

The Visitor

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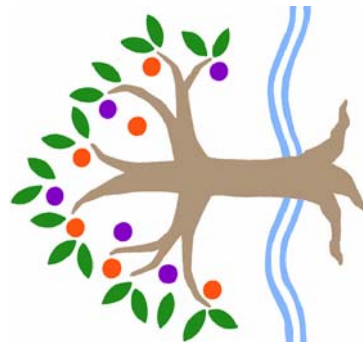
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January 2005

Plans to be Revealed

After months of hard work, the Cornerstone Committee has finally made their recommendation to the church board for the master plan for the new building. The Church Board approved the plan at a special meeting on December 13th. Now, it's your turn.

On January 23rd, you will have the opportunity during a special congregational business meeting, to view the proposed layout for the property and the building. ANCON Construction has also been diligent in their efforts to put together what the small groups said they wanted. You will see these plans and have an opportunity to give your feedback and have your questions answered.



Church Growth Services will also be on hand to present their plan for the capital Campaign phase for the project. Following the presentations, junior high age and up will divide into intergenerational groupings for discussion.

This is an exciting time in the life of Creekside Church of the Brethren. Although we are still a long way from completion, the vision is becoming clearer.

Join us on January 23rd for this opportunity. Immediately following worship, the presentations will begin at 10:15.

Come and See!!

Mission Outreach Team

Special Giving

(as of November 30, 2004)

2¢ a Meal	\$ 990.92
COB General Board	\$ 200.00
Baldwin Missionary	\$ 685.00
Church Community Services	\$ 1786.00
DISMAS	\$ 100.00
Heifer Project	\$ 871.86
Blanket Sunday	\$ 1052.50
School Kits	\$ 226.12
Health Kits	\$ 44.62
Soup of Success	\$ <u>145.00</u>
Total above budget giving	\$ 5431.01

Financial Statistics

Financial Statistics through:
November 30, 2004

General Fund

Year to Date Income	\$ 146,668.99
Expenses	\$ <u>146,648.54</u>
Net Gain	\$ 20.45

(includes \$7963.46 realized gain from Brethren Benefit Trust)

Average Attendance

Worship: 89 Church School: 70

Building Fund Donations (To-date)

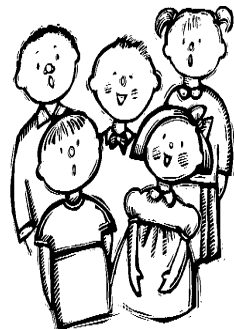
Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	\$ 445,031.44
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Interest)	\$ <u>96,461.99</u>
Total New Location	\$ 541,493.43



The youth group still has 2005 calendars and matching cards for sale. See any of the youth to purchase these items:

- One for \$6.00
- Two for \$10.00
- Cards for \$5.00

The Creekside Children's Choir, under the direction of Angi Marcin, came in second this year at the Concord Mall Caroling Festival. However, they raised more money alone than ALL of the donations from last year. Church Community Services received \$795.00 in cash on behalf of our choir. Thanks to everyone who turned out to support the choir and CCS. GOOD JOB ANGI AND KIDS!!!



Children's Choir

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. There is always room for more!!

Church of the Brethren Newsline

Mission Alive 2005

- What?** A national Church of the Brethren missions conference
- When?** April 1-3, 2005
- Where?** Goshen, Indiana
- Why?** To energize and equip ourselves to faithfully share Christ's love with the world.
- Who?** Pastors, young people, board members, Sunday school teachers, prospective missionaries, and mission supporters—at least one representative per congregation! In April of 2005, hundreds of Brethren will meet for a weekend to worship and explore together, and to challenge ourselves to deeper understanding and involvement in missions. Sponsored by the General Board, with support from Brethren Revival Fellowship and Brethren World Mission, this event is being planned as a missions challenge for the entire denomination.



We invite your congregation to:

- Send a representative (or more) to Mission Alive 2005.
- Plan for the attendance of your representative, by including the costs for travel, housing and [registration](#) in your 2005 budget.
- Send an offering for mission.
- Pray for God's direction and blessing upon the event and all who participate.

We hope you will join us. Put this important event on your calendar and plan to attend! **On-line registration now available.** For more information, contact Global Mission Partnerships, 800-323-8039, ext. 230.

Church of the Brethren General Board Prayer Calendar

Week of Jan. 3

As a new year begins, pray for the new mission work being coordinated in Haiti to share the light of Christ in that impoverished nation.

Week of Jan. 10

Praise God for the life and vitality that characterizes the Iglesia de los Hermanos in the Dominican Republic, and pray for the many mission efforts occurring in that country.

Week of Jan. 17

Pray for the fledgling Igreja de Irmandade in Brazil and for its congregations' efforts to combine faith and deeds through community outreach.

Week of Jan. 24

Pray for peace to heal the violence in Nigeria that has taken the lives of Brethren and many others there. Also rejoice in the surging growth of the Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria, and pray that a similar passion would fill the US church.

Week of Jan. 31

Ask God's Spirit to be present amid the ethnic and religious conflict in Sudan, especially in the Darfur region. Pray for the work of the New Sudan Council of Churches and Brethren staff working with that organization.

Corner Camp Mack



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Here's What's Happening in 2005

- Dec. 31—Jan 1 Jr. Hi New Years Eve Party
- Jan. 7-9 "Crosswalk" (young adult) Retreat
- Jan 21 Annual Dinner
- Feb 4-5 Men's Retreat
- March 19 Directors Training
- Mar 21-23 Volunteer Work Camp
- Apr 15-17 Quilt Retreat
- Apr 25-27 Volunteer Work Camp
- Apr 8-9 Mother/Daughter Retreat
- May 1 80th Anniversary Celebration
- May 5-7 Birdwatcher's Retreat
- May 9-12 Seasoned Citizen's Retreat

For specifics on any of these activities, call the church office, Camp Mack, or online at www.campmack.org.

District Connection

Just for You in 2005

- Feb 4-5 Indiana Men's Retreat
- Feb 1 Applications due for Young Adults Ministry Summer Service (see www.brethren.org)
- Feb 25-27 Sr Hi Winter Retreat Middlebury COB
- April 1-3 Mission alive 2005—Elkhart County Fairgrounds Community Building
- April 16-17 Regional Youth Conference at Manchester College
- April 23-28 Christian Citizenship Seminar for youth in New York City and Washington D.C.
- May 27-29 Young Adult Conference at Camp Woodland Altars

More information about each of these events can be found in the church office, by calling the District Office at 574-773-3149 or at www.nidcob.org.

Northern Indiana District

Prayer Calendar

- January 2-6 Agape Church of the Brethren
- January 9- 15 Baugo Church of the Brethren
- January 16-22 Beacon Heights COB
- January 25-29 Bethany Church of the Brethren
- Jan 30—Feb 5 Blissville COB



Is God Calling You?

Several of the ministry teams are in need of additional members beginning in January 2005. Is God calling you to service? Shalom team, Gifts Review and Placement Team, Fellowship Team, Prayer and Care team, Mission Outreach Team, and Christian Education team all have openings. 2005 is the time for review and revision of our constitution. We need a few people who are willing to revise the constitution to reflect the changes made in the last several years. Please see Pauline Arnold if you can assist in any of these needs.

Excerpts from Monique's Mission Memo

I will be spending Christmas with family and friends in northern Indiana. I also hope to spend the following weeks there speaking at as many churches and home meetings as possible. A special prayer request for this time includes the possibility of substitute teaching in the area in order to help pay down further student loan debt.

February and March will be spent substitute teaching in Kansas and speaking at churches and homes throughout the state of Kansas. As soon as my monthly partnership needs are met, I will head toward Dallas. I have been invited to intern there at the International Language and Culture coaching office.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support as team members with me in ministry!
In Him, Monique



Birthdays

- 1 Jean Mann
- 4 Paul Ritzmann
- 5 Fred Walters
- 6 Bertha Ramos
- 8 Jenny Cooper
- 9 Lois Thompson
- 13 Don Gordon
- 23 Carolyn Colver
- 25 Richard Rohrer
- 25 Shelby Werner
- 27 Betty Kelsey

Anniversaries

- 1 Henry & Mary Schmucker



Happy New Year from Our Staff!

January 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School	3	4 4:30 Overcomer's @ MCL 6:30 Church Board	5 6:30 Children's choir	6	7	8
9 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School	10	11	12 6:30 Children's choir 7:30 Adult choir	13	14	15
16 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School	17 7:00 Shalom Team	18	19 6:30 Children's choir	20	21	22 8:30—3:30 Church Board Retreat
23 9:00 Worship 10:15 Cong. Bus. Mtg	24	25	26 6:30 Children's choir	27	28	29
30 9:00 Worship 10:45 Church School JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY	31					