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FROM THE EDITOR

TWO RECENT EVENTS THAT BLESS MY SOUL

On a recent visit to our Harrisburg Pilgrim Holiness Church, we noticed an older couple in the congregation that we had not met before. They were both expressive in their testimonies and very much into the service. My wife mentioned them to one of the ladies. Sis. Barbara Welsh informed us that she had called the couple nearly every Sunday for 32 years. Their children had attended Sunday school, but the parents came only on occasion, for special services. Alcohol had made a terrible impact upon the home environment. The mother experienced a severe heart attack. At the hospital, Sis. Welsh was by her side and prayed earnestly for her. Sis. Welsh was conscious of the sweet Presence of the Holy Spirit. The husband asked, "If my wife dies, will she go to heaven?" Sis. Welsh pointed out that the One who saves was right there bearing witness. The wife recovered. Finally, one Sunday service, God moved on the husband's heart, and he made his way to the altar of repentance. His testimony many times since then has been, "The Lord has given me another week free of alcohol." Praise God for a persistent lay lady, the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit, and a spiritually minded local church.

Secondly, a grandson said, "Grandpa, I'm going to be hanging out with a friend of mine not far from your house a week from Thursday. Do you suppose we could meet for a cup of coffee?" What was on the 16 year-old grandson's mind that he wanted to make an appointment for a cup of coffee and a talk? His father is a pastor and has carefully involved his home-schooled children in church activity.

They sat down in the restaurant with the coffee

in front of them. It didn't take long to get down to business. The handsome grandson looked straight into his grandpa's eyes and said, "Grandpa, there are three things that I know for sure." He counted them out on his fingers. "Number one, I know that Jesus Christ has forgiven me of all my sins. Number two, I know that I am sanctified holy and the Holy Spirit dwells within my heart. Number three, I know that the Lord has called me to be a pastor, and I want to be the best possible pastor that I can be."

He went on, "Dad started small group meetings in our church. He appointed 12 men to meet on Saturday mornings for prayer and accountability sessions. I am one of them that Dad asked to participate. I have been surprised to listen to adult men share the difficulties, struggles, and battles regarding their devotional lives. We pray for each other and share the load.

It was during this time that the Holy Spirit spoke to me saying, 'I want you to listen and to gain wisdom'. He said for me to pick out some spiritual people and listen to their experiences and words of wisdom." The grandpa tearfully shared a part of his testimony and tidbits of wisdom with his grandson. They had prayer together. Before leaving, the grandson said, "Grandpa could you call me once a week with the idea of accountability and check on me spiritually and pray for me?"

What a tremendous opportunity and responsibility it is to help pass on a spiritual heritage to a coming generation.

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SKIPPING A DAY

BY REV. DON DAVISON

The Pacific island of Samoa, in its switch to the west side of the international dateline, simply skipped Friday, Dec. 30, 2011!

For those of you that skipped the day of school when The International Date Line was expounded upon, Wikipedia tells us that it is an imaginary line on the surface of the Earth, running between the north and south poles, that demarcates one calendar day from the next. It passes through the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and it is drawn with diversions to pass around some territories and island groups.

So...Samoa, with some compelling need to switch over to the other side of the dateline did just that.

And in the process...skipped a day!
Like it didn't happen...
It's just out of here.

We're just going to say that particular date just wasn't on the calendar. Ever had a day you wish you could have just skipped? A few hours you could just edit out of the storyline of your life?

I have a feeling if Joseph would have had his way.... the chapter in his story where his brothers kidnapped him, sold him into slavery and passed him off for dead to his dad would have been rewritten.

Job surely would have liked to erase at least one day.

The truth is, we all have life-altering days that, in the human, we never would have chosen to experience. Some play out in the examining room of a doctor's office. Others pierce their way into our heart with news of a loved one's life gone incredibly bad. Jobs lost, dreams destroyed...days for which we didn't plan and likely will never understand in this life.

The things and events that define our lives can happen so quickly.

One moment can change a life path.



Unexpectedly.
Traumatically.
Irreversibly.

There's no way around some things. The only way, as providence would have it, is through them.

But whatever a day may bring...that day is in God's hand and plan.

Even past days, spent in unbelief and the wrong choices that mark life without God, are made into something useful when placed into HIS hands.

God delights in new beginnings, in meeting us right where we are and moving us forward in His plan.

Skipping days of suffering or setback?
It's not possible; it's just the reality of life.

Navigating storms without spiritual defeat?
Now that's the possibility offered every believer through grace!

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine POWER has granted to US everything pertaining to Life and Godliness through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature..."

II Peter 1:2 -4 NASB

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Looking Back

for a bit of nostalgia

"Only take heed ... lest thou forget the things which thine eyes saw..." Deut. 4:9

1982

30 years ago

- Several donated their time and labor on the new building at the Anderson Camp Ground. On May 24, 30 yards of cement was poured. The second portion had 31 1/2 yards of cement poured May 25. The final segment required 34 yards of cement that was poured on June 2. The total cost with discount was \$3290.85!
- The Petersburg, Indiana church enjoyed a revival with the Victory Trio April 23-May 1.

1987

25 years ago

- Brother Roy Norton is taking a seven month leave from his church in Anderson and will be going to Dominica to set up a Ministerial Study Course.
- Reverends Eugene Gray, Bernard Christy, Paul Gray flew on Eastern Airlines from Indianapolis to Dominica, held rallies and conducted their first General Assembly. Oh! God was there!
- Rev. & Mrs. Eugene Gray celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary May 29.
- Donald Micah Walden, son of Rev. & Mrs. Don Walden, married Cammie DeArmond, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy DeArmond of Indianapolis, on April 4.
- Rev. Robert Whitaker was the speaker for our Ministerial Convention in May.
- Rev. Dale Yocum passed away in May.

1992

20 years ago

- Travis Quinn Manns was born to Rev. Douglas and Kathie Manns on March 1.
- Rev. Donald Myers of New York was the speaker at our Ministerial Convention.
- Jonathan Walden was the Valedictorian of his High School class at Bethel Holiness School in Columbus, Indiana.

1997

15 years ago

- Dr. Alan Brown was the speaker and Keith and Betty Jane Sheridan were the singers at our Ministerial Convention.
- A group of 14 from Shiloh Pilgrim Holiness Church of Corydon, Indiana went to San Luis, Honduras to help the mission work of Bro. Merton (Rusty) and Sis. Isabel Rundell and family.
- Sister Janis Leach, who lives at Madison, Indiana, reported about the Ohio River flood that came the first of March. "We live on the Ohio River and looking from our front door, the river is in view at all times. We saw a lot of debris floating downstream. One man saw a mobile home being swept toward Louisville. The Ohio River flood crest was set at approximately sixty (60) feet above flood level. It would have taken much more than that to get in our church or parsonage."
- "Pop" Burton passed away March 11. Wilma Grant died April 4, and Sheryl Manns went to be with the Lord on April 8.

2002

10 years ago

- Rev. Earl Newton and the Don Quales Family were with us for our Ministerial Convention.
- Marcile Williams finished her earthly journey on April 5. William Otha Southerland, Sr. passed away May 11.
- Paul Ervin and Cherlyn Riddle were married April 6.
- The Noblesville, Indiana Pilgrim Holiness Church had a Mortgage Burning Ceremony on April 20.

2007

5 years ago

- Rev. Darrell Stetler and Bill & Crystal Kellogg were the workers for our Ministerial Convention.
- Rev. & Mrs. Eugene Gray celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.
- Edith Scarbrough passed away March 9. Elizabeth Thomason died on March 11. Angeline Rincker died April 30. Dorothy Jean Turpin passed away May 2. Adrene Horton died May 2. Elizabeth Fryman passed away May 6.



Ministers' and Wives'
Fall Retreat
 at the
 Crethaven Retreat Center
 Oblong, Illinois

October 18-20, 2012
~~NOT: October 11-13, 2012~~

(Dates on Conference Minutes
 are incorrect)

MEMORIES

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

Proverbs 4:18

Marjory Ann Avery

age 82, died Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at Saline, Michigan Evangelical Home. She was born February 2, 1930 in Traverse City, Michigan to Arthur and Fern (Hilts) Riggs. She married Rev. Arthur Avery in 1951. They were married 61 years and 20 days. They have been members of our Pilgrim Holiness Conference several years.

Marjory was a great cook and enjoyed singing, sewing, and reading with Janette Oke being her

favorite author. She also loved going to church services and singing with the congregation.

Besides her husband, Arthur, she is survived by five sons, Paul (Lora) of Midland, MI, David (April) of New Lexington, OH, Phillip (Cathy) of Petersburg, MI, Kenneth (Esther) of Zanesville, OH, Mark (Carol) of Mexico, MO, daughter Shelbie Avery of Sturgis, MI; 2 brothers and 4 sisters; 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters, two brother-in-laws and one grandson Kenneth, Jr.

Funeral service was at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan, Michigan February 27th with burial following at London Cemetery.

Elizabeth L. "Betty" Brown

84, of Shelbyville, Indiana died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. Born July 14, 1927, in Shelbyville, she was the daughter of George Ray and Bertha L. (Wicker) Brown.

Survivors include daughter, Raquel (husband, Alejandro) Castillo of Shelbyville; sisters, Avonelle Banker and Charlotte Bates, both of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Ravin Headlee, Jacob Castillo, Jazmine Castillo and Derrick Bates; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul Brown.

Miss Brown was a lifelong Shelby County resident. She graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1946, received her nursing degree from St. Vincent School of Nursing and bachelor of science degree from Marion College. Miss Brown was one of the first nurse practitioners in Indiana and served seven years in the mission fields of Bolivia, South America. She was a member of The Pilgrim Holiness Church in Franklin.

Betty adored her grandchildren and enjoyed traveling, fishing, reading, sewing and knitting.

Funeral services were at noon Monday the 27th at the church, with the Rev. Tim Forsee officiating. Interment was in Bennett Cemetery in

Shelby County.

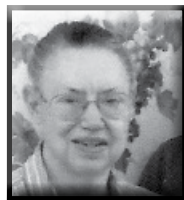
Floyd E. Coates

age 67, near Kent, Indiana passed from this life on Thursday, February 16, 2012. Married to the late Sandy Coates (of the Madison Pilgrim Church), Floyd was a friend of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. He was a past member of the Association of Union Bible College, and the Board of International Institute for Christian Studies. He and his wife Ann have presented a multimedia seminar on Creation versus Evolution across the country.



Rosemary Wilma (Sosbe) Douglas

age 79, passed away on Friday, January 20, 2012 in Franklin, Indiana. She was a resident of Franklin. She was born on November 7, 1932 in Indianapolis, Indiana to William Henry Sosbe and Rosannah James (Rogers-Volk) Sosbe. She married William Gene Douglas on May 24, 1952. He lovingly survives in Franklin. Other survivors include children, Wm. Frank Douglas (Judy) of Yanceyville, North



Carolina; Kathleen Hill (John) of Indianapolis; Martha Sparks (Rev. Don Sparks) of Morgantown and Mary Chastain (Louis) of Indianapolis; thirteen grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in passing by her parents and a sister, Lillian. She was a graduate of Tech High School in Indianapolis. Rosemary was a custodian for many years at Franklin Township Community Schools. She was a member of Franklin Pilgrim Holiness Church in Franklin. She was a sweet, Godly woman that will be certainly missed. Rev. Tim Forsee and Rev. Lonny Dunn conducted a service on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Franklin Pilgrim Holiness Church. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood, Indiana.

Carl Richard Peters

95, of rural Findlay passed away Thursday, February 16, 2012. Carl was born on March 25, 1916, to the late John E. and Ethel (Russell) Peters in Washington Twp., Hancock County. Carl married Ruth Maxine Saltzman on September 11, 1937, and she preceded him in death on February 17, 1998. Carl later married Rachel Enyart Edwards on November 2, 2001, and she survives. Carl was a retired farmer and a member of the Bible Methodist Church. Carl was also a member of the Hancock County Campmeeting, where he was President for 35 years.



Billy Strange

age 79, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. He was a resident of Franklin. He was born on October 8, 1932 in Cedar Springs, Kentucky to Mell and Mabel (Logston) Strange. He married Frances (Toms) Strange on February 20, 1952. She preceded him in passing on September 16, 2008. Survivors include daughter, Sue Shrum of Greenwood, Indiana and son, Jim Strange of Franklin; 4 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; 2 sisters. He was preceded in passing by his parents, wife, six brothers and one sister.



Billy was employed by General Motors in Indianapolis, retiring in 1988. He attended Pilgrim Holiness Church in Franklin. Billy loved fishing and spending time with his great-grandchildren. Rev. Tim Forsee conducted a service on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Flinn & Maguire Funeral Home in Franklin. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.



On behalf of

The Pilgrim Holiness Church, Inc.

Conference President
Rev. James A. Southerland

welcomes all to the

**Annual
Ministerial Convention
May 1 - 3, 2012**



Special Speaker
Dr. R. W. Bolois



Singers
Jonathan & Jalena Glick

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

(directions on back)



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**June
15-24
2012**

welcomes all to the

46th Anniversary Camp Meeting

Wesleyan Church Campgrounds

Frankfort, Indiana

(see map on reverse)



Evangelist
Rev. Paul Pierpoint



Evangelist
Rev. Darrell Stetler



Singers
Derek and Alanna McIntire



Children's Worker
Lorna Rundell

46th Annual Conference

June 18-20 • 12:30 P.M.

Educational & Examining Board

June 16 • 8:00 A.M.

Youth programming by
**Conference
Youth Director**



Rev. John Zeigler



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CAMP MEETING DETAILS:

Camp & Conference

Location

704 W. Freeman St. • Frankfort, IN



Daily Schedule

First service Friday June 15 • 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 Tabernacle (last Sunday only)	9:00 a.m.
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	6:30 p.m.



**Pilgrim Missions
Special Service**
Saturday, June 23 • 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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News, notes, and humor along the way

Tidbits

CHRIST IN EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE

Christ is the theme of the Bible. One can readily discern Christ as the theme of every book of the Bible. Every page of sacred revelation centers around and focuses upon His glorious person and portrays some facet of His divine character or ministry. To illustrate how this is true,

we give the following, showing how each book portrays Christ:

- In Genesis, He is the Creator and Seed of the woman.
- In Exodus, He is the Lamb of God for sinners slain.
- In Leviticus, He is our High Priest.
- In Numbers, He is the Star out of Jacob.
- In Deuteronomy, He is the Prophet like unto Moses.
- In Joshua, He is the Captain of our salvation.
- In Judges, He is the Messenger of Jehovah.

- In Ruth, He is our Kinsman-Redeemer.
- In Samuel, He is the despised and rejected King.
- In Kings and Chronicles, He is the King and Lord.
- In Ezra and Nehemiah, He is our Restorer.
- In Esther, He is our Advocate.
- In Job, He is our Redeemer.
- In Psalms, He is our All in all.
- In Proverbs, He is our Wisdom.
- In Ecclesiastes, He is the End of all living.
- In Song of Solomon, He is our Beloved and Lover of our souls.
- In Isaiah, He is our Messiah and Substitute.
- In Jeremiah, He is the Lord of our righteousness.
- In Lamentations, He is the Man of sorrows.
- In Ezekiel, He is the Son of man and the Throne Sitter.
- In Daniel, He is the Smiting Stone.
- In Hosea, He is the Healer of the backslider, and David's greater King.
- In Joel, He is the Restorer and Lord of bounty.
- In Amos, He is the Heavenly Husbandman.
- In Obadiah, He is the Deliverer on Mount Zion.
- In Jonah, He is the Resurrection and the Life.
- In Micah, He is the Everlasting Lord.
- In Nahum, He is our Stronghold in the day of trouble.
- In Habakkuk, He is the God of our salvation.
- In Zephaniah, He is the Jealous Lord.
- In Haggai, He is the Desire of all nations.
- In Zechariah, He is the Righteous Branch and Smitten Shepherd.
- In Malachi, He is the Sun of righteousness.
- In Matthew, He is the Promised Messiah.
- In Mark, He is the Servant of God.
- In Luke, He is the Son of man.
- In John, He is the Son of God.
- In Acts, He is the Living Lord.
- In Romans, He is our Righteousness.
- In I Corinthians, He is the Firstfruit from among the dead.
- In II Corinthians, He is our Sufficiency.
- In Galatians, He is our Liberty.
- In Ephesians, He is our Armor.
- In Philippians, He is our Joy and the Supplier of every need.
- In Colossians, He is our life and the Pre-eminent One.
- In I Thessalonians, He is the Coming One.
- In II Thessalonians, He is the Returning Lord.
- In I Timothy, He is our Mediator and Teacher.
- In II Timothy, He is our Example and the Bestower of crowns.
- In Titus, He is our Pattern and the Great God and Savior.
- In Philemon, He is our Lord and Master.
- In Hebrews, He is our Intercessor at the throne.
- In James, He is the Lord of sabaoth.
- In I Peter, He is the Precious Cornerstone.
- In II Peter, He is our Strength and the Long-suffering Savior.
- In I John, He is the Word of Life.
- In II John, He is the Way and the target of the Antichrist.
- In III John, He is the Truth.
- In Jude, He is the believer's Security.
- In Revelation, He is the triumphant King of kings and Lord of lords.

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MOTHER OF DESTINY

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

Proverbs 31:26-28

Long centuries ago Solomon wrote the words above, in speaking of godly mothers. The wisdom of his statement has been proved beyond shadow of doubt by the sum total of human history. Back of the ministry of every great man of God we can nearly always find the beneficent influence of a faithful mother. God has ordained that a mother's influence in shaping and molding of lives is more powerful than that of all other individuals.

The story is told that when men were digging among the ruins of Pompeii, they came across the body of a child with its arms outstretched. A workman exclaimed, "There is a mother here somewhere!" And, digging in the directions of the outstretched arms, the mother's body was found. What a mutely eloquent expression it was of the instinct of a child toward its mother and of the maternal influence upon the life of her offspring. God gave us mothers that care, in order that we, in our need, might have someone toward whom we can feel with outstretched arms. Mothers are always ready to listen, to comfort, to cope, to console and to protect, laying aside her own comfort to minister to the needs of her children.

True mother-love is, in a sense of the word, a symbol of the love of God for His children. Many of our readers will recall the name of Edward Hickman, the notorious California criminal, who committed one of the most hideous crimes in the annals of California's jurisprudence. Hickman's father said, "I disown him!" His mother said, "I shall always love him!"

When the natural instinct of mother-love is inspired by a personal experience with God through His Son, Christ Jesus, it becomes one of the most powerful in shaping and molding the lives of men and nations.

The great spiritual giant, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, once said, "I can tell you two reasons why I am what I am: my mother, and the truth of my message."

Martin Luther always testified that much of the blessing of his life was due to the influence of his mother. It was said of her that she was a worthy woman, distinguished above all else for her modesty and fear of God and constant communion with God in prayer.

The mother of Abraham Lincoln had as her chief textbook, the Bible. President Lincoln said of her, "All that I am and all that I ever hope to be, I owe to my darling mother."

John Randolph said, "I should have become an atheist but for one recollection, and that was the memory of the time when my mother used to take my hands in hers and pray with me 'Our Father who art in Heaven'."

One of the brightest memories of this writer is that of a family circle of six children gathered in the evening around the dining table upon which was opened the huge family Bible. It was our habit twice daily, at the beginning of the day and before retiring in the evening, to listen to my father and mother as they read from the Holy Writ and led in family prayer. Today, all six of us children are saved-and-in-the-fold Christians, and we are raising our children to be Christians who work for the Lord.

Likewise, in our own home, it was the ministry of Mrs. "First Mate Bob" around the family altar that resulted in the salvation of all four of our children. Her influence ultimately resulted in the salvation of this writer (her husband), and it is the testimony of all our children as well as mine, that her influence is told out in the ministry which millions know as THE HAVEN OF REST.

On this earth no blessing of life can be much sweeter to a mother than that of holding within her arms a little new life which God has given her. However, let every mother consider this fact: the privilege, God-given, of bearing a child, carries with it a corresponding responsibility. The shaping and molding of a life requires a wisdom far exceeding that of the human mind. That wisdom can be found only in a personal knowledge of Christ as Saviour, together with the guidance of His Holy Spirit. The fate of the human soul, the destiny of the human race are involved in the sacred trust of motherhood.

Taken from *The Log of the Haven of Rest Ministries*

CHURCH NEWS



Wedding Bells



Brandon, son of David and Connie Hilligoss, **Heather**, daughter of Jim and Marilyn Frazier of Altamont, Kansas, were married on December 17, 2011 at the Noblesville Pilgrim Holiness Church. Rev. Jack Hooker and

Rev. Nathan Gumbiner officiated. The couple live in Cincinnati, Ohio and attend the Franklin Bible Methodist Church. Brandon is the sound engineer for The Collingsworth Family and Heather is a Teacher's Assistant at Liberty Bible Academy.

Muncie, Indiana

Greetings from the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Muncie, IN. On November 20, 2011, Bro. Jerry Case taught the Senior Sunday School class. The topic was "A Prayer for Spiritual Growth". What a wonderful lesson! He held the interest of the whole class. I enjoyed his teaching. What a great teacher!

Bro. John Case held the morning worship service on November 27, 2011. His text was from Jeremiah 29:5-14. His topic was "Is There Any Hope in the Midst of the Day of Darkness?" There is hope: look at the Deliverer! Our hope is in our heavenly Father ONLY! Praise the Lord!

We were pleased to have the Southerlands with us on December 11, for the a.m. service. The music was very enjoyable and we had a full crowd. The sermon was on the "Blessed Story of our Creator".

December 18: What a blessed people we are to have a place to worship the King of Kings. The Cantata was free to all who were able to be there. I enjoyed it very much. At the p.m. service we had a large crowd in for Lorena Jeffries Good News Club Christmas Program. Sis. Jeffries is a very dedicated missionary lady who works with these children of the bus ministry all year long. We need more Lorena Jeffries in today's "forget the children" world. May God richly bless her.

On Christmas day, we gathered in for a morning service. It was a great way to spend the morning on Sunday, the birthday of our Blessed Savior. We were blessed with a special song by Kaitie and Calvin Denny. They sang, "Happy Birthday, Jesus". Don Bates and his sons sang, "O, Holy Night", Ethan, Landon, and Morgan Clemens sang, "We Will Shine like a Candle in the Darkness", and Bro. and Sis. Case and their son, Jerry, sang, "Hosanna". We can truly say that it's nice to have families singing together and for the Lord. Following all the wonderful singing, Bro. Clemens didn't let us down. He preached a sermon taken from Luke 1:1-3, 26, and

based it on the Christmas Story.

Our winter revival was January 8-11 with Rev. Keith and Sharon Waggoner. Sunday services were very good and refreshing. I was told that I missed some good preaching as well as singing on the other nights. I was unable to attend.

On January 20 and 29, Bro Case did a great job filling in for Bro. Clemens while he and his sons and daughter and their spouses and a student from the school went to South Africa to minister there. Also, on the 29th, Sister Jeffries had eighteen bus children with her. What a joy watching her mother all these little ones. Please pray for the parents of these precious children that they might be saved.

Linda Clevenger, reporter

Noblesville, Indiana

January began with a new series of messages by our Pastor on The Forgotten Commandments:

- Love Yourself
- Love your Neighbor
- Love the Lord with all Your Heart

In a message titled *Like a Good Neighbor*, Bro. Dahler told the story of the little boy, walking on the beach, who was tossing the starfish (that littered the sand) back into the ocean, one by one. An observer, watching the futile attempt of the little one to save all the creatures, told the little boy that he could never save them all; to which the young boy replied, as he tossed another one into the water, "But it means the world to that one!"

This description of saving the world one by one is what Dean Welbaum is all about. Dean, Hope, and their sons Seth and Trent have attended our church for many years. Dean is an educator and the principal of a local public school. Yet, in spite of his busy life, Dean is on a mission

to give Jesus to the community of Noblesville. He calls faithfully, every week, cleans and warms his bus and has a relationship with the families and children he brings to our church every Sunday. He prays for the ones he calls on, mentioning their names for all to hear. His family are very involved – as his sons travel on the bus with him and his wife entertains and takes meals and gifts to their contacts. We honor this man of God and his family, as they love their neighbors as themselves. God bless the Welbaum family. We are honored that you call our church your home.



How exciting a new birth is to a family – both spiritual and physical! A new member was added to our church family when tiny Kaitlyn Jolie was born on November 23rd to Israel and Heather Fry. We congratulate these first-time parents and look forward to watching Kaitlyn grow as her parents raise her for Jesus.



The beginning of December saw the Financial Peace University classes, facilitated by Becky Glick and taught by Dave Ramsey, come to an end after 13 weeks. Twenty-three of our people enrolled in the classes and met faithfully each week to learn to become better stewards.

December was a very exciting and busy month, as our sanctuary became a beautiful wedding chapel for TWO ceremonies! Jonathan Glick and Jalena Arnett were married on Dec. 2 in a lush red and silver Christmas wedding that included lots of seasonal music. Jalena's father and brother-in-law officiated. This young couple is now ministering in music at our New Castle church.

Brandon Hilligoss and Heather Frazier were married on a December afternoon, the week before Christmas. Light snow flurries started

the day as the guests arrived to a winter wonderland of pine trees and flickering lanterns in the sanctuary. A winter wedding in plum and silver with a touching solo by the groom was enjoyed by all. This couple resides in Cincinnati and works in music ministry and education.

Lorna Rundell, our Junior Church Director, directed the Children's Christmas program on Dec. 18. The children presented a touching skit with Jeffery Glick playing the lead on a moment's notice. The little boy from the bus route that had been assigned the part didn't come that morning. It was interesting to see David Hilligoss, Sunday School Superintendent, kneeling behind the piano cueing Jeff as he sat in a wheel chair!

Connie Hilligoss, reporter



SPECIAL DATES

April

Birthdays

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

ISAD WHAT?!

This is another installment in a series exploring the origin of many of the phrases we use every day.

"thinking cap"

To put on your thinking cap is to take time to consider a problem and hopefully solve it. In the very early law courts, it became traditional for a judge to wear a black cap to show the court he had heard all the evidence he needed in order to reach a decision. It was a signal that in the process of considering his verdict soon he was now passing sentence. In later years, this practice was restricted to the passing of a death sentence only, but in either case this was the original "thinking cap."

"Let the words of my mouth
 ... be acceptable in thy
 sight,"
 Psalm 19:14

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May

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

June

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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



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