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The Pastor's Ponderings

A pastor friend of mine was asked to join a group of city dignitaries at the dedication of a new bridge. John's task was to pray. There are no courses in seminary that teach such things as praying for bridge openings, or praying around home plate at church league softball games. The only exception is Holy Cross priests who pray for Notre Dame's football team before the players touch the "Play Like a Champion Today" sign and get fired up in the tunnel. What do they pray? "Lord, please be with the players and coaches of both teams. Help them be men of character and practice good sportsmanship. Bless everyone on the field of competition today, and Lord, if you would, please bless the Irish a little *more*."

I asked John what he prayed in his "bridge prayer." He gave me the version he wanted to use-- "God, may this bridge do what it is designed to do. May it connect commerce on the north and south sides of our great city. May it stand long and strong, and keep motorists and pedestrians from plummeting into the river."

September 24 is Dedication Sunday for our new facility. It will not be anything at all like dedicating a bridge. The Dedication Team (Ted Noffsinger, Marilee Gilliland, Dana Markley, and yours truly) is hard at work, tending to the myriad of details that are part of this event. The team's first task was answering questions-- "How do we dedicate the building?" "Why do we dedicate the building?" "What are we dedicating besides a building?" In our planning, we return to two truths-- one, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain (Psalm 127:1), and two, our new home isn't a home. It is a way station. The purpose of building was not to have a new building. Creekside's beautiful edifice is a physical, tangible means to help guide others to their spiritual, eternal purpose. It is a door into the home of God's heart.

Two special worship services are being planned for our big day. In our 9:00 a.m. worship hour we will lift up the purposes to which God calls all of us as his disciples. There will be a dedication of memorial gifts given in honor of Hal Heeter, Mary Bailey Rose, and Ralph Gordon. The work of the Cornerstone Team and other individuals

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who played a major role in building the church will be recognized. The afternoon service begins at 3:00 p.m. We will have many guests with us from consultants to contractors, all of whom contributed to the building project.

We are pleased to have Stanley Noffsinger, the General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren bring the morning message and participate in the afternoon dedication service.

Our choirs and David Gilliland will provide music that is certain to enhance our worship.

As the Dedication Team studied resources that may be used on September 24, we were given an order of dedication used in the Church of Scotland. Let me close with an excerpt which reminds us of the most important dedication of all:

And now, as a people within the household of God:

In the unity of the faith, in the communion of saints,

In love and goodwill to all,

in remembrance of those who have finished their course in life,

in gratitude for the gift of this house to be a dwelling-place of God

through the Spirit,

we dedicate ourselves anew to the worship of God

and the service of his kingdom...

LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?...HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE WOMAN'S LIFE!
 You are invited to become a volunteer mentor for a participant in Soup of Success—a Church Community Services program—who is striving to make positive changes in her life. If you have ever parented a child, held a job, managed a household, gone to school or figured out how to make ends meet, you have all the expertise necessary to be mentor. Come pass on the encouragement and challenge that have helped you along the way, and join a group of women who are making a difference. Training and support is provided. For more information contact Kathy or Abbie at 523-1551.



A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.

build	dance	die	everything	laugh	gather
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚
give up	hate	heal	heaven		mend
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚		⌚
peace	refrain	speck	throw away	uproot	
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	

There is a time for _____.

and a season for every activity under _____.

a time to be born and a time to _____.

a time to plant and a time to _____.

a to kill and a time to _____.

a time to tear down and a time to _____.

a time to weep and a time to _____.

a time to mourn and a time to _____.

a time to scatter stones and a time to _____.

a time to embrace and a time to _____.

a time to search and a time to _____.

a time to keep and a time to _____.

a time to tear and a time to _____.

a time to be silent and a time to _____.

a time to love and a time to _____.

a time for war and a time for _____.

Answers: everything, heaven, die, uproot, heal, build, laugh, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.

Play Ecclesiastes Charades

Here is what you need:

- Sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Hat, bowl or basket
- Stopwatch, wristwatch or clock
- Friends or family members

Here is how to play:

1. Divide the players into two even groups.
2. Write the following words from Ecclesiastes 3 on your sheet of paper:

• everything	• scatter
• season	• gather
• heaven	• embrace
• born	• refrain
• die	• search
• plant	• give up
• uproot	• keep
• kill	• throw away
• heal	• mend
• tear	• silent
• build	• speak
• weep	• love
• laugh	• hate
• mourn	• war
• dance	• peace
3. Cut the words into strips. Fold them in half and put them in a hat, bowl or basket.
4. Each team chooses one person at a time to pick a word and act it out without speaking. That team has to guess the word.
5. Decide on a time limit. If the word hasn't been guessed when the time is up, the other team gets to guess.
6. Keep score. The team with the most correct guesses wins.
7. When all the words have been guessed. Have someone read Ecclesiastes 3 out loud. Listen for the words you acted out. What do they mean in God's plan?

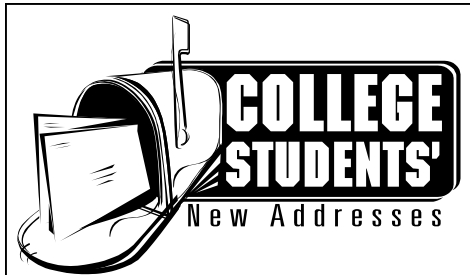


Young Adults

in the Creekside
Community,

We would like to welcome you to a new Sunday School class. It will begin September 10 in the sanctuary. The bible study we will be starting with is the "Visual Bible Book of Matthew". This virtual bible study will take us through the book of Matthew with DVD story telling utilizing the new church's multimedia system in the sanctuary.

We hope to see you there,



My email address is the same: MARNOL5@LUC.EDU. However, my address is different:

Mark Arnold
Mailbox# 2108
26 E. Pearson St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Also, I don't know if you want to put in a phone number, but if you have space, my number is: 574-849-3251



BRUNCH

There will be a brunch following Worship Service on Labor Day Weekend, September 3.



Community Dinner Creekside's Community Dinners will begin again on Wednesday, October 11. They will then be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Please come join us and bring your friends!



September Birthdays

- 4 Samantha Cooper
- 9 Bill Pletcher
- 14 Stacey Rodgers
- 16 Sandy Miller
- 17 Kathy Royer
- 21 Walter Harroff
- 22 Paulajeann Ritzmann
- 26 Jan Swigert
- 28 Annamae Hoke
- 29 Bruce Barwick



September Anniversaries

- 4 Ronnie & Mary Lou Martin
- 15 Eric & Mandy Chris
- 17 David & Elizabeth Gilliland



Creekside Church Golf Outing

September 17, 2006

Lunch, golf, fellowship, prizes,
and laughter.

Invite a friend.

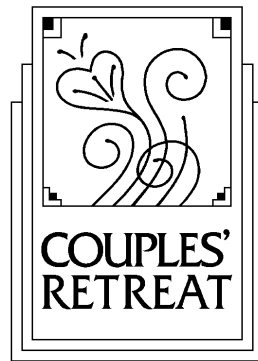
More details to come.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Contact Ron Fritz -612-9252 if you have questions.



Many have expressed appreciation for the Phone Tree messaging system, which relays prayer requests, and church activity updates to our homes. In recent months we have had difficulty with the system and this week learned that it is no longer operational. The cost to buy a new system is \$1,200. The board affirmed the usefulness of Phone Tree, but budget allocations prevent us from purchasing it until later. It is important for us to be informed about prayer needs and other important announcements. If you or your Sunday school class would like to contribute to the messaging system, please designate your offering to the Phone Tree account. Thank you.



ENRICHING YOUR MARRIAGE

Improving communication in your marriage

Learning the languages of love

Working one on one with your spouse

WHO: Creekside Church of the Brethren Fellowship Team is organizing this retreat opportunity for couples

WHAT: Beginning with Friday evening supper and continuing throughout the day on Saturday, the Marriage Enrichment retreat will be led by Carol and Norm Waggy

WHEN: November 10th gathering from 6-6:30 Friday evening through Saturday, November 11th around 5 p.m.

WHERE: The Green Meadow Bed and Breakfast in Shipshewana, north of town on State Rd. 5

HOW: Look for a sign up brochure coming out soon with more info on the location, schedule, and the leadership. Sign up by Sunday October 8th. Registration is open to the first 7 couples who sign up before the October 8th deadline. The cost per couple will be \$110 plus lunch on your own in town on Saturday. Scholarships will be available for couples if needed.

The retreat will begin with a gathering time of 6-6:30 on Friday evening November 10th, with a sit down meal together beginning at 6:30. There will be time after the evening session for ice cream and relaxing Carol and Norm Spicher-Waggy will be in leadership Carol is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. Norm is a family physician. They have led numerous workshops at Family Camp at Camp Mack and have training and experience in leading Marriage Enrichment Seminars.

Together: Conversations on Being the Church



Together. By now, you've most likely heard reference to it and may have even experienced a portion of it at Annual Conference or another denominational event. You may have received a "talking stone" at Annual Conference. As attendees gathered, each person had something to share. As one shared, others listened. Community. Together is about conversation on what being the church means.

To quote from the Together Study Guide, "The Church of the Brethren began as a conversation. Today, nearly three hundred years later, it is our hope that the Church of the Brethren might be reborn as people come together in small groups to talk about what it means to be the church now. What does scripture have to say about the nature of the church? How do we, as followers of Jesus in the twenty-first century, understand what it means to belong to each other as well as to God? How can we work together? How can we deal with our differences? What do we expect from each other? What do we have to offer each other? How is it that we belong not just to a local congregation, but to a district, a denomination, and to the larger church?"

Answering these questions won't be easy, and we may not all agree. Yet, if we are able to talk and listen to each other respectfully and with humility, we may find what the first Brethren found. They found the Holy Spirit moving in their midst, leading them to a better understanding of God's will and a greater love for one another.

Together events are being planned by each district. Northern Indiana's events are designed with a few goals in mind: to give participants a "taste" of the experience, to bring the district together, and to encourage participants to take the lessons back to their home congregation. Our district is asking each congregation to register and send three members to one of the two events planned. It is not necessary the three attend the same event, just that your congregation is represented and has the opportunity to join in the experience. The dates are purposefully planned after summer vacation, District Conference, and the Camp Mack Festival to allow for greater participation. The dates are as follows, and registration begins a half hour prior to the listed start times:

Saturday, October 14 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. North Winona Church of the Brethren
Sunday, October 15 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Creekside Church of the Brethren

A letter and registration form will be sent to each Church Board Chair August 1st explaining the events. If you haven't heard anything soon after that date, please ask your board chair. We would like to encourage the pastor plus two more from each congregation to register. The registration is at no charge but simply a method of planning for the number of attendees at each session. We look forward to being with you!

Respectfully submitted by the Together Planning Team for Northern Indiana District:

Ruth Angle
Herman Kauffman

Sally Brubaker
Margaret Pletcher

Phyllis Davis
David Wysong



Teaching Training for Children's Teachers

Thursday, October 5, 2006, 7:00 PM - 9:00 P.M.

Hosted by: Bethany Church of the Brethren



- Innovative ways to make Bible stories come alive
- Variations in how to begin the class each Sunday
- Creative ways to encourage student participation
- Options for structuring small and large group gatherings
- Ideas that will work in any size church
- Time for your questions

This seminar is for both new and experienced teachers and is led by **Beth Bender**, Children's Ministry Director at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Beth received rave reviews when she led the Gather 'Round Curriculum training for our district. She has a passion for Children's Ministry and is a creative and gifted leader/teacher. This seminar will encourage and equip you to nurture and help the children in your congregation grow in their faith.

See Jean if you can attend so registration can be sent in and carpooling planned.

Inspiration and persistence

Chicago teacher Jack Canfield was having trouble persuading his inner-city students to want to learn. Many thought they were unable to grasp the lessons Canfield was trying to teach. Many lacked self-confidence and motivation.

One day, while meditating, Canfield had a vision. What if he collected stories by or about people who had overcome obstacles of all sorts? Wouldn't that be like chicken soup for the soul?

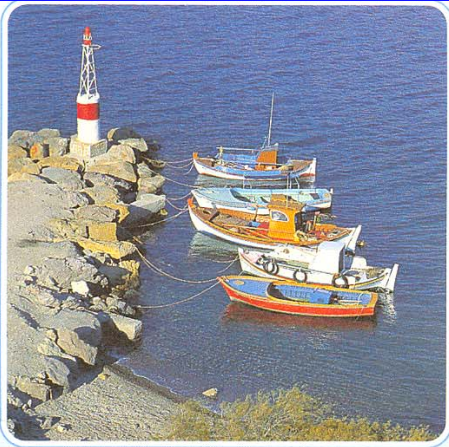
Canfield joined with a friend, Mark Victor Hansen, and together they began to collect inspirational stories about people who had overcome handicaps or personal problems to succeed in life. They took the final collection to 140 book publishers before they found one that would print it. That book became a best seller and encouraged them to publish several other "Chicken Soup" books. There are now 100 million copies of these books in print.

Like the people in their books, Canfield and Hansen overcame obstacles on the way to sharing their inspiration. They believe that they were led by the hand of God.

The Bible Challenge

This quiz allows you to test your knowledge of the Bible.

1. Proverbs says that a man who boasts of gifts he does not give is like:
 - a. Clouds and wind without rain
 - b. A constant dripping of water
 - c. A barren ox
 - d. One who lies down in the midst of the sea
2. In the parable of the sower, which of these fall away in time of temptation?
 - a. Those who fall by the wayside
 - b. Those who fall upon rock
 - c. Those who fall among thorns
 - d. Those who fall on good soil
3. To whom was the prophecy given that the Savior would be born of a virgin?
 - a. Ezekiel
 - b. Daniel
 - c. Elijah
 - d. Isaiah
4. How did the soldier confirm that Jesus was dead?
 - a. Broke his legs
 - b. Spat on him
 - c. Pierced his side with a spear
 - d. Pulled out his beard
5. Which of these is NOT a book of the Bible?
 - a. Jude
 - b. Esther
 - c. Hezekiah
 - d. Nehemiah
6. Where were the disciples first called Christians?
 - a. Antioch
 - b. Cyprus
 - c. Jerusalem
 - d. Berea
7. Which of these men refused to assist David and his men, and died as a result?
 - a. Eleazar
 - b. Nabal
 - c. Saul
 - d. Abimelech
8. The sun stood still while Joshua's army destroyed the
 - a. Amalekites
 - b. Amorites
 - c. Philistines
 - d. Hittites
9. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers flow into what body of water?
 - a. Red Sea
 - b. Dead Sea
 - c. Persian Gulf
 - d. Black Sea
10. How many husbands had the Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well had?
 - a. 3
 - b. 4
 - c. 5
 - d. 6



Le Seigneur te donne la paix.
Nombres 6,26
Num.

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Dear Creekside family —
We are having a very fast summer
and trust each of you are enjoying
yours as well.

Thank you for your generous \$115
support in July. We appreciate your
giving thru the years.

May God be meeting each of your
needs in your lives.

Love in Jesus,
Chuck & Debby
Baldwin



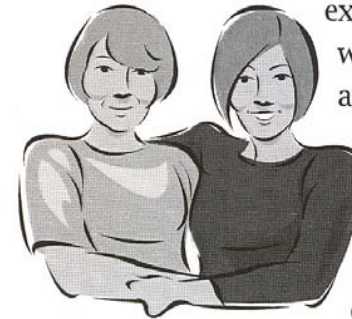
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Improving the Quality of Living

Daughters Remembering

A Retreat for Daughters Whose Mothers Have Died



The loss of a mother is often a profound and traumatic experience in a woman's life. Our relationships with our mothers shape how we see ourselves and our world.

Daughters Remembering focuses on this special relationship and the healing that takes place as we explore family stories, understand and accept our relationships with our mother, and strengthen the ongoing connection we have with her, even after her death. Through facilitated group sharing and time for individual reflection, the retreat is intended to provide a supportive environment to grieve.

The date for the next retreat will be September 8-10, 2006 at Sacred Waters in Mishawaka, Indiana. Sign in will begin on Friday at 6:30 pm with the program starting at 7:00 pm. The retreat will close at 10:00 am on Sunday. The fee is \$50.00 to cover the cost of food and lodging.

To register or for more information, please contact Sheri Nisely Frazier (574-243-3100) or Vanette Kashmer (574-264-3321).



Fall 2006	
CHOIR NOTES	
Choir Schedule	
August 23	Practice 7:30 at church
August 30	Practice
Sept. 6	Practice
Sept. 10	Sing for church. be there by 8:15 "Peace Be Still" Peace Pilgrim/Kirchner
Sept. 20	Practice
Sept. 24	Sing for church and dedication "Not to Us O Lord" Smith "Let the Church Rejoice" Martin "House of Grace" Martin
Sept. 27	Practice
Oct. 1	Sing for church
Oct. 11	Practice
Oct. 15	Sing for church
Nov. 1	Practice
Nov. 5	Sing for church
Nov. 15	Practice
Nov. 19	Sing for church

Janet Berkebile



Don't forget your tools for our Camp Mack tool box. The festival will be the first Saturday of October.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Drinks only will be served during fellowship time—except on the 1st Sunday of each month, food will be served.

NEWS FROM MISSION OUTREACH

As we head towards the beautiful days of fall we wanted to remind you of some exciting opportunities we have for outreach. The local Crop Walk will be held on Sunday October 1st. We hope to have registration packets available by September 10th for you to pick up. The Mission/Outreach team is planning a very special gift for all who walk so get your tennis shoes on and start getting in shape.

Look for details from our youth on helping them assemble School Kits for Church World Service. What a great way to reach outside of our local area and help children all across the world.

As we look at ways to be a welcoming church consider inviting a friend to the annual Creekside Golf Outing to be held

September 17th and show them how fun we can be.

Watch for an exciting display in the Gathering Area starting on September 17th. Mission Outreach is working with a local marketing company to provide us with the opportunity to purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats etc. with our name and logo on them. We hope these are things you can wear out and about to let people know who we are. This can be a great conversation starter and a way to help us invite people to visit and find out who we are.

These are some terrific ways we can connect with others and share the love of Jesus Christ. As the saying goes "Try It You'll Like It".

AMEN!

The word, "Amen" means truly, surely, or may it be so. It is the last word of the Bible, but it doesn't need to be the last words for us. Telling others "Amen!" for the gifts they share is a ministry in which we can all participate. To make this easier, Worship Team has created Amen! cards which can be found in the small baskets with the blue ribbon on the sides in the gathering area. These cards can be filled out with someone's name and words of encouragement and given to that person, put in their church mailbox, or mailed as a post card.

There are many, many people at Creekside who have been blessed with gifts that they share with the congregation. Some of these are public gifts, but many are not. You might consider challenging yourself to fill out a card for someone each week for the next few weeks. Does the landscaping look great when you arrive? Fill out a card. Does the building seem clean and well-tended? Find out who is responsible, and let them know you noticed. There are folks who represent our congregation away from our building and gatherings, at Dismas, Church Community Service, the CROP Walk, and other organizations. Let them know that you're grateful for their presence in the community on our behalf. Pay attention to our youth and children and the contributions they make to our church family.

The apostles had a partner in ministry to whom they gave the name Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement." (Acts 4:36) I believe we are all called to a ministry of encouragement; may we discover the Barnabas in each of us. Amen.

Rosanna McFadden

for Worship Team

Forgiveness is necessary if we are to fully follow the teaching of Christ. But how many times should we forgive another who often offends us? Peter asked Jesus if we should forgive as many as "seven times?" (Matthew 18:21). Peter probably felt that forgiving seven times would be more than generous. But Jesus had another idea. According to Jesus, how many times should we forgive?

- A. Seventy
- B. Seventy times seven
- C. Seven hundred
- D. Seventy-seven

The correct answer is found in Matthew 18:22



September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:00 a.m.—Worship <u>NO Church School</u> <u>BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP</u>	4—Labor Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 4:30 p.m.— Overcomers— MCL	6 9:00 a.m.— Volunteer Fellow- ship	7	8	9
10 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School Sr. High—Dunes Deadline to sign up for Golf Outing	11	12 6:30 p.m. - Church Board	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 a.m.— Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School Golf Outing	18	19	20 7:00 p.m.— Mission/Outreach	21	22	22
24 9:00 a.m.— Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School 3:00 p.m.— DEDICATION SERVICE	25	26	27 <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER </div>	28	29	30