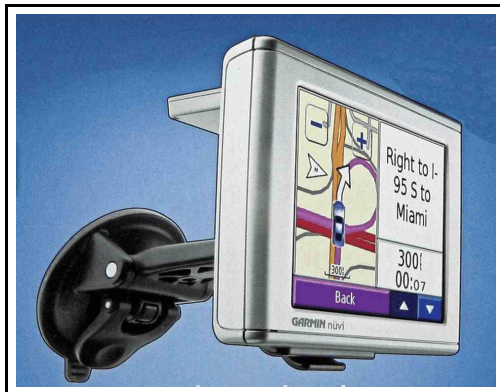


FINDING OUR WAY



Recently, Jan and I discovered the advantage of using a GPS unit (*Global Positioning Satellite*) in our travels. These little units are about the size of a deck of cards and are truly amazing! It is better than a road map by far. They are designed to help people find their way to places unknown by giving step by step directions on a planned route of travel.

We used a regular road map to arrive in Bella Vista, Arkansas but the next day I borrowed my brother-in-law's GPS unit in traveling to Branson, Missouri. Sure enough it guided us there and back and even re-routed us when we went off the regular planned travel route. At each turn the pleasant female voice gave clear directions of when and where to turn. I can highly recommend this back seat driver to anyone who is traveling to unfamiliar destinations. Admittedly you can use a road map, but maps don't

give verbal directions, nor do they help you find a place to eat, a gas station or emergency information such as directions to a hospital when you are away from home.

In similar fashion many people today find themselves without direction in life. They wander aimlessly without real purpose and meaning to their existence. They go to work, come home, do whatever and then get up the next morning and do it all over again. This goes on day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year. Then, at some point one wonders what has been accomplished in life.

In finding our way in life one must establish a relationship with the Lord through Jesus Christ. When a person accepts Christ as their Savior they have started on that journey to a life full of meaning. The second important factor is the use of a GBS (*Global Bible Study*); or at least that is what we are going to call our Bible. Without it a person will not be able to find the route to take in life. After all, a GBS which sits on the shelf or coffee table collecting dust is of no value to anyone.

How about you, are you making use of your GBS (*Global Bible Study*)? It can give a person guidance on moral, spiritual and other life matters. However one must pick it up, read it and follow its direction in finding our way in life.

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; ⁵guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Psalm 48:14 (NIV)

In Christ, *Pastor Ted*

-UP COMING EVENTS-

Mother's Day

Don't forget Mother's Day, May 10th! We will honor our Mother's on this special day.



COLO-NESCO Baccalaureate Service

The Colo-Nesco Baccalaureate Service will be held at the **High School** in Colo on the **13th of May at 7pm**. The speaker for 2009 will be Scott Johnson, Pastor of Iowa State University Lutheran Students. Following the service sponsored by the Churches of the Colo-Nesco Ecumenical Ministry a time of fellowship & refreshments will be held with each participating Church providing either two pans of bars or two dozen cookies.

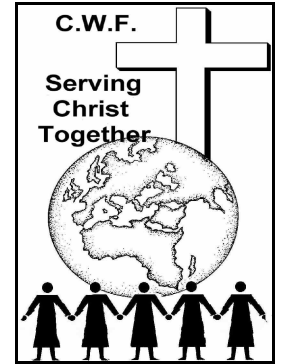
Upcoming Garage Sale



On **Saturday, June 6** the Church will sponsor a garage sale between the hours of **7am to 2pm**. Thus far we have several hundred pairs of salt & pepper shakers, many cookie jars, tea pots and many other items. Interested parties can look and purchase prior to the sale and some of the items pictured here have already been purchased. This is being done due to limited space. Items are **VERY REASONABLY** priced. All proceeds will be given to Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Zearing Food Pantry.

CWF - The Christian Women's Fellowship

The CWF have been busy since the first of the year. Baby Layettes were mailed in March along with three boxes of goodies for Josh Welch who is in the Army in Iraq. The next meeting will be June 18 (7:00 PM), hostess will be Robin Johnson. Place to be announced in the worship bulletin.



-NEWS WITHIN & WITHOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY-

Child Dedications



Carlee Mae Reed was presented for Dedication by her parents, Joel & Crystal, March 15, 2009 during the worship service. Carlee was born October 8, 2008



Present for the Dedication were grandparents from both sides of the family, along with Shelly, the baby's Godmother. Also present were other family members and friends, along with members of Zearing Christian Church.

Child dedication is an important time where both the child is dedicated to the Lord, and the parents, family and members of

the Church accept their obligations to help nurture a child in the Christian faith.

Sabrina Carolynn Monroe was born Sunday, April 5, to Matthew and Theresa Monroe of Richland, Wash. Grandparents include Tim and Ruth Mary Monroe, and Maxine Lundy is a great grandparent of the new arrival. Sabrina was born at 1:43 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

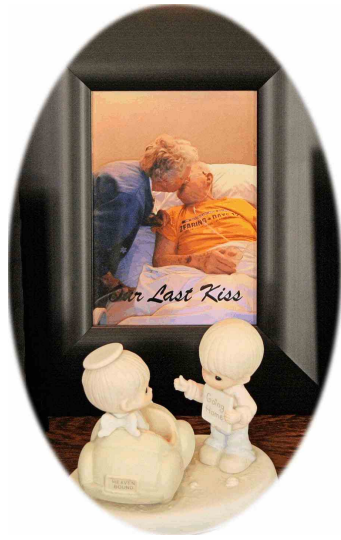
The Monroes also have a 3-year-old daughter, Julieanna, who is happy and busy in the "big sister" role.



-LOVE & SPECIAL PRAYERS-

Albert A. Krueger

Albert A. Krueger went home to be with the Lord on March 11th, 2009. Albert was a dedicated member serving in our Church for over 50 years as Elder and Church Board member. He will be greatly missed. Please Pray for the Krueger family and his wife Hilma during this time.



-THANKYOUS-

From Jessie Mathis-

I want to thank everyone for all their prayers and moral support through my medical treatments and hospital confinement. A special thanks to Pastor Ted for his hospital and home visits. Also to Tom for all the time he has spent transporting me to and from treatments and to Chase & Leah for getting me to Sunday Services. Thanks so much and God Bless you all.



Jessie Mathis

(If you have a "Note of Thanks", please submit it in writing to Ted so it can be placed in the newsletter.)

-SCOUTS-

Cub Scouts Earn Their God & Me Awards

These 10 Cub Scouts on February 22, 2009 earned their God & Me Awards after several months of work with Pastor Ted W. on Sunday afternoon. This award is a shorter version of the Boy Scout God & Country award. It taught the Cub's about God, prayer and having a personal relationship with Christ.



MUSICAL CONCERT

The Ambassadors from the Des Moines, Iowa area blessed our Church and guests with their Gospel Music on the 8th of March, 2009. They are a wonderful group!!!

If you would like to have them sing at your Church on a freewill basis contact Marty Trepp at m.trepp@mchsi.com.

Following the concert our CWF women provided a luncheon for everyone. Thank you ladies!!!



Early Easter Service at Colonial Manor Nursing Home



Twenty-one residents of Colonial Manor Nursing Home of Zearing and a number of Zearing Christian Church members gathered for an early service on Easter morning.

Hymns of praise were sung by the group, Communion was shared by all and then Pastor Tommy C. shared a sermon on the risen Christ. Following the service the nursing home activities director, Jennifer set up refreshments which were provided by the nursing home. Everyone enjoyed the service, fellowship and refreshments.

Easter Morning Service



Jim ran the music hymnal so we had some music while others helped sing.

The 10:30am Easter morning service at the Church was a blessing! Both young and old; members and non-members were present as we sang and worshipped together. It was wonderful to have so many young children along with their parents. Yes, they made sounds as children are accustomed to doing, but it was beautiful noise.

Following the service everyone departed to their homes to share in fellowship with friends and family.

We are fortunate to worship the Lord from whom all blessings come!



-Praise & Prayers from Zearing Christian Church-

Prayers

- Military: Soldiers and Families: Carl M.; Josh W. Mc Cloud family have 3 sons overseas.
- Residents in Nursing Homes: Mary B., Ilene F., Caroline H. & Donna L.
- Families who have lost loved ones: Albert Krueger; Nancy Cook Meyers
- Those with Cancer: Tami's cousin Dwight; Lee's Grandfather; Eaches- young woman's Father & not saved; Tom- Maureen co-worker; Cathy Fuller's Father; Unspoken cancer: Jim Christensen's wife, Betty Cancerous growth; Jessie, Dave Roberts; Wendell Eley; Joe B.
- Divorce: Friend of Bob's, Lonnie; Becky; Terry
- Food Pantry patrons
- Prayer for the daughter of niece who has kidney disease
- Prayer for Gary Eaches
- Drought in Africa
- Ed V. blood clots not operable
- Mary B., Gray's daughter- Leukemia
- Chuck's sister, father-in-laws cousin has leukemia
- Person in Iowa city
- Dan, alcohol problem
- Gladys S. Healing
- People in depression, Roma & others
- Nan, back surgery
- Shelly- healing surgery
- Prayer for son- employment
- Family in Grant, CO
- Prayer for our country & it's leadership
- CEF- for new director & for Matt & Deb Shaw former directors
- Rosie- Laura's mother, in hospice
- Donnie C for Tommi Connelly broken neck
- Michelle & Art marriage
- Brent V- Eldon (former minister) healing from fall
- Fisher- recovery from infection
- Employment layoffs- Chase, & others
- Chuck B- Surgery May 19th at VA
- Lee's grandson- Dakota
- Kara H- difficult pregnancy
- Tami's Aunt Edna, healing
- Mary Beth
- Penny- Rick's Father
- Jessie- CAT scan the Apr 28th
- Rick Carlson- Anhydrous Ammonia accident in hospital
- Bonnie's youngest son, Steve- 2nd degree burns on hand
- State decision on marriage
- People in low point in their lives
- Ministries in India
- CEF- Judi-Kay Humes & Iowa work with CEF
- Ministry Everywhere- Pastor Ted & Jan Welch, Pastor Prince S. Ministries & Missions, Pastor Jim & Pam Eaches, Our Local Assembly & Leaders for Church, town, state & nation

-BIRTHDAYS -& ANNIVERSARIES-

<April

- 03- Tommy Chance
- 11- Paul Henze
- 21- Chase Chance
- 26- Mark Johnson

<May

- 03- Wayne Carver
- 17- Crystal Perisho
- 17- Stella Carver
- 23- Dana Hendrick
- 23- Rick Reed
- 27- Stacie Reed

,Anniversary

<May

- 15- Wayne & Stella Carver

Our Financial Report

March 2009

Balance on Hand, 2/28	\$ +179.26
Income (Giving)	+2,996.70
Senior Lunch	+12.50
Interest	+294.84
Transfer from Savings	+200.00
Total Expenses	-3,590.67
Balance on Hand, 3/31	+92.63

Please Pray & Help As You Can

Please note that a complete copy of this month's income and expenses along with Board Meeting notes are posted on the Church bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

(If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, or our information is incorrect, please call or write so we can update our files.)

-IMPORTANT EVENTS-

Sunday Events

<<<Morning- Sunday School 9:15am, Church 10:30am

<<<Evening- Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts 7pm

<<<Pastor/Elders Meeting- 1st Wed., 7pm at Church

<<<General Board Meeting- 2nd Wed, 7pm at Church

<<<Mens Bible Fellowship- 3rd Wed, 7pm at Church

<<<Senior Dinner- Story Country Senior Citizens- Noon at Church on the 3rd Thursday of each month

<<<CWF Meeting- June 18 (7:00 PM) Place to be announced.

<<<Womens Bible Fellowship- Last Wednesday of Month, 7pm at the Vinsel home.

<<<Pot Luck Fellowship & Celebration of Birthdays & Anniversaries-

4th Sunday of each Month

**If you have Internet and haven't done so why not check out the Church
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Mom's Impressive Job Description

Author and preacher Tony Campolo said that when his wife, Peggy, was at home full time with their children and someone would ask, "And what is it that you do, my dear?" she would respond, "I am socializing two Homo sapiens into the dominant values of the Judeo-Christian tradition in order that they might be instruments for the transformation of the social order into the kind of eschatological utopia that God willed from the beginning of creation."

Then Peggy would ask the other person, "And what do you do?"

—John Ortberg and Ruth Haley, *An Ordinary Day with Jesus* (Zondervan, 2001), p. 122; submitted by Dave Slagle, Lawrenceville, Georgia

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