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Welcome by Ed Dugas; grace for meal and prayer for ill by Brother David Trimbur.

Transcript

Ed Dugas: I'm going to give you a little thumbnail about what we have planned for this afternoon and, of course, there are a few surprises, but before we do anything else, I would like to thank Ethel and Mary Ellen for taking care of registration. But mostly I want to thank y'all for coming. Keeping what we call the "Pelican's Period" alive. Okay. So, without further ado, I would like to introduce Reverend David Trimbur who is the newly appointed, well, not anymore, but merely appointed minister at Byron Baptist Church. Okay. Brother David.

Brother David Trimbur: Is there anyone here named John? Anyone with the name John? Well, there's a reason I asked that. This Pennsylvania Dutchman's been calling this "pre jeans", "pre jeans", "pre jeans". All the way down 49, I practiced this "Pray John", "Pray John". So, whoever is John, I've been praying for you all the way.

148 years ago when... I called it the Civil War but Porta Wright, remember Porta Wright, he corrected me. It was the war between the states. They had a pastor in Baton Rouge that was from Pennsylvania, W.W. Crawford. Well, here we are 148 years later and another pastor from Pennsylvania. Now I served the church in the mid-1960s and in the mid-1980s, and I'm there a third time because they couldn't find anybody. But I thank you for giving me an Evergreen welcome. I've been there about a year and a half now.

We're going to pause for just a word of prayer at this time, and if Stebo arrives, I'll do the prayer all over again. No problem. Let us bow our heads, please.

Our father in heaven we thank you so much for the nourishment of our body that comes from the food that you provide. But we're very aware that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word of God that comes from you. We thank you, Lord, for the Methodist, the Baptist, the Catholics, and the five little black churches around Evergreen – all dispensing the word of God from their perspectives. We thank you father for the fellowship of this hour and of this community. A community of faith, a community of kindred minds and spirits. We thank you for every one of the Evergreen community that nourishes our spirits with their love, their acceptance, and their reaching out to those who are in need. We're mindful of this day as we bow our heads of those who have passed on before. Those who have meant so much to the lives of these in this room. And how we pray for their widowers and their widows,

their children, for those father who go through the heartache of loss. For we know Lord, that all those who have gone on before is our gain and have made us what we ought to be. In Jesus' name, we asked that you bless this assembly, the leaders who have worked hard to make this assembly a success and a time of great happiness. The greatest happiness. The smiles on each other's faces that give us joy. Amen.

Crowd: Amen.

Ed Dugas: I'm going to offer a moment of silence, but before I do, you may want to offer some names.

This week I had an opportunity to visit Elsie Reshey who recently had some cancer surgeries and at the end of Doug and I's visit, I guess he saved the worst news for last. As we were leaving, he said "By the way...". They have found additional spots on his lungs. I talked to him a few minutes ago. He's really feeling upbeat. His attitude is a lot better. His voice is stronger. So, we're going to keep him in our prayers.

Also, yesterday, Dr. Harold Neymar informed me that the heart transplant he had several years ago needed a little repair work and he had three stents put in and said that he regrets so much. He waited until the end, but he said he's just too weak to come.

Births have caused us to miss some people, illnesses. Back home Ruth was in the hospital, in and out and having some health issues, and Kim Jameson continues to have problems.

Are there other people that we should mention at this time?

[unintelligible speaker]

Okay. Anyone else? I'll ask that you bow your head for a moment of silence for those people.

Thank you.