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My Expectation is From God

By Pastor Curt

"HE ALONE IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION; HE IS MY FORTRESS, I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN."

IN JEREMIAH 33:3 WE HEAR THESE WORDS: "CALL TO ME AND I WILL ANSWER YOU AND TELL YOU GREAT AND UNSEARCHABLE THINGS YOU DO NOT KNOW."

SOMEONE HAS SAID, "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO EXPECTS NOTHING, HE SHALL NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED." I DO NOT KNOW WHO INVENTED THAT GLOOMY SAYING, BUT THAT PERSON CERTAINLY DID NOT KNOW HIS OR HER BIBLE.

NO ONE WHO HAS LOOKED TO CHRIST IN EXPECTATION HAS EVER BEEN DISAPPOINTED. THE REASON WE ARE SO IMPOVERISHED IS BECAUSE WE EXPECT SO LITTLE. WE ASK GOD FOR SOMETHING AND THEN WE ARE SURPRISED WHEN GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS.

A LADY ALL EXCITED, SAID "HOW WONDERFUL! HOW WONDERFUL! THE LORD HAS ANSWERED MY PRAYERS!" WHY WAS SHE SO EXCITED ABOUT GOD ANSWERING HER PRAYER? YOU AND I SHOULD BE SURPRISED WHEN GOD DOESN'T ANSWER OUR PRAYER.

WE RECEIVE SO LITTLE BECAUSE WE EXPECT SO LITTLE. JEREMIAH 33:3 SAYS, "CALL TO ME AND I WILL ANSWER YOU AND TELL YOU GREAT AND UNSEARCHABLE THINGS YOU DO NOT KNOW."

THERE IS A SAYING I ONCE SAW: "PRAYER IS NOT CONQUERING GOD'S RELUCTANCE, BUT LAYING HOLD OF HIS WILLINGNESS."

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HOW ARE YOU SERVING? CAN YOU FILL A SPOT?

Power Point Operators

	<u>8:00 am Service</u>	<u>10:30 am Service</u>
7	Rhonda Nalley	Robb Erlenbush
14	Sue Colclasure	Laura Walters
21	Jake Nalley	Tom Coulon
28	John Fisher	CAN YOU HELP?

GREETERS 10:30 am Service

7	Rita Harsh/Dave Wysocki/Vickie Strohl
14	Mabel Courtney/Barb Jones/Diane Scherr
21	Jim Walters Family
28	Bill Erlenbush Family

NURSERY SCHEDULE

10:30am Service

7	Kathy/Robert/Heather Miller
14	Brian & Janelle Zachow
21	Jen Nelson
28	Michelle Roop

Ad Board Minutes by Lyn Edwards

Call to Order 7:15 PM.
Pastor Curt opened with prayer.

The minutes for the January 15, 2006 meeting and the Special meeting February 15, 2006 were distributed and discussed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Peggy Stark. Seconded by Pam Rush. Motion carried.

Finance - John Werner and Janice Cuba reported.

- Treasurer’s report was distributed for review. See report in church office.
- Motion to approve the report was made by Donna Clark. Seconded by Jon Spelde. Motion carried.
- John Werner reported on the negative trend in the General Account Fund. Ending balance 2005, \$16,079. Ending balance 1st quarter 2006, \$7,843. Ending balance 4/23 \$15,535 with over \$7000 in expenses to be paid by the end of the month. A special Finance Committee meeting was called on 4/12 to discuss this matter and possible solutions.
- Discussion on how to remedy the negative trend.
 - Finance committee recommended to the Ad Board that an announcement be made during both services on 4/30 to explain the situation and a letter regarding the finances of the Church will follow in the mail. Motion made to approve this action by Janice Cuba. Seconded by Pam Rush. Motion carried.
 - Finance committee recommended to the Ad Board that we pay down the mortgage on the parsonage to address cash flow needs and make the Church debt free. Funds will

come from the following avenues:

- Building fund monies not designated for the “Building on our Faith Campaign”.
- Funds from the sales of the easement on the parsonage property.
- Transfer of funds from Church Members who volunteered to re-designate a portion of their contributions totaling approximately \$10,000
- Motion made to approve the pay down of the mortgage on the parsonage in this manner was made by Rhonda Nalley. Seconded by Jon Spelde. Motion carried.
- Finance committee recommended to the Ad Board forgiveness of a \$12,842 loan to the General Fund from the Building Fund. The recommendation was made because \$32,000 had previously been transferred from the General Fund to the Building Fund due to generous stewardship in previous years

Nurture - Sherry Reed reported in writing.

- The Let’s Get Acquainted Potluck went very well. Approximately 85 people attended the potluck. Donations for the sandwiches were \$100. The cost of the sandwiches was \$119.09.

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May Birthdays

2 Deb Bricker	24 Don Colclasure
3 Lori Rogers	26 Chris Stark
Chad Adkisson	27 Lauren James
4 Jacob Stark	David Mikel
6 Lindsey Cuba	Curtis Prochnow
Maggie Edwards	28 Shannon Ramirez
9 Fae Adele Young	29 Gary Brotherton
10 Sarah Wilson	30 Michelle Roop
11 Joye Solvie	Charles Murphy
Anthony Williams	

14 Rhonda Nalley

18 Kathy Hammer
Melissa Osman

19 Beth Randall

20 Audrey Moss

21 Ed Clark

Brad Adkisson

John Fisher

Andrea Kleinlein

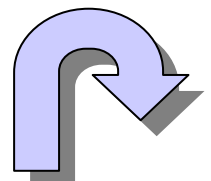
23 Kate Reise

Days to Celebrate!



May Anniversaries

2 Keith & Ginger Campbell
2 Brett & Michelle Roop
2 Keith & Jody Simpson
3 Bud & Mabel Courtney
5 Chris & Tandy Chaszar
24 Alan & Sheila Castleman
28 Dennis & Jill McNeese
31 Dave & Darcie Jones



IMPORTANT

NOTE:

May 7th at 11:45am there will be a charge conference for all members of the church to vote on the potential purchase of property. Members must be present to vote.

FOR SALE:

Ink Cartridges the office printers no longer use.

HP 41 Color

HP 15 Black

IBM Proprinter

\$10 each

Contact the office

May 2006 Mission Minutes

By Pam Rush

God is sooooo GOOD!!! I praise Him for giving us the opportunity to help so many people. We have given out \$4,237.39 since the last newsletter.

Reedy Family/LeRoy	\$1,000	Utilities	\$302.39
Kemp Family/Heyworth	\$1,000	Easter Gift Certif	\$150.00
Diversity Trip	\$300	Rent	\$200.00
Camping	\$450	Food	\$14
Compassion Child	\$121	2 Local Mission Org	\$600
Medical	\$100		

May Schedule

Monday	May 1	6:00 Trustee Meeting
Tuesday	May 2	9:00 Extension No Praise Band
Wednesday	May 3	5:30 Family Night
Thursday	May 4	National Day of Prayer-Church open
Sunday	May 7	Choir & Kelsey Spelde Sing 2 nd Service
Monday	May 8	5:00 Last Angel Choir Practice till Fall
Tuesday	May 9	6:30 Praise Band Practice
Wednesday	May 10	5:30 LAST Family Night Until Fall
Sunday	May 14	Mother's Day Angel Choir Sings 2 nd Service
Tuesday	May 16	6:30 Praise Band Practice
Sunday	May 21	7:15 am UMW at Shannons
Tuesday	May 23	6:30 Praise Band Practice
Sunday	May 28	Praise Band @ 2 nd Service
Tuesday	May 30	6:30 Praise Band Practice
Sunday	June 4	Sunday School Promotion



One of this year's scripture is 1 Samuel 2:30 "Those who honor me I will honor."

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4th. The National Day of Prayer Task Force's mission is to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in the five centers of power: Church, Education, Family, Government and Media.

What better way to initiate the prayer room than to come on Thursday and pray for our nation and its leaders. The church will be open 6am - 7pm and prayer guides will be available. You may use the alter or the prayer room.



Peoria Chiefs vs Burlington Bees with Avalon Concert immediately following.

Group rates of \$13.10 per person available if we have 20 or more people. Please let the office know if you are interested. The rate includes the game and concert fee.

Friday, June 30th
O'Brien Field
Gates Open 5:30 pm
Game Time 6:30 pm

AVALON is the Grammy nominated Christian Contemporary Vocal Group presented by the Peoria Chiefs, Berean Bookstores and WCIC.



Check your calendars and make plans today for this event!



UMW is down to their last case of Cookbooks. This cookbook is a combination of prior cookbooks along with new recipes at the time of printing. Don't miss out! When they are gone they are gone.

Programs at Downs UMC

- UMW Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month for breakfast at 7:30am. All ladies of the church are welcome.
- Sunday School classes for Preschool through adults every Sunday at 9:15am
- Angel Choir practices every Monday night at 5:00pm Grades K and up. Last practice 5/8
- Praise Band practices each Tuesday night at 6:30pm
- Family Night is Wednesday nights. Last Night is May 10th
- 5:30-6:15 DUMC Players
- 5:30-6:45 Homework and Dinner Time
- 6:00-7:00 DUMC Choir
- 7:00-8:00 Youth Groups
- 7:00-8:00 Bible Study

ATTENTION EVERYONE INTERESTED IN CAMPING: Literature on the available camps is in the back of the church. Register now as the camps fill up in a hurry.



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- Lenten Services - Alter Clothes changed according to the guidelines.
- National Day of Prayer (1st Thursday in May) - Asked Janice Cuba to add an announcement in the bulletin and May Newsletter letting everyone know that National Day of Prayer is May 4.
- Mother's Day (May 14) - Carnations have been ordered for all of the mothers. Sherry will contact Peggy Stark about having some children hand out the carnations. Sue Mikel is working on getting special music lined up for the 2nd service. This is also the Sunday that the Angel Choir will sing.
- Father's Day (June 18) - Bookmarks are being ordered for all of the fathers. Special music has been arranged for the 2nd service. Kim Owens will sing at the 2nd service. Sherry will contact Peggy Stark about have some children hand out the bookmarks.

Outreach – Pam Rush reported. Chili Supper – served about 240. Profit approximately \$1244. Received letter from our Compassion Child – on the bulletin board Collected \$451 from Mission Buckets (Jan-March) Donated: (Jan-March) - \$2881.03 (April) \$1404.78 – Total \$4285.81 See Mission Minutes on Page 3 of the Newsletter

- Excess choir robes and medical items will be given to Midwest Distribution Center or others in need. Motion to approve made by Janice Cuba. Seconded by Peggy Stark. Motion carried.

Witness – Peggy Stark reported. Etta Whitted is working on the baccalaureate

Trustees – Jon Spelde reported.

- Flood damage in the parsonage has been handled and repaired through the insurance company.
- Mac Fuller met with Keith Zimmerman, District Superintendent and Bobbie Zimmerman, Co-District Chair of Building to discuss proposed purchase of land for potential future building site. The Church has been asked to prepare a description of the proposed site and submit to the district.
- Approval was given by the district to purchase the proposed property. It was strongly suggested to purchase the property as an investment.
- Vote will be taken of the Church members on May 7th after the second service.
 - Letter by the Trustees regarding a vote of our Charge Conference will be sent later this week.
 - Announcement will be made in Church April 30th of the impending vote.
- Discussions have occurred with the Tri-Valley School District to discuss cooperative aspects of the possible future building site due to the close proximity to the middle school. All parties appeared positive.

PPRC – No report.

Youth – Peggy Stark reported. Carrie Cobstill reported that proposed dates for the Youth Retreat to Timberlee are 2/2-2/4/07.

- Craig Solvie discussed this year's experience. He outlined the day and conveyed that the experience is scripture based and spiritual. Possible fundraising activities to offset costs of this trip would be BBQ lunch, coffee cake sales, bagging groceries, pumping gas. Clinton Church has offered the use of their bus for the Timberlee trip. Clinton Church would be responsible for insurance. We would need to provide a qualified driver. Motion made to approve the Timberlee trip for 2007 was made by Rhonda Nalley. Seconded by Peggy Stark. Motion carried.
- Noted that all chaperons must go through the church sexual harassment awareness training.
- The average attendance on Wednesday night groups is 70.
- The last youth group night will be May 10th with a special program night.

Sunday School – Peggy Stark reported.

- Average attendance on Sunday is 54.
- Summer classes will be combined as needed.
- Vacation Bible School will be coordinated by Barb Fisher and Peggy Stark. It will take place during the day – similar to last year – 2nd or 3rd week in June.

UMW – Donna Clark reported.

- May 21st at Shannon's Café at 7:15 AM
- 4 funeral dinners since 1/1/06

Follow-up – Tim Mikel reported.

- Rhonda Nalley provided reports to review trends and determine areas for improvement.
- New site – engage more people

Old Business – no report

New Business –

- Next quarterly meeting Sunday, July 16th at 7:00 PM
- Curt Rush gave approval to have the meeting in his absence
- Thank you to Donna Clark and Pam Rush for providing the meal. John Werner and Tim Mikel will provide the meal for the next quarterly meeting.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by John Werner. Seconded by Mac Fuller. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

2006 Official Role (Positions being Served)

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Hours:
Tuesday: Afternoon
Wednesday: 8:30 am - 10:30 am
Afternoon
Thursday: 8:30 - 10:30 am

Ad Board Chairperson: Tim Mikel
Recording Secretary: Lyn Edwards
Finance Chairperson: John Werner
Lay Leadership Secretary: Jamie Ward
PPRC Chairperson: Brent Ward
Lay Leader: Dave Caldwell
Lay Member to Confer.: John Werner
Treasurer: Janice Cuba
Financial Secretary: Rhonda Nalley
Nurture Chairperson: Sherry Reed
Outreach Chairperson: Pam Rush
Witness Chairperson: Etta Whitted
UMW President: Donna Clark
Youth Director: Peggy Stark
Camping Coordinator: Pastor Curt
Church Secretary: Janice Cuba

FINANCE:
Rhonda Nalley, Larry Stark,
Donna Kleinlein
Janice Cuba, John Werner,
Trustee,
Bill Erlenbush, Dave Caldwell

TRUSTEES:
Andre McNaught, Darla
Lanchester
Jon Spelde, Mac Fuller
Craig Solvie, Ken Garling,
Suzann Erlenbush

PPRC:
Tim Riley, Glenda Walsh, Larry
Stark, Brent Ward, Becky
Jean Riordan

NOMINATIONS:
Jamie Ward, Ed Clark, Jan
Holmes, Glenda Fike, Sherry
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