

Zearing Christian Church  
**THE CONNECTION**

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*Photo by Ted*

## The Welch's Pending Move From Zearing Christian Church to Fillmore Christian Church in Missouri



Life in the Welch household has been different the last few weeks due to our pending move on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September to Savannah, Missouri. This will be a change for everyone concerned including us, Zearing Christian Church and the Fillmore Christian Church where we are going. It certainly will be a new day!

I want to thank Zearing Christian Church and its members for the love you have shown to Jan and I since our move here in April of 2005. As I stated in my resignation notice to the Elders & Board, our Church is a loving, caring Church body. Everyone has been so good to us during our tenure here at Zearing Christian Church.

So, why are leaving? Well, it's a God thing as some months ago Jan and I both felt it was time to seek another ministry of God's choosing. That reminds me, we do not always understand at the time why a certain path or direction is felt to be God's will to follow. Certainly it was that way in our seeking. This fits in with a principal which can be gleaned from 1 Corinthians 13:12: *Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.* (NIV) God has His purpose in this change in ministry and we will see

that clearly in days to come. He will work things out for His purpose so His work will continue.

One person in our congregation stated that our Church is sending us to Fillmore in the same way a missionary is sent out. There is much truth in that statement; and so, we are going forth to serve Christ and to accomplish His work.

I believe strongly in the concept expressed in the song, "Make New Friends But Keep The Old". I am thankful for the friends Jan and I havemade here at Zearing Christian Church and in Zearing in general. As we depart, those relationships will continue to be strong as, "One is Silver and the Others Gold", both are precious and beautiful!

May all of us pray and trust our God to bring things to pass, meeting the needs of our hearts, minds and soul. We shall meet again to share in Christian fellowship. Until then.

In Christ, *Pastor Ted*

*P.S- This issue of the newsletter may be the last one for a number of months. Would you be willing to help Jerry with its publication? If so, contact Jerry or Tom*

## **-UP COMING EVENTS-**

**~~Dakin's Lake Breakfast Fellowship & Worship Service-~~** August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Breakfast at 8:30am and Worship service following. Bring a guest, your favorite dish, lawn chair & prepare for a relaxing time by the lake.

### **Benefit Concert for CEF-**

There will be a Benefit Concert for Child Evangelism Fellowship of North Central Iowa on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm here at Zearing Christian Church. Music will be provided by Julia & Patrick Anderson along with exciting, live demonstration by summer Teen Missionaries. A Free Will offering will be taken. Invite your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time plus refreshments and fellowship to follow.



## **CWF-** The Christian Women's Fellowship

Dorothy Perisho, Secretary reports that the CWF met on July 16<sup>th</sup>. They have served two funeral or memorial lunches, one for Kay Powell and one for Jerry Shattuck.

New officers were elected: Co-Chairpersons are Robin Johnson and Marla Chance with Dorothy Perisho remaining as the Secretary Treasurer.

During Zearing Days a breakfast was served for the public. This time provided both a good meal and the enjoying of fine fellowship.

The next meeting will be at Winnie Lounsberry's home on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

## **-NEWS WITHIN & WITHOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY-**

### **VBS- Vacation Bible School**

God blessed this year's Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Zearing Christian Church and the United Methodist Church of Zearing, as 52 children enrolled, with an average nightly attendance of 30. Three children recommitted their lives to Christ, and 15 made first-time professions of



faith.

Karilyn Vinsel and Bob Chance were the VBS co-directors, and Victoria, George and Patrick Anderson were the Child Evangelism Fellowship teen missionaries in charge of music, the missionary story, and the presentation of information about this year's sponsored

missionary.

Tom, Marla, Kayla and Bob Chance presented a puppet show each evening based on the Bible lesson, and helped in other areas. Bob was also in charge of games, and Karilyn was in charge of crafts.

Others from the Zearing Christian Church assisting in the VBS were Pastor Ted who made and mailed the invitations, and made publicity posters, registration forms, and awards. Bev Chance who headed the food committee, with Dorothy Perisho, Tammy Chance and Robin Johnson helping wherever needed, and Jerry Dickinson and Jim Chance assisting with the crafts one evening and Winnie Lounsberry, Jan Welch and Stella Carver.

Thanks to them and all the others who helped by providing food, helping prepare and serve the supper, assisted with crafts or games, and who prayed for VBS.



Two of our Teen Missionaries who received a big ThankYOU and monetary remuneration for their work at VBS. The laborer, as the Bible says is worthy of their hire. The third teen who could not be present that night received a written note of thanks and the same monetary gift.

**House Guests-** Bernadine Schaefer plans to have house guests Aug. 21-27. Sherrill Brouhard, a former Zearing resident, and Sherill's twin sister, Sharon Gunthro, both of Sun Lake, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix, Ariz., are to stay with Bernadine while they were visiting Zearing.

## **-LOVE & PRAYERS-**

**Praise**

\*- Chase & Leah's Wedding last Saturday  
 \*Bob's Birthday \*Maxines Daughter & husband visit from Texas

**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: Family of Diane Edel
- Food Pantry patrons
- Those with Cancer: Tami's cousin Dwight; 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; Karilyn's friend, Donna & Carol, young Timothy stage 4 cancer , cancer which as returned
- Daughter of niece, kidney disease
- Mary B., Gray's daughter- Leukemia
- Chuck's sister, father-in-laws cousin has leukemia
- Gladys S. Healing
- Shelly
- Prayer for our country & it's leadership
- CEF- Julia & Patrick
- Rosie- Laura's mother, in hospice
- Penny- Rick's Father
- Jessie-
- Bonnie's youngest son, Steve- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns
- Laura- Jeffrey- military Japan 6 months
- Bev- sick baby Eli
- Doug Sparks- hospital
- Mike — sick
- JoAnn Gray- Infection
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin Ann, light stroke
- Evan J. For job
- Bob's friend Loni & children in divorce
- Kathy
- Prayer for employment- Marla & Chase
- Karilyn- Brother & his family not saved. A cousin is staying with them & for witness to them.
- Friend of Ruth V. Recovery from fall at Bethany Manor Nur H
- Daughter of Leo G lost eye
- Bev's brother unspoken
- Kevin Bauman family due to his death
- 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

## **-THANKYOUS-**

*I would like to thank all my friends for the cards, telephone calls and prayers during my recent medical problems. You all helped make time and healing go faster. God bless you all.*  
**Chuck Buerckley**

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

## **-SCOUTS-**

Zach Davies, pictured to the right, organized and held a garage sale with the help of fellow Scouters here at Zearing Christian Church. Proceeds of almost \$180 to purchase food through the Des Moines area Food Bank of Iowa and non-food products at local grocery stores. Congratulations Zach on the success of your Eagle Scout project!



## **-FOOD PANTRY-**

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

Month	Households	Individuals
June	17	50
July	17	49

The Zearing Food Pantry received a much-welcomed boost from Zach Davies' Eagle Scout project that held a garage sale Aug. 1, and raised \$179.10 for the Pantry.

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**

#### **<August**

05- Donna Lundy  
21- Jim Dunlap  
09- Bobby Chance  
09- Donnie Coleman  
20- Becky Buerckley  
24- Kayla Chance  
26- Bernadine Schaefer  
26- Shelly Farris  
31- Margaret Dunlap

#### **<September**

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

### **Anniversaries**

#### **<August**

07- Jim & Margaret Dunlap

#### **<September**

06- Rick & Penny Reed  
07- John & Sandy Helgeland  
19- Jim & Bev 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- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, 7pm at Church

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

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

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

<<<CWF Meeting- October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Winnies home.

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each Month

### **Our Financial Report July, 2009**

Balance on Hand, 07-01	\$ 462.99
Income (giving)	\$1,750.00
Income (giving) Sunday Sch	40.50
Heartland Senior Services	12.50
Minerva Valley Dividend	250.00
State Bank & Trust (CD's-2)	185.96
" " "	37.50
Income (transfer from Sav)	1,000.00
Total Expenses	-\$3,522.99
Balance on Hand, 07-31	\$ 216.36

### **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.*

# CONGRATULATIONS TO CHASE & LEAH CHANCE!

Chase & Leah were united in marriage on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 2009 at Zearing Christian Church in the company of many friends and relatives. Chase grew up within the Church and is the son of Tommy & Marla Chance and the grandson of Jim & Bev Chance.

It was a beautiful wedding with Spiritual meaning as this young couple exchanged vows which hold great obligations for each of them and together in their married life.

Chase & Leah plan on moving to the St. Louis, Missouri area in early September where he has a position to train for the profession of an electrician.

Please pray for them as they begin their married lives with new changes and challenges. While they will be missed here in Zearing we know they must follow God's direction. We wish them God's best in their forthcoming plans.



## MONSTER ARM WRESTLING

Our own Bob Chance, an Elder of Zearing Christian Church, recently participated in the Monster Arm Wrestling contest at the Iowa State Fair. He took second place in the middleweight left hand competition.

Bobby has participated for several years at this annual competition and has been a champion at both right and left hand on numerous occasions.

## MORE PHOTOS



The catapult Bob built for one of the VBS games was a huge success.



Bev, Lori & Marla enjoy the fellowship created in the process of the Scout project garage sale.



Karilyn working with the youth at VBS

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*Love is patient, love is kind.*

*It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

*It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.*

*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

*It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*Love never fails.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)*

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