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## Transforming Part II

By Janice Cuba

In the January newsletter I asked for anyone that would be able to receive the newsletter via email to email me at [officedumc@juno.com](mailto:officedumc@juno.com). Thank you to those that did so. A mass email was then sent to all the emails in the database that had not responded, and I received a BIG response. Thank you to all that responded.

By emailing the newsletter, we are able to cut almost in half the number of newsletters we are mailing. This will be a savings in paper, toner, and postage. Thank you for your help in this transformation of the newsletter.

If this newsletter was delivered to you by the post office and you have email that could be used, please let me know.

**AS I LOOK AT HOW THINGS TRANSFORM IN MY LIFE, AND IN THE LIVES OF EVERYONE AROUND ME I HOPE WE**

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### **WON'T FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT TRANSFORMATION THAT WE FIND IN:**

**2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 AND WE, WHO WITH UNVEILED FACES ALL REFLECT THE LORD'S GLORY, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS WITH EVER-INCREASING GLORY, WHICH COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO IS THE SPIRIT.**

How is your life transforming?

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SAYS, "THERE'S A DYNAMIC IN THE LIFE THAT IS DISCONTENTED WITH THE PRESENT...STRIVING TOWARD THE FUTURE...AND YET UNDERGIRD BY A DEEP CONTENTMENT THAT SAYS I'M AT PEACE WITH MYSELF ..AND WITH MY LORD."

YOU AND I ARE PEOPLE GOD SAVED BY THE SHED BLOOD OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST AND WE NEED TO GIVE HIM EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT. IN DOING THIS WE SOMETIMES HAVE TO STRAIN (STRETCH) OURSELVES AND OUR EVERY EFFORT TO BECOME ALL THAT GOD HAS DESTINED (ORDAINED) US TO BE.

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR HALFHEARTEDNESS WHEN IT COMES TO SERVING CHRIST. THINK WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF WE WOULD APPLY THIS THINKING WITH HIS HELP...TO BE THE BEST MARRIAGE PARTNER...THE BEST PARENT...THE BEST EMPLOYEE OR THE BEST EMPLOYER YOU COULD  
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## Pressing On      Philippians 3:12

By Pastor Curt

"NOT I HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED ALL THIS OR HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE PERFECT, BUT I PRESS ON TO TAKE HOLD OF THAT WHICH CHRIST JESUS TOOK HOLD OF ME".

PAUL SAYS "I PRESS ON". IN SOME TRANSLATIONS, THE WORDS "STRAINING TOWARD WHAT IS AHEAD" IS USED. PAUL IS TALKING ABOUT DOING OUR VERY BEST AND GIVING LIFE EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH CHRISTIANS BEING ACHIEVERS ...AS LONG AS SUCCESS IS KEPT IN PROPER BALANCE WITH HUMILITY, CHARACTER, AND INTEGRITY. WE CAN BE CONFIDENT AS CHRISTIANS...BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WE ARE LIVING WITH A STRENGTH WHICH GOES BEYOND OURSELVES.

JOHN A. HUFFMAN IN HIS BOOK WHOLLY LIVING

## “Let’s Get Acquainted...”

By Sherry Reed

***We have many new faces in our church so . . .***



***"Let's Get Acquainted . . . ☺" Let's Get Acquainted***

***Sunday, March 19***

***After 2nd church service***

***Potluck in Fellowship Hall***

***Signup sheets will soon be available***

***Watch for more information in the coming weeks***

## ***Nurture Committee***

### **February 2006 Mission Minutes**

By Pam Rush

We collected \$188.83 in the January mission buckets. We will donate \$200 to the Timberlee Youth Retreat for expenses. They are taking 20+ kids and several chaperones. It is a good time of Christian fellowship...lots of singing and learning.

Since last newsletter, we have also given \$150 to Crisis Pregnancy Center in Normal.

**Chili/Potato Soup Supper will be Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.** It is a church-wide event and is our main fundraiser for missions. We always need lots of help. Please mark your calendars!!!

I am reading a great book called, "The Treasure Principle" by Randy Alcorn. If you want to discover the JOY of giving, you will want to read this book. It's a very small (easy to read) book. We've all heard..."you can't take it with you", but

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Alcorn*

### **February Greeters**

**5 Sarah & Karen Jackson  
Micki Lishka**

### **2006 East Lynn Ladies retreat**

**"Beautiful are the Feet" ...Isaiah 52:7**

**Saturday, march 11, 2006**

**With Liz Curtis Higgs**

**8:00 am registration, coffee, book tables**

**Retreat: 9:00am - 3:30pm**

**Hoopeston Area High School**

**(Junction Rt. 1 and Rt. 9 East 1.5 miles on Rt 9)**

**Registration: \$30 - includes Lunch**

the author adds to that. "You can't take it with you-but you can send it on ahead". Anything that we try to hang on to here will be lost, but anything we put into God's hands will be insured by the real FDIC, the Father's Deposit Insurance Corporation. We need to be concerned about the eternal, not the temporal things of this world.

Thanks be to God for entrusting us with all that He owns.

Pam Rush/Outreach Committee  
Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM

***Chili Supper is  
February 26th***



***Gary Hinegardner would like to thank everyone for their prayers during his illness, and for keeping him on the prayer list.***

## Ad Council Minutes January 15, 2006

By Lyn Edwards

Call to Order 7:00 PM  
Pastor Curt opened with prayer.

The minutes for the October 9, 2005 meeting were distributed and discussed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Janice Cuba. Seconded by Dave Caldwell. Motion carried.

Finance - Janice Cuba and John Werner reported.

- Treasurer's report was distributed for review. Copies available in the church office.
- Adjustment to the asset value of the parsonage will be adjusted to the market value of \$180,000
- Motion to approve the report was made by Dave Caldwell. Seconded by Rhonda Nalley. Motion carried.
- Overview of the report was distributed and discussed. See attached.
- John noted that we must engage the congregation - he volunteered to lead an effort to drive this.
  - Recommendation to form a committee to help fill positions and opportunities for the services.
  - Pursue a worship leader or Minister
  - Seek guest speakers for worship

Nurture - Sherry Reed reported.

- There will not be a sweetheart banquet in February
- Get Acquainted luncheon being planned for March

## Trustee Minutes

By Darla Lanchester

**Present:** Jon Spelde, Dale Palmer, Curt Rush, Darla Lanchester, Mac Fuller, Andre McNaught, Craig Solvie, Ken Garling

Curt opened with prayer.

**Old Business:**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Andre made a motion the November meeting minutes be approved. Mac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Building Construction:**

**THE ZONING BOARD MEETING IS SET!! JANUARY 26 IS THE MEETING. IT'S AT 6:30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH IS THE USUAL MEETING DATE FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD, AND THAT WILL BE FEBRUARY 2. THE MEETING IS AT 7:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, AND IT WILL BE TO APPROVE ANNEXATION, SUBDIVISION, AND REZONING. AFTER THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING, IF APPROVED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO BUY THE PROPERTY.**

**THE CONFERENCE OFFICE IS NO LONGER ASKING US TO RETURN THE GRANT MONEY. IT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING.**

**IN THREE TO FOUR WEEKS, WE WILL HAVE CONSTRUCTION**

*Report of all committees of the church.*



19<sup>th</sup> - this will replace the Sweetheart Banquet.

- Suggestion to have different chairman talk about what their area is about
- Suggestion to have a host family for each new family - to invite, dine with and introduce them to the group
- Lenten Banner and Readings - Peggy Stark will approach Darla with the Drama Group handling this item.

Outreach - Pam Rush reported.

- Collected \$567.63 in the October-December mission buckets.
- Gave away \$4,783.95 in that same period of time.
- Sending \$150 to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Normal.
- Our Annual Chili/Potato Soup Supper - Sunday, February 26, 2006 4:30-7:00pm Watch for more info in your February Newsletter.
- Free will offering will be accepted.

Witness - No Report.

Trustees - Jon Spelde reported.

- See Attached.

PPRC - Brent Ward reported.

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### DRAWINGS FROM MORTON.

#### New Business:

Dale welcomed new members Craig Solvie and Ken Garling. Shari Riley and Dale Palmer are the retiring trustees. Suzann Erlenbush, Craig Solvie, and Ken Garling are the new trustees.

Darla nominated Jon Spelde for chairperson of the trustees for 2006. Andre seconded. Motion carried.

Craig Solvie nominated Darla for the position of secretary for 2006. Andre seconded. Motion carried.

Budget billing for gas for church, old parsonage, and annex together went from \$285 a month to \$597. December's actual bill was \$715.

Church Mutual sent us an application for liability insurance. (We have to reapply every three years, according to the terms of our policy.) Dale has been filling this out, and will have Janice fill in some of the information. This covers church employees and officers.

We are switching the meetings to the first Monday of each at 6:00 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, February 6, at 6:00 pm.

**Work Orders:** Clock in sanctuary

Front door has weather stripping problems. Dave Bach will fix

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POSSIBLY BE.

*“God has given you gifts and abilities to help you to become all God desires you to be.”*

THERE WILL BE PAIN AND DEFEAT ALONG THE WAY. THE THINGS THAT MEAN THE MOST ARE SOMETIMES THE HARDEST TO ACCOMPLISH. THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN YOUR GOALS IN LIFE WILL BE VERY FRUSTRATING ...EVEN TIMES WHEN YOU ARE JUST EXHAUSTED. THERE MAY EVEN BE TIMES WHEN YOU ARE STRETCHED FAR BEYOND YOUR EXPECTATION THAT GRASPING IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE. BUT WE NEED TO USE ALL THESE AS STEPPING STONES AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES; KNOWING THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU GIFTS AND ABILITIES TO HELP YOU TO BECOME ALL GOD DESIRES YOU TO BE. PAUL SAYS “I PRESS ON TO TAKE HOLD OF THAT WHICH CHRIST JESUS TOOK HOLD OF ME.” THESE ARE GOOD WORDS FOR US TO PUT IN OUR HEARTS. SEE YOU AT CHURCH.  
PASTOR CURT

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this. Dale bought weather stripping from the door manufacturer for him to use, but he took this back, because they were able to fix the existing stripping.

**PRAYER ROOM BENCHES: THE BENCHES ARE DONE. MAXWELL COUNTERS IS SELLING US A CUSTOM TABLE FOR \$85 DELIVERED. TREE**

**REMOVAL (PARSONAGE): THIS WILL BE DONE SOON.**

**THERE WAS A DELAY DUE TO A FAMILY SITUATION.**

**RADON TEST (PARSONAGE): TEST READINGS WERE 1.3 AND 1.4. ANYTHING OVER 4.0 HAS TO BE ADDRESSED, SO THESE READINGS ARE EXCELLENT. KEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MAC SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:03 PM.**

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- There will be an upcoming meeting for the committee.

Youth - Peggy Stark Reported

- Friendship First program is completed.
- K-6 using material already in the church
- JR and SR high are using material already in the church
- Food is working out fine for Wednesday nights. Serving time is being adjusted.
- Still needing snack items. All donations appreciated.
- Attendance for Wednesday night is going great.
- Timberlee Fundraiser is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

Sunday School - Peggy Stark reported.

- 75 students is the average attendance. This is going up.
- Gospel Light material is very good.

Adult class is quite large for the current subject lessons. SR and JR high are running about 20 students per Sunday.

UMW - Donna Clark reported.

- Collected \$3082.68 in 2005 not including the amount collected to be donated to the Kitchen Fund for the new church.
- Cookbooks, note cards and calendars are still for sale.
- A percentage of collections go to the building fund.
- 10-15 members on a regular basis. Would like to see that increase and draw in more people.

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Follow-up/New Business - Tim Mikel reported.

- As of 1/8/06 we have a shortfall of pledges of \$63,867.
- George Lewis reported that the sale of the property owned by the Romine's to the church would not take place.
- The Board set the direction for the Trustees.
  1. Continue to look at property and locations
  2. Determine how quickly we can move forward.

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- Motion made by Peggy Stark to direct George Lewis to have our lawyers draft a letter to direct that any information obtained for the development of the property to be purchased from the Romine's be the sole property of DUMC and not given without approval of DUMC. In addition, the Trustees will actively pursue the cost, location and feasibility for a Church site, ideally within 3 miles of Downs, and report back to the Ad Board within 30 days. Seconded by Rhonda Nalley. Motion carried.

### New Business Continued -

- Next quarterly meeting Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- Special Ad Board Meeting to discuss the property findings - Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Church from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. We will meet in the big Sunday School room in the Church.
- Thank you to Rhonda Nalley and Peggy Stark for providing the meal. Donna Clark and Pam Rush will provide the meal for the next quarterly meeting.

Closed with prayer by Pastor Curt.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Brent Ward. Seconded by Donna Clark. Motion carried.

## Financial Report Four Year Trend

By John Werner

	Year End 2002	Year End 2003	Year End 2004	Year End 2005
Annual Budget	128,594	136,290	155,067	161,566
Receipts	150,147	165,403	148,831	139,209
General Fund Bal.	33,545	73,239	33,354	16,579
Building Fund Bal.	80,538	184,914	264,784	376,531
Building Fund Rec.	46,738	165,324	143,596	114,101

**Notes:** The loan on the parsonage was half of what it could have been due to money being used from the General Fund to pay for the parsonage. General Fund includes weekly giving to fund church operations. 2006 Budget is \$167,133. To cover the budget we need a weekly offering of \$3,214. Average weekly giving for 1<sup>st</sup> three weeks of 2006 was \$2,324.

**Finance Chair comments:** As shared at the church service on January 22, 2006 Church Council recommendation was for a renewed focus on

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyn Edwards, Recording Secretary

Present: Tim Mikel, Mac Fuller, Sherry Reed, John Werner, Janice Cuba, Rhonda Nalley, Peggy Stark, Dave Caldwell, George Lewis, Curt Rush, Pam Rush, Donna Clark, Brent Ward, Jon Spelde, Lyn Edwards

## February Nursery Workers

5 Dee Dahms

12 Brian or Janelle Zachow

19 Dawn Ramirez

26 Karyn Spelde

## February Power Point Operators

8 am Service	10:30 Service
5 Sue Colclasure	Robb Erlenbush
12 Rhonda Nalley	Laura Walters
19 Jake Nalley	CAN YOU HELP?
22 John Fisher	CAN YOU HELP?

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE STUDY ROOM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

-Dictionaries

-Encyclopedias

-Calculators

the mission of the church and the need for all to focus our hearts, minds, and commitment to Him and then our financial goals will follow. The Church Council asks each church family to prayerfully consider how we can together, by faith, step forward to answer God's call to do his will for the Church. Trustees are expected to provide a status report regarding direction in the Growing on Our Faith planning within the next

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*"...each church family to prayerfully consider ... how to do God's will."*

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couple weeks. Expenses continue to rise, including basic utilities. Our conference support and insurance expenses continue to increase at a greater than inflationary rate.

Please direct questions to the Finance Chair or speak with a committee member.

### February Birthdays

4 Meredith Caldwell  
5 Margaret Nagreski  
Miles Young  
7 Dan Caldwell  
8 Becky Connour  
11 Brenda LaLande  
13 Andy Whitted  
14 Janice Cuba  
Jackie Gibson  
Ronald Terven  
16 Ashley Carr  
17 Tim Riley  
Sarah Rutledge  
19 Lisa Adams  
20 Barbara Layten

23 Dave Cobstill  
Steve Moffitt  
25 Jacob Rutledge

### February Anniversaries

4 Mac & Deb Fuller  
15 Scott & Mary  
Romine  
24 Larry & Peggy Stark  
28 Bill & Suzann  
Erlenbush

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