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PASTOR'S LETTER

PASTOR SCOTT MEIER

Summer is fast approaching but you can hardly tell by the weather we have been having. It has been quite a cool spring and lots of rain. I trust that God has a plan for us and is saving some of this rain for July when our gardens will need it.

Summer is a time when most people relax. School is out and the children become involved in sports and other outdoor activities. Vacations are taken and trips to see family at reunions are planned. Many of us will restrict our travel because of the high gasoline prices but we will make time and money available for the important trips we must take.

One of the more important events for you who have elementary age and younger children is our vacation Bible school. It is earlier this year, June 16-20 at 9:00 AM. If you haven't registered, please do so; so that we might have an accurate count to help us prepare. Lots of fun things have been planned for VBS around the theme of Heroes of the Bible. If you would like to help with VBS, please let Patti or Pastor or Carol Taylor know. It is a fun way to stay young as we share our faith with the youngest of our saints.

I hope that you get the rest you need this summer. But I also hope that your resting and relaxing does not mean that you stop worshipping with us. It is very easy to let long weekends and vacations become more of a priority than the God we worship. Just because it is summer, God does not take a vacation from providing you with blessings and forgiveness. So I encourage you to take some time this summer to remember the many ways God has blessed your life. Come and worship and give thanks to the God who gives you the time to rest and relax. When you are not in worship, you are missed and our community of faith suffers when you are absent. Make it a priority this summer to give thanks to you god by worshipping on Sunday. And remember to invite others to come and to share our time of worship.

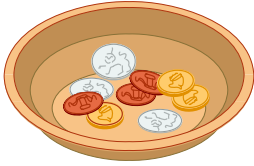
Have a wonderful, restful, relaxing and peaceful summer.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Scott

FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH



Inquiring minds have asked for more information and I will do my best to present it in a manor that makes some sense. Once you have had a chance to digest this, please feel free to ask any questions you have.

Let's first look at our pledged amount. According to what was pledge last fall, we should be taking in \$3,268.44 a week or \$55,563.48 through the end of April. Keep in mind this is just looking at pledged amounts. This does not include any individuals/families that never pledged.

According to our budget we need really need to bring in \$3626.38 to meet our expenses each week or \$61,653.56 through the end of April

While looking at our pledge/contribution

amounts, it reflects that most of our families that have pledged have given at least as much more than they pledge, but these numbers can be deceiving because of all of the special designated gifts that have been given.

Now let's look at expenses verses income. We have spent \$58,132.38 and taken in \$60,356.05. This would make it look like we money ahead. However, as I mentioned last month, we still have to start paying Peter back. The additional we show above really is not as good as it looks. We haven't begun to pay Peter back.

What does all of this mean? If we only take in what was pledged in the fall, we could very well end up short and have to make choices on what are

we going to pay or more-over, what will we not be able to pay.

Our expense can only be controlled to a certain level. We have to make progress and pay back those debts that we have incurred. If we want grow in our community, we need funds to perform outreach programs.

During the summer months, please remember that even if our attendance drops off, our expenses continue. It takes all of us to keep our Faith family financially strong. We all need to open our hearts and treasure chests and share more than we thought we could. When you share what you have been given, God will bless you.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

The Bliss House Dinner/Auction was held on April 4th with over 200 guests attending. This is an event that continues to grow in our community. It is the main fundraiser for the Center. Over \$21,000.00 was raised this year.

Thrivent Financial was one of our sponsor's.

Thank you Thrivent & Thrivent Volunteers!!!!

A new Bliss House Director has been hired. Pat Neblett accepted the position and will begin training with Sue LaRue this month.

The food pantry had a spring food drive and the results of that are not yet available. Thanks to anyone here at Faith that donated to that drive.

The food we will collect

this June and July here at Faith will be tuna fish and peanut butter. The demand for food is always higher in the summer months due to the fact that children are eating lunch at home instead of at school. Thanks for your continued support of the CLM food pantry.

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

For this summer, the youth have a lot of fun activities planned. First off, some of the youth have decided that they would like to attend the National Youth Convention of Summer 2009, in New Orleans. The youth will continue to sell desserts for the concerts in the park, there is a sign up sheet on the door for all to volunteer for. We

would really like every family to help with this project, it is hard for only one family to do, and it is also a really good fundraiser for the youth.

Anyone else in the congregation that would like to help bake some desserts, are welcome to help us also. The weekend of July 10th-12th, the youth will be going to Kings Island in Cincinnati. There

will be concerts there the whole week, and will feature many Christian rock bands. The cost is \$69 and that includes all three days for the park. Pastor Meier will be getting more information about this trip and where the youth will stay. White water rafting is also another event the youth will take on this year. We are looking at the

first weekend in August to go. We will be going to the same place were we went last year. Also more information on this will be coming. August 17th, the youth will have their annual meeting and pool party at the Taylor's, and we will also welcome Cheyanne Peter and Iasiah Nogh into the youth group.

OWLS

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

OWLS IN FULL FLIGHT

Our Faith Lutheran OWLS had a lovely planning luncheon at Patty and Neil's Fireside Grill, on Sunday, May 4. There were fifteen of us in attendance. The luncheon was quite enjoyable, and we accomplished a great deal. We planned activities and projects for the summer, fall, and early winter.

As of now, our activities include:

ACTIVITIES:

JUNE A trip to Zimmerman's Glass Factory in Corydon, lunch at Doe Run Inn, and, if Nancy has her way, ice cream at Emory's Ice Cream in Corydon - date to be announced, but in the second half of the month.

JULY A visit to Lutheran

Hills for Senior Day. Lunch and a tour are included. This date is July 25

AUGUST A trip to Bedford to visit Architectural Stone Company, shop at Half Moon Limestone Products Gift Shop, and have lunch at a candy shop and eatery.

SEPTEMBER The Theatre! Sunday afternoon jaunt to Clarksville Little Theatre, to see Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, and lunch somewhere nearby

OCTOBER A costumed Halloween party at Art and Edwina's log cabin! SPOOKY!

DECEMBER White Christmas at Derby Dinner Playhouse

Those are our activities - more about them later. We will have sign-

up sheets at church, or call Nancy 944-9408

PROJECTS: We have several projects in mind. One which is continuing has been and is being led by Dorothy McCall, who is doing a wonderful job! We are trying to visit our shut-ins and our elderly church members on a regular basis. Dorothy reported on our progress and urged more of us to become involved!

We are initiating a transportation program for our elderly who have a hard time getting to church. If you need transportation, please let us know, and we will find someone who will bring you and take you home. By the way, any of our young-at-hearts is most welcome at our activities. We will pick you up and treat you like royalty! Really!

We are hoping to work with Chuck and Sandy's young youth group, on projects such as making markers for church hymnals and inserting them, and perhaps making new Christmas for the church Christmas tree. It will be fun for us just to get to know our kids better!

We are offering our help to Becky and Kevin Hall, who are working on a project to help disabled veterans.

We are considering asking Property Committee if we can raise money to provide some new banners for the church. This project is still in the thinking stage. More later.

If you have any ideas for the OWLS or would like to join us, please let us know!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

Dot Clerici
 Betty Condra
 Roger Rice
 Bill Winn
 Betty McLaughlin
 Ron Barr
 Gina Barr
 Makayla Megen
 Bob Dietrich
 Angie Hustedt-Mitchell
 Melvin Minton
 Tim Kruer
 Dave Doederlein
 WC Clark
 Becky Seiler
 Ellen Zender

Edna Banchek
 Amy Rawlins
 Justin Romine-Wykoff
 Ian Walker
 Bill Bose
 Jim Vogt
 Amy Holaday
 Nick Sander
 Greg Linker
 Karsten Mouras
 Marilyn Thoreson
 Laurel Thoreson
 Barb Brewster
 Betty Condra

If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Meier at 812-282-

6993 or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra (282-2102), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these birthdays:

June

Scott Wykoff 6/7
 Karli Neathamer 6/9
 Mike Vecelius 6/12
 Carol Sosnicki 6/13
 Nancy Arbuckle 6/19
 Jordan Searcy 6/20
 Lisa Peter 6/21
 Edith Woodward 6/22
 Nicole Parish 6.23
 Sarah Rife 6/23
 Josh Landis 6/25
 Stan Sosnicki 6/25
 John Campbell 6/30

July

Travis Arbuckle 7/1
 Jack Hayes 7/5
 Tyler Landis 7/5
 Nancy Thompson 7/6
 Kyle Thoms 7/6
 Steve Vogt 7/6
 Roy Searcy 7/8

Katarina Riekhof 7/12
 Vivian Smith 7/14
 Eric Peter 7/16
 Ashley Thoms 7/16
 Jim Wheat 7/16
 Tom Hayes 7/18
 Jim Falkenstein 7/18
 Mike Woehrle 7/18
 Justin Meier 7/21
 Peg Gernand 7/24

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries:

June

Bill & Mary Winn 6/2
 Bev & Brent Haire 6/10
 Patti & Mike Smith 6/13
 Mer & Phil Jaeger 6/16
 Veronica & Scott Rife 6/18
 Laura & Scott Meier 6/22
 Amy & Corey Durham 6/27
 Dorothy & Gordon McCall

Ellen & Greg Linker 6/27
 6/30

July

Carol & Stan Sosnicki 7/5
 Carol & John Taylor 7/9
 Dan & Judy Diekhoff 7/17



If information is missing or incorrect on this list, please let Patti Smith know.

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, and concerns. I am improving each day with this new knee replacement. I am very appreciative for everything.

Love,

Amy Jo Holaday

WELCA NOTES

June/July Meeting Schedule:

Saturday, June 7, 10
am.

Following a brief business meeting, a speaker from St. John's Lutheran will talk about how our Thank Offerings are being used at the Synod level.

Lunch will be served. \$5 is suggested as an offering to offset the cost of the lunch and the speaker.

Sunshine Circle will meet in June and take off July and August, resuming their Bible study September 9.

Wheadon Friendship Circle will not meet for Bible study in June or July, but will resume August 12.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

The Evening Circle had their May meeting at the home of Judy Diekoff and we completed the study on "Celebrating Friendship". We will not be meeting for the months of June and July. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday August the 12th. The women of the group are looking for a Bible Study that we can begin using at that time.

The daytime Bible Study will have their last meeting for the year on Wednesday, June 10th. They will resume their meetings on Wednesday, September 9th. In May, 'The Prayer Life of Paul' was explored. The suggestion when praying for arthritis pain, safety for a son in sports and his team to win, and financial needs.

Dear God, by your all-sufficient grace, help me to be cheerful with people in spite of my arthritis pain. Fill my husband with your spirit so that he can represent Christ in his work. Thank you that my son can enjoy football, but don't let it become a substitute for you in worship. And continue to teach me to trust you to meet my family's financial needs while we practice

faithfulness in our giving.

In June we will be studying, 'Follow the Model That Jesus Gave You'. 'Prayer is a Love Language'.

What gives the Lord's Prayer it's power?

It ne'er says "mine" but "ours".

Why does it grip me thus?

It ne'er says "me" but "us".

What makes it's beauty be?

It ne'er says "I" but "we"..

It humbles me but why?

It ne're says "my" but "Thy".

This is our last study for the summer. Please join us for this final topic of this study.

Won't you consider putting one of these groups on your calendar for next fall? We would love to see more ladies involved in this mission of our church.

The WELCA quarterly meeting will be held at the church on Saturday, June 7th at 10:00. There will be a business meeting, a speaker from St. John's Lutheran Church, and a salad luncheon. Our speaker is someone who is

involved with our women's group at the synod level. She will be talking to us about what programs our Thank Offerings go to support. She is a very interesting speaker and I would encourage you to come out and enjoy her talk.

We will be serving a Spring, Strawberry salad for lunch along with bread, dessert and beverage. There will be a basket available on that day and a suggested donation of \$5.00 to cover the cost of lunch and expenses for our speaker. Any monies left over will go into our treasury for future projects.

We are looking forward to having our fall retreat on Saturday, September 6th. Please put this date on your calendar as it will be a great opportunity to get to know our Pastor's wife, Pastor Laura as she has agreed to conduct our Bible Study for that day. More information will be coming about the time and place.

God Bless and hope to see lots of you at our quarterly meeting

LIBRARY NEWS

VIRGINIA KLEMENS



Nancy Thompson has asked me to write something in this issue of the newsletter reflecting on library services being provided to the 4 year olds in our Weekday Church School.

Arlys Johnson and I have been rotating library duty on Thursday mornings since this past fall. The 4 year olds come into the library in small groups and we read them a story.

Since the first of the year 2008, the children have been borrowing books from the library during

each library period. The system of borrowing is similar to the one they will experience in school and at the public library. If the children are responsible about returning their books, they can borrow another book.

The return and treatment of books has been exceptional!

Plastic book bags have helped keep the books clean and in good reading condition.

Arlys and I have both shared read aloud from our personal collections, but the

variety of appropriate books for pre-school age children in the church library is very good.

The children enjoy their library visits and especially enjoy getting to choose a book to take home.

If you have a favorite children's book you'd like to recommend or donate to the library, see Nancy Thompson.

The church library is for everyone, come and borrow a book for summer reading!

VBS SNACK CENTRAL

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

BIBLE SCHOOL SNACKS!!!!!!

Our theme this year is heroes of the Bible, so we have themed snacks!

We are having rock cookies on Monday, so we will need Rice Krispies, margarine, and marshmallows! This to remind us of how David defeated Goliath

On Tuesday, in honor of Gideon's trumpet, we are having Bugles!

On Wednesday, we celebrate Samson, so to re-

mind us of his long hair, we are having string cheese and crackers! Thursday, our hero is Mary, the mother of Jesus. To celebrate her life, we will have sugar cookies cut in Christmas shapes - Mary, Joseph, Jesus, star, angel

And Friday, our grand finale, to celebrate all of our heroes past and present, we are having hero sandwiches!

So, to get you started, we will need Rice Krispies,

marshmallows, margarine, Bugles, sugar cookie mix, string cheese, small crackers, confectioners sugar, ham, turkey, cheese for hero sandwiches, hot dog buns, chips, lots and lots of cookies, pineapple juice, gingerale, pineapple sherbet, frozen orange juice, fruit punch, lots of Kool-Aid and lemonade packets, napkins, cups, and plates.

By the time you get this newsletter, there should be a list circulating in

church, so you can help out Bible School by providing food. Or you can call me - Nancy - at 944-9408. I'll be happy to answer questions and to sign your name on the dotted line!

Thanks, Nancy, Jim, and Roger - your friendly Bible School kitchen staff

WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

Weekday church school finished this 2007/2008 school year with the annual bus trip to the Conner dairy farm in Shelby Co., KY. We would like to give a big Thank You to the Connors, Vince and Linda, for this wonderful day in the country. We really appreciate their generosity in giving the use of their farm, the guided tour of the mild parlor, the hay rides and the milk and fun handouts that they gave to each of the children. Thank- you from the bottom of our hearts for continuing this for the children.

This fall Weekday will resume classes on September 9th. There will be a parent meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday September 4th. We will hope to see all parents involved in

the school at this meeting so that they can get valuable information and sign up for their turns to bring the snacks for their child's class.

This year we thanked Debbie Lake and Toni Hedrick for their years of help and leadership. They first worked when their children came to the first year class and continued to help and ran the youngest first year class for the past 2 and a half years. We all thank-you very much for your help. We will miss you and your sense of humor.

Next year will be the 26th year for Faith's Weekday Church School. The staff for next fall is almost complete. Charlotte Davis and Edie Maas will again teach the older first

year students. Monica Hawkins and Betty Decker will be working in Debbie and Toni's place, in the younger first year class. The Pre-K class will be staffed by Carol Taylor and Barbara Brewster in Academics, John Taylor and Al Thompson will be in recreation, Ann Steaban and _____are working with the skills class, and art will be led by Terri Barr- if she is still with us and not in Ohio. Edith Woodward, and Demaris Scott will be leading art on Thursdays. As in this past year, Linda Woehrle will continue to be our assistant for our special needs children. We really appreciate the time and energy each of these teachers give to this program so that these



little ones can hear that God loves them, that he came to earth on Christmas, and that he died and rose again at Easter. They also learn that God planned for things to grow so we can have food, and more cows and baby birds. He also plans for the seasonal changes. They learn that being one year old means that they have lived through one Spring, Summer Fall and Winter to make one year.

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations to Sarah Rife, Brittany Searcy, Lauren Rayborn and Jordan Emily for being recognized for outstanding Academic Achievement at Jeff High School and for being inducted into the National Honor Society.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAROL TAYLOR

The last day for Sunday school for the spring 08 term was Sunday May 11th. Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 14th. We will be using a new format. Classes will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 for grades 5-12 and the adult class. There will be baby sitting for the younger children during this hour. Sarah Young, our babysitter, is a paid member of the church staff and she will have material to use with these little ones during this time. The children ages three years through the 4th grade will attend church with their families at 10:30. They will stay in church through the children's sermon and then leave church with their teachers for Sunday school class. They will be returned to their parents in time to receive a blessing or communion during that part of the service. There will be two classes each Sunday for these children. The younger class will be children 3 years – kindergarten and the older class will be made up of children in 1st – 4th grades. There will be eight people involved as teachers in this program. Four of them will work one Sunday of each month in the younger class and four of them will

lead the older children on one Sunday of each month. This means that a teacher teaches one Sunday a month and is able to be at worship the other three Sundays of the month. On any given Sunday there will be two teachers teaching during the church service, one in ages 3years – kindergarten and one in grades 1-4. So far six people have volunteered to teach in this new format. They are Peg Gernand, Carrie McCoy, Kate Smith, Donna Bough, Nicole Parrish, and Sharon Fox. Several more are considering helping at this time.

We have heard your desire for time for a family breakfast on Sunday morning. We hope that this new format will let you do this as a family and then come to church to worship together as a family. We also hope that this will help parents fulfill the vows they took at their child's baptism to place in his/her child's hands the Holy scriptures, bring him/her to worship in Gods house, and teach him the basics of our faith.

NOW I ASK A HUGE FAVOR FROM ALL MEMBERS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. WOULD YOU PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, COME

TO CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD FOR FOUR WEEKS IN A ROW, SEPT 14, 21, 28, AND OCT. 5. If all of you help us with this by coming these four Sundays, all at once, all together, all on the same Sunday's, these classes will have more than one or two students, they will be fun and educational for your child, and both you and your child will grow in your relationship and understanding of our God and Father. People, if you look around at worship you will see very few children at Pastor Scott's children's sermon. If you were a visitor what would this say to you??? Young people attract young people. Young adults attract young adults. If each of you with children could go one step further and bring one of your children's friends to church, we would double the number of young people quickly. Jesus said that we are to be God's hands in the world. We need your hands, feet, bodies in the building on Sunday morning. We really need your help with this.

PLEASE give it a try in Sept and early October. We hope it will fill a need for worship in your life as

well as your child's life. SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER!!!! BE HERE. BE PART OF THE ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM!!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

First Communion Instruction

In the past, children and their parents who wanted their child to begin to receive communion would meet in a class during the Vacation Bible School week. Since children may now receive communion at any age that their parents, Pastor and the child decide is appropriate, this has made for a wide range of ages to be in any one class. Since no one has spoken to Pastor Scott about first communion instruction up to this time, we have decided that there will not be a first communion class during VBS this summer. This will also let Pastor Scott free to teach music during VBS on June 16-20. These first communion classes will become private meetings with the pastor, the child, and the parents. The child will begin to receive communion when parents, Pastor and the child feel it is the right time for the child to begin to communion with the congregation. If you wish for your child, or children, to receive communion, speak to Pastor Scott privately and set up a time for your family to meet with him for instruction, then your child will become a part of those who receive communion each Sunday instead of just the blessing. In this new system, the initiative must come from the family for setting up this class. Parents call the pastor, class time is set up, and the child begins to receive communion with his/her family each Sunday.

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 16-20

Please note the change in the month for Vacation Bible School. We have moved it to June because the school systems are starting school so much earlier in the summer.

We have again written our own material. We have got a huge amount of talent in this congregation for writing educational material. Nancy Falkenstein, Virginia, Klemens, Arlys Johnson, Carol Taylor, and Donna Baugh have written this year's material. Donna Baugh has written the words and Pastor has written the music for a really great theme song called GOD'S HEROES OF THE BIBLE. It is a study of five people who listened to God's call to them to be his helper. The heroes are David and Goliath, Gideon, Sampson, Mary, and Paul. Each of them showed a very desirable characteristic. David showed courage, Gideon, Trust, Sampson, strength, Mary, humility, and Paul, a desire to share God's word.

The program will run every morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be classes for children 3 years old to those who have finished 6th grade. The program will include music, story telling, snack, art, and recreation. . These areas will be

staffed by:

Art Terri Barr, Edith Woodward, Anne Steaban, Maria Began, Donna Bough, and Edie Maas.

Music Pastor Scott and Barbara Brewster

Recreation Tyler Landis ? ? And the classroom teachers

Snack Nancy and Jim Falkenstein, and Roger Emily

Office Patti Smith

Class room Teachers

Nursery I 3 years old by Aug. 1 2008 Monica Hawkins and Betty Decker

Nursery II 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2008 Debbie Lake and Tone Hedrick

Kindergarten I entering Kindergarten Carol Taylor and Linda Woehrlle

Kindergarten II Finished Kindergarten Kate Scott

1st and 2nd grade finished 1 and 2 Arlys Johnson

3rd and 4th grade finished 3 and 4 Carrie McCoy

5th and 6th finished 5 and 6 ???

The program for parents and church members will be Thursday evening, June 19, at 7:00 pm.

We will again collect food each day for the Center for Lay Ministries, and the Cash offering will go to Becky Hall to help in her work for better services for our wounded veterans.

We would like to give a BIG thank –you to all who have spent many, many hours working to make this program a success. All of the above have attended meetings, worked to get curriculum together, and in the planning to make this week run smoothly. Thanks for your time and your talent. It takes all twenty-five plus of us to make this program work. We all have our special strengths as gifts from God, and like the story says, “The body is made up of many parts each doing their job”. This is the way this thing called VBS goes together in this church. We all do our thing and we come out with a top rate program using each of the talents we have been given from God. We have a lot of fun and fellowship in the process. This is not to mention a little teasing here and there. Well done good and faithful servants!!! Thanks!!

God's Heroes come to Faith for Vacation Bible School!

June 16-20

9 till noon

Great stories! Great snacks! Great times with great friends!

Join these heroes and learn how to be a hero, too!

David and Goliath



Gideon

Sampson

Mary

Saul/Paul



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

White line fever is what it is called. I was driving back from Long Island N.Y. to Indianapolis one time with a load of garbage. I was tooling along with another driver from the company I was working for, he was in his truck and I was in mine. We had left Long Island that morning and we were getting close to Indianapolis by late that evening. I was pushing myself to get unloaded early the next morning and go home for the weekend. After driving for an extensive period of time, and going over my allotted time of driving hours and getting tired I did what we're not supposed to do. I started following the little lines on the road. When you start doing that there's a good possibility that you will literally hypnotize yourself. It's very dangerous and I don't recommend trying it at home. It's a very strange sensation, driving down the road in a semi that's grossing out at 78,000 lbs. and traveling at 70 mph. My eyes are open and I know the road is there but all I see are the little white lines. I'm also aware that there is another semi up ahead. I don't move a muscle, I see the trailer lights getting closer and closer yet I don't hit my brakes or move over to

pass. I'm focused on the little white lines until, CRACK, BOOM, BAM, I'm running into the trailer lights in front of me. \$12,000 later, I'm awake now! Better than any cup of coffee let me tell you. There are some other things that can happen when you are in that state of mind, driving off the road, crossing the median and hitting another vehicle head-on are the other choices you have. But sometimes you end up at a truck stop wondering how and when you got there. Then you thank God that no one ended up dead or worse. Then you swear to God that you will never do that again, then go inside and get another cup of joe and head on down the line. That is all true.

Sometimes I can go through life like that. And I'm sorry to say I can even do it in church. I come in, go to Sunday school, generally with the same people. Go into the sanctuary at the allotted time, sit in just about the same pew every time. And then I compliment Mrs. McCall on whichever hat she's wearing that day. She always wears a nice hat. Sit through the service, and the 10 to 15 minute sermon, go out and have fel-

lowship and coffee with the same people. I'm not saying "the same people" as a bad thing so don't no one go there.

These are my failings as a person and not a knock on anyone in particular, just me. And these failings were brought to light by someone I didn't expect it to come from. But God moves in mysterious ways and He moved that day. God was telling me to quit watching the lines in the road and watch the little lights in front of me. I better start paying attention to what's around me.

And of course He is right. So maybe I'll start switching seats and moving around. Talk to some one I usually don't get a chance to talk to. The way I see it is that since we're going down the same road, hopefully in the same direction, and in the same vehicle and we've been riding team for so long we should know more about each other, other than our names. We shouldn't be riding in the same vehicle only because we like the same radio station.

So if we have a chance to talk, share where you'd like to go and which routes you want to take. Even then, expect the occasional unplanned detour. And

TOM HAYES

maybe we will see some things we haven't seen yet or maybe some things we're supposed to see. Where's your sense of adventure?

Have a safe and blessed June and July, and a happy 4th of July. Keep the shiny side up and the wheels out of the ditch.

God's Peace to You,

Tom



JUNE / JULY
2008

NEWSLETTER



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY

USHERS: JUNE— VOLUNTEERS JULY— VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR GUILD: JUNE—BARB MORRIS-NIX; JULY—MARSHA WOODS & BARB BREWSTER

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: JUNE-FRED CZERWONKA; JULY— TOM HAYES

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
	?	T. Thompson	?	Johnson	L. Gernand
8	?	E. Miller	McCoys	Campbell	L. Gernand
15	C. Taylor	J. Hayes	Arbuckle	Steaban	Jim H.
22	T. Hayes	T. Thompson	Czerwonkas	Czerwonkas	Jim H.
29	K. Scott	W. Hayes	Hayes	Falkensteins	B. Holman
6	?	?	Holmans	Emily	B. Holman
13	?	?	Falkensteins	Vescelus	C. Landis
20	?	?	?	Steaban	C. Landis
27	K. Scott	?	?	?	T. Arbuckle