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Pastor's Ponderings

There is a true story about a very diplomatic young man who arrived unannounced at a certain young lady's house. She came to the door with her hair "teased" in about six million directions. Her hair looked like she might have accidentally inserted her finger in a light socket. It was a very awkward moment. There was nothing she could do but try to make light of the situation, so she asked good-naturedly, "How do you like my hair?" He stood there for a moment and then replied, "It looks as if it's about to become something wonderful."



God has great things in store for us here at Creekside Church of the Brethren. God sees not who we are but who he has created us to be, He sees our potential. The Psalmist says in *Psalm 139*, "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb." God created our very being. How can we not have potential!!

We have so many gifts and graces for ministries that we can't help but see all the good that can be accomplished. How about it, do YOU have something on YOUR heart that God is calling YOU to? What fills YOUR soul with gladness? Where is YOUR joy coming from? Are YOU an evangelist, who loves to tell about the greatness of our God? Or are YOU a prayer warrior who is continually in a spirit of prayer? Is cooking YOUR passion? Do YOU like to fidget with things to make them work? These are all avenues of grace that help us find our true potential.

If you aren't sure, how about asking God to show YOU the potential in YOU. I know God will, God can't help Himself, He is faithful *2 Timothy 2:13*. It is a joy to serve God here at Creekside and I am excited about the wonderful things God is doing in our midst. Always remember that I am praying for all of you daily.

In the Lord's love and joy,

Pastor Janet

Investing Wisely?

A wealthy man, getting on in years, called in a faithful employee who had been with him a long time. He gave the trusted employee some surprising instructions. "I am going on a world tour. I'll be gone for a year. While I'm gone, I want you to build me a house. I have already purchased the lot. Here is a check that will cover the entire cost. I want you to take this money and build a nice house. Draw up the plans yourself, and do it extremely well. I'll see you when I get back.



The old man departed and the employee went to work. With shrewd purchasing, he cut corners at several points in the construction process. He used inferior materials at every opportunity, especially at places where they would not be easily noticed. Finally, the house was completed. He had produced a beautiful exterior "shell" that covered a shoddy piece of workmanship. He had lined his own bank account with the several thousand dollars he had saved by cutting corners. After all, the old man would never know the difference, and he would never miss the money. So what if the house was not well constructed? The old man would not need it long anyway!

The first day back from his trip, the old man wanted to see the house, so they drove out to look at it. "You may have wondered why I wanted you to build this house," the old man said. "After all, I already have a nice house."

"Yes, I did," the employee admitted.

"Well," said the old man, beaming with pride, "You have been my faithful assistant for all these years, so I wanted to find a way to show you my appreciation. Here are the keys. The house is yours."

What kind of spiritual house are you building with the money God has entrusted to you?

***Northern Indiana District
Women's Camp Retreat
October 9-10, 2009
Becker Lodge at Camp Mack
"Balancing Life Thru Spiritual Wellness"***

More information on the bulletin board.

GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
x*	p	j*	e*	a	t	m*	t	o*	c*	p*	e	r	k*	n
w	d*	o	s*	r*	j*	r	g*	l	b*	l*	i*	n*	d	y*
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s*	p	l	m*	e	y*	a	s	o*	r*	i	n	c*	g	n*
p	e	t*	i*	r	f	w*	t*	e	m*	l*	c	d*	a*	t

"Do not _____ any longer to the _____ of this _____, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able to _____ and _____ what _____ will is — his good, _____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect

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THANKS to all summer leadership and support **staff volunteers!** If you volunteered in any capacity at Camp Mack this year, watch your mail for an invitation to the **Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, October 31, 2009.** If you volunteered, but forgot to sign in, you are still invited.

CAMP MACK FESTIVAL: For a day of **family fun**, plan to attend the **Camp Mack Festival on October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Food booths and rides will be open until 3:00 p.m. **The main benefit auction begins at 9:30 a.m.** Has your congregation entered the CMF scarecrow contest? Festival proceeds will be used for camper scholarships and program upgrades.

QUILTING RETREATS fill quickly. Register now for the fall retreat, October 15-18. The cost is \$127 if you arrive Thursday evening, \$114 if you arrive Friday morning, and \$103 for those coming on Friday evening. Those who at-

tended the 2009 Spring Quilting Retreat, receive a \$20 discount.

LAUGHTER, FUN, INSPIRATION, AND GREAT FOOD abound at **Seasoned Citizen's Retreats.** Register now for the October 12-15, 2009 Seasoned Citizens Retreat for just \$110 each. Enjoy Bible studies, special programs, crafts, "joke time," and vespers along with plenty of free time for fellowship, indoor games, croquet, horse shoes, hiking, puzzles, or naps! A great time of refreshment!

"GO GREEN" IS THE THEME of the **Father/Son weekend, October 10-11.** Discover new ways to leave a smaller environmental footprint. Learn how solar panels convert sunlight into electricity, build a solar oven, "in into" compost, set up and take home a worm bin and investigate the power of the wind. Campfires, popcorn, fellowship and worship round out this weekend planned just for fathers and sons. Registration fee: \$95 for father and son (\$45 for each additional person).

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: The Camp Director, Staff & Indiana Camp Board

A Quiet Place Quote: "People nowadays take time far more seriously than eternity." -Thomas Kelly



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Sept 4 Samantha Cooper
Sept 4 Katelyn Harney
Sept 8 Tim Lund
Sept 9 Bill Pletcher
Sept 14 Stacey (Rodgers) Bueter
Sept 15 Lynn Bollinger
Sept 16 Sandy Miller
Sept 16 Heather Otto
Sept 17 Kathy Royer
Sept 22 Paul Ritzmann
Sept 26 Curt Miller
Sept 28 Annamae Hoke
Sept 29 Bruce Barwick



SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

Sept 4 Ronnie & Mary Lou Martin
Sept 9 Roger & Bonnie Neal
Sept 9 Ted & Sue Noffsinger
Sept 20 Tim & Rosanna McFadden
Sept 23 Steve & Judy De Pue
Sept 27 Jim & Kristen Vance
Sept 29 John & Betty Yoder
Sept 29 Kurt & Lisa Vardaman

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

DATE	Worship	Sunday School
8/2	118	44
8/9	95	66
8/16	67	picnic
8/23	104	73
8/30		



Prayer for Peace

The International Day of Prayer for Peace arose in 2004 from a meeting between World Council of Churches secretary, Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia and the United Nations secretary general, Kofi Annan. It is celebrated on September 21 or the closest Sunday.

On September 21, Goshen City Church of the Brethren plus many area individuals and congregations will gather in our Fellowship Hall for worship. The time around tables includes group worship, hearing how 3 different individuals are affected by the current economy, conversation, and prayer. Reserve 7 p.m. on Monday, September 21 to Pray for Peace in the midst of

YELLOW CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN REVIVAL MEETING THEME - NEW BEGINNINGS

Yellow Creek welcomes you to Revival meetings. You won't want to miss these meetings and time of fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Herman Kauffman, district minister of the Northern Indiana District of the Church of the Brethren. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday—Sept 27-29. More information on the bulletin



September marks a return to regularly scheduled activities at Creekside Church. School has started, vacations are largely over and it's time to encourage each other to move forward as God's people.

The Christian life is not like a hundred yard dash. It's more like a marathon. Good marathon runners have learned that sudden bursts followed by periodic let-ups will not win the race. If you are going to be successful in a marathon, you must realize that you are in it for the long haul. It takes persistence and perseverance. So does living the Christian life and practicing good stewardship.

It is no wonder that we find passages in the Bible like 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

St. Paul wrote something similar in Galatians 6:9-10: *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

Christians are asked to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. We are all called to be maturing Christian stewards who do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all we do.

September is a great time to re-dedicate ourselves to using all that we are and have, our talents, abilities, money, and opportunities, to make a difference in the kingdom of God. This should be a free and joyous activity for members of God's family.

District News Notes—Disaster Ministries is asking for people from the areas surrounding the Hammond, IN to help in the recovery process there. It seems, for some reason, that there has been a lack of volunteers for this area and yet the need is urgent! Groups that are able to participate are welcome to come for as many days as they are able. This is a great opportunity for pastors who may not be able to be gone for a week at a time. Please contact the District Coordinator, John Sternberg, at 574-612-2130 or at jbsternberg@comcast.net.

God promises a safe landing,
Not a calm passage.

MEN'S RETREAT

"GREASE" FOR PEACE



We get along okay, but...

Sometimes I don't understand where you're coming from.



Saturday, October 17, 2009

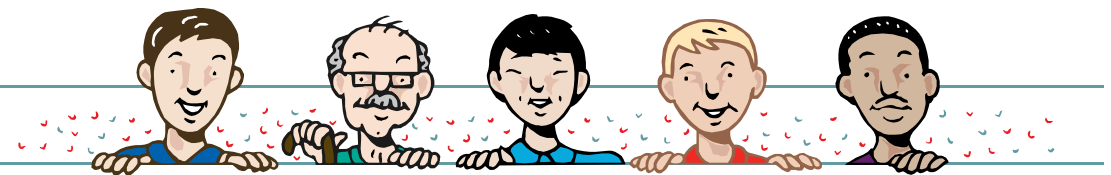
900 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Beginning with a light breakfast and including lunch

Located at Creekside in the gathering area

Men of all ages welcome

Leadership provided by Norm and Carol Waggy



LADIES TEA



for all ages of women and girls
at Creekside

Church of the Brethren
Saturday, September 19th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Invite your family members,
your friends and co-workers.
Girls are invited to bring their
dolls.



Dress up and wear a hat if you like!

If you have a tea set (full-size or doll-size) you want to share for decoration, let Jan Birr know and bring it to church, Sunday September 13th.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

- 10/3—Camp Mack Festival
- 10/3 to 10/5—RYC
- 10/4—World Communion Sunday
- 10/4—CROP Walk
- 10/4—Love Feast
- 10/7—9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship
- 10/10—Hoke Wedding Reception
- 10/11—World Mission Offering
- 10/17—Men's Retreat
- 10/18—Children's Sunday
- 10/20—6:30 p.m.—Church Board
- 11/4—9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship
- 11/10—6:30 p.m.—Church Board
- 11/28—Birr's 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 12/2—9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship
- 12/6—Family Advent Activity
- 12/12—Cookie/Candy Walk
- 12/15—6:30 p.m.—Church Board

SPECIAL SPEAKER ON SEPTEMBER 20

Creekside members can anticipate hearing Vince Turner again share his motivational thoughts and stories with us on September 20. Vince is vice-president and client relationship manager at Mutual Federal Savings Bank. Previously he worked as a sportswriter for *The Truth*, as sports director for WTRC Radio, and as vice-president for development for Bashor Children's Home. He served as vice president of the board of directors for the Goshen Boys and Girls Club and chaired the Goshen Chamber of Commerce.

Vince has been married to his wife Pat for 15 years. Their family includes four children. They attend First United Methodist Church in Goshen.

Alexander Mack: A Man Who Rippled the Waters
Written by Myrna Grove Illustrated by Mary Jewell
SPECIAL PROMOTION

Sale Price for Single Copy - \$20 (includes Postage)

The following price offers are being made for the fall season. Using the special order form attached, individual copies of the Mack book may be ordered **directly from the author** at a reduced price of \$20 (\$17 for the book and \$3 for shipping). Regular price for this is \$25.

Quantity Special for Class Study - Six for \$90 (Postage free)


For churches who wish to purchase books in groups of six for Sunday School class study, the cost for six books sent directly to a specific church postage-free would be \$90 (or \$ 15 per book). The book itself is protected by copyright.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



September

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 p.m.—Finance Team Mtg.	2 9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship	3	4	5
6 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School LAOR DAY BRUNCH	7 	8	9 7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Team Mtg.	10 6:30 p.m.—Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m.—Followers of Faith Team Mtg.	11	12 12:00 noon—David Eis Memorial Service
13 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School	14	15 6:30 p.m.—Church Board	16	17	18 NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE	19 Ladies Tea
20 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School Vince Turner Speaking	21	22 9:00 a.m.—Grace Mishler Support Team Mtg.	23 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</div>	24	25	26
27 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	28	29	30			