rev. Steve O'Brien, sacramental administrator, Deacon Joe Behounek, pastoral associate, Father Keith Birch, parish administrator. Weekend Masses: Saturdays, 5:15 p.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m.; Weekdays at 8:30 a.m. Confession at 4:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, (FCF of Belle Plaine) 1009 Seventh Ave. Phone 444-3336. Rev. Jack Andrews, pastor. Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship Service; Miracle and Healing service second Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.; corner of 7th Avenue and 11th Street. For more information, call 444-2759.

BLAIRSTOWN

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST. Pastor Norman Bennett, cell 319-721-9213; Associate Pastor Marsha Lowe. Phone 228-8364. Office hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. E-mail address peaceump@netlins.net. Sunday Mass, 8 a.m.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC. 105 West Street NW. Rev. Paul C. Baldwin (319) 228-8131 or 227-7169, Sister Nora Rochford, Pastoral Associate, 223-5576, Deacon Robert Hurych. Reconciliation anytime by appointment. No Mass.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Fellowship Follows; Wednesday, Bible Adventures 4 p.m., Community Bell Choir Practice 6:30 p.m., (319) 454-6315

GRACE LUTHERAN. Rev. David Rempfer, minister. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.

CHELSEA

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH. Rev. Steve O'Brien, sacramental administrator, Deacon Joe Behounek, pastoral associate, Father Keith Birch, parish administrator. Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m. For information telephone Belle Plaine at 444-3106.

CHELSEA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Pastor Charles Johnson. Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 9:50 a.m. all ages welcome; Kid's Club, Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m., K-5th grade. Confirmation class.

ELBERON

ELBERON FIRST UNITED METHODIST. Pastor Norman Bennett, cell 319-721-9213, Associate Pastor Marsha Lowe. Phone 228-8364. Office hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. E-mail address peaceump@netlins.net. Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Worship Services. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Classes for children ages 4 and up.

FAIRFAX

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, Fr. Phil Thompson, 620 Church Street; Services, Sunday 8 a.m.

HAVEN

HAVEN COMMUNITY CHURCH. NON-DENOMINATIONAL PROTESTANT; Seven miles southwest of Chelsea, V-18 to E-64. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Church

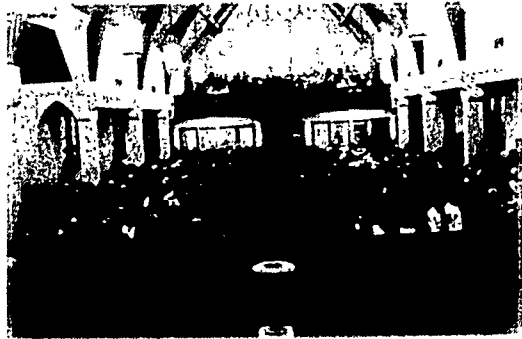
10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pastor Charles Johnson, 1508 7th Avenue, Belle Plaine, 319-444-9982.

KEYSTONE

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN. Rev. Bruce Kaltwasser, minister. Church 319-442-3514, Parsonage 319-442-3639. Junior Choir, Sundays 8:40 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10 a.m.; Saturday Worship 6 p.m.; Catechesis, Wednesdays 5:30-7 p.m.

KOSZTA

OAKLAWN CHURCH OF GOD, Highway 212 near Kosztla. Rev. Francis E. Burnett, minister. Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Morning Worship. First Wednesday, Berean Bible Study, Supper, 6:15. Second Thursday, Young Adult's Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. Third Sunday, Youth Meeting, 2 p.m., Third Sunday, Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.



St. John's, Newhall

LUZERNE

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN. Pastor Michael Musick. Sunday School/Bible Class 8 a.m., Divine Service 9 a.m., Holy Communion first, third and fifth Sundays; Saturday evening Divine Service Lutheran Worship, 5 p.m., Holy Communion second and fourth Saturdays.

NEWHALL

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN. Pastor Steven Rempfer, 319-223-5593 Sunday Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Please call the church for Bible Study times

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. David Snyder, minister. Office 319-223-5249. Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 9 a.m., September through May; Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., September through May, 9:30 a.m. June through August; Session meets every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Rebecca Circle meets every fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Youth Group meets every fourth Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; Vacation Bible School June 13 through June 17, 5:45-8:15 p.m., register by May 16th, contact Kim Keiper, 319-223-5406.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC. 306 Third Avenue. Rev. Paul C. Baldwin 228-8131 or 227-7169, Sister Nora Rochford, Pastoral Associate 223-5576, Deacon Robert Hurych. Reconciliation anytime by appointment. Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.

NORWAY

PRAIRIE VIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH 400 Main Street, Norway. Pastor Bill Wenstrom. For more information call 319-227-9019. Website, www.prairievichristian.org Bible Studies, Sunday 9 a.m., Wednesday and Friday 7 p.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Children's classes same time as adults.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC. Rev. Paul C. Baldwin (227-7169). Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 p.m. on Saturday, or any time by appointment. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST. Norman Bennett, Pastor. cell 319-721-9213; Marsha Lowe, Associate Pastor. Phone number, 228-8364 (office). Office hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. E-mail address peaceump@netlins.net. Sun. Jan. 9, Worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.; Fri. Jan. 14, Kid's Klub 1:15-3:30 p.m. for all school age kids from the Norway area. Epiphany Celebration centered on stars will be the focus.

TOLEDO

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Ralph G. Braun 641-484-2485. (Independent Bible Church). Highway 30, west of Toledo. Sunday Services, 10 a.m., Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m. There are graded classes for children ages 5-14 and a high school class that teach God's Word in an age appropriate, positive and fun way. A nursery is provided for all services. GBC Web site: www.midiowa.com/gracenet; E-Mail: gracenet@pcpartner.net

VAN HORNE

SALEM UNITED METHODIST. Pastor Norman Bennett, cell 319-721-9213; Associate Pastor Marsha Lowe. Phone number 228-8364. Office hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. E-mail address peaceump@netlins.net. Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN. Pastor David J. Lindenberg. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 a.m. (Communion on the first & third Sunday); Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH. 405 Fourth Avenue. Rev. Paul C. Baldwin 228-8131 or 227-7169, Sister Nora Rochford, Pastoral Associate, 223-5576, Deacon Robert Hurych. Reconciliation anytime by appointment. Saturday Mass, 6:30 p.m.

VINING

VINING ALLIANCE CHURCH. Church (515) 489-2517. Sundays, 8:45 a.m. opening; 9 a.m., Bible School; 10 a.m., Morning Worship. Wednesday, Bible Study, youth through adults, 7 p.m.

VINTON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Independent, Bible-Believing, Growing and Living in Grace, Blended Worship, 601 1st Avenue, Vinton. Sunday Morning Services, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Worship, 9:15-10 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages, 10-10:30 a.m. Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Worship. There is a variety of Bible studies and prayer meetings throughout the week. Please call for more information, 319-472-3881.

WALFORD

CLOVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 125 5th Street, North, Walford. Pastor Mike Townsley. Phone, Church, 319-846-2349. Website: http://www.cloverridgechurch.com. Traditional Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School for ages 3 through adult, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Service, 10:30 a.m. TRINITY LUTHERAN. Rev. David Mosher, Pastor, 319-845-2636. Sunday Worship 9 a.m., 10:15 Fellowship, 10:25 a.m. Sunday School. Mon. Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. Craft night; Wed. Jan. 12, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 1:30 p.m. WELCA, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation; Sat. Jan. 15, 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study.

WATKINS

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, Watkins. Rev. Paul C. Baldwin (227-7169) Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass on Sunday. Sunday Mass, 8 a.m.

Making Difficult Decisions

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." N I V Matthew 19:26

Most everyone is involved with making numerous decisions each and every day, and although most of them are fairly simple ones, occasionally we are faced with more difficult situations. What we eat for breakfast or what outfit we will wear are fairly simple choices that we can usually make without too much thought. However, decisions involving our lifestyle, health problems, or financial matters can affect us, or our loved ones, in a more significant way, and usually require more consideration and thought. Often, we may be reluctant to be decisive because we are overly concerned about failing to make the right choice. But, we must realize that everyone makes wrong decisions from time to time, and what is more important is how we react when we have made a bad choice. Do we fret and condemn others or ourselves, or do we go on with our lives and make the best of our situation? The Bible tells us that, "in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)." God has given us the ability to use our free will to make good, prayerful decisions, and when we do, even apparently wrong decisions can often be turned around for something good.

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