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The World's Greatest...?

by Pastor Paul...

Some nights ago as I was watching television, a commercial caught my interest. There was a young boy standing at home plate alone on a baseball field. With his bat in one hand and a ball in the other, he heroically blurts out: *The world's greatest hitter*. He tosses the ball in the air, swings his bat and fails to hit the ball. He shouts: *Strike One!* Again, he blurts out rather honorably: *The world's greatest hitter*. And again, he tosses the ball in the air, swings his bat and fails to hit the ball. *Strike Two!* Finally, with one strike to spare, the boy blurts out in humility: *The world's greatest hitter*. And for a third time he tosses the ball in the air, swings his bat, and fails to hit the ball. *Strike three* echoes the empty field. Beside himself the boy is not quite sure how to interpret what just went down—outside of three balls falling to the ground. The boy stands silently at the plate. After a brief moment of reflection and recollection, the boy smiles with a new revelation. With great joy and jubilation that boy proudly shouts out: *The world's greatest pitcher*.

I believe there are some lessons we can learn from such a simple commercial—lessons that are both practical and pertinent. First, we can learn to reflect and redefine the situation surrounding us—not everything is what it seems to be. In Ephesians 4:23, the apostle Paul reminds us *to be renewed in the spirit of your mind...* In other words, we are to put things into a spiritual perspective to see how God uses our failures to work in us and through us to create the type of person He would have us to be. Finally, we can learn something about the act and art of worship—that is, offering our praise unto God. In Philippians 4:4, the apostle Paul instructs his readers to: *Rejoice in the Lord always: [and] again I say, Rejoice*. Why are we to rejoice? I believe the apostle Paul answers that question at the beginning of his letter to the church in Philippi where he writes: *being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ...* That is, when we find ourselves standing at the plate with the *third strike* called, just remember that Christ has not completed His work in you.

Congregational Grants Available

Here is a chance for possible monies Eastwood could use for new projects or programs that “will create opportunity for new growth or service beyond already established membership.” Please think of how we could possibly use this grant money and be able to submit a proposal for the grant. Surely this is something to talk about in our Sunday School classes and amongst ourselves!



Last year the Hottle Memorial Endowment Fund was established with Brethren Foundation for use by the congregations in the Northern Ohio District. The District Board has worked prayerfully and diligently to make the proceeds from this endowment available to local ministries and is inviting congregations to submit grant proposals to the Congregational Commission for consideration. These grants, of up to \$10,000.00, will be awarded by the Congregational Commission to help provide a means for funding projects and programs of the congregations of the Northern Ohio District. The application will ask you information about: the type of programs for which assistance is being requested; who will be overseeing the program; the intended purpose; who will benefit; the cost involved; and the proposed date for the program to begin.

This is a time to try something new to stimulate growth, spiritual health and outreach in our community. Maybe God has been nudging some of us toward new areas, but the funds are not available to move in that direction. Hopefully, this will provide the incentive and the financial assistance to more fully explore God's vision for Eastwood and to stimulate some new ideas and innovative approaches to ministry that will help us to proclaim and to share the Gospel message in our local community.

Hopefully, we here at Eastwood will take part in the tremendous possibilities that these funds can have in proclaiming the hope and goodness of God in our community. Put your thinking caps and praying caps on! There is work to be done!





August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Prayer, 9 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Every Sunday!</p>						<p>1 Debbie Brautigam BD JC & Angela Callaway Anniv.</p>
<p>2 VBS Wrap-up Rick & Peggy Tobias Anniv.</p>	<p>3 Norma Vincent BD</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Quilting, 9-2 Bonnie Swisher & Ron Smith's BD</p>	<p>6 Danny Brautigam & Justin Fuller BD</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Kent Church Yard Sale</p>
<p>9 Deacon's Meeting 12 pm Eastwood vs Winner Aug 2 game 1:30 pm</p>	<p>10 Viki Myers BD</p>	<p>11 Gerald & Linda Fuller Anniv. Janice & Dave Simpkins Anniv.</p>	<p>12 Quilting, 9-2 Norma Shaffer BD</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Xinia Tobias BD</p>	<p>15 Teacher's Meeting 12:00</p>
<p>16 Angela Callaway BD</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Board Meeting, 6 pm Julie Shives BD</p>	<p>19 Quilting, 9-2</p>	<p>20 Deadline Evangel Material</p>	<p>21 Christine Myers BD</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Quilting, 9-2</p>	<p>27 Harold Echelberry BD Richard & Xinia Tobias Anniv.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Peggy M. Tobias BD</p>
<p>30 Promotion Sunday Lafiya Justin Beaty BD</p>	<p>31</p>					

Bulletin Board



Annual Conference Service Award to Alice and Larry

Congratulations to Larry and Alice!

Although they were unable to be at Annual Conference this summer, they were recognized with a special caregiving award for the work they have done in the past year in service to others. Last week in the mail they received the award along with a very nice letter. The letter opened with "Larry and Alice Petry are one of those couples you wish you could clone" and went on to talk about their work with the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS), National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) and Disaster Response. Of course this is not why they give their time and talent - for them it's the right thing to do with what God has blessed them.



"The Caring Ministries of the Church of the Brethren presented Care-giving Awards at a dinner on Saturday, June 27.

The awards honor people and congregations for extraordinary service to others. This year's recipients included two couples, Dale and Beverly Minnich and Larry and Alice Petry. Paul Hoyt, Charles (Chuck) Cable, and Vernne Greiner also were honored.

The "Witness Bin"

Next to the drinking fountain, is a box for food items. This is an on-going program



of collecting canned goods and staples (non-perishables please) which go to our various community soup kitchens. Approximately once a month items are collected and distributed. Please see Leone Gindlesperger.

Free Meal Program

There will be no free meals during the summer months. They will start again in September. Donations of food/money are welcome.

Angel Food Ministries

Contact: The Tallmudge Church of God 330-633-0107/ www.angelfoodministries.com/



Offering A Helping Hand

Need help with the little repairs around your home that you just can't do by yourself? The deacons have a special team available to provide you with needed services. Contact Gary Myers, Larry Croston or Pastor Paul about home maintenance & repairs.

Softball Tournaments!

We have a great team record so far—7-1! Come out and cheer us on—fresh air, fun & fellowship! Tournaments will be held the first two Sundays in August at the Lakemore Waterworks Park off Sanitarium Rd.



Kent Church Yard Sales

The Water Street COB will be hosting community Yard Sales the second Saturday of every

month while weather permits. Table spaces are available. Call 330-673-4905.



Older Adult Ministries, Natl Older Adult Conf. (NOAC), Sept 7 - 11, Lake Junaluska, NC

Adults age 50 and older are invited to NOAC to retreat, relax, reflect and recharge. Highlights include dynamic speakers, inspirational worship, informative workshops, creative arts and crafts, renewing recreation and restorative fellowship with old and new friends. Details about the Conference can be found at www.brethren.org/NOAC or call the Caring Ministries office at (800-323-8039).

Thanks for your support!

Thanks to all who contributed by way of fundraisers, car washes, and contributions to make it possible for our children to attend Camp Inspiration Hills and Bible School this summer!



Be thankful for you

Karen Beaty reminds us to know what strengths and talents God has given us and be thankful for who we are and the God that is within us! We all have something to share.

Deadline for September Evangel material is August 20.

Please email to RLEbie@sbcglobal.net or put in Evangel mailbox at church.



Missions and Witness: SERRV



New Windsor hosts a SERRV operations center as well as a store (above) on site in addition to opportunities to serve.

What is SERRV?

SERRV is a nonprofit fair trade and development organization. Our mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides. SERRV works with thousands of small-scale artisans and farmers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and other developing regions of the world by marketing their hand-crafts and foods. Through our work with 75 community-based organizations in 36 countries, we create economic opportunity so these artisans and farmers can support their families and themselves.

In addition to purchasing and marketing products, we work with our partners to give them tools to work their way out of poverty, including product design, training, information and technical assistance.

What does SERRV stand for?

SERRV is not an acronym. It is a word on its own, with a twist on the idea of service. SERRV is an act of

enrichment. What we do is a way of making the world a better place for all of us. SERRV originally stood for “Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation” but our mission has expanded greatly since our beginning.

How did SERRV start?

SERRV has worked for 60 years to eradicate poverty. SERRV was started by the Church of the Brethren in 1949 to help refugees in Europe recover economically and socially from World War II. In 1999, we became an independent nonprofit organization.

Does SERRV have a religious affiliation?

We are an independent non-affiliated nonprofit, although we were originally a service program of the Church of the Brethren, a protestant Christian denomination. We have partnership programs with Catholic Relief Services and Lutheran World Relief and work closely with a variety of other denominations.

What does it mean to pay fairly for products?

We purchase our products at prices which are set by our artisan and farmer partners. We assist younger groups to learn costing that takes into account all the time and materials used in the process. We strive to ensure all of our partners are making a living wage. With the product mark-up, we pay for international shipping, customs fees, warehouse rent, product development and other forms of assistance, marketing, customer service, fulfillment, discounts for resellers and more.

What is fair trade?

All of the items we carry are fairly traded, which means that we participate

in a system that not only aims to pay fair wages, but also creates long-term, direct trading relationships based on dialogue, transparency, equity and respect. Fair trade is not about charity; it uses a fair system of exchange to empower producers to develop their own businesses and to foster sustainable development. We follow a set of internationally-accepted fair trade principles and practices that are designed to improve the livelihood of low-income people through alternative trade:

- Transparency and long-term relationships
- Commitment to fair pay for labor
- Employee involvement in decision making
- Prepayments available on request
- Capacity building for long-term impact
- Equal opportunity for women
- Concern for the environment
- Respect for cultural identity
- Reasonable working conditions
- No child exploitation

Do fair trade goods cost more than conventional goods?

They don't have to! Fair trade products are usually priced competitively in the market. Because they are hand-crafted, they may cost more than some mass-produced, lower quality items that you can buy elsewhere.

(from the websites of www.serrv.org & http://www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=serve_brethren_service_center)

AREA SERRV STORES

AKRON The Market Path Inc. 833 W. Market St. Akron, OH 44303 (330) 258-9003	KIDRON World Crafts 13110 Emerson Rd. Kidron, OH 44636 (330) 857-0590
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HARTVILLE Ten Thousand Villages 1289 Edison St. N.E. Hartville Market Place Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 587-0055
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Wake-up Call

Put this charmer to work standing guard over the kitchen. Hand-carved from albizia wood in Indonesia and batik-dyed, he stands 14-¼ inches tall, and costs \$36 through SERRV International. SERRV, a nonprofit organization, fights poverty by directly marketing handcrafts and food products from low-income artisans and farmers worldwide through fair trade. To order the rooster (item 37503) or request a catalog, call 1-800/422-5915.



The Deacon's Corner



Please be in prayer for those within our church & community

Pray for:

Neil Lavy, in a cycle accident, & friend of Charlotte Newman

Robert Grubbs, recuperating from heart attack

Paula Griggs for pain control & healing, she is Leone Gindelsperger's son David & his wife Mary's mother

Connie Alvero, health concerns & her husband,

Christian Alvero, foot surgery recuperation

Peggy Gardner, recuperation from lung surgery, health concerns and lung cancer

Jaxon Fuller, seizure & problems at birth

Larry Petry, recuperation from surgery

Becky Shaffer, having chemo, Norma Shaffer's daughter

Jacob Ronca, paraplegic, Norma Shaffer's grandson

Iva Teck, Kent Ridge Assisted Living

Jeanine Gray, Maison Aine in Stow

Dorothy Koval, health concerns

June Nolt, from a fall resulting in a broken leg & bruised other foot, in hospital

Norma Shaffer, recuperation from foot surgery, broken foot bone in other foot, a result of recent fall, coming home from Indiana reunion; has matching "walking shoes" and very limited in walking with walker or cane

Alice Petry, recuperation from knee surgery

Betty Clark, (lung, racing heart) Cheryl LeBarre's sister-in-law and

Mary Wright, Cheryl's grandmother, adjusting to spouse's death and living alone.

Condolences

Condolences to Dorothy Koval upon the death of her cousin, Daphne Hodgson, 86, of Jackson Township who died on June 21, 2009 and upon the death of her dear friend of many years, Lorena P. Boyer, 81 of West Akron who died June 24, 2009.



Condolences to the family of Chris & Amy Flake upon the death (July 12) of his mom, Selma Flake. A memorial service was held at Eastwood, July 25.

Condolences to the family of John Konst upon the death of his father who lived in Florida. He died early in July.

The story of ASAP

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
'Quality time' is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

How can God speak to us if we don't take time to listen?

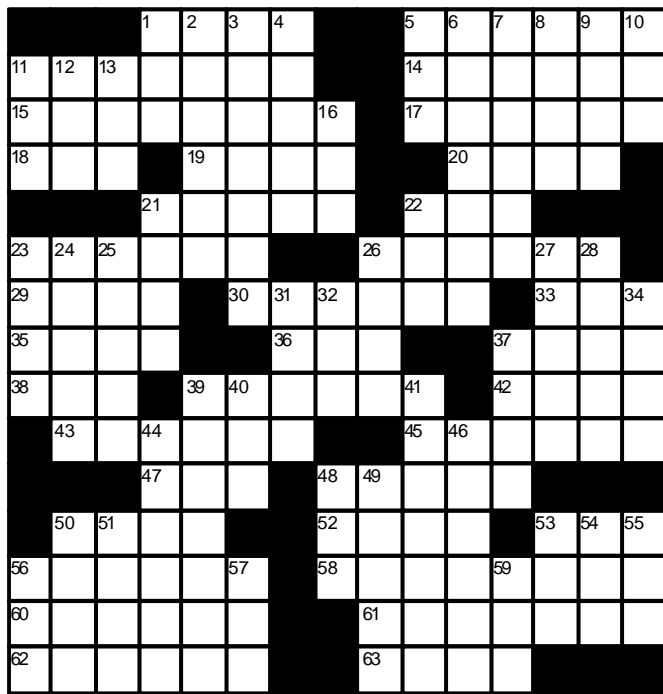
Quietness is essential to listening. If we are too busy to listen, we won't hear. It takes time and quietness to prepare to listen to God.

Ps. 62:5

~ Charles Stanley



August Puzzle: Gilbert and Sullivan



RL Turner, August, 2009

ACROSS

- 1 Totals
- 5 G & S guards
- 11 Square cut cigar
- 14 Gully
- 15 Fates
- 17 Deceived
- 18 Genetic code
- 19 Fades
- 20 Girls
- 21 Parsonage
- 22 Smash
- 23 G & S Emperor of Japan
- 26 Japanese battle shout
- 29 First man
- 30 Inhales the odor
- 33 G & S Princess
- 35 Italian money
- 36 Promissory note
- 37 City in Yemen
- 38 Turkey
- 39 3.26 light-years
- 42 Accomplishment
- 43 Leatherneck
- 45 Tennis player Andre
- 47 Creative work
- 48 Small knife
- 50 Indonesian island
- 52 Aroma
- 53 202.5 degrees
- 56 Well-mannered

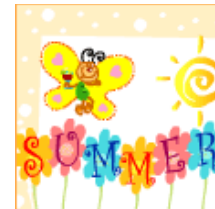
58 G & S opera "The Peer and the Peri"

- 60 Emits light
- 61 Conveyed by series of people
- 62 Overrun
- 63 Swirl

DOWN

- 1 Circle part
- 2 Gizmo
- 3 Tile game pieces
- 4 Projections from the rim of a watch
- 5 Thanksgiving vegetable
- 6 Beginnings
- 7 Imitation
- 8 Gangster's girlfriend
- 9 Potato sprouts
- 10 Affirmative gesture
- 11 Common fish
- 12 European Nomad
- 13 Greek vowel
- 16 157.5 degrees
- 21 Female parent
- 22 Movie 2001's talking computer
- 23 Wort
- 24 Expression
- 25 Fate
- 26 Sad
- 27 Right hand men

- 28 Thoughts
- 31 Morass
- 32 Aurora
- 34 Opposed
- 37 Far away
- 39 G & S Penzance men
- 40 Picnic visitor
- 41 Sung to
- 44 Canyon
- 46 President Ford
- 48 Luau dish
- 49 Dote
- 50 Singer Denver
- 51 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
- 53 Pigpen
- 54 That girl
- 55 Marry
- 56 Pressure unit
- 57 Time zone
- 59 No



August Cryptogram

YQ THH EOZ WOB DW JDYA EOZ PHJZ AY
 WOB D RYAETBAZU T PZEEZM RMZL EOTA
 EOTE YQ LYMEOV RTDETBA ZZRZ,
 RYKKT AUBAN YQ EOZ KTAEHZDBZRZ.
 NBHPZME TAU WJHHBITA

It's Greek to me Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every symbol in the set:

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Annual Conference Report



A total of 2,077 people met for the 2009 Annual Conference in San Diego, Calif., on June 26-30, including 670 delegates from congregations and districts, and 1,407 nondelegates. The Conference was led by moderator David Shumate and was held at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center. The

delegate body called Robert Earl Alley of Harrisonburg, Va., as moderator-elect for 2010 and moderator for 2011. Alley is pastor of Bridgewater (Va.) Church of the Brethren. He will serve next year assisting the 2010 Annual Conference moderator Shawn Flory Replogle, pastor of McPherson (Kan.) Church of the Brethren.



Decisions made by the delegate body set in motion at least two years of intentional denomination-wide conversation on two **documents related to human sexuality**. Debate on the two items dealing with human sexuality was lengthy and marked by lines at the microphones, with many people wanting to speak. The Women's Caucus offered free rainbow scarves to Annual Conference participants who wanted to express welcome to those of diverse sexual orientations. Many different volunteers knitted and crocheted the scarves from colorful yarn, along with hats, bracelets, bow ties, and other creations. Supporters were asked to wear the scarves throughout the Annual Conference.



In addition, the Conference approved a revision of the church's paper providing a process for **conversation about strongly controversial issues**, acted on a query regarding **secret oath-bound societies** by appointing a 3-member group to develop resources and educate the church on the topic. **Revised corporate by-laws** for the Church of the Brethren were submitted for information, with the expectation that they will be brought for action at next year's Annual Conference. The Standing Committee approved the formation of a **new Vision Committee** for the denomination, which will have the task of discerning a long-range vision for the Church of the Brethren for each upcoming decade. The board formed a committee to write a resolution on the **issue of torture**, working with the general secretary. The board selected a **new Executive Committee**. As one of two reports centering on the **Dominican Republic**, Doris Ab-



dullah, the Church of the Brethren's representative to the UN, reported to the Mission and Ministry Board on the issue of civil rights and blocks to citizenship for people of Haitian descent living in or born in the DR. A **report on child protection activity** was given by Kim Ebersole, director of Family Life and Older Adult Ministries. Three recommendations were given to implement a child protection/child abuse policy.

Larry and Alice Petry, among others, received **Caregiver Awards**. The annual **BBT 5K Fitness Challenge** was held on Sunday morning, with 120 runners and walkers. The Conference **Quilt Auction** sponsored by the Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren (AACB) raised \$6,275 for hunger relief. **The Blood Drive** sponsored by the



Brethren Disaster Ministries succeeded in surpassing its daily goal of 50 units. Next Year's Annual Conference will be July 3-7 in Pittsburgh, PA. For additional information go to: <http://www.cobannualconference.org/>

District Conference Report

District Conference was held the weekend of July 24-26 at Ashland University. The theme was "Partners in a Heavenly Calling" with Wes Richard, Co-Pastor of Elm Street COB, the moderator. Friday evening and Sunday morning had youth performances; Sat. evening had Daniel Hughes as speaker. He is the pastor of The Future Church, a small diverse congregation that focuses on the ministry of youth in building the church. Each evening had an old-fashioned hymn sing.

Representing Eastwood was Gary Griffith, delegate. Rebecca Ebie, is the alternate delegate. Business included approving changes in the Constitution, Adopting the 2010 budget, election of District Leadership and recognition of retiring Camp Director, Bob Patalano. Insight sessions included discussion of

- Understanding the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict,
- New Church Development
- Defining Community—a Midwesterner's Perspective

Young people met both Friday and Saturday evenings for bowling, food and fellowship. Once again there was a silent auction for the Peace Endowment Fund. Kathy Hess spoke on "Count the Cost" at the Women's Luncheon Saturday.

A baby will make love stronger, days shorter, nights longer, bankroll smaller, home happier, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten, and the future worth living for. Author Unknown

August Nursery Schedule

<p>9:20-10:40 am</p> <p>August 2 Judy Markland Sam Markland</p> <p>August 9 Jim Shives Julie Shives</p> <p>August 16 Roxanne Schmidt Cliff James</p> <p>August 23 Ida Jean James Xenia Tobias</p> <p>August 30 Cathy Richards Norma Vincent</p>	<p>10:40-12:10 pm</p> <p>Dale Brown Debbie Brown</p> <p>Marilyn Gryder Viki Myers</p> <p>Hope Konst Deb Casto</p> <p>Karen Warnick Deb Casto</p> <p>Dara Law Charlotte Newman</p>
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NURSERY GUIDELINES

The Nursery will be open from 9:20 am to 12:10 pm. PLEASE be on time to nursery for the Parents and Children's sake. TWO PEOPLE MUST BE IN THE NURSERY AT ALL TIMES! The first shift is 9:20 AM to 10:40 AM and the second is 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM.



Nine-year-old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Bible School. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Vacation Bible School Wrap-up —July 27—July 31

VBS was held the last week of July from 6-8:30 pm at the church with approximately 30 children participating. This year's theme was **Power Lab** where our youth (K-6) learned some very valuable lessons about the power Jesus possesses. Throughout the course of the week, children examined and explored how Jesus gave us the power: to be thankful, to help others; to be brave; to live forever; and to tell others about God. As in past years, children took donations to help others within our community. The goal was to collect \$300.00 to go toward distributing school kits to children of local area schools. Dara Law coordinated VBS this year. Teachers and helpers included:

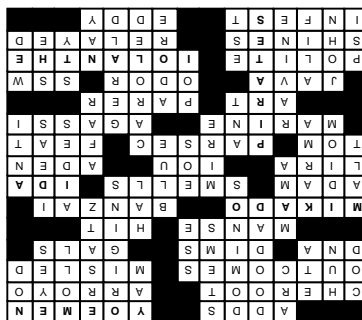
- Preschool: Karen and Angela Beaty
- Kindergarten through 6th grade:
 - Hope and John Konst
 - Linda & Gary Griffith
 - Cheryl LeBarre and Jen Brautigam
 - Linda Fuller and Angie Callaway
- Crafts: Julie Shives & Connie Moyers
- Music: Karl Konst & Norma Vincent, helpers
Xinia Tobias & Michelle Dilich (Dara's sister-in-law)
- Recreation: Karen Warnick & Judy Markland
- Registration: Vicki Myers & Marilyn Gryder, helper
- Snacks: Sam Klingensmith & Ali Konst
- Sound: Gary Myers
- Collecting for project: Bonnie Swisher

We are very fortunate to have so many willing to help and coordinate Bible School, making this a memorable event for our very special children. Photos and additional information about this year's Bible School will be in next month's Evangel.



August Puzzle Answers

August cryptogram hint: The letter 'O' is encoded 'Y'..
 August cryptogram answer:
 Of all the ships upon the blue
 No ship contained a better crew
 Than that of worthy CAPTAIN REECE,
 Commanding of The Mantlepiece,
 Gilbert and Sullivan



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Shirley & Marcy

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The little girl said, "Well, who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy." "Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?" "Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always. I know you smiled! I sure did.

Eastwood Church of the Brethren

Pastor: Paul C. Markland

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Sunday School at 11:00 am

Office Hours: 8:30–12:00 Tues, Wed, Fri.

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The Purpose of the Eastwood Church

To lead people into encounters
with the living Christ

To nurture each other in Christ-like love

To touch others through acts of service

