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Presbyterian Church in America

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Why Pain?

By: Pastor Will Hesterberg

After watching three very dear pets die within the last six months, I remembered another sad incident from several years ago. While driving one day, I noticed a dog, hit by a car, dragging himself through the mud alongside the street. I stopped and helped him away from the traffic. His eyes registered his fear, bewilderment, and pain. As I called the Humane Society, I gained little comfort from knowing his life would soon be ended mercifully.

We have all seen pain – animals dying, children hurting, people jobless, crime victims suffering, families breaking up. The fact of suffering raises some nagging questions. “If there is a God and if He is good, why is there so much pain and suffering? Why does God not prevent it? How can I believe in a God who allows suffering? Why do innocent animals have to suffer?” Perhaps a more personal question lurks in the back of our minds, “Why have I had to suffer?”

Pain puzzles us, because we do not grasp the awful, far-reaching effects of sin. God created a perfect world. When Adam and Eve rejected God to do as they pleased, they opened the floodgates of evil. The nuclear fallout from Chernobyl's reactor disaster has had worldwide effects – air, water, and milk contaminated in Europe, grain prices fluctuating wildly worldwide, new reactor construction everywhere stalled, and newborn children in the immediate area struggling with lifelong deformities. Similarly, the spiritual fallout from the first sin has affected everyone and everything, everywhere ever since. No one is exempt from distress and pain, not even Jesus, the perfect Son of God who suffered tremendous pain while on earth and on the cross.

Suffering puzzles us, because we are slow to admit that sin is a present and personal problem. Certainly everyone suffers be-

cause of Adam and Eve's disobedience, but people may also suffer because of their own disobedience or the sin of another person against them. When we ask, “What have I done to deserve this?” we need to remind ourselves that no human, except Jesus, can claim to be totally good and, therefore, undeserving of any pain.

Our Care Group recently wrestled with several similar questions raised by Chuck Colson in *The Faith*. “Knowing that humankind could sin, should God have created us as free creatures? Was this worth the untold suffering of human history?” Oftentimes we forget that the suffering caused by human disobedience deeply pains and grieves God also. God says He was grieved by all of man's evil at the time of Noah. Jesus wept when His friend Lazarus died. Sin still grieves the Holy Spirit. Why would God put Himself through such pain?

Colson concludes that the sheer pleasure God derives when His children willingly choose to trust and obey Him is somehow worth to God the pain that was unleashed when Adam and Eve chose to misuse their freedom to disobey in the Garden of Eden. God rejoices when His children willingly choose to please Him. When we choose to turn to God for help in our suffering, when we choose the pleasure of God over the pleasures of sin for a short season, when we trust God to grow our character in the midst of pain, when we confess if we have sinned instead of blaming God or others for our suffering, when in faith we thank God for the good things He has given us, when we long for the unmitigated joy of God's presence in heaven, we rejoice because God is rejoicing.

So, we can actually begin to counteract pain in the world and in our own lives by willingly choosing to please God. And because God is pleased by our responses of love, trust, obedience, and serving, we rejoice, even though there is pain.

Growing Strong Families of Faith

Adopt a Family

By: Pastor Darren Smith

We are excited to say that lots of young families have been coming to our church over this past year. In an effort to grow and care for these young families, we are beginning our "adopt a family" ministry. In doing this, we are asking older couples or individuals to adopt a younger family, so that they can connect with them by:

- Building relationships with the parents and children



Adopt-a-Family

- Praying for the needs of the family
- Serving them in many different ways (meals, babysitting, etc.)

This is one large step toward making sure families feel connected and loved within our church, as well as giving individuals and couples within our church an opportunity to minister to others. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Pastor Smith for more details.

Concord Worship Service Attendance :

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June 21 - 143

June 28 - 138

July 5 - 150

July 12 - 118

July 19 - 138

July 26 - 162

Aug 2 - 184

Aug 9 - 172

Aug 16 - 154

New Harmony Worship Service Attendance :

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June 21 - 36

June 28 - 31

July 5 - 36

July 12 - 36

July 19 - 31

July 26 - 28

Aug 2 - 34

Aug 9 - 18

Aug 16 - 29

First Fall Family Retreat

By: Pastor Darren Smith

Looking for a getaway this fall? We have the place and the event for you! Come and get away with your Concord family for an upcoming weekend in October. We are having our first-ever fall family retreat on October 9th-11th at Camp Lakewood in Potosi, MO. It will be a great time for individuals and families to be spiritually refreshed, connect with others from our church, and enjoy activities with your family. At Camp Lakewood there are lots of activities for families, which include archery, horses, boating, rope courses, zip

lines, and more. The cost for the retreat is \$45 per person per night. This includes lodging and all of your meals. Our guest speaker for this retreat will be Dr. Peterson from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. He will focus on the topic of adoption. Come and get away to hear how God has adopted you into his family and of the blessings that flow from that adoption. If you are interested, let Pastor Smith know as soon as possible.



Deep Roots

By: Pastor Darren Smith

Coming this fall! Our children's ministry will focus on planting our children near the streams of water found in God's Word, so that they will be strong and flourish spiritually (Psalm 1). Deep Roots is a comprehensive approach to helping our parents connect their children with the reading and memorizing of God's Word. For this next year, we are going to provide a framework for the parents and their children to read through the Bible. In addition to their work at home, we are going to provide

an opportunity every first and third Sunday of the month for the children to show how much they have read, learned, and memorized. This Sunday afternoon time will be a fun time for the kids to engage with God's Word through skits, games, and crafts. We will begin meeting on September 20th from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. All of our children are invited to attend. Mark your calendars!



Outstanding Children's Attendance

Great Job! The following children received outstanding attendance awards for having faithful Sunday school attendance during the 2008-2009 church year:

Miriam Badger, Daniel Bicklein, Luke Bicklein, Danny Boxdorfer, Sammy Boxdorfer, Tommy Boxdorfer, Emma Eustis, Maggie Meppiel, Noah Meppiel, Abigail Miller, Allison Nurnberger, Joshua Nurnberger, Catalina Smith, Eliana Smith, Rachel Spearing, Griffin Sweatt, and Reid Sweatt.



Sunday School Promotions

Congratulations to the following children who are being promoted to the next Sunday school class:

Promoted to:
1st and 2nd grade class
 Emma Kiphart

3rd and 4th grade class
 Nicole Allen
 Ella King

5th and 6th grade class
 Ethan Bullock
 Alexis Hicks
 Hannah King
 Shelbi Westmoreland
 Jessica Wilson

Junior high class
 Melissa Allen
 Daniel Bicklein
 Tyler Spearing
 Reid Sweatt

Senior high class
 Kaila Badger
 Amy Bennett
 Katie Wilson



We Appreciate our Teachers!



Hurray
 for our
 Sunday
 School
 Teachers!

Thank you! To our 2008-2009 Sunday School Teachers:

Concord Teachers: Lori Hesterberg - nursery, Tammy Eustis - preschool and kindergarten, Mary Mueller - first and second grade, Beth Bicklein - third and fourth grade, Konrad Kloos and Sue Goodnick - fifth and sixth grade, Richard and Paula Stumpf - junior high, Darren Smith - senior high, Joe Shaffer - Sunday School Superintendent.

New Harmony Teachers: Cort and Becca Hubbard - young children's class, Carlo and Margie Hansen and Ron Schewe - youth class.

A special thanks also to our Adult Sunday school teachers, our substitute teachers, and to Doug Doyle, the Director of Christian Education.

Evangelism, Witnessing, Sharing One's Faith

Fellowship & Ministry

Building & Grounds
C-Konrad Kloos 939-3156
C-Bud West 939-6857

Custodians
C-Marty & Karen Gleich
286-3892
C-Debbie Ripplinger
473-9376
NH - Abigail Miller
281-6788

Deacons
David Wetzel 939-3475

Fellowship Refreshments
NH-Nancy Nobbe
939-8058

Flowers (Sunday)
Marge Hansen 939-8543

Meals Coordinator
Rita Wetzel 939-3475

Missions
Ken Cooper 282-7781

New Harmony Ladies
Dayna Miller 281-6788

Nursing Home Services
David Wetzel 939-3475

Set-Up Coordinator
NH-Clyde Limestall
939-8164

Supper Club
Brenda Wetters 939-4830
Clif Asselmeier 281-4777

VBS Director
Kimberlee Doyle 939-5042

WIC

By: Pastor Dawson Miller

Care Groups have studied it, Sunday school has taught it, and seminars promote it; but when it comes down to it, many of us are still leery of doing it. Why? I was a corporate teacher; my work was to be the company representative in front of groups ranging from 10 to 150. When I began, the frightening part of the job was not making my presentation. It was waiting to hear the questions that followed. Would I know a satisfactory answer? Would I be able to accurately represent the company's capabilities and responses? Was I credible? This was even more crucial when I would return to the same place and speak again to the same people.

Often, we are nervous about putting ourselves into a situation where someone may be asking a question. What if I don't have the answer? What if I don't understand the question? No one wants to look unprepared or be caught off guard or, worse yet, made to look silly. It is true that Paul calls "the message of the cross ... foolishness to those who are perishing" (I Cor. 1:18), but none of us want to contribute to that foolishness by our own actions.

During the summer quarter at New Harmony, we have been studying *The Heart of Evangelism* by Jerram Barrs. He describes basic principles that work to reduce our fears by showing that the process of sharing our faith is also the process of developing a friendship. The person we get to know is not an evangelistic target; he/she is a man or woman who bears God's image and is worthy of our respect.

The principles are: 1. Showing respect 2. Building bridges for the gospel 3. Understanding what others believe 4. Speaking the right language 5. Using reasoned persuasion 6. Clarifying the good news 7.

Challenging the heart and mind. These principles are drawn from Jesus' earthly ministry and are visible in Paul's missionary journeys. Both of them went where people were and engaged them in a respectful conversation.

For Paul, the result often was that crowds would turn on him and treat him horribly. But I think that is why Paul wrote what I quoted earlier; this message that is foreign to many seems foolish. But there is another principle at work here; there is a spiritual battle for souls. Satan is not only our enemy, but also their enemy. Barrs writes, "The unbeliever is a hostage of the implacable enemy of our souls. In a sense we are on the same side of the war rather than on opposite sides. Our desire should be to help release those who are captives. That was certainly the purpose of Christ in coming into this world" (212).

I remember the meeting when I confidently knew I could do the job. There were tough questions after my presentation, we were not an error-free manufacturer, and we had caused one attendee some difficulty. But at the end of the day, it struck me that the fear was not paralyzing. That happens for believers when we have trusted the Holy Spirit and the Gospel.

Evangelism is so important that we are going to talk more about these principles in relation to real life objects, such as music, movies, literature, sports, art and other things in our society that can be used to start a conversation. We will not do role playing, but we will talk through how to use everyday items for sharing the Gospel. There is one warning, however; a test is involved. It is called life, and we all have to take it.





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Ladies' Bible Study 12:30 pm Scrapbooking 6pm C-Choir 7:30 pm	2 Ladies' Bible Study at NH Ministry Ctr 9 am	3 Red Bud Bible Study 7pm	4 Ladies' Bible Study at Cov. Br. 8:30 am Care Groups 6:30 pm	5 Music Team 8:30 am NH Steering Com. 10:30 am		
6 Communion Deacons' Sunday Care Groups	7 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday Ladies' Bible Study at Jonis 6:30 pm Deacons 7 pm	8 Ladies' Bible Study 12:30 pm C-Choir 7:30 pm	9 Ladies' Study at NH Ministry Ctr 9 am Good News Club at Zahnow begins! 3pm Prayer Meeting 7pm - NH Ministry Center	10 Red Bud Bible Study 7pm Teen Girls' Bible Study at the Smiths 7 pm Care for the Care Giver Seminar 7pm	11 Ladies' Bible Study at Cov. Br. 8:30 am Women's Retreat	12 NH Ladies @Ambriar 8 am Music Team 8:30 am Women's Retreat		
13 Garden Place 2pm Care Groups	14 Ladies' Bible Study at Jonis 6:30 pm	15 News Articles Due Ladies' Bible Study 12:30 pm C-Choir 7:30 pm	16 Ladies' Bible Study at NH Ministry Ctr 9 am Good News Club 3pm	17 Red Bud Bible Study 7pm	18 Ladies' Bible Study at Cov. Br. 8:30 am	19 Music Team 8:30 am LifeWalk 8:30 am		
20 Can Food Drive Fellowship Meal 11:30pm Care Groups	21 Ladies' Bible Study at Jonis 6:30 pm	22 Ladies' Bible Study 12:30 pm C-Choir 7:30 pm	23 Ladies' Study at NH Ministry Ctr 9 am Good News Club 3pm Prayer Meeting 7pm - NH Ministry Center	24 Teen Girls' Bible Study at the Smiths 7 pm Red Bud Bible Study 7pm	25 Ladies' Bible Study at Cov. Br. 8:30 am	26 Mens' Breakfast 7:30 am Music Team 8:30 am		
27 Oak Hill 2 pm Col. Conv Ctr 3:30 pm Care Groups	28 Ladies' Bible Study at Jonis 6:30 pm Session 7pm	29 Ladies' Bible Study 12:30 pm C-Choir 7:30 pm	30 Ladies' Bible Study at NH Ministry Ctr 9 am Good News Club 3pm	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sundays: Concord Sun. School: 9 am Worship: 9:55 am</td> <td>New Harmony Worship: 8:45 am Sun. School: 10:20 am</td> </tr> </table>			Sundays: Concord Sun. School: 9 am Worship: 9:55 am	New Harmony Worship: 8:45 am Sun. School: 10:20 am
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Caring for the Care Givers

By: Pastor Will Hesterberg

Sometimes, giving care to others is not so easy. Anyone who has ever cared for an older loved one can attest to the challenges encountered. Sometimes, the role reversal – grown children becoming the caregivers and parents becoming the care receivers – can be difficult to accept by both generations. Other times, insurance complexities, governmental regulations, medical terminology, and financial restraints become overwhelming to caregivers. Often, caregivers find themselves thinking, “If I had just known who or where to turn to for that information, it would have been so much easier.” Many times caregivers could use some care also.

Recognizing this fact could be a great opportunity to serve the community. Concord will offer, on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, nine presentations that will address a plethora of caregiving issues. Drawing on community professionals, we will explore concerns in the fields of medical decisions and issues, pharma-

ceutical questions, insurance matters, legal issues, short and long term care options, theological and ethical questions, Alzheimer’s and dementia challenges, hospice care, and finally, funeral planning matters.

Whether you currently are a caregiver or receiver, most likely you will be one of these in a few years, perhaps sooner than you anticipate. Or quite possibly you know someone who could benefit from the information and support that will be provided in these monthly meetings to be held at Concord. We invite you to come and to bring your friends with you to check out these upcoming presentations. Brochures detailing the presentations are available for sharing.



Join Us for Life Walk 2009

By: Jenny Bullock

Walk or run in the celebration of life! Life Network’s 5th Annual Life Walk will take place on Saturday, September 19, at the Monroe County Courthouse in Waterloo, at 9:00 a.m. Be part of Concord’s team! Stacey Nurnberger and Jenny Bullock are our team captains – we would love to have a large representation from Concord and New Harmony to show our support for Life Network.

If you pre-register by September 10, the entry fee is \$20. Otherwise, it is \$25 per runner/walker. T-shirts are provided to all participants who register prior to September 10. Race packets may be picked up at 7:30 a.m. on September 19. The 5K

(3.2 miles) race will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by the 1.8 mile walk at 9:02 a.m.



If you cannot participate but would still like to help, you can sponsor one of the Concord walkers. All money raised at the Life Walk will go toward the operational expenses of the Life Network Pregnancy Resource Center for the next year. This ministry currently serves, on average, twenty new clients each month. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Into the Community

By: Pastor Dawson Miller

A story is told of a pastor in Saskatoon, Canada, who ministered in a church that was near a university. He had a desire to have an impact on campus, so for almost two years he had mentored and encouraged students to start Bible studies in the dorms. But, it never worked. While he was reading his Bible, he began to recognize what we have seen in the series on Romans. Clearly in Chapter 3:10-11, Paul writes that people will not ask about spiritual matters, unless God is at work in their lives. People do not seek God by themselves. Jesus even says in John 6:44, "No one can come to me [Jesus] unless the Father who sent me draws him." As Jesus was walking through the communities, He was looking for areas where the Father was at work.

The pastor then encouraged the students to look for areas where God was working, and when they saw it, regardless of what other plans they had, to go with that individual and participate in what God was doing there. The next week, one of the girls told the pastor, "A girl who has been in classes with me for two years came to me after class today. She said, 'I think you might be a Christian. I need to talk to you.' I remembered what you said. I had a class, but I missed it. We went to the cafeteria to talk. She said, 'Eleven of us girls in the dorm have been studying the Bible, and none of us are Christians. Do you know somebody who can lead us in a Bible study?'" As a re-

sult of that contact, three Bible studies were started in the women's dorms and two in the men's dorms.

God is always at work; Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Luke 10: 2). We can see, in Jesus' example, two steps that we are able to do that may lead to opportunities for outreach into Columbia. First, as regular people, we need to be in the communities. Projects to serve and give of our time and efforts are often difficult to uncover, so we must be in the neighborhoods talking to people. We have the willingness to serve, even if a project is not on the table.

Second, a door hanger with information about New Harmony has been developed, and soon we will schedule times for small groups to begin to visit neighborhoods, either to walk and pray or to simply meet and talk with residents. What will we offer? Beyond New Harmony information, we will simply ask for things that we might pray about – for them. But there really is more. We are also looking to see areas where God is working, so that we can join Him.

As we begin to visit neighborhoods, I would ask you to make it a priority in your prayer time each day that we have the eyesight to see His activity. This work will also be a regular item for us to pray for during our Wednesday prayer gatherings at the Columbia Ministry Center.



Good News!

Hey Kids! The Good News Club will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at Zahnow Elementary from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Good News Club meets on most Wednesday afternoons when school is in session. All children who attend Zahnow are invited!

Parents, your children will spend this time learning Bible stories, participating in fun activities, and enjoying a light snack. There is no cost for the Good News Club. Please call the church to register: (618) 939-7116.

Sign up Now for the Women's Fall Retreat

By: Joan Kloos

If you have not picked up a registration form for the Women's Fall Retreat, September 11-12, I urge you to do so very soon, as time is running out. (You will find the green brochure on the foyer table at Concord.)

This year's theme is "Enter the Kingdom of Heaven", which sounds very appealing. Women come from PCA churches all around this area, as well as beyond our Illiana Presbytery, to enjoy this special event.

The retreat has always been a blessing to those who attend, and I am sure that this year will be no different. You will find great fellowship, inspirational speakers, good food, a break from your usual routine, and a time for reflection and meditation on God's Word – for what more can you ask? Even if you can not stay for both Friday evening and Saturday, I encourage you to attend even one of the days. By God's grace, you'll be glad you did. We carpool.

So, old timers and new comers alike, Come join the fun! See you there!



Operation Christmas Child Update

Think back to last November when we lined the front of the sanctuary with 159 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. What an awesome sight that was! Last year, we set an ambitious goal and then worked feverishly to meet it. This year, we would like to collect even more!

We are getting an early start by collecting empty boxes, wrapping them, and making them available for you to fill. We will need everyone's help again! This is a wonderful mission project for your family, girl scout and boy scout troops, care groups, etc! Please be thinking of how you can utilize your existing

organizations to help with the shoeboxes. For example, the Kiwanas club donated \$200 for the effort last year. That amounted to over 30 additional shoeboxes that we filled!

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoeboxes, each filled with gifts and the Gospel message printed in their native language, have been delivered to children in some of the most remote parts of the world. You can help by filling several shoeboxes and paying for the shipping costs (\$7 per box). For more information, visit their website at www.SamaritansPurse.org.



Congratulations!

Concord was well represented at the July 2009 Monroe County Fair by three generations of the McCrosky/Berkerey family, as they participated in various horse competitions. Luke Berkerey took first place in the Junior Lead-Line Class with his horse, Grant. Laura Berkerey, Luke's mother, captured first

prize in the One Draft Horse Hitch Class with Clydesdale Bud. Martin Berkerey, Luke's father, took third place in Halter Class. And then Don McCrosky, Luke's grandfather, gathered first place trophies in the Two Draft Horse Hitch Competition and the Draft Horse Under Saddle Class.



Concord/New Harmony June & July Financials

June:

General Fund Receipts: **\$22,072**
 (Concord: **\$18,769** New Harmony: **\$3,246**)
 Weekly Average: **\$5,518**
 Expenditures: **\$33,938**
 Receipts needed wkly for 08/09 Budget: **\$6,213**

YTD Receipts (General Fund): **\$290,529**
 YTD Expenses (General Fund): **\$304,301**
 2008/2009 Budget (ending 6/30) : **\$323,120**

July:

General Fund Receipts: **\$23,788**
 (Concord: **\$20,681** New Harmony: **\$3,068**)
 Weekly Average: **\$5,947**
 Expenditures: **\$21,757**
 Receipts needed wkly for 09/10 Budget: **\$5,917**

YTD Receipts (General Fund): **\$23,788**
 YTD Expenses (General Fund): **\$21,757**
 2009/2010 Budget (ending 6/30) : **\$307,678**



Our Two Locations

Please worship with us at one of our two locations:

Waterloo - Concord

338 Covington Drive, Waterloo

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Columbia - New Harmony

Sunday Worship at the Monroe County YMCA
 (Located on Rt. 3 between Waterloo & Columbia)
 Worship: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:20 a.m.

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The Prayer of Jehoshaphat

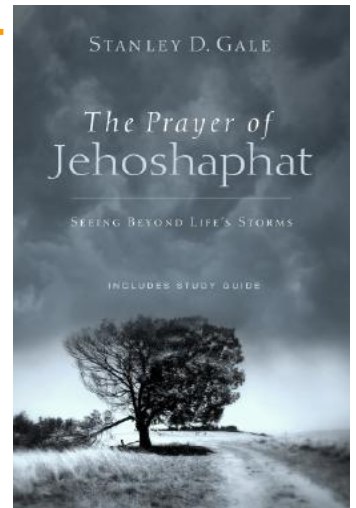
Reviewed By: Carol J. Ruvolo, C E & P Contributor

God included many prayers in the Bible to help His people learn how to pray. One of the most instructive prayers is tucked away in the book of 2 Chronicles. Perhaps you share my inclination to skim over it quickly. If so, my prayer is that The Prayer of Jehoshaphat (not to be confused with Bruce Wilkinson's book, The Prayer of Jabez) will not only strengthen your prayer life but also your conviction that all Scripture is indeed profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.

This wise, insightful, and conversational exposition of 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 examines the effective prayer of a righteous man and concludes that such prayer doesn't "just happen." Instead, it is rooted in the deep knowledge of God, motivating a habitual turning to Him for help in all situations as a first resort, not the last. Jehoshaphat, the fourth king of Judah, was a good king whose primary focus was the glory of God and faithfulness to His desires. He was not a perfect king, which makes his example all the more encouraging for us as we strive to serve God in our weakness and imperfection.

Jehoshaphat's prayer was his first response to a paralyzing event. A mighty army was advancing against him, and his own forces were pitifully powerless to resist its assault. Have you faced situations like that: locked in the grip of real, intense, freezing fear; helpless before an enemy you cannot overcome; unable to run, unable to hide, unable to win? Where most of us tend to lose our wits, Jehoshaphat naturally "set his face" to seek the Lord.

The Prayer of Jehoshaphat reveals the breadth, length, height, and depth of God-focused prayer. Studying it has helped me in overcoming my tendency to fall apart in the face of overwhelming assault, enhanced my ability to pursue my commitment to walk worthy of my high-calling in Christ, and equipped me to more effectively glorify and enjoy God. It has blessed me immensely. Buy a copy and study it well. Then buy some more copies and give them to people you care deeply about.



Volunteers from New Harmony hand out lemonade during "Music at Metter". Pictured left to right: Abby Miller, Sara Cooper, Cort Hubbard, and Becca Hubbard. -- Photo by Steve Glynn

A Few More Scenes From Follywood -VBS



September Schedules

Children's Church - Concord

- Sept 6 - Gretchen Smith & Abby Hopkins
- Sept 13 - Ginny & Ben Bennett
- Sept 20 - Dana Kiphart & Griffin Sweatt
- Sept 27 - Dawn, Kylie, & Reid Sweatt

Nursery - Concord

- Sept 6 - Tammy & Emma Eustis, Beth Bicklein
- Sept 13 - Dawn & Kylie Sweatt
- Sept 20 - Verna & Abby Hopkins, Melissa Allen
- Sept 27 - Nel Saul, Margie Hansen, & Katie Wilson

Refreshments - New Harmony

- Sept 6 - Anola Henke
- Sept 13 - Dayna Miller
- Sept 20 - Sonja Meppiel
- Sept 27 - Carole Harres

Floor Waxing Team:

- Sept (upstairs) - Charlie Myers & Tim Morris

Greeters - Concord

- Sept 6 - John & Cindy Franke
- Sept 13 - Marcy Meyer & Margie Hansen
- Sept 20 - David & Rita Wetzel
- Sept 27 - Joy Schewe & Joe Ripplinger

Greeters - New Harmony

- Sept 6 - Dayna & Abigail Miller
- Sept 13 - Nancy Nobbe & Clif Asselmeier
- Sept 20 - Jim & Sue Meppiel
- Sept 27 - Hib & Carole Harres

Fellowship Meal Clean-up:

- Sept 20 - Adam Sweatt's and Dawson Miller's fold groups

Deacon of the Month:

- Charlie Myers



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Where you can grow and serve for God's glory, by His grace.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays:

3 – Clif Asselmeier
6 – Margaret Stephanides
7 – Allison Nurnberger, Barbara Kurzen
8 – Matt Kurzen
10 – Tommy Boxdorfer, Laura Merleau
13 – Mark Jones
15 – Brittany Williams
16 – Paul Bigham
17 – Marcy Meyer, Alex Roehm
18 – Cynthia Duncan
19 – Ben Bennett
21 – Emma Kiphart
24 – Kim Strellis
25 – Verna Hopkins, Rich Kiphart
26 – Joy Schewe, Susan Meppiel
27 – Abigail Hopkins, Gabriel Hopkins
28 – Luke Berkerey
29 – Randy Fox

September Anniversaries:

2 – Matt & Erin Livengood
14 – Rodger & Jennifer McManus
16 – Carlo & Margie Hansen
18 – Thomas & Sarah Roehm
20 – Bud & Alice West

