

MILESTONES IN LIFE

Last year our 2003 Ford Taurus turned 100,000 miles. What a mile stone to record. Seldom does one get a chance to observe this once in a life time event.

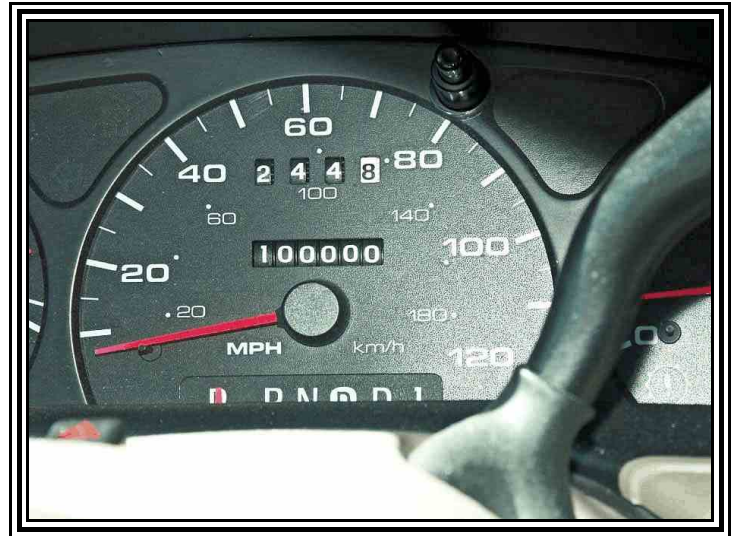
It wasn't that many years ago when it was very rare for a car to reach that many miles; and when it did, it meant the car was basically junk. However today that is not the case. In fact, this same vehicle now has over 138,000 and we keep driving it down the road. Our plan is to run the wheels off it and we look forward to when the odometer turns 200,000.

I have only had two cars reach the mark of 200,000 while I owned them. One was a 1966 Ford Galaxie 500 and the other a 1968 Datsun 510. Both were good cars and the new owners kept on driving them after I sold each one.

In this present economy I believe it is prudent to get as much bang for the buck as possible out of everything I own. Even if our economy was healthy I would do the same thing. It just makes good financial sense! Besides, I learned a long time ago you can't eat prestige.

PERSONAL MILE STONES

But there are also personal milestones which relate to our own lives which we can look back upon. For myself one is coming up the 21st of June. As I look back, I remember a young airman who gave his life to Christ on the 3rd Sunday in June in 1968 at a mission church plant in



Chicopee, Massachusetts. At the time I had no idea where the Lord would lead me but here I am 41 years later due to the Grace of our God.

That one milestone literally changed my life for the better. Oh, I haven't been a perfect Christian by any shape of the imagination during those years, but due to God's Love and Grace, He has guided me patiently to where I am currently.

Due to this, I whole heartedly endorse the bumper sticker: "*Christians Aren't Perfect, Just Forgiven!*"

Like our Ford Taurus, I am starting to accumulate a lot of miles on this 62 year old body. My life at this point is more than half over. However, our God isn't finished with me yet. With God's continued Grace and Love I'll keep on moving down the road of life in service to Him all of my days until He calls me home.

What are some of the milestones in your life? And... how does our Lord and Jesus Christ fit in with them? What personal milestones will go with you when your heart stops? Something to think about.....

In Christ,
Pastor Ted

-COMING EVENTS-



Sermon series on Jonah

A new sermon series was started on June 7th from the book of Jonah. If you missed the first two messages you can go to the Church Website at www.zearingcc.org and listen to them.

This small book only has forty eight verses but it is packed with relevant material which applies to our lives today.

Father's Day

Don't forget Father's Day this Sunday the 21st of June.



Kay Powell Memorial Service- There will be a Memorial Service for the niece of Bernadine Schaefer on June 26th, 10am at the Dakin Center here in Zearing. Following the Memorial and Gravesite Service a time of fellowship and refreshments will be held. The women of Zearing Christian Church will be serving.

Kay Powell, age 67 died on Wednesday January 7, 2009 at the Riverside Medical Center in Illinois. Surviving is her husband Richard to whom she has been married since September 17, 1960. Kay is the daughter of Samuel & Lucille (Lawler) Dakins, now deceased. Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, 5 grandchildren, one sister and 3 brothers.

VBS- Vacation Bible School

ALL children entering **grades 1st through 6th** are invited to attend Vacation Bible School each evening from **Sunday, July 19th through Thursday July 23rd**.

A **light supper** will be served from **6:00-6:30pm**. Then there will be **puppetry, stories, music, crafts, and games until 8:30pm**.

VBS will be held in the basement of the **Bethel United Methodist Church** in Zearing (the Zearing Christian Church is co-sponsoring VBS)

If you have any questions, please call Karilyn Vinsel at 641-487-7235. Hope to see all you boys and girls there!



Special Worship at Zearing Days

Plans are in the making for an all Church Community Worship service to be held at the Dakin Community Center on July 26th. Watch time listing in the weekly Church bulletin.



Benefit Concert for CEF



On August 30th, at 7pm at Zearing Christian Church, Pastor Patrick Anderson & his wife Julia will share in song together. The proceeds from the offering will go for Child Evangelism Fellowship. This worthy cause brings the Good News of the Gospel to children worldwide.

Mrs. Anderson is the new Ministry Coordinator of the North Central Chapter for CEF. During the evening they will also show some video clips and a power point presentation. Following the concert a time of fellowship & refreshments will be held. Mark your calendar and don't miss this event!

A Time of REJOICING!!! PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

On a Sunday morning in May during the worship service Leah & Chase made the announcement of their engagement to be married.

Present for this joyful news was Leah's Mother, Julie; sister, Elyse; friend, Stephanie and her Grandparents, Randall and Janet. Also present were Chase's parents, Tom & Marla; sister, Kayla; Grandparents, Jim & Bev, along with Uncle Bob and Aunt Tami. What a wonderful time to announce this news in the presence of family, other relatives, friends and Church family.

Chase & Leah have been attending Worship Services and the Adult Sunday School as a couple for the last several months. An August 8th, 2009 wedding is in the planning stage. We rejoice with Chase and Leah in the announcement of their engagement and forthcoming marriage!



Dakin's Lake Worship

The Zearing Christian Church lakeside worship and morning breakfast fellowship is coming soon. Watch for the announcements in the Church bulletin.

NEWS WITHIN & WITHOUT THE CHURCH

Lee Corson, pictured facing with the beard, has moved back to Oregon. We hated to see him leave but he has reunited with his family. He has retired from the Salvation Army and was a faithful person while in our fellowship since last fall.

We received word on Saturday the 13th that he had arrived safely and thanked us for our prayers and fellowship.



GARAGE SALE RESULTS



The ZCC Garage Sale started at 7am on Saturday the 6th of June. Many people showed up during the day even though it rained off and on. Total sales for the day were \$332.52 with \$250.00 to be given to Child Evangelism Fellowship & the balance will go to the Local Zearing Food Pantry.

Thank you to Bev and her team for organizing it, those who gave items and helped in any way to make this event successful!

-LOVE & SPECIAL PRAYERS-

Please keep the following families in your prayers due to recent deaths of those they loved.

The Jeff Garvey family in the loss of their son Mike who was killed in a tragic vehicle accident in the month of May. Mike is the 20 year old Grandson of Jan and Ted Welch.

The family of Sarah Barnes, aunt of Jan Welch, who passed away during the month of May.

The Kay Powell family, wife of Richard Powell & niece of Bernadine S.



Praise

- *- Lee- Arrived safely in Oregon *- Jeff home 3rd wk in July
- *- Jerry clear on ployups *- Amilia out of hospital
- *- Toddler was kept from getting finger mashed in door

Prayers

- Military: Soldiers and Families; Josh W. Mc Cloud family 1 son overseas.
- Residents in Nursing Homes: Mary B., Ilene F., Caroline H. & Donna L.
- Families who have lost loved ones: Garvey Family in Omaha; Makeoff family;
- Those with Cancer: Tami's cousin Dwight; Lee's Grandfather; Tom- Maureen co-worker; Cathy Fuller's Father back in hospital; Unspoken cancer: Jim Christensen's wife, Betty Cancerous growth; Jessie, Dave Roberts; Wendell Eley; Joe B., Jessie's cousin Amber lung cancer; Jake Shattuck spot on lung; Marlas co-worker
- Divorce: Becky
- Food Pantry patrons
- Daughter of niece, kidney disease
- Prayer for Gary Eaches
- Mary B., Gray's daughter- Leukemia
- Chuck's sister, father-in-laws cousin has leukemia
- Glady's S. Healing
- Shelly
- Prayer for son- employment
- Prayer for our country & it's leadership
- CEF- Julia & Patrick
- Rosie- Laura's mother, in hospice
- Michelle & Art marriage
- Employment layoffs- Chase & others
- Kara H- difficult pregnancy in hospital
- Penny- Rick's Father surgery recovery
- Jessie-
- Rick Carlson- continued healing from Anhydrous Ammonia accident
- Bonnie's youngest son, Steve- 2nd degree burns
- Lee- pending move
- Laura- Jeffrey- military Japan 6 months
- Bev- sick baby Eli
- Doug Sparks- hospital
- Mike — sick
- JoAnn Gray- Surgery recovery
- Amila, continue recovery at home
- State decision on marriage
- People in low point in their lives
- Bruce G. Accident log splitter, rehab, improving
- Bob/Tami's 2nd cousin Ann, light stroke
- Baby Ely doing better
- Evan J. For job
- Chuck B- Surgery recovery- slow
- JoAnn Gray at Colonial Manor NH for 3 wks
- Prayers for Jeff & family in loss of grandson
- Bob's friend Loni & children in divorce
- Kathy
- Vicki's mother sick
- 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

-FOOD PANTRY-

The Food Pantry served the following number of households and individuals during the past two months:



Month	Households	Individuals
April	18	59
May	17	57

The Food Pantry has been assisted by the Zearing Christian Church garage sale held June 6, which to date has contributed \$89.75 to this cause. (See separate story in this issue of The Connection.)

The staff of the Food Pantry would also like to extend many, many thanks for the donations of food and money so that we can continue to serve those in need.

Bev Chance

-BIRTHDAYS -& ANNIVERSARIES-

BIRTHDAYS

<June

03- Marie Henze
23- Jerry Dickinson
24- Eileen Mercuris
28- John Helgeland
29- Gavin Fredregill

<July

08- Toni Perisho
09- Jim Chance Jr.
09- Jill Perisho
12- Bill Buerckley

15- Chuck Buerckley
19- Winnie Lounsberry
27- Marla Chance

ANNIVERSARIES

<July, Anniversary

03- Joel & Crystal Reed
21- Brandon & Dana Hendrick

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- To be announced. See bulletin at Church.

<<<Womens Bible Fellowship- Last Wednesday of Month, 7pm (for place see bulletin at Church).

<<<Pot Luck Fellowship & Celebration of Birthdays & Anniversaries- 4th Sunday of each Month

Our Financial Report May, 2009

Balance on Hand, 04-30	\$ 180.27
Income (giving & interest)	+\$2,694.00
Income- Sunday School	+ 66.00
Heartland Senior Services	+ 12.50
Income (transfer from Savings)	+ 2,000.00
Total Expenses	- 4,832.61
Balance on Hand, 05-31	\$ 120.45

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.

HOLY HUMOR

What Does The Bible Mean?

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for **Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.**"

The Postal Clerk & The 10 Commandments

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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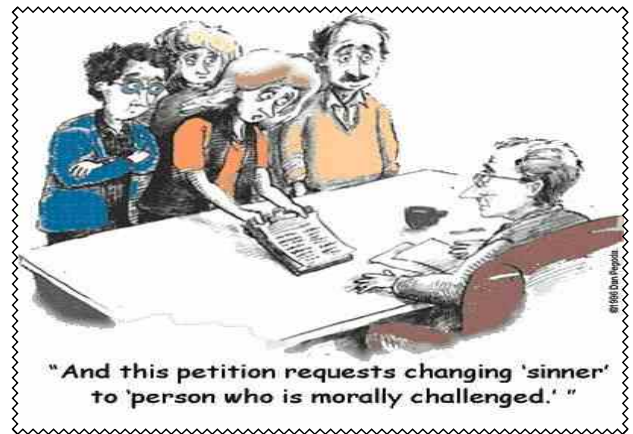
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For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23 (KJV)