

Zearing Christian Church
THE CONNECTION

Every Other Month
Edition
Sept. & Oct.
2008

Edited by Jerry Dickinson & Ted H. Welch Sr.

IT'S ABOUT TIME!

It has been six months since you received THE CONNECTION newsletter. If you thought your name had been left off, it wasn't. The problem was with the writer. Your see, after returning from India Ted was tired both physically and emotionally after seeing the needs in that country. Then there was the work of editing the 1,300 some photos taken on the trip. Soon, time got away and it was summer.

Each month in the Pastor's report a mention was made of the non-publishing situation of the newsletter. The Church Board and Elders were patient and understood. Then Jerry volunteered to work together to write and publish the newsletter. Last month, Jerry and Ted met and decided how to divide the various areas between the two of them. A decision was also made to publish the newsletter every other month. So it is that "The Connection" newsletter is again being published.

If you have items for the newsletter please submit them in writing by the 7th of the month in which it will be published. Jerry will be handling: news within & without our Church family, food pantry, birthdays & anniversaries, important events and the financial report while Ted will handle: upcoming events, CWF, love & special prayers, thankyou's, Scouts and praise & prayers. Your help is needed to receive information in written form so it can be published. So, if you don't see something in the newsletter it is because the information was not received.

With that, Jerry and Ted will do their best to get the newsletter printed and out between the 15th and 20th of the month it is due for publishing.

Many events have transpired since the last issue of the newsletter was published. If you have access to the Internet you can view selected photos from the India trip through the Church Web Site, www.zearingcc.org. Another event of major significance was the VBS this summer. What a blessing it was to work with all the children. A big thanks goes out to everyone who helped. The latest event was the Dakin's Lake Fellowship Breakfast and worship service held in August. Again, it was a blessing!

Pray for the work of the Church as we seek to minister here in the Zearing area. In the meantime, we hope to see you in Sunday School and worship on Sunday mornings.

In Christ, *Pastor Ted*

CWF- The Christian Women's Fellowship

The CWF with the help and support of the congregation served the noon lunch at the Zearing Days Celebration. We realized a profit of \$697.00. We wish to thank everyone for their support.

In July the CWF donated \$200.00 to the

Salvation Army for help for the Parkersburg tornado and Iowa flood relief.

The CWF will be meeting for supper at Winnie Lounsberry's home at 6:00pm on the October 16th.

-NEWS WITHIN & WITHOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY-

CONGRATULATIONS - Jim and Bev C. have a new granddaughter.

Sept. 16, at her home in Warren County, Mo., the daughter of Jim and Jacque Cutler.

Bellhannah Ruby Cutler was born at 11:15 p.m.,

Bellhannah joins three brothers and three sisters already at home in the Cutler family.

-FOOD PANTRY-

The Zearing Christian Church is now the coordinator for the Zearing Food Bank, which serves the Zearing and McCallsburg areas. Our members who are doing the work now are Charles and Laura Buerckley and Bev and Jim Chance.

The pantry currently needs toilet tissue, dish soap, sugar, flour, shortening, salt, pepper, baking soda, baking powder, diced tomatoes, kidney beans,

jelly and hot chocolate. In addition, money is always welcome.

The number of households and individuals served by the food pantry during the past three months

are:

Month	Households	Individuals\
June	10	43
July	15	53
August	21	80

-Praise & Prayers from Zearing Christian Church-

1. Soldiers and Families in the military, Carl M. in Iraq, Josh Welch (Ted & Jan's Grandson) who will soon be going to Iraq.
2. Food Pantry patrons
3. Residents of Colonial Manor & other nursing homes along with those in independent/assisted living.
4. Civilians & military working in dangerous areas of the world
5. Tami- (1) Cousin Dwight colon cancer
6. Ted's parents- sale of house
7. Prayer for the daughter of niece who has kidney disease
8. Prayer for Gary Eaches
9. Karilyn V's former Pastor- Medical
10. Crops & flood victims
11. Prayer for the family of Sharon, Lee's friend
12. Drought in Africa
13. Prayer for LeAndres grandfather who has cancer
14. Presidential candidates & election process
15. Pennys surgery
16. Maxine- healing after surgery

17. Tami's aunt, prayer due to death
18. From Eaches- Young woman's Father has cancer & is not saved
19. Robin's prayer request
20. Neighbor boy of Karilyn's broke his back
21. Nancy Cook Meyers of IA F- cancer
22. Bev's sister Judy
23. Lee's Grandson, fall from window
24. Tom's co-worker Maureen- Cancer
25. Bernadine's niece had a stroke
26. Karilyn- Mike G. Heart problem
27. Cathy F. Father- Cancer
28. Prayers for the families who have lost loved ones: Dale Floyd, Kelly Anderson, Patty Campbell, Rev. Fromm & Vi Borton.
29. Prayer for our country & it's leadership
30. Ministries in India visited during mission journey
31. CEF- Judi-Kay Humes & Iowa work with CEF
32. 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-

BIRTHDAY

<September, Birthday

- 01- Maxine Lundy
- 05- Jeff Buerckley
- 27- Jamie Chance
- 29- Joy Barker

<October, Birthday

- 01- Sandy Helgeland
- 06- Ray Buerckley
- 09- Ryan Reed

- 13- Evan Johnson
- 17- Alan Henze

ANNIVERSARY

<September, Anniversary

- 06- Rick & Penny Reed
- 07- John & Sandy Helgeland
- 19- Jim & Bev Chance

<October, Anniversary

- 21- Bobbie & Tami Chance

(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- October 16th , supper at Winnie Lounsberry's home 6pm.
- <<<Womens Bible Fellowship- Last Wednesday of Month, 7pm at the Welch home.
- <<<Pot Luck Fellowship & Celebration of Birthdays & Anniversaries- 4th Sunday of each Month

Our Financial Report August, 2008

Balance on Hand, 07-31	\$53.23
Income (giving)	+\$2,659.15
Income (transfer from Savings)+	500.00
Total Expenses	-\$3,281.33
Balance on Hand, 08-31	- \$ 45.95

Our cash flow (*actual income versus expenses*) is in the red. However, due to a transfer from savings and use of the General fund all bills were paid for the month of August.

Please Pray & Help As You Can

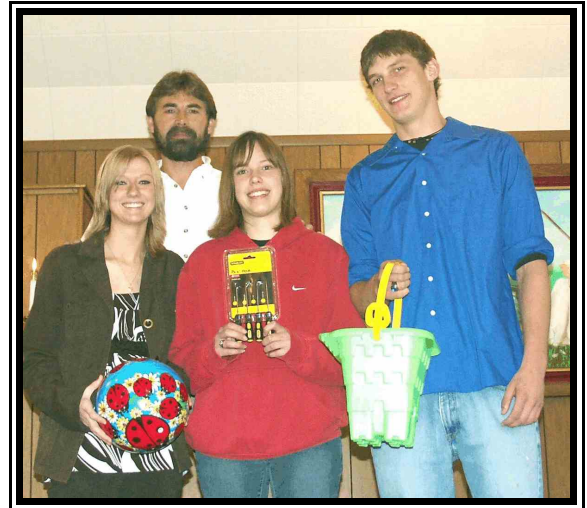
Please note that a complete copy of this months income and expenses along with Board Meeting notes are posted on the Church bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

PHOTOS FROM PAST EVENTS IN 2008

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEANDRA, KAYLA & JAMIE ON THEIR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 2008

During worship service on May 6th our congregation congratulated these three students. During this time Bob presented them with gag gifts representing their chosen fields: LeAndra- Physical Therapist so she received a beach ball; Kayla- Dental Assistant so she received a mini tool kit consisting of pliers and other items; and Jamie going into the work world received a bucket and shovel.

They were good sports and on the serious side we are PROUD OF EACH ONE OF THEM!



INDIA TRIP

Pastor Ted's trip to India last February was enlightening to say the least. Pastor Prince & his wife Leela Swamikan were wonderful hosts for Ted, Terry & Ken. Daily they



saw cultural differences, which included physical and spiritual needs in India. Pray for the needs of India and for our country as in many ways the Christian Churches in India, by and large, are stronger spiritually than the majority of our Churches here in the United States. For more photos go to the ZCC Web Site at: www.zearingcc.org .



Pastor Ted would like to thank Zearing Christian Church and all individuals who made this trip possible. If you would like your group or church to have a personal video slide presentation of the India trip please contact Ted using the addresses listed in the newsletter.

2008 VBS



The children had a great time at VBS in July! Not only did they have a good time though, several children accepted Christ as their Savior.

Zearing Christian Church host this years VBS. Bethel United Methodist Church helped provide dinners as did the women from our Church. Karilyn and Aileen led the actual VBS story and Spiritual program. Bob, Tom, Kayla and other helpers provided assistance with the puppet program. Thank you to everyone who helped in this years VBS. This is an important yearly outreach to the young people within the Zearing and outlying areas.



SPECIAL MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

A special Men's Bible Fellowship was held at Camp Mitigwa in Boone County in July.

Jerry, Chuck, Bob, Jim, Tommy*, and Ted* had great time of fellowship. They have been studying the fruits of the Spirit and, as of August have completed that series.

If you would like to be a part of this group we meet each month on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Church at 7pm. Come and try it!

(*Not pictured)



DAKIN'S LAKE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Each year in August we hold this special event. For some reason the last couple of years it has been a little chilly. This year was no exception. Lea bundled up with the help of Jim who piled on the blankets.

The food was great and so was the fellowship along with the worship service that morning.



WINDMILLS IN ZEARING

The windmill project in the Zearing area is coming along nicely. As you can see this will change the skyline of Zearing. Plus, it will provide a source of renewable energy which is not a source of pollution. They say each of the 100 some windmills will generate enough energy to provide electricity for 450 homes. It is expected that they will have them online sometime in November.



JOSH WELCH TO DEPLOY TO IRAQ

Josh Welch is scheduled to deploy to Iraq from his base at Fort Riley, Kansas sometime in early October. He is the son of Ted Jr. & Debbie Welch and the grandson of Ted Sr. and Jan Welch.

He entered the Army in February of 2007 at age 17 and is now a Spec 4 as of this month.

Another soldier from our Church family is Carl. He is also in Iraq.

Pray for all of our men in Iraq and in our world who not only defend our country but help others to enjoy the benefits of freedom.

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Paul said in:1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NIV)
“but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.”
How then should we be to one another?