The Visitor

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• Rooted in God • Growing in Jesus • Bearing Fruit in the Spirit

JUNE 2005

It's Finally Time to Break Ground!

In the 1960's sitcom, Green Acres, a New York attorney named Oliver Douglas left his lucrative practice to fulfill a dream. He always wanted to be a farmer. Against the protests of his city-loving wife, the couple bought a farm, site unseen. The house was a dump, the farm machinery was antiquated, and his first crop was pathetic. Whenever the locals questioned the wisdom of his decision, he gave passionate speeches about leaving the rat race, breathing fresh country air, joining the ranks of farmers who made this country great, and "getting his hands dirty!"

The Cornerstone Team's design is about to become the Creekside Church of the Brethren, but first, we are going to get our hands dirty. Groundbreaking is one of the fun traditions that precedes the start of construction. On Sunday, June 12 at 2:30 P.M. we will gather at the property on C.R. 113 for a special service of dedication. Our District Executive, Herman Kauffman and District Moderator Dan Petry will be present, along with representatives from Ancon Construction. The actual groundbreaking will take place at the conclusion of the thirty-minute service, and we want everyone who desires to turn over a shovel-full of soil. This will be a B.Y.O.S. function. *Bring your own shovel!* You will also want to bring your own seating.

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Vacation Bible School

Marketplace 29 A.D.

A Bible times experience

Who: Children age 3 thru sixth grade

When: June 21, 22, 23, 2005
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren lawn

Created by:
Creekside Church of the Brethren
Goshen City Church of the Brethren
Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren
Yellow Creek Church of the Brethren

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Junior Kirkdorffer remains on the 3rd floor Surgical Unit at Elkhart General Hospital. Remember to pray for Junior, Marjorie and the rest of the family as his recuperation period continues.

Norma Miller's son-in-law, **Dave Moritmer,** had back surgery on Wednesday at South Bend Memorial. He had two ruptured disks.

Birthdays

2 Lucas Howe
4 June Beck
9 Mary Schmucker
9 Lois Losee
14 Myron Miller
15 Bill Toops
17 Kurt Vardaman
18 Junior Kirkdorffer
23 Carol West
26 Norma Miller
29 Sue Noffsinger

Anniversaries

1 Kenny & Carol West
8 Natalie Davis
9 Bill & Tamara Toops
16 Ron & Sabrina Fritz
17 David & Karen Eis
17 Don & Sandy Gordon
19 John & Maryann Zerbe
24 Lorence & Cheri Howe

Camp Mack Corner

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Milford, IN 46542
phone: 574-658-4831
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campmack@npcc.net

JUNE

CAMP MACK'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTINGS: If you missed the June 4th "Fun"draiser at Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash—or even if you were part of that day's fun—you are invited to the August 13th event at McCormick Creek Golf Course in Nappanee. For pre-registration information about this outing, please contact your Camp Rep or the Camp Office. Registration for each event is at 12:00 noon with the shotgun start at 1:00 PM The $65 per person fee includes golf, cart, prizes, snacks, and the e3vening meal. Golfers may register guests for the evening meal for $15 per person. **What if you don't golf:** Call Rex or Ph7yllis today7 for information about being a golf sponsor, prize donor or a volunteer.

CAMP MACK FESTIVAL NEEDS:

- A promise of produce from your garden or orchard for the Harvest Booth
- Theme baskets full of goodies for the auction
- Descriptions of your expected auction items
- Volunteers to help with parking, children's activities, etc.

CAMPERS LOVE TO GET MAIL! Please mail early so your message arrives before your campers leave. Please address your mail follow in t this sample:
Chris Camper
Program Name (i.e. Samplers, Seekers, etc.)
Camp Mack
P. O. Box 158
Milford, IN 46542

MORE IMPORTANT JUNE DATES:

Beginners Camp.....June 14-16
Sampler Camps..... June 12-14 & June 16-18
Seekers Camp.....June 12-16 (short)
Finders Camp & Followers Camp .....June 19-25
Worship Arts Camp .....June 19-24
Challenge Camps..... June 12-18 & June 26-02

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: staff, all summer camp leadership, campers.

JULY

Summer campers ARE SHARING ON THE THEME, "Explore God's Calling!" Daily themes include, "Are You Seeking?", "What Do You Hear?", "What are You Waiting For?", "What Do You Make of It?", "Will You Share?" and "Will You Follow?"

GRANDPARENTS: Here are two great opportunities for you to create special memories with your grandchildren ages 5-10 at Camp Mack — **Grand Camps:** July 22-24 & August 7-9. Sign up today.

Golfers and Sponsors, have you sent in your registration form to play and/or sponsor the golf outing at McCormick Creek Golf Course at Nappanee on Saturday, **August 13th**? Proceeds are designated for camper scholarships and furnishings for camp lodges.

Labor Day Family Camp Registration is due by July 15th. Lodging is assigned on a first-come basis after health needs are considered, so the earlier you register the more likely you are to receive your lodging choice. The registration fee increases after July 15th.

Please give Mike or Lana Kauffman (phone 574-658-4831) a list of your Camp Mack Festival auction donations by Aug. 15th.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Staff, for energy for the demanding ministry!
- Campers, that they may experience God's love!
- All of camp's hosted rental camps & guests

OTHERE IMPORTANT DATES:

Sampler Camp.....July 22-24
Seekers Camps .....July 31-06 & Aug 7-13
Finders Camps .....July 31-06 & Aug 7-13
Followers Camp.....July 31-06
Youth Camp.....July 10-16
Odyssey (youth).....July 17-23
Colony Camp .....Aug. 19-21
Labor5 Day Family Camp.....Sept. 2-5
ALEXANDER MACK FESTIVAL ..... Oct. 1st

Summer Sunday School

Sunday school curriculum for the children this summer will focus on a number of individuals from both Old & New Testaments. The theme or title is **"God's People—Surprised and Changed."** Among the people to be considered are Rebecca, who left her home to follow Isaac to another land; Naomi & Ruth, who chose to follow the Hebrew God; Jonah, who tried to escape God's calling; the Samaritan woman; Paul; Mary Magdalene. Were these people surprised & changed upon meeting & responding to God's call? Some responded with little or no fanfare & then there was Paul who had a lightning like experience.

Junior High students will continue with a study of the book of Matthew—while Senior High will be studying current issues.

The Overcomers are in the Guide for Biblical Studies. Onward class will discuss ***"Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine"*** by James W. Moore. One Sunday a month during class time, members plan to visit those from our church family who are hospitalized or unable to get to worship. Thee Seekers are working with Rick Warren's ***"Purpose Driven Life"*** and New Life is working on Philip Yancey's ***"Searching for the Invisible God."***

Meeting places for each of these classes is listed in the bulletin.

On June 5th, the final count for our "Building for Christ" program will be announced. These need to be turned in to Steve De Pue by June 3rd.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The youth are having a Nelson's Port-a-pit chicken sale on Saturday, June 18th at the Wal-Mart on CR 6 in Elkhart from 11:00-2 PM for $4.50 a half.

We will be selling tickets before the sale on Sunday, June 5th & 12th for those who would like to purchase chicken, but may be unable to get it on Saturday. We will deliver the chicken on Sunday June 19th, at church.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Stacey Rodgers would like to invite you to her high school graduation open house on June 19th from 2:30-5:30 PM at Park Place Estates, 2231 Osolo Rd., Elkhart, in the recreation center.

GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

Cheryl Heitzman – granddaughter of Carolyn Colver, graduated from Hillsdale College, May 14, cum lade with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

MEET OUR GRADUATES

Stacey Rodgers

Is Graduating from Elkhart Memorial High School

Summer Plans include: working construction and continuing work at her internship at River Park, Inc.

Fall Plans include: attending IUSB—majoring in business

Stacey's Open House is:

Sunday, June 12th
From 2:00-5:00 PM
At Park Place Estates
2231 Osolo Rd., Elkhart
At Recreation center

Mark Arnold

Is Graduating from Concord High School with an Academic Honors Diploma. While in High School, he became involved in many extra-curricular activities. However, his prime focus was on the newspaper staff, as he was given the position of Editor-In-Chief this last year. Not only did he enjoy the journalistic aspect of this experience but it has helped him gain management experience. This summer he will be working full time at the County Prosecutors Office, where he will be assuming paralegal responsibilities. He will also be continuing to work for Radio Shack on reserve until August. For one week this summer, he can be found at Camp Mack as a counselor for a Finder's Camp. Come August, he will be attending Loyola University of Chicago. In Chicago, he will be studying a dual major in Finance and Management, both with a pre-law emphasis.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sunday, May 29
Deadline for MESSENGER renewal
Wednesday, June 1
Volunteer Fellowship—Knotting as usual 9:00 AM, then lunch at Sandy Gordon's (Will not meet again until September)
Thursday, June 2
Worship Planning Meeting at Gilliland's – 7:00 PM
Sunday, June 5
Onward Class go to Bruce Barwick's For farewell to Neals
Monday, June 6
Fellowship Team – Norma Miller – 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 7
June Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
Thursday, June 9
Cornerstone Meeting – 6:30 PM

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please update your new directories with the following change of address:

Stephen Berkebile
Feuerbachgasse 21/3/10
8020 Graz
Austria
011 43 664 912 6650

Mission Outreach

Special Giving

(as of April 30, 2005)

2¢ a Meal	$ 261.62
Baldwin Missionary	$ 385.00
Church Community Services	$ 600.00
Disaster Relief	$ 900.00
Heifer Project	$ 17.40
Soup of Success	$ 175.00
Total above budget giving	$ 2,339.02

Financial Statistics

Financial Statistics through: April 30, 2005

General Fund

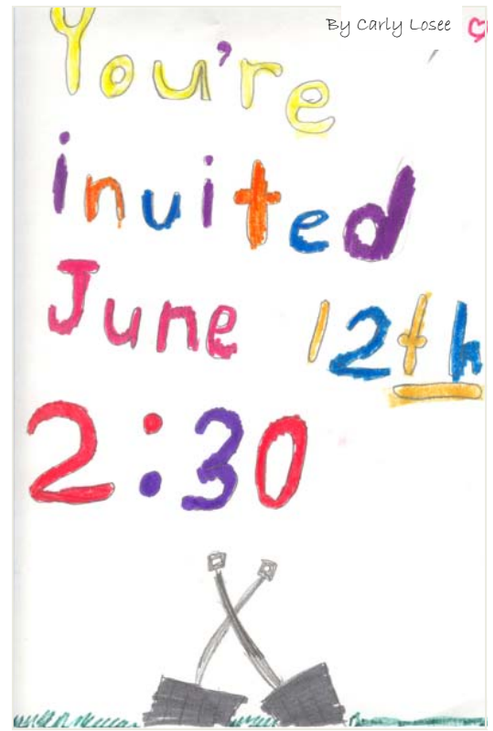
Year to Date Income	$ 49,679.59
Expenses	$ 53,933.16
Net Loss	$ (4,253.57)

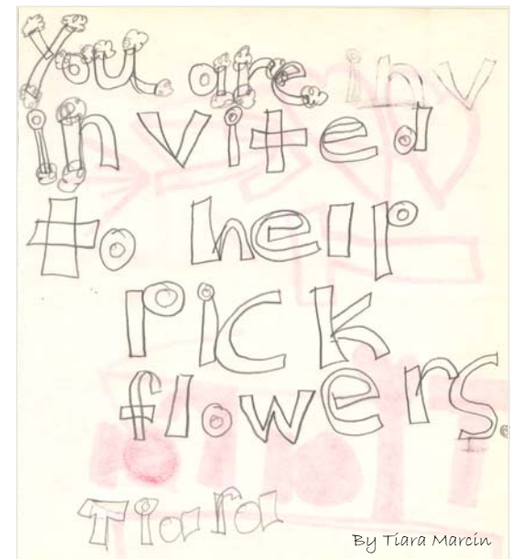
Average Attendance

Worship: 85 Church School: 68

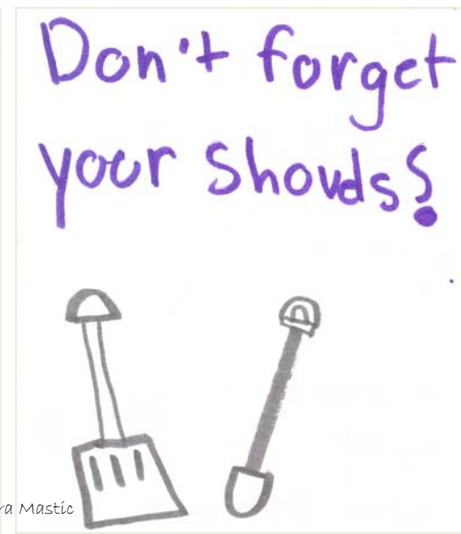
Building Fund Balance (To-date)

Walk by Faith (w/Interest)	$ 534,616.48
Bldg. Sale proceeds (w/Int)	$ 71,158.24
Total New Location	$ 605,774.72





The youth of our congregation were instructed to draw a poster for our upcoming groundbreaking ceremony. Here are the results.



District *Connection*

Northern Indiana District Worship Celebration

"Celebrate Community!"

June 12, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

Bethany Church of the Brethren

"Day by day, they spent much time...praising God..."
Acts 2:46-47

Make an afternoon of it! Attend the Annual Conference briefing at 4:30, join together for a light supper provided by Bethany and gather with brothers and sisters from around the district to fellowship together and praise God with one voice.

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Since parking space at the property is limited, we will run a shuttle service from the Target Store parking lot off of S.R. 33. Details about parking and transportation are still being worked out. If you have a van and are willing to help, please contact Pauline Arnold.

The children of the church have made invitations to the service. They will be on display in the foyer and in this issue of The Visitor. Cara Mastic drew one that immediately caught my eye. In the foreground is a field of hearts. A shovel has unearthed one of them. It's a beautiful analogy of our congregation's mission. We are in the business of helping the Spirit uncover and turn over hearts and minds by sharing the love of God that is present in our community of faith.

You will have ample time to return for the groundbreaking service following the baptism service & lunch at Camp Mack. June 12 will be a day to remember for the Creekside congregation. We look forward to getting our hands dirty with you.

Pastor David

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *9:00 AM—Knotting* with lunch following at Sandy Gordon's	2 *7:00 pm—Worship Planning at Gilliland's*	3	4
5 9:00—Worship 10:45- Church School *Onward Class to Bruce Barwick's for farewell to Neals*	6 *7:00 PM—Fellowship Team—Norma Miller*	7 *6:30 PM—Church Board*	8	9 *6:30 pm—Cornerstone*	10	11
12 *10:30 Worship Service & Baptism at Camp Mack* *2:00 pm GROUNDBREAKING* *6:00 pm District Celebration*	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY 9:00— Worship 10:45— Church School	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00— Worship 10:45 - Church School *12:00-4:00 pm Jr. High Picnic/Swim Party at Kelsey's*	27	28	29	30		