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*Seasons* of Refreshing



# FROM THE EDITOR

## “BEHOLD, I WILL DO A NEW THING ...”

The Lord was giving Isaiah the prophet an update reminder of who He is and who Israel was. This promise from God was present and quick. It was a national promise. It was a selective promise. It was a personal promise. Praise God!

This passage from Isaiah is on my mind because of our experience yesterday. We witnessed the culmination of God’s working with one of our churches in obtaining a pastor. Believe me, it is not easy to obtain the right pastor for the right place. In the first place, there seems to be a limited supply of good qualified Shepherds. Secondly, most of the excellent spiritual pastoral candidates are already busy somewhere else doing God’s work.

A pastor called me who has been in his pastorate for nearly 12 years and says, “I believe the Lord has revealed to me, it is time for us to move on.” He is telling his board in the next few days. I know the questions will begin immediately about the process of obtaining a new pastor.

Candidates within the Conference are few at this time. There are names that come from outside the Conference to be investigated briefly. The days turn to weeks and even months. We wait on the Lord, who reminds us to hold steady. We visit the church and even help fill the pulpit at times to encourage the people. We work with the local church secretary and board. All the folks are praying for the Lord’s will to be done. We are also reminded that the Lord is working on a personal level with the potential pastor not yet revealed to us.

God’s Providence works right on time. A person of interest from another state is contacted. A date is set for him to meet with the Educational & Examining Board and the Conference Council. After an cordial meeting and a sense of blessing and direction, he is officially presented to the local church board and the congregation to preach to and meet the people. The impres-

sion is that the Lord is doing something here. A vote is taken after the candidate goes home. I pass the word that he has received an excellent vote and “you are invited to come as pastor”. He prays for a few days and then informs me to relate to the church that he “feels clear” to move his wife and family to assume the responsibility of pastor.

It was yesterday when Sr. Southerland and I drove to the Noblesville Pilgrim Holiness Church. The pastor, his wife and two sons and two daughters have moved into the parsonage. In the church office, we went through the proper sections of the Discipline and gave Rev. John and Martha Forsee the right hand of fellowship as a minister and members of the Noblesville IN Pilgrim Holiness Church.

In the morning service, after the preliminaries and good season of prayer, Larry and Ladonna Thomas sang, “He’ll Furnish the Grace If You’ll Furnish the Man”. It was a wonderful time of praise and thanksgiving. We presented Bro. Forsee his Conference License and welcomed them as pastor and wife. The rest of his family was invited to come forward as we sang “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”. The children, John, Rachel, Rebecca, and Daniel Forsee were welcomed as the church family passed by them giving them the right hand of fellowship.

In the days just before moving to Noblesville, Pastor Forsee, fell on the ice and broke his ankle and leg. He came to the pulpit with the assistance of a little knee support vehicle on which he could lean while he preached. He took his text from Isaiah 43:18, “I will Do A New Thing!” The message was anointed. We believe that there are some wonderful days ahead for the Noblesville Pilgrims.

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# BY GOD'S MERCY

## A TESTIMONY OF DIVINE HEALING

**W**hat started as a mere pain in the leg turned into so much more, as Sis. Beverly Halstead was diagnosed with Melanoma. The following is an excerpt from her report:

I thought, "God has a plan in all of this!" I knew that He was numbering my days, but best of all, He was with me. The Holy Spirit breathed peace into my heart and gave me rest. As God gave me assurance of His presence, the big monster was no longer at my door.

[Nearly two months later] the plastic surgeon removed a large tumor and found that nine lymph nodes had cancer in them. As a result, eighteen joining lymph nodes had to be removed and reconstruction surgery performed at the same time. Muscles and tissue had to be repositioned to cover major arteries. After four days I was discharged and driven home by Glenn while lying on the floor of our van.

Three weeks later found us back at Mayo Clinic for Post-Op check-up with the doctors. The oncologist gave us the news. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Halstead, but there is a very low survival rate with Stage two melanoma," he said. Next he showed us a chart with a sharp descending line from six months to two years in survival percentage. A very thin line at the bottom of the chart showed a 5 year survival rate with zero years after that. His presentation agreed with private research that I had done. There is no chemotherapy for melanoma. Once it enters the lymph nodes, it spreads quickly to the major organs; the liver, lungs, and the brain. We told the doctor that we know we are all going to die sometime and that we have a hope of Heaven because of Jesus Christ our Savior.

As the days of recovery went by, my whole attention turned toward Heaven. I thought that maybe it was my turn to go into the presence of Jesus, and what a thrilling thought that was. It seemed that some days I was in another land as I looked into the faces of our children and wondered how they would get along without me. "Yes, Lord, I am willing to go to Heaven to be with

you, but I am asking that you to heal me", I prayed.

Some verses of Scripture carried me through those first few months. Isaiah 41:10 became my fortress, "Fear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

About two months after the surgery, I lifted my head and talked to God. I just said the words, "Lord, you could if you would." I repeated it again, "Lord, you could if you would". I had no doubt at all in God's ability and power to heal.

As I continued walking to our car, I reached out my hand to grab the door handle. As I did, a voice spoke to me that said, "I will both heal thee and restore thee." Instinctively, I turned my head around to see who was speaking, only to find that there was nobody there. "Is that you, Lord?" I asked. "Well," I thought, "Who else?" I began to cry and to say "Thank-you Lord, Thank-you Jesus for healing me and for Your Mercy". I felt so small, and then relief washed over me as I realized, ITS OVER WITH! PRAISE THE LORD, I AM HEALED AND MY LEG IS GOING TO GET BACK ITS FULL USE!

I praised God and cried all the way to the Post Office and back. I couldn't wait to tell my family and our dear church people who had been fasting and praying for me. God, in His Mercy, had healed me. God, in His love, had responded to me, His Daughter, nothing else, nothing more.

Dr. R. sat in her office as she listened to me recount the miracle that God had done for me. She thanked me for sharing with her since she has so many sad cases in her practice. She urged me to continue testing since she was quite positive that the melanoma would show up. Each time I go into her office she tells me that I am amazing, and I tell her that I had nothing to do with it; I did not do a thing. God did it all. I tell her that God is amazing because He, in His Mercy, healed me.

All glory, honor, and praise go to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!



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# MEMORIES

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."  
Proverbs 4:18

## *William G. Douglas*



age 81, passed away on Friday, February 15, 2013, in Franklin, Indiana. He was a resident of Franklin.

He was born on July 6, 1931, in Fairland, Indiana to James Frank and Bessie (Hatter) Douglas. He married Rosemary (Sosbe) Douglas on May 24, 1952. She preceded him in passing on January

20, 2012.

Survivors include children, William Frank Douglas (Judy) of Yanceyville, North Carolina, Kathleen Hill (John) of Indianapolis; Martha Sparks (Rev. Don Sparks) of Morgantown, Indiana, and Mary Chastain (Louis) of Indianapolis; thirteen grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren; one sister, and one sister-in-law. He was preceded in passing by his parents; wife, Rosemary; brother, James Douglas and a sister, Pearl Cook.

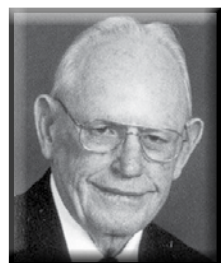
He attended Beech Grove schools and Tech High School in Indianapolis. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp.

Bill worked for Banquet Milk in Indianapolis and later was employed with the Franklin Township Community School Corporation for several years.

He was a member of Franklin Pilgrim Holiness Church in Franklin, Indiana. Bill enjoyed repairing antique clocks.

The Revs. Tim Forsee and Lonnie Dunn officiated the service at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 20 at the Franklin Pilgrim Holiness Church, 1000 E. Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood, Indiana.

## *Rev. William Duane Gale*



husband of Alice K. Jones Gale, passed away Monday February 11, 2013 at 1:50 p. m. in Ashford Health Center, Shelbyville, Indiana. Reverend Dr. William Gale was born in a sod house October 12, 1920 in Stapleton, Nebraska, the son of the late William and Cynthia Chamberlain Gale. He attended undergraduate Bible college at

Tabor, Iowa earning a degree in Biblical Studies, he went on later in life to obtain other degrees and an honorary doctorate.

He married Mary Alice Amelia Ward Gale and to this union were four children, Dr. David Duane (Elizabeth) Gale, of Richmond, Kentucky, Alice Elizabeth (Donald) Churchill, Corona, California and Aleta Faith Blue, Arvada, Colorado; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren,

After a long illness and his first's wife's death, he married Alice K. Jones Gale, and they were married more than 50 years. He was also preceded in death by his parents and a son Donald James Gale. There are many other individuals whom they "adopted" over the years as their own. His entire life was spent in service to others. He spent over 20 years in post secondary Bible and college education. He was President of Brainerd Indian School, Hot Springs, South Dakota, for 15 years. He was co-founder and President of Northwest Indian Bible School in Montana, and founder of the Latin American Bible Institute. He authored several books on Native Americans, his family and his faith. He and his wife (Alice) spent several months in rebuilding the campus of Philippine Bible Methodist College on the main island of the Philippines.

In more than 60 years of service, Dr. William Gale spent more than 40 of those years in missionary work. He worked in several capacities in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Church, and the Bible Methodist Church. He pastored churches in South Dakota, Michigan and Oregon. While working with the Native American Indians, he was bestowed with the title of, Chief Hugs Himself, a title he loved and was a "hugger" everyone. He loved life, he loved the ministry and through out this time his wife, Alice K., was a faithful companion to him and the two of them made differences in many lives.

The funeral service was Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1:00 in the Bethel Holiness Church, 6060 N. US 31, Columbus, Indiana with Rev. Joseph Smith and several other ministers officiating. Burial followed in Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburg, Indiana.

## *Goldie Grant*



82, of Spiceland, Indiana went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at St. Vincent Heart Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born April 1, 1930 in Fries, Virginia, a daughter of the late Marshall L. and Mae (Hart) Kirby.

When Goldie was young she worked in the spinning room at Washington Mills, a cotton mill in Virginia. She also worked at Firestone in New Castle and Noblesville, RCA in Indianapolis, many local restaurants as a waitress and also at canning factories in Dunreith and Kennard. Goldie was a faithful member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in New Castle, Indiana.

She is survived by two daughters, Joni Murphy of New Castle, Indiana and Sandi (husband: Charles) Ratliff of Wilkinson, Indiana; 6 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; 2 brothers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Grant; a daughter, Ellen Kay (Grant) New; two sisters, and three brothers.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, 2013 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Don Raines officiat-



ing. Burial followed in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

### Rev. J.R. McElwain

72, of Hobe Sound, Florida went to be with the Lord on January 8, 2013. He is survived by Margaret Shipley McElwain, his wife of 48 years. Also surviving are two children, Randall of Hobe Sound, Florida and Lisa of Napanoch, New York and four grandchildren, Austin and Stacey McElwain of Hobe Sound, and Michelle and Darci Biswell of Napanoch.

Rev. McElwain was an ordained pastor with the Midwest Pilgrim Holiness Church. He served churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, and South Carolina from 1963 through 2009. In addition, he served as a missionary with Hope International Missions in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 12 at Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home in Greeneville, Tennessee. Interment was at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

The Pilgrim family extends our most heart felt sympathies to the entire McElwain family during this very difficult time. Bro. & Sis. McElwain have been members of our Conference for a very long time and we love them dearly. For the last several years, The McElwains have lived in Hobe Sound, FL where their son, Dr. Randall McElwain is on staff at Hobe Sound Bible College & Academy.

May God be especially near to Sis. Margaret McElwain, and the family during this time.

### THANK YOU FROM THE RONALD HARTKOPF FAMILY

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement sent in honor of Ron. He was so thrilled to be a Pilgrim Holiness Church minister. We so appreciate the tribute that was given by Bro. Southerland, and the trip made by the Southerlands to be at the funeral.



*It's Coming:*

## PILGRIM YOUTH CAMP JUNE 17-21, 2013

EVANGELIST: FRANK HEIDLER



### April

#### Birthdays

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Conference President's</b> | 14 - Arthur Avery     |
| <b>4 Wife</b>                 | 15 - Gary Hopkins     |
| <b>Patsy Southerland</b>      | 23 - Connie Hull      |
|                               | 26 - Neoma Gibson     |
| 8 - Leah Plemmons             | 26 - Beverly Halstead |
| 10 - Ingrid Vigilant          |                       |

### May

#### Birthdays

- |                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 - Mary Raines    | 23 - Darlene Kelly      |
| 4 - Don Raines     | 24 - Stephen Clemens    |
| 4 - Robert Leach   | 24 - Bill Spencer       |
| 5 - Mark Ranke     | 25 - Harold Jackman     |
| 8 - Harlan Sannes  | 25 - Zechariah Robberts |
| 9 - Lewis Fox      | 26 - Eugene Gray        |
| 12 - Martha West   | 30 - Alvie Glenn        |
| 13 - MarJoe Wooten | 31 - Paul Gray          |
| 21 - Ruth Hart     |                         |

#### Anniversaries

- |                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 - Mark & Diane Ranke      | 22 - J.R. & Margie McElwain   |
| 8 - Jerry & Becky Glick     | 28 - MarJoe & Patricia Wooten |
| 11 - Robert & Janis Leach   |                               |
| 14 - Martin & Nancy Laramie | 29 - Eugene & Shirley Gray    |

### June

#### Birthdays

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 - Sheryl Clemens | 10 - Sis. Rodney      |
| 6 - Olive Asbury   | 18 - Stephanie Gibson |
| 6 - Linda Davison  | 22 - Lonny Dunn       |
| 6 - Stephen Gibson | 23 - Gloria Foster    |
| 9 - Martin Laramie | 26 - Latique John     |

#### Anniversaries

- |                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 - Robert & Naomi Gray        | 6 - Elverne & Olive Asbury       |
| 4 - Stephen & Stephanie Gibson | 11 - Keith & Betty Jane Sheridan |
| 4 - Robert & Lydia Raines      | 15 - Don & Ruth Nichols          |
| 5 - Mark & Juanita Arnett      | 15 - Dale & Gloria Foster        |
| 5 - Rusty & Isabel Rundell     | 18 - Dave & Connie Hillgoss      |
| 5 - Zechariah & Sarah Robberts | 20 - Larry & Daisy Bittering     |



*On behalf of*

**The Pilgrim Holiness Church, Inc.**

Conference President  
Rev. James A. Southerland

*welcomes all to the*

**Annual  
Ministerial Convention**

**May 7 - 9, 2013**



**Special Speaker**  
Larry D. Smith



**Singers**  
The Kelloggs

held at the  
**Pilgrim Holiness Church  
Camp & Conference Center**  
Anderson, IN

(directions on back)



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**June  
21-30  
2013**

*welcomes all* to the

# 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camp Meeting

**Wesleyan Church Campgrounds**

Frankfort, Indiana

(see map on reverse)



Evangelist  
Rev. Adam Buckler



Evangelist  
Dr. Randall McElwain



Singers  
The Glick family



Children's Worker  
Lorna Rundell

Youth programming by  
Conference  
Youth Director



Rev. John Zeigler

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
June 24-26 • 12:30 P.M.

**Educational & Examining Board**  
June 22 • 8:00 A.M.



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# CAMP MEETING DETAILS:

## Camp & Conference

### Location

704 W. Freeman St. • Frankfort, IN



## Daily Schedule

First service Friday June 21 • 7:30 PM

Rising Bell	6:30 a.m.
Prayer	7:30 a.m.
Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Preaching Service	10:00 a.m.
Children's Service	10:00 a.m.
Youth Service	10:00 a.m.
Minister's Wives	1:30 p.m.
Supper	4:00 p.m.
Inspiration Service	6:45 p.m.
Evangelistic Service	7:30 p.m.

## Saturday & Sunday Schedule

Rising Bell	6:00 a.m.
Prayer	6:30 a.m.
Breakfast (First Meal Served)	7:00 a.m.
Praise Service	9:00 a.m.
Special Children's Service	9:00 a.m.
Tabernacle (last Sunday only)	
Children's Service	10:00 a.m.
Preaching Service	10:00 a.m.
Dinner	Noon
Preaching Service (last Saturday only)	2:00 p.m.
Supper	1:30 p.m.
Inspiration Service	4:00 p.m.
Evangelistic Service	6:00 p.m.
	6:30 p.m.

**Pilgrim Missions Special Service**  
Saturday, June 29 • 1:30 p.m.  
News from various fields!



### Exception:

Full-time evangelists/  
singers living in trailers.

Everyone is expected to contribute to free will offering for meals in dining hall.  
Registration does not cover meals.

## Rates

### Teacher's Dorm

\$65.00 for entire camp or \$ 15.00 per night

### The Lodge (setup varies per room)

\$155.00 for entire camp or \$ 30.00 per night

### Shepherd Hall (2 twin size beds per room)

\$80.00 for entire camp or \$ 15.00 per night

### Family Dorm (setup varies per room)

\$65.00 for entire camp or \$ 12.00 per night

## RV Park

### Full Service Lots (Electric • Water • Sewer)

\$80.00 for entire camp or \$20.00 per night

### Partial Service Lots (Electric • Water)

\$50.00 for entire camp or \$12.00 per night

### Tents or Trucks with Camper Shell (Electric • Water)

\$30.00 for entire camp or \$5.00 per night

### Tents or Trucks with Camper Shell in Camping Area

Not Using Electricity

\$10.00 for entire camp or \$2.00 per night

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- **Conference Attendance Statistician:** Dan Plemmons, Tim Forsee, & Mark Ranke
- **Conference Youth Director:** John Petty, Mark Ranke, & John Zeigler

# THE DIFFERENCE

BY REV. DON DAVISON

*Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her (Luke 10: 38-42).*

Living for and loving the Lord is not about performance....outperforming others, or outdoing ourselves with the hope that God will be pleased. Its not about doing MORE...there is always MORE we could do for God; there's a difference be-

tween just doing more and the results that flow from relationship.

It's not doing the best we can on our own with the hope of God's approval. The outcomes of the surrendered life are the fruits of the Spirit. My efforts in tandem with HIS power and presence. My dreams surrendered to and shaped by His providence. God working in me both to decide and do what pleases His heart and matches His purposes.

I'm not left to myself to produce something good enough for God to bless. I don't work for God...I work with Him. That makes the difference, this Friend by my side – Jesus is walking with me.



# A CHRISTMAS FEAST

BY REV. DON WALDEN

In the 23rd chapter of Leviticus, the Lord spake unto Moses concerning various feasts of the Lord. He told them that they were to keep certain Convocations each year. This chapter outlines those Feasts of Convocations and of what time of the year they were to be kept.

Israel had many other feasts that they kept, but they were not directed of God. For example, they would keep the Feast of Hanukkah or sometimes called the Feast of Lights. And then there is the Feast of Purim. Purim basically is celebrating God's faithfulness to the Jews in delivering them from Haman's plot as is recorded in the book of Esther.

The seven Feasts of Convocation in Leviticus twenty-three required certain stipulations. Three of the seven feasts required that all males go to Jerusalem to perform the feast and worship.

The word, Convocation, simply means assemble together. It would appear that the family would often accompany them as they went to Jerusalem to perform this commandment of the Lord. Evidence of this practice is found in Luke chapter 2:41. Here it is recorded, "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover."

As I think on these Jewish Feasts, my mind is turned toward the Pilgrims. No, God has not given us Convocations to keep other than on the Lord's Day. Hebrews 10:25 states, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; . . ." Surely it is pleasing to God for His people to assemble together.

We don't make pilgrimages to Jerusalem three times a year, but we do like to assemble together for fellowship and worship. One of those Convocations is in the Fall of the year. Our

feast is called Christmas Supper of the Pilgrims. That's when many of the Pilgrims make their journey to Anderson to celebrate God's faithfulness of delivering us from sin through the sending of His Son. This year was another example of the people rejoicing at the ministry of Rev. Dan Plemmons. What a beautiful singer, what a gracious spirit, what a special blessing. That was not a stopping point, however, as his son-in-law and daughter touched our hearts in their praises to God in song and music.

Then, of course, how can you have a feast without fine food? Well, there was no disappointment found here. Sis. Shannon Rose and her crew provided great food for the taste buds. What a tremendous undertaking, but she pulled it all off without any glitches or hurdles. Just think, she did it all for our benefit.

Another great blessing of this Convocations is the gathering of many of our special friends and acquaintances. A special time, indeed, to renew that fellowship and talk of God's special blessing of the year past since the last Convocation.

But what about the beautiful decorations and the surprises of the night? Once again, what a lovely job of allowing us to step inside of such an inviting environment to have our Convocation. Surprises, oh yes. There was a reward for those who came the farthest; a reward for the couple that was newly wed; a reward for the one who had read through the Bible the most.

What a wonderful time was had by each, and how could we fail to praise God for the good weather. No snow to plow through to get there, and no below zero temperature. Well, Praise God!

Until our next Convocation, may His presence go with you and His hand guide you and keep you filled with His love.

the students and some even involved the pastor himself. It was held at the local Oasis center, and a dinner was served and afterwards the play was performed. The Shiloh school now has 45 students in attendance this semester.

On Saturday the 15th, some church members got together and went caroling to several people around the community. They also went to the local nursing home and walked up and down the halls singing songs so that everyone could benefit from the Christmas cheer.

## CHURCH NEWS



### *Corydon, Indiana*

On Saturday, the 8th of December, the church Christmas Dinner was held in its usual place at the Heath Washington Elementary School. Many of the congregation and several of their family members came out for a time of fellowship and good food baked by the women of the church.

The Shiloh School had their Christmas play on Friday December 14. It was wonderfully executed and very theatrical. There were several instrumentals between scenes performed by





The Shiloh Church Christmas program was on Sunday, December 23. It was a musical portraying the importance of Christmas. The characters went back in time aided by an angel friend and an interesting staff to experience the birth of Jesus himself and help the local bully to

understand that Christmas was about more than presents or the busy malls.

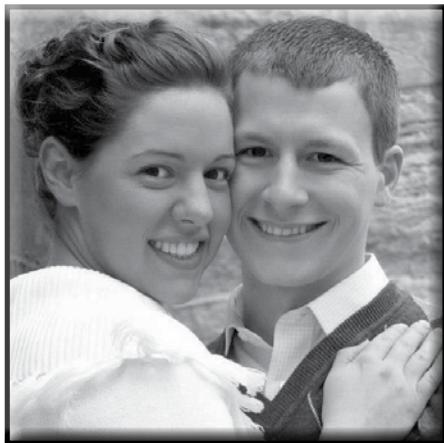
The church shelter house has been completed. In the spring the surrounding area will be seeded for grass. They look forward to soon putting in the ball field and volleyball area.

Sunday, February 17, 2013, Steven Gibson and his son Zachary came to speak about the Holiness Pilgrim Mission. Bro. Gibson spoke about Haiti and the fact that some people live in houses made of banana leaves, soil, or only tarps and metal. Gibson stated that "The gospel is the greatest and first answer to all human problems. You can't change a person's problem until his heart is changed". So far there are 52 churches in Haiti and many are funded by the people themselves. Several churches have 400-500 people attending and are centralized; many things are done through the churches to keep them important and in view. There are 20 schools and around 7,000 students are enrolled. The teachers are paid \$25 a month but the schools are very important because many of the teachers were saved when going themselves. There are new projects being started which include equipping families with motorcycles to help raise money and beginning bakeries to help fund churches.

The Shiloh church is also planning a charity ride for the school, given by the Iron Eagles riding group. This event will take place on April 6th and include a bake sale and food items to help raise money. Participants without a motorcycle are invited and encouraged to follow along behind the riders in their cars.

## Evansville, Indiana

**Special Editorial Note:** As reported in the last issue of The Pilgrim, the Evansville congregation (under the joint leadership of Justin Jackman layman Bro. Shehorn) is flourishing. By all traditional wisdom, a church without a formal pastor should be lan-



guishing. But instead, the very opposite is true! Take a moment to call the good folk of the Evansville church and encourage them. God is on the throne, and he is doing a great work in Evansville.

## Franklin, Indiana

Greetings from Franklin Pilgrim Holiness Church! Our Christmas program was a great success with the leadership of Sis. Vanessa Froelich, Junior Church Teacher. Approximately 30 children of various ages participated through songs, Scriptures, and poems. Several adults participated as well. Pastor Tim Forsee did a great job narrating the play. Sis. Kim Forsee sang a beautiful, blessed song. Sis. Walden blessed us with a beautiful song as well. The men's group also ministered with music. We are thankful to God for blessing our church with talent!

Our Junior Church is growing. We usually have 20-30 children each week. We hope this outreach in the community will inspire parents to come to church with their children. Please help us pray that this will come to pass soon.

Once a month, Bro. Mike Pile leads a Missions service on Wednesday night. Missionary news is shared as well as a message for the congregation. We support missionaries with finances as well as praying for them. In December, Bro. Rob and Sis. Martha Loper and their children joined several of our services. Pastor Forsee had the privilege of dedicating their youngest son, Eli Loper. Please pray for the Lopers as they start their journey to the missions in Gran Turk in February.

Ladies night is once a month. We have a great time of fellowship and focus on God's plan for our lives. Sis. Kim Forsee does an outstanding job leading these events. We always have the most delicious food. Our ladies love to cook! This past month, we had a baby shower for Julie Jackson to celebrate CJs welcome! The men sometimes fellowship, too! They met for Bible study and breakfast at Bob Evans.

Every month, Pastor Forsee leads a youth service on Sunday night. Adults are included in the activities as well. The young people seem to enjoy the services and participate without hesitation. We are hoping more young people from the Franklin community will join us. This is another prayer request.

Recently, Rev. Don Walden retired from his pastor's position in Tennessee. We are delighted that Bro. Don and Sis. Fayerene Walden have joined our services on a regular basis. He is currently our Sunday School teacher, and doing an outstanding job! In addition, we enjoy Sis. Walden's gospel music ministry. Did you know that she can play the guitar as well as the accordion?

Recently, Don and Julie Jackson have a new addition to their family, Baby CJ. They are in the process of adopting CJ. Please help us pray that this process will go smoothly and that CJ will become their little boy soon. CC and JJ are their adopted children as well. We are thankful and blessed to have this family as a part of our church family.

Please





help us pray for our church and community and that more people will be led to be saved and serve the Lord. Also, that we as Christians will continue to grow in God's will and service.

### Lexington, Kentucky

The month of January was a time of excitement and change around the church. January 6 marked the arrival of the Dewhursts as our pastoral family. Madelyn (7) and Joshua (6) have brought their bright smiles and beautiful singing voices. Constance's beautiful piano has filled the air with heavenly sounds. Little Joel (1) has made his way into the hearts and arms of many in the church.

Besides the regular duties of feeding and leading, Pastor Chris has worked tirelessly in helping to restore the church



parsonage. The men of the church have joined him, as if following a captain into battle. No challenge has been too great for their hard work



and determination.

Sis. Constance has led the effort to paint the walls and stain the woodwork. Ladies all over the church have shown up to transform the parsonage into a haven of beauty. Together the congregation is constructing a heritage of their love. It is "the house that love built."

### Noblesville, Indiana

What would a winter report be without Christmas?! Noblesville Pilgrim held two Christmas Programs, this year: an Adult program on Dec. 16 and the Children's program on Sunday morning, Dec. 23. Phil Alexander put together a beautiful adult program with seasonal vignettes, carolers and a drama that told our community audience how to get saved. Lorna Rundell directed the children in a touching program about Jesus being the Light and ended with the little ones handing out lit (battery) candles to the con-



gregation.... spreading the light all across the room. That evening, Dean Welbaum drove the bus and we all piled on to carol to several nursing homes. It was a beauti-



ful Christmas Sunday.

During the time between pastors, our church has been listening to several different preachers give us God's word in our Sunday services: Bro. Dahler, Bro. Southerland, Bro. Grile and our own Bro. Hales, Phil Alexander and Daniel Rundell. Each one had a message for our hearts and lives. God's word never returns void!

The Rob Loper family was with us for our December Missions service. Their excitement about going to the Turks and Caicos Islands was contagious! Stephen Gibson, from Holiness Pilgrim Mission, held our February Missions service and spoke on their work in Haiti. He said something that really stuck in my mind, "The gospel is the first and greatest answer to human problems. So, everything done to help the culture should be done thru the church." Interesting!

After several weeks of parsonage renovation, with Jerry Glick as general contractor, our Pastor and family finally arrived on Friday morning, Feb. 22, 2013. Many of our congregation came to help unload the truck and trailer. There was a real sense of excitement, anticipation and relief that we finally had our own pastor, once again!

Bro. Southerland welcomed Rev. John and Martha Forsee into the conference in our Sunday a.m. service, Feb. 24, and cer-

emonially handed him his Preaching License. The church family presented them with a LARGE food pounding and welcomed them onto our congregation. We are anticipating God's help and blessings in the days ahead!



Connie Hilligoss, reporter

## Wedding Bells

Friedens United Church of Christ, Indianapolis, Indiana was the setting of the lovely winter wedding of Jennifer Miller and Nate Stainbrook on December 1, 2012. Jennifer is the daughter of Don and Franklin. Nate is the son of David and the Stainbrook of son.

The attendants were; Zuleyka Rebekah Dick-Northern, Felicia Staley. The Groom's attendants were; Benjamin Daniel Dicken, Perry Stainbrook. Miniature Bride & Groom were Faith Slaughter & Andrew Stainbrook. Bible Bearer was Benjamin Slaughter. Flower Girl was Makenzie Patton. Miniature Flower Girl and assistant; Natalie Dicken



December 1, is the daughter of late Marilyn near Madison, Indiana.

Bride's attendants were; Vanessa Fro-Baltierra, Sarah Staley. The Groom's attendants were; Benjamin Daniel Dicken, Perry Stainbrook.

and Aaron Stainbrook. Ushers were Daniel Miller and Aaron Harmon. The Officiants were Rev. Timothy Forsee and Rev. Robert Leach.

The happy couple are making their home in Seymour, Indiana. They are attending the Madison, Indiana Pilgrim Holiness Church.

## It's a Boy & Girl!

Wesley Caleb and Elianna Faith Gray were born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2013 at 4:47 p.m. at Crawford Memorial Hospital in Illinois. Wesley Caleb was 5 lbs. 13 oz. and 19 inches long. Elianna Faith was 5 lbs. 11 oz. and 19 inches long.



The proud and happy parents are Wesley and Jennifer Gray. Grandparents are Mark & Lana Gray, and Dave and Patty Hartkopf. Great grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. Eugene Gray,

Joyce Decker and Lanny Decker, Janice Holmwood, and Suzanne Hartkopf. Wesley and Jennifer Gray attend the Palestine, Illinois Pilgrim Holiness Church.

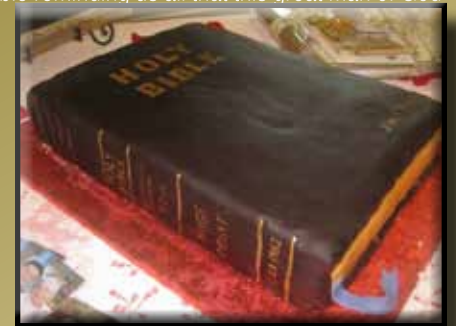
## A 50th Wedding Anniversary



Surrounded by friends and family, the Southerlands celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 29, 2012 at the Pilgrim

family and friends were apparent as a huge crowd of well-wishers gathered. Bringing a smile to the eyes of everyone that saw it was the large cake in the shape of a Bible reminding us all that this great man of God was chiseled out of the rolling fields of Bourbon County, Kentucky. Look closely, and you

Holiness Church Camp and Conference Center in Anderson, IN. Married December 23, 1962, the Southerlands' union has been a ministry team that has touched countless lives in North America, Europe, and the Caribbean for five decades. The overwhelming love and support of the Southerlands'



can read the inscription: "Kentucky Authorized Version."



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