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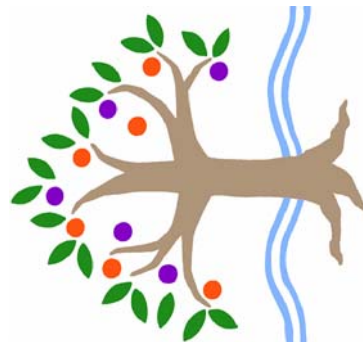
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## The Pastor's Ponderings

I recently bought a computer program that Microsoft says, *will make my traveling a breeze*. It is called "Streets and Trips" and with it, I can take my trip my way. Sometimes, *my way* means not bothering to look at a map. Instead, I follow my internal compass. Once in a great while I become *temporarily disoriented*, which is not to be confused with *lost*. It may take me a while to get my bearings, and in extreme situations I have been known to stop at a service station to ask directions, but I eventually get where I am going.

Thanks to Bill Gates I now have a map service that will find any street in any town in the United States and Canada. It also lists points of interests, historical sites, parks, hotels, restaurants, and even ATM machines! By connecting the internet, the map is updated with construction sites and detours. When you plan your vacation, Bill and I will be happy to give you one.

By now we all know where our new church is located. People who have yet to discover us will need maps and signs, but we do not. The journey to our new home and a new beginning has taken a long time. Our patience and persistence have been tested. We wondered if it would ever happen, but at every crucial juncture we turned to the touchstone of our faith—the courage of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

When we decided the direction we would take back in 1997, we had no maps to follow. The old maps in the church glove compartment were of no help. Our journey will not be over after the last box has been moved into the church and the contents put in their proper place. Another journey will begin, and once again, the old maps won't work.

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**Greetings from the  
Cornerstone  
Committee**

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Since our last message to you, construction of our new place of worship is progressing rapidly. Almost all the drywall is on except the ceiling in the Sanctuary and that will be placed this week. The priming and first coat of finish paint has been applied to the perimeter rooms of the building. Monday they will begin painting the narthex. Approximately 3/4 of the exterior concrete has been poured. The Gas piping has been completed and inspected and the electrician has all their rough in done except the ceiling in the sanctuary. Ancon has begun installing the ceiling grid in all the perimeter rooms and the electrician is following Ancon with installing light fixtures.

We should expect to see much more done to the building over the next month. All the sheetrock and plastering as well as painting for the entire building should be completed. HVAC duct work will be completed and furnaces installed. The stone work is anticipated to start the second week in March. The vinyl floor tile installation will start February 27. Carpet delivery has been confirmed for March 13 with a date for installation to be made once received. Cabinets have been released for fabrication and installation will start March 1. We anticipate interior doors to be delivered towards the end of March and installed soon after. Exterior concrete will be finished when weather permits. We also anticipate landscaping to begin towards the end of March with the moving and planting of trees.

It may appear that the construction of our building will be completed early but there are many more finish touches to our facility left for the month of April.

Cornerstone is very grateful to Edger Weldy, Bill Birr, Pastor David, Kurt Vardamann, Ted Noffsinger and John Zerbe for getting the first 2 coats of paint on the perimeter rooms. Another thank you goes to Kristin Vance and Rosanna McFadden for helping do cleanup in preparation for our painting. We also appreciate the time Rosanna has given putting her artistic abilities to work with some special painting in the Nursery and Toddler's Room.

It is exciting to see everything come together and the Cornerstone Team is looking forward to having our congregation see the progress that has been made on Sunday afternoon, MARCH 5, 2006 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. for a walk through. Entering has been made easier. Mark your calendars and come see what the Lord has provided.

Maryann Zerbe

**NEXT CORNERSTONE MEETING**  
3/9—6:30 p.m. at the construction  
site—then return to Zerbe's

## NEW FROM DISTRICT OFFICE

Prayer request—We are devastated to learn of the news that Janice Kline was killed in an auto accident Monday night in route to a professional conference in Arkansas. Janice is the wife of Joel Kline, current pastor at Highland Avenue CoB and former pastor at Beacon Heights.

Joel and the children received the news Tuesday morning. We will keep the congregation informed of arrangement details as they become available.

We request prayers during this time of great sadness and loss.

## Décor Committee

WHERE IS IT? As the Décor Committee prepares to meet and get organized we are aware that many of you graciously opened your homes to store various things while the church was in transition. If you have something in your home it would be helpful for you to drop one of us a note so we might plan for that as we look ahead at the decorating needs of our new church building. Thanks for your help.

Décor Committee:

Maryann Zerbe, Rosanna McFadden, Shelly Randall, Sue Noffsinger and Janet Berkebile

## **FEED THE BODY.... FEED THE SPIRIT**

**All Church Fellowship Meal,  
following Sunday School,  
on March 19th  
at the Sailor Center  
in the Hubbard Hill  
Retirement Community**

**To Feed Your Body:  
Bring vegetables, salads and des-  
serts to share. As well as your ta-  
bleware. (scalloped potatoes and ham  
will be provided as well as beverages)**

**To Feed Your Spirit:  
Bring Favorite Scriptures,  
Meaningful Prayers, and**

## **Personal Worship Aides that Feed Your Soul and Nourish Your Spirit**

*We will endeavor to create a book of scriptures, prayers, and photographs of the meaningful worship aides that you bring, to be printed up and then later available to members and guests of our congregation. (Sort of like a cook book for the spirit with recipes contributed by everyone.)*

**Food sustains the body, but especially when the going gets rough,**

**We need something to sustain the soul.**

**What helps to sustain you??**



**PASTOR'S PONDERINGS** (continued from page 1)

The old is passing away. Behold, the new has come! The pace at which the new is coming is phenomenal. The first computers filled large rooms. Today they fit into shirt pockets. The future is exciting *and* frightening. "You cannot put an old patch on a new wineskin." Jesus said. A new world requires a new church. "What we need," says Brian McLaren, "isn't a new Spirit, but a new spirituality. Not a new Christ, but a new Christian. Not a new denomination, but a new kind of church in every denomination."

Jesus said the meek shall inherit the earth. Those who look into the future that is fast coming upon us say, "*The learners will inherit the earth.*" In the new world that is at our doorstep, there will be only faster learners who thrive and slow learners who merely survive. What kind of church will Creekside become? It depends upon what we see down the road. Is it a friend or foe?

Thirty-six years ago, Francis Schaeffer saw something that inspired him to write:

The church today should be getting ready and talking about the issues of

tomorrow and not issues of 20 and 30 years ago, because the church is going to be squeezed in a wringer. If we found it tough in these last few years, what are we going to do when faced with the real changes that are ahead?... One of the greatest injustices we do to our young people is to ask them to be conservative. Christianity is not conservative, but revolutionary. To be conservative today is to miss the whole point, for conservatism means standing in the flow of the status quo, and the status quo no longer belongs to us...

In 1719 the first migration of Brethren came to America. They saw their future on the other side of the Atlantic, and acting upon faith, they took a chance and planted their little church in a new land. God is calling Creekside to take the church to the other side—not just the other side of Elkhart, but into the future. It will take fresh thinking, fast learning, spiritual discernment, difficult decision-making, and a hopeful faith. It won't be easy, but the effort will be worth it.

Yours in Christ,  
David

**From Mission/Outreach**

For us who can turn a tap and find adequate supplies of water, it makes it very hard to understand that one in six people on this earth lack access to safe drinking water. Two million people (mostly children) die each year from waterborne disease. Sometimes the enormity of the world's needs dwarfs our ability to respond. **REMEMBER** one important way we respond is in partnerships that remind us we do not face the world's need alone. Through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we join other Christians who also see Jesus in those who thirst. We will plan to collect that offering on Sunday March 12th - offering envelopes will be provided.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Worship Team is again inviting you to share in recreating a resurrection garden for Easter worship service—but this year the garden may look a bit different from past years. Landscape architect Judy DePue has designed a plan for plantings at our new property; we asked her to suggest some flowering plants and shrubs which we could purchase to decorate the church chancel for Easter and then could become a part of the landscape design at the Creekside property. These plants would be purchased by individuals and then donated to Creekside. Judy will take them from the SDA church following worship on Easter morning and see that they are placed and planted appropriately at the property. Any money which you spend on plants that you donate is tax deductible. You may still designate flowers or shrubs in honor or in memory of a loved one; these names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

We thank Judy for her work on the landscape design, and for this opportunity to support her vision and the beautification of our church property—in a way in which we can all enjoy on Easter morning.

The following shrubs come in 1 gallon pots, and will have colorful foliage to brighten the chancel and the property:

Gold mound spirea	\$12.50 each	(9 needed)
Crimson pygmy barberry	\$13.50 each	(17 needed)

We will also offer two flowering plants: daffodils and Easter lilies. The daffodils can be naturalized at the property. The Easter lilies cannot be used at the property, but make excellent gifts for shut-in members of our congregation, or can be taken home as a reminder of the season. The cost is:

Daffodils	\$7.00
Easter lilies	\$7.00 or any two for \$13.00

Order forms will be available by March 5th; all orders should be pre-paid and must be placed by April 9, 2006. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of Worship Team and the landscaping design!

Rosanna McFadden  
for Worship Team

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**DON'T MISS THE APRIL 1 DISCOUNT DATE FOR REGISTERING SUMMER CAMPERS!** Please turn in your completed registration forms and your share of the fee to your Camp Representative by Sunday, March 26th. The \$20 discount offered for many camps ends April 1. After that date campers will be accepted for the full fee.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! All available adults are invited to our Volunteer Work Camps: March 20-22 and April 24-26.** Call the Camp at 574-658-4831 to volunteer. No charge.

**HAVE YOUR REGISTERED FOR MOTHER DAUGHTER WEEKEND, APRIL 1-2?** Mothers and daughters, ages 5 and up, are invited to spend quality time together at Camp Mack. Together you may create napkin baskets, dip candles, make knee high flowers, decorate hats, create seed art and plant seeds

in the camp's Butterfly Garden. Com, plant "Seeds of Love," with your mother or daughter. Fee: \$120 for mother and daughter; \$55 each for additional daughters or grandma.

**WHY NOT SPEND A DAY AT A QUIET PLACE DURING LENT?** The Quiet Place is located at 891 E. Shady Banks Lane. To schedule a personal retreat or spiritual direction, please call *A Quiet Place Prayer Center* at 574-658-3342 or the director, Norma Miller, at 574-831-2423.

**PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for:**  
Children making summer camp decisions  
Camp's staff and volunteers

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**  
Summer Camp Director's Training  
March 18

CTI Training April 21-23  
Spring Quilting Retreat April 21-23  
Pastor's Sabbath April 25-26  
Birdwatchers' Retreat May 4-6  
Seasoned Citizen's Retreat (Mon-Thurs)  
May 8-11

**A Quiet Place Quote:** "When we are rightly related to God, life is full of spontaneous joyful uncertainty. We do not know what God is going to do next; God packs our life with surprises." - Oswald Chambers

**CAMPING SEASON IS COMING!**

Remember to have your forms and money in **by March 26<sup>th</sup>** for us to get the discount (to me or the church office).

Jan Birr

**The Honeymoon**

Costa Rica is beautiful! James and I enjoyed the palms, tropical flowers, monkeys, spiders, lizards, fish and birds we saw in the country. We also loved eating some familiar (and some new!) foods and practicing our Spanish as often as we could. By far our greatest enjoyment came from the people themselves. Costa Ricans are friendly and helpful.

The Lord richly answered our prayers that the honeymoon would also be a ministry. During the final few days of the trip He provided a new friend, "M". M is a Costa Rican a believer whose last year has been very difficult. He told us that he is straying from the path some and **would like prayer** for peace and discernment. Please include him in your prayers.

**This Spring...**

I will continue working from and volunteering in James' classroom. Part of my job as a language coach is studying to improve my Portuguese and Spanish. While in Costa Rica I was quite pleased to note how my listening skills had improved from having listened weekly to BBC news in Spanish via the Internet. If you are curious, the BBC broadcasts in many languages. Check out [www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice).

Some of you will recall I had planned on taking graduate linguistics courses. However, we cannot afford out-of-state tuition costs so I will postpone continuing my graduate work for at least one semester.

**James's Jot...**

It is a pleasure to write my first blurb as Monique's husband. Monique is a great joy and I'm so blessed to be her husband. I definitely "married up". =)

One question we have received often (and one that many of you may have too) was, "What are your plans for the future?" We've received a request to teach again this summer at the Oregon Summer Institute of Linguistics (where we met last summer) and have decided to accept. Also, please pray for us as I consider joining Wycliffe and think through the best timing and location for us if I do so.

**Praise** ↓↓↓

- God's goodness
- Mom's improving health
- A place to work in Virginia
- Wedding participants' safety
- Growth as Christians through our courtship

**Prayer** ⇒⇒⇒

- James and I would trust in the Lord and grow in faith, love, understanding and service
- Conclusive results for Grandma's health issues
- God's clear will as to James's role with Wycliffe
- Our friend, "M", from Costa Rica
- Diligence in Monique's work for the Dallas office
- Our friend, "D" beginning mission work
- A dear friend recently diagnosed with cancer

Your prayers, encouragement and support mean so much. Thank you.

Monique



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## Monique's Mission Memo

¿Cómo puedo pagarle al Señor por tanta bondad que me ha mostrado?

How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? Psalm 116:12

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### Language and Culture Learning in Dallas

In September I had the honor of helping to teach the language and culture learning section of the M-DOC in Dallas, Texas. The M-DOC is a course for future Wycliffe administrators spanning several months. The 2-week language and culture learning module is intended to not only help the administrators with their own language learning and cultural adjustment, but also to encourage and empathize with those around them in field situations who are experiencing these adjustments. I enjoyed the course and was greatly encouraged about the future of Wycliffe as I spent time with the students.

### Fall in Virginia

Instead of having a part-time job this fall, I have been able to volunteer in my husband's classroom in exchange for a place to work. During the mornings I have a quiet classroom where I can do Wycliffe work via computer and Internet. In the afternoons I continue my work and assist him when large groups of ESL students enter the room to work on individual assignments. I love spending time with the kids and working on my Spanish skills with new students and parents. I am glad to be able to give to and train these students from all over the world as they learn a new language and culture.

### The Wedding



In spite of several bad weather flight delays, car trouble and one serious car accident, the wedding party and almost all the guests arrived in good health. What a blessing! Thank you for your prayers. Many, many hands made light work the weeks and days prior to the wedding. We were so blessed to have so many loved ones and dear friends present.

One week prior a friend had asked James if he were getting icicles on his feet. He replied, "My feet are burnin' holes through the floor!" I was equally anxious. Ready 20 minutes early, I vas-

cilated between cheers of, "I'm getting married!" and impatient questions as to if it were *time* yet.

At 2:30 pm, my father walked me down the aisle. The Gospel message, marriage message, hymns, vows, pronouncement and yes, the first kiss, were highlights. We are indeed grateful for God's goodness!



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Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

### March Birthdays

- 1 Helen Stout
- 1 Pauline Arnold
- 2 Mary Lou Martin
- 3 Ted Noffsinger
- 4 Lee Markley
- 4 Darren Vance
- 8 Marjorie Kirkdorffer
- 8 Mandy Chris
- 8 Missy Zimmerman
- 8 Katy McFadden
- 16 Frances Billet
- 18 John Berkebile
- 21 Betty Yoder
- 23 Walt Gilliland
- 27 David Hoke
- 30 Laurie King (Arnold)

### March Anniversaries

- 8 Dick & Eileen Rohrer



Jill (Noffsinger) & Mike Brenneman are the proud parents of Isabella born on 2/16/06 at 8:23 a.m. She weighed in at 5# 10 oz.

The proud new grandparents are Ted & Sue Noffsinger.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 1, 2006 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of forty days of Lent; it is a time for confession and humility as we remember the sacrifice which Christ made for us. The service is typically somber and introspective, but it can be a meaningful way to enter the season of Lent. Creekside Church will hold our Ash Wednesday service at 7pm on Wednesday, March 1, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. This half-hour service will include singing, scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes for those who wish to make an outward sign of confession and repentance. Please plan to join your sisters and brothers at Creekside as we begin our Lenten journey toward Easter and the resurrection.

Rosanna McFadden  
for Worship Team

## TRAVELING THE LENTEN JOURNEY

March 1 marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. For centuries, Christians around the world have observed this season as a time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual preparation for the services of Holy Week and Easter. Even though we do not literally retrace the steps of Jesus' ministry, Passion, and resurrection, it can be helpful to think of Lent as a journey—a spiritual journey toward new life in Christ. Fortunately, this is not a journey that we have to make alone; we are joined by other pilgrims on the journey, our brothers and sisters in Christ from many walks of life, and from our church family at Creekside. More importantly, it is a journey of discipleship led by Christ himself, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Worship Team invites you to travel the journey of Lent and to share the journey of our congregation toward the promise of new life. The following are opportunities for our faith community to worship together on our faith journey:

Wed. Mar. 1	7:00 p.m.	SDA	Ash Wed. Service	Lent Begins - This short service of humility and reflection. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to participate.
Sun. March 5	9:00 a.m.	SDA	1st Sunday of Lent	"Beginning the Journey"
Sun. March 12	9:00 a.m.	SDA	2nd Sunday of Lent	"Sharing the Adventure"
Sun. March 19	9:00 a.m.	SDA	3rd Sunday of Lent	"Bread for the Journey"
Sun. March 26	9:00 a.m.	SDA	4th Sunday of Lent	"Drink for the Journey"
Sun. April 2	9:00 a.m.	SDA	5th Sunday of Lent	"Companions on the Way"
Sun. April 9	9:00 a.m.	SDA	Palm Sunday	
Thurs. April 13	7:00 p.m.	SDA	Maundy Thursday Service	This service will include scripture readings, meditations, communion and feet washing for those who wish to participate. We will conclude with a Tenebrae Service (service of darkness). We will not serve a meal as part of this observance.
Sun. April 16	6:45 a.m.	Creekside property	Sunrise Service	This service will be held outdoors; please dress appropriately. You are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at SDA at the same time. If there is a change, you will be notified by phone by 5pm on Saturday evening. No breakfast will be served.
Sun. April 16	9:30 a.m.	SDA	Easter Worship	Join us as we celebrate the resurrection! There will be no Sunday School this day; we will return to our regular schedule the following Sunday.

May you be blessed along the way.

Rosanna McFadden  
for Worship Team

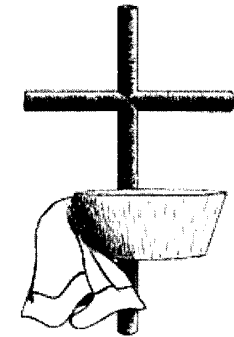
# Northern Indiana District Women's Spring Rally

March 18, 2006

Plymouth Church of the  
Brethren

Mary Foxwell Loeks  
will be speaking on

***"The Freedom  
of Servanthood"***



**Registration: 9 a.m.**  
**Session begins: 10 a.m.**  
**Dismissal: 2:30 p.m.**

Lunch: Provided by Plymouth Church for freewill offering  
Project Offerings will be divided between Camp Mack  
and Church World Service Disaster Fund.

### About Mary...

Mary grew up in Japan, the daughter of missionary parents. After graduation from Wheaton College, she taught on the elementary level for almost four years. She is the mother of three grown children. Currently she is the Minister of Education at Church of the Servant in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is the author of "Glorious Names of God," "Devotions for Young Mothers," "Christmas Activity Book," and "Object Lessons for Children's Worship."

## *Creekside*

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### “Easter Sunrise Services”

Tradition? History? Worship? or Celebration?

Many Churches have Easter Sunrise services. The services are often a “Tradition”. Traditions are similar to heirlooms. Something passed down from family or in many cases past history of a ceremony of a congregation. Traditions often help us to remember significant events in our lives and in our history. Traditions are a way of teaching and educating those who do not have any knowledge or experience with regard to the event being presented.

Often traditions are presented in a form that “we have always done it this way” – it has become a “ritual”. New traditions are formed when enough variation is done to make the ceremony distinctly different from the original.

Easter Sunrise can also be a presentation of “History”. Easter is the story of Jesus and how the world realized the real purpose of his birth. Easter is also the presentation of God’s love to all of us and his forgiveness of our sins through Jesus his Son. Grownups are the ones who have a history with God. One we can pass along to our children. We only have to set an example of what that is .

For many Easter Sunrise services are a form of “Worship”. Each of us worships God in different ways. Reading and prayer is one form. Singing and meditations are other ways to worship. Listening to a sermon and the reading of scripture is another form. Any combination that gives honor and praise to God would be a form of worship. Worship can take place anywhere, by oneself or in a group-- in a field, in the car, in a living room, or in a sanctuary.

Most Christians look to Easter as a “Celebration”. It is the day we recognize that Jesus rose from the dead. That God gave us his Son to atone for our sins as long as we believe in him. It is the end of grieving for the death on the cross and to celebrate His victory over death. It is a promise for us to look forward to a heavenly life with Him.

Some people begrudge getting up early on a Sunday. But if we compare it to getting ourselves or our children up by 5:00 a.m. or a little later, for an athletic event or music event, or to travel to a meeting, seminar, or family gathering, why is it a problem? Easter Sunrise service comes only once a year. Plan ahead and join the Youth for a morning of worship and celebration.

Come and Join us on Easter Sunday for a Sunrise Service. Rise up before dawn, and travel to our new location. We may be helping to establish one of our future Traditions, or if not, at least we will have a Worship and Celebration which will start at 6:45 a.m. We will actually see a sunrise at 7:02 a.m. If the weather is bad , we will have the service at 7<sup>th</sup> Day. Either way we will have an Easter Sunrise Service. Final notification will be provided 24 hours in advance by the Phonetree to confirm the place and as a reminder. We should be done by 7:15 a.m. and you will have time to return to your homes for some breakfast and a change of clothes and then go to the continued celebration at 7<sup>th</sup> Day by 9:30 a.m.

By Stephen De Pue, Youth Advisor

### DID YOU KNOW???

Our web site is ministering to more than just people in Elkhart and the surrounding communities. Web server statistics report that since Jan 1, 2006, the creeksideconnected.com web site has had many visitors from people outside of the United States, including the countries of:

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Belgium	India	Sri Lanka
Botswana	Indonesia	Sweden
Brazil	Ireland	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Israel	Taiwan
Canada	Italy	Thailand
Chile	Japan	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Latvia	Turkey
Christmas Island	Malaysia	Ukraine
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Mexico	United Kingdom
Colombia	Morocco	Uruguay
Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Netherlands	Viet Nam
Croatia (Hrvatska)	New Zealand	
Cyprus	Norway	
Czech Republic	Peru	
Denmark	Philippines	
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### FEED THE BODY....FEED THE SPIRIT

Come to the all-church fellowship meal, following Sunday School, on March 19. The event will be held at the Sailor Center in the Hubbard Hill Retirement Community.



In addition to bringing food to share, bring your favorite scriptures, meaningful prayers, or personal worship aides that feed your spirit and nourish your soul.

The scriptures, prayers, and devotions you share will be compiled into a devotional booklet that will be made available to members and guest of our congregation.

