

GEETINGSVILLE GREETINGS

August-September 2007

GEETINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PURPOSE STATEMENT

As Christians, we are to love God and love others, with the privilege of being disciples of Jesus Christ, our Savior, through teaching and baptizing in his name. (Matthew 22:37-40 & Matthew 28:19-20)



**Farewell picnic for Terri was a hot one,
but she will still be reminded of her time at GPC
when it's bitter cold!!**

Even though it was in the high nineties, the picnic honoring Terri was well attended. There was a whiffle ballgame for the kids and young at heart; while the rest of us enjoyed singing Terri's favorite praise songs. Lewie Flohr and his guitar led the sing along. Lori Barrett also sang a solo for Terri.

Jennifer Spear presented Terri with a handmade quilt to show her our appreciation for her past four years of dedication and hard work to GPC. There were squares with the children's handprints, family pictures, activities that Terri implemented while here, and squares hand made by individuals with their special message to her.





Lori Barrett and Lewie Flohr singing one of Terri's favorite songs



Ron, Jill, Jessie & Robin Blackwell wishing Terri well as she pursues her Degree at Seminary



Terri along with many others looking over the handmade quilt. Her gift from the GPC church family

Take Note!

All newsletter articles must be given to both the newsletter editor and the secretary via e-mail or hard copy. Please email Barb at barb@wlcco.com and Polly at gpc@geetel.net. Hard copies should be left in the Newsletter mailbox at the church. Our next issue's theme will be **Thankfulness**. The deadline for submitting articles is the third Sunday of the month. Next deadline is **September 16th**. We will make every effort to include all articles submitted by the deadline. Any omissions are unfortunate.



Elder of the Month August
Lewis Flohr



Elder of the Month September
Teri Harrison

SESSION INFO

A folder with the current Session meeting information will be left in the fellowship room for members to review. The folder will be updated the week following the meeting. Please do not take the folder from the building so that everyone will have access to the information when they need it.

Worship services are now available on CD. The worship team has been producing tapes each week for the Shut-ins, as well as, extra's for anyone who wants one. They have now switched to CD's due to the lack of inexpensive tape players available. The CD's are located in the fellowship room in a red box marked "This Month."

Whiffle ball game for the kids and young at heart!



Weather in the nineties didn't curb our appetites for the wonderful church picnic food that we look forward to eating!!!

CARES AND CONCERNS

- † Esther Bogan
- † Herb Click
- † Phil Colby
- † Doris Crum
- † Alberta Lemke
- † Marjorie Paul
- † Harley Shaffer
- † Nondas Shaffer



Women's Retreat 2008

Attention women of Geetingsville Presbyterian Church!! Are you ready to start thinking about a 2nd Annual Women's Retreat? On January 25th and 26th, 2008, we are having an overnight retreat at Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana. Many women enjoyed themselves this past January, and we would like to have as many come and relax again this time! This will be a time of fellowship with the other women from our Church family. We will also worship, rest, relax and enjoy our hobbies as we take some time to focus on our relationship with our Lord and each other. Please mark your calendars now!! More information will be made available closer to the retreat date.

Fall Fellowship "Mixer" dinners

Last winter we began our "Mixer" dinners and some groups had great times together while a few struggled to find a time when everyone could get together. The church family team would like to give it another try.

Each group will consist of dining groups of 6-8 people that are encouraged to have dinner together three times between September and December. This is not a couples only group, singles are encouraged to sign up also!

The details of the actual dinners will be decided by the specific members of the dining group, as well as, the date, time, location, and style of the dinners. Groups do not all have to meet on the same night, but each group is asked to eat together three times before the end of the year.

So, how does one get into a dining group? Anyone who is interested in participating in the mixer dinners should fill out the form enclosed and return it to Mona Harness or Katie Deboy (or just drop it in the offering plate). They will assign the group members by "mixing" up participants who might not ordinarily dine together. Of course, couples will be kept together if requested.

The Mixer Dinners are not meant to be big, fancy meals since the objective is not a "5-star" meal, but to facilitate new "5-star" friendships. We hope these meals will be successful at GPC and that they will encourage cross-generational fellowship. We believe that dining with new people helps us all get to know each other beyond the Sunday morning "hello". If you have questions about Mixer Dinners, please call Mona Harness (258-3154) or Katie Deboy (379-9775)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August

- 2-Ted Sheets
- 3-Rick Ploughe
- 6-Lorie Barrett
- 13-Joe Avery
- 18-Shannon Harshbarger
- 18-Beth Hessong
- 20-Harley Shaffer
- 23-Blaine Barrett
- 25-Matt Meeks
- 31-Betty B Unger

Children

- 13-Tori Skiles
- 18-Kirby Meeks
- 21-Corey Williams

September

- 4-Doris Crum
- 8-Marilyn Wilson
- 9-Leon Hessong
- 12-Steve Harness
- 12-Jill Blackwell
- 15-Gary Miller
- 21-Barbara Larson
- 22-Katie Deboy
- 22-Lewis Flohr
- 23-Beverly Avery
- 24-Stephanie Gochenour
- 24-Barbara Taylor

Children

- 9-Ella Spear
- 9-Noah Spear
- 20-Nick Thorp
- 22-Hannah Springer
- 28-Kayla Treece

If you know someone's birthday that should be included on this list, please contact Polly at 258-3142 or gpc@geetel.net. We apologize for any omissions.

Worship Team News

To know God is to be changed by God; true knowledge of God leads to worship. John Calvin

Worshipping our Lord and Savior has been eventful, so far this summer, with all the activities and changes going on both in the building and with Terri leaving. The Worship Team is responsible for finding the person to lead us in worship every Sunday until we find a new Minister. We also are going to facilitate Communion as often as possible; however, we cannot say Communion will be the first Sunday of every month. An Ordained Minister must be with us to lead us in the Sacrament of Communion.

The Session is responsible for, and in the process of searching for the right individual to lead us as Minister. The Worship Team will be including those individuals that have expressed interest in GPC as pulpit supply, on an on-going basis. It is very probable the next Minister we hire will have preached at GPC several times in the capacity of "pulpit supply". When the right person comes along, the Session will act. With this in mind, we need your feedback whenever we have someone lead us in worship. Give your comments to any member of the Worship Team or the Session. This feedback will help the Worship Team in selecting whom we have come back repeatedly. There is also an implied responsibility on your part. Regular attendance is now more important than ever if you are interested in who is selected to lead us, spiritually, in the future. Also with Communion, being facilitated on an irregular basis regular attendance is beneficial for partaking of this service.

These are exciting times in the life of our church and God's church. We have the opportunity to continue building our ministry in our church and this community with God's help. Please pray for the leaders of our church and the many individuals, who work in the church, as we go out and witness to others.

In conclusion, if you are so inclined to serve, the Worship Team welcomes you to join our team.

Worship Team Coach—Lewis Flohr
Communion Coordinator—Joyce Miller
Music Coordinator—Lewis Flohr
Worship Coordinators—Max & Betty Unger
Members—Amanda Harness, Leon Hessong,
Beth Hessong, Dennis Moriarty, Ryan Wilson



Members of the GPC church family joined with those from Cutler and Flora Presbyterian churches for a service at Adams Mill. Rev. Jim Jacobs was the guest speaker and we witnessed a baptism of a young lady by immersion. The weather was perfect and as always the food was great!!



Worship times are changing back!!

It's time to once again change our church clocks !!
Beginning Sunday, **September 9th**, we will return to our regular Worship schedule.

9:30 - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 - Worship Service
Children's Church
Nursery Care

Terri performs her last two baptisms before ending her service as our CLP...

Blaine and Lori Barrett were welcomed into our church family as members on Sunday, July 22nd. Blaine joins by letter of transfer from Michigantown Christian Church and Lori joined by adult baptism. Their family includes four children.

Terri also performed the baptism of Maggie Deboy at the same time. Maggie is the seven year old daughter of Jason & Katie Deboy. Jennifer Spear assisted with the baptisms.



Unfortunately, Terri's last Sunday to preach at GPC took place in the basement due to work being done in the Sanctuary. Terri proved to all of us she can do a great job delivering God's message regardless.

Chili Supper
Saturday, November 10th

The Capital Fund Raising team is gearing up for the upcoming Chili Supper in November. This year we would like to have a room set up with hand-made items to sell along with our homemade noodles and apple dumplings.

We are currently looking for items to be donated. So far, we have handcrafted wooden items, jewelry, baby blankets, stained glass items, purses and scrapbooks promised. What is your gift or talent?

If you would rather make a financial donation towards the ingredients for the Chili Supper, that would be greatly appreciated as well.

Betty Unger is in charge of the Supper; we are currently looking for someone to head up the Bazaar.

Please let Mary Lou Spear know if you can help out in any way.

Mary Lou Spear
Team Coach
258-3403

Come join us at the Summers End Festival August 25th!!

Elephant Ears! – Lemon Shake-ups! will be the chant heard around the Rossville park at the Summer's End Festival again this year. We need to make sure we have plenty of volunteers to spread the word throughout the car show. Last year it helped increase our sales immensely!!

Our food booth will be in the same location as last year and we hope to have repeat customers as well as many new ones.

Brooke Meeks is currently lining up people to work two hour shifts in the booth, as well as volunteers (children may participate) to take samples out among the crowd and make deliveries if needed.

Come help us have another successful fundraiser for our Capital Fund.



Women's Bible Study

It is almost time to begin another wonderful journey into Bible study and Christian fellowship! Our women's Bible study for the past few years has been very successful. We are anticipating this next study will be just as great.

The study that we will be doing is called "**Believing God**" by Beth Moore. This will be the third Beth Moore study we have done. Everyone in attendance would agree that these studies dig deep into scriptures to help you understand God's word. Many times Beth goes back to the original Greek or Hebrew words to help us better understand the verse. Her studies have proven to be a very in depth spiritual journey.

The following is an excerpt from LifeWay's website about the Bible study "Believing God":

Originating from a concept introduced in Isaiah 43:10, Believing God examines what it means to believe God rather than only believe in Him. Participants study the lives of Abraham and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of people who believed God. This study parallels a personal journey Beth took in coming to understand what it means to believe God.

If this sounds like something that you would like to know more about, please join us!! Our study will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 9:00AM to 11:00AM and meet weekly through mid December 2007. We will also have a group that will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM. The workbooks will be provided for each participant by the Church.

We would like to invite all women to join us in learning more about God's Word. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. As Disciples of Christ, we are never too old or too young or too busy to learn more about Jesus Christ or to mature spiritually. Please join us and invite someone to come along!! Please let me know ASAP so that the materials can be ordered and arrive in time for our first study.

Jennifer Spear
258-3660

SonForce Kids VBS 2007!!

Bible School was a huge success this year!! Our theme was SonForce Kids, where the kids became special agents for God. We had 41 kids total with an average attendance of 35 per night. The kids had a great time learning the Bible stories which centered on Joshua 1:9. That scripture reads "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go". The kids learned to Trust in God's Plans, to Unite with God's People, to Train for God's Service, to Follow in God's Path and to Lead Others to God's Promises.

A Bible story was read each night to introduce the Bible point. The kids then traveled through different learning centers with their guides: Ryan Wilson, Amy Reagan, Heather Harshbarger and Leon Hessong. The different centers were Memory Verse Center, Games, Music, Crafts and Snacks. At the Memory Game Center headed by Jill Blackwell, the kids learned a different Bible Verse each night. At the Game Area ran by Brooke Meeks, the kids played a different game each night themed around being a special agent. In the Music Center taught by Janet Moriarty, the kids learned a new song that correlated with the Bible Story. The kids seemed to love this area and fully participated in singing and dancing. In the Craft Center headed by Barb Wilson, the kids made Special Agent Badges, Message Keepers, Morse Code key rings, Compass bracelets, amongst other things. All of the crafts were influenced by things a special agent should have. The snacks provided every night by Carolyn Carter and Margaret Sheets were space themed as well!!

Linda Flohr taught the preschoolers with the help of Becky Dunnick, Crystal Dillingham and Brianne Hauptert. They had 8 to 10 preschoolers every night from the age of 3 to 5. They were very busy in the preschool room!! These kids also participated in all the same centers explained above. These four women made things very exciting for all of the preschoolers who attended.

The mission money collected throughout the week and on Sunday morning went to the Milk Project benefiting the children of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Money collected will be used to provide fruit and a glass of milk and occasionally a hot meal to the children who live in the Medical Clinic's neighborhood. These children gather at the church and receive a Bible lesson and activity each week then have their snack or meal. For some of these children this is the only opportunity for such nourishment!! The total money collected for this mission was \$265.08.

We had so many wonderful volunteers!! This year's VBS could not have been as successful if it weren't for all of you. Thank you so much!!

Jennifer Spear-VBS Director

BACK to SCHOOL!! This is a busy time of year as students of all ages return to school or begin school for the first time. There is a feeling of newness and excitement in the air.

We purchase new clothes, shoes and school supplies and we anticipate new friendships and teachers. Also exciting but not yet obvious is the increased knowledge and growth that will take place in the students throughout the year.

This is also a good time of year for setting new goals. Teachers, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles: Let's make the most of our responsibility to prepare our children to meet life's challenges!

The preschool is ready to begin classes on Aug. the 20th. We are at our maximum capacity with 20 students enrolled. We welcome eight new families that will be frequenting our church building this year. As Mary Harness and I begin our 7th year of working together, we will be joined by Becky Dunnick who will be helping us as needed with our increased numbers. I know that she will be great with the kids and will be a joy to have with us.

Submitted by Linda Flohr, director

*"Learn as much as you can while you are young,
since life becomes too busy later!"*

Dana Stewart Scott

Nursery Care Needed!!

The past two years we have had several young mothers attend the Wednesday morning Bible study. We have also had a couple of girls who are home schooled help out with the nursery care. They are not available this year due to classes they are participating in on Wednesday mornings.

Therefore, we are looking for someone to take care of the toddlers from 9 - 11AM in the nursery. The number of children has greatly decreased this year, only two or three!!

If you are interested, please call Jennifer Spear at 258-3660.

The last few months have been a flurry of activity for the Construction Management Team. They have coordinated schedules with several contractors, selected materials for installation and recruited people to volunteer their time to do some of the work. Since our last update many of the things being done are apparent to everyone who walks through our doors!

The electrical wiring work has been completed and anyone looking for a plug-in will be very happy. Plug-ins are everywhere and power is no longer lost when trying to use more than two things at once! Also, the fellowship room has a fresh coat of paint, as well as a new grid ceiling with new lighting. The foyer and coat area have also had a fresh paint. These spaces are looking clean and bright.

However, the biggest change has been the sanctuary. Leo Gonzolaz (the same gentleman who repaired the window ledges) and his crew worked hard for almost a month to repair the cracks and then paint all the walls. New wallpaper on the north wall was also completed. The result is a bright and beautiful sanctuary. This is not all that is to be done though! A new ceiling, additional changes and updates to the alter area and refurbished lighting will complete the remodeling of this space.

Next up for the CMT will be to finish updating the coat area with new ceiling and lighting. Also ladies, the women's restroom will be updated and finally redecorated! These two projects, as well as a few other minor one should complete the main floor of our church building.

The CMT have also been investigating adding a new parking area to the west of our building. This will provide our congregation with some much needed parking. Our grassy areas can continue to look well cared for without the mud tracks often found there during the rainy season due to parked cars. This will also mean your shoes will stay nice and clean, not muddy and wet!

Finally, there have been new sidewalks installed at the northwest corner of the building. These sidewalks look fabulous! New landscaping and grass have also been planted in this area, which complements our building and only adds to the beauty of our church.

The CMT offers many thanks to all of the people who have volunteered their time and efforts to installing ceiling tile and cleaning up the sanctuary. We are very lucky to have so many active and caring people in our congregation!!

Mission and Outreach

GPC is gaining a reputation for being a leader in lending a helping hand in our community.

Our church family continues to be a major contributor for the ***Rossville Food Pantry***. The first Sunday of each month continues to be our designated day for food donations. Since our grocery lists aren't posted during the church remodeling project, here is a reminder of items needed on an ongoing basis:

- Dish Soap
- Canned meats
- Soups & Saltine Crackers
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Cereal
- Spaghetti & Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Pudding cups

Kate Gray is our liaison for the ***Rossville Food Pantry***; please call her at 258-3150 or e-mail her at gray@geetel.net if you have any questions about other items needed or other times you may donate.

GPC's reputation among the volunteers for ***Habitat for Humanity*** is dedication and desire to help others. Rick Ploughe serves on the Board, Barb Wilson is on the family selection committee, and we have averaged twenty-percent of the volunteers working on the house the past several Saturdays. Bob Gray, Gary Miller, Ted Sheets, and Rick Ploughe have each spent many hours working there. One Saturday, Kate Gray, Joyce Miller, and Terri Thorn served lunch to about twenty workers.

Habitat for Humanity has been building houses in Clinton County for many years and will continue to for years to come. Volunteer opportunities are abundant; look over the volunteer form included in this newsletter and see if you have a gift you could offer to this worthwhile cause.

Rick Ploughe is GPC's liaison for the ***Habitat for Humanity***, you may call him at 258-3428 or e-mail him at ploughe@geetel.net with any questions you may have.

Annual Fall Hog Roast

Come and join the fun
On Saturday, September 22nd
At
Geetingsville Presbyterian Church

4:00—8:00pm

Meat, drinks, and table service provided
Bring a side dish and dessert to share

Fun & Games for everyone

Invite a friend or neighbor

Mission Trip to Louisiana planned for October

We have been invited to join a group of brothers and sisters in Christ from the Lafayette area for a mission trip to Louisiana. This group will be sponsored by Memorial Presbyterian Church of Dayton, Indiana. They will be serving the people still in need in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. The dates for this trip are October 13, 2007 through October, 20, 2007. If anyone is interested, please contact Jennifer Spear and she will direct you to the people in charge of this trip.



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Note: There are changes to the Contact List !!

Take a look at the list and if you don't feel that your answer can be found on this list, please notify me. I will find out the contact for you and it will be added if appropriate to do so. *Barb Wilson*



The children having fun singing lively songs and making crafty projects during SonForce 2007 Vacation Bible School





NEW TRIBES MISSION
Hope Sharp
July 2007



The last of the May River Iwam cannibals, Jemis(James) Keneik at age 24 was already a recognized leader in his community back in 1980 when I first arrived to live among them. During those early years he often attended Bible classes. He was our “first choice” as THE man to head up the Iwam literacy program. We had such great hopes for him!

How different Jemis seemed from his father-Old Keneik—who was the leading sorcerer for the entire May River area! Though originally friendly with the missionaries, as Keneik approached death he adamantly affirmed that he was “Satan’s man.” Must have been about 1984 when he finally succumbed during a throat hemorrhage resulting from his long standing leprosy. From that point on Jemis wanted little to do with God or us, the missionaries.

Thus began a lengthy search on Jemis’ part to find an Iwam to blame for his father’s death. All the traditional Iwam ceremonies were staunchly followed. Eventually 2 men at an upriver village were “marked culprits, and countless attempts at pay back sorcery were made over the years to cause them to die. All Jemis’ attempts proved futile. The 2 men lived for so long that when they did finally die it was obvious even to Jemis that they had simply died of old age.

During that era Jemis was so elusive that I often didn’t immediately recognize him when our paths would cross. He did re-enter the picture “big time” though, during the final months we missionaries lived in Iwam land. From our experience with him then he seemed to be a hostile and very bitter man.

Jemis showed up at the airstrip the day we missionary women were scheduled to say goodbye and leave our beloved Iwam. He came, not to bid us a fond farewell, but rather to note all our possessions we had left behind to be flown out to us later. Jemis then, along with another Iwam (Thomas Willi) laid claim to all those items. After that shenanigan I never expected to see him again.

As our regional conference got underway this past spring Jemis was about as far from my mind as anyone could be. What a shock when he appeared at our gate there in town asking for me! After that visit I didn’t expect Jemis to return—but return he did—numerous times between March and when I left for home assignment the end of May. Each time Jemis came I gave him some food, and talked to him at length about Jesus.

During one of these visits Jemis volunteered the information that he had recently begun attending church again. There’s no way to check the truth of that statement but it does give me hope that Jemis is at least feeling convicted about his relationship with the Lord. I asked him quite pointedly one time what we missionaries had done wrong, and what we could/should have done to help him thru those years. He merely hung his head and had no answers but silence.

During our final visit just a day or so before I left PNG I asked Jemis what he would say if someone asked him how to get to heaven. His answer was so clear—“Believe that Jesus died for our sins.” His head knows the truth-but his heart???

Would you be praying with me that he will truly see himself as one for whom our precious Savior died, and that he will allow God to have His rightful place in his heart and life? How wonderful it will be, should the fruit of your prayers be Jemis living his final years as a beloved brother in Christ, and one whom we could hope to see again one day, standing together with us before the Throne!

Thank you so much for standing together with me these many years on behalf of our beloved May River Iwam.
I really do appreciate YOU!!!

Co-laborers together,

Hope Sharp

Editors Note: Hope will be in the United States for a year long furlough, we will continue to print her letters as long as we receive them.



TEGUCIGALPA CLINIC MISSION
Trevor & Valerie Colby
August 2007



Trevor's note: This month's update was written by His Eyes' director for public relations, publicity, and exaggerations, one Mr. Ferd Berfel. As Mr. Berfel volunteered to write this month's update, we did not want to squash such unbridled enthusiasm, but decided to just insert editorial comments where we felt necessary. These will be found throughout in parenthesis and italics.

Greetings friends, neighbors, countrymen. Lend me your eyes, I implore you! The work this past month that His Eyes has accomplished (*that God has accomplished*) has been, in a few, eloquent, and quite poetic words, simply extraordinary! (*No, this is pretty much what happens every month for the most part*)

In the month of July, a month that remembers the great emperor of Rome, a team from Houston Texas, scientifically proven as the city with most flare (*huh?*) was warmly received (*the temperature was normal as I recall*). Said group participated valiantly in distributing all manner of particulate matter with which one can cover his body, as well as assessing the state of need of Honduran people and giving ingestible objects for the improvement of their state of physical well being (*uh, we did some clothing distributions and a medical brigade...and focused on their spiritual well being as well, Ferd*). We visited the local office for prolonged painful visitation (*hospital visit*) and arduously mixed aggregate matter to pave the way for people to traverse the gap between that which is rocky (*poured a concrete pad near the clinic*).

A week later, it was a blessing to host another gaggle of gringos from Alabama and Oklahoma. That particular group participated in varying methods of self-physical abuse (*ok, that is true, it's just usually called construction...in Sampedrana a footer for the new warehouse, San Juancito a footer for the Church's future meeting place, and a more concrete work at the clinic property*) as well as a clothing distribution exercise (*thankfully we had clothes for the guy in the group who did not get his suitcase for five days*).

Medical work in the clinic continues to advance forcefully. This month it was noted that patients are now beginning the arduous trek to wait in line sometimes before 5:00am to get in line at 5:30 (*yes, that's A.M.*). This can be attributed to the quality of care given, the attention loaned to the patient for their needs (*Ferd apparently speaks and instantly translates Spanish to English here*) and the comparatively very low cost. (*Although we are anticipating raising the cost of the exam/medicine as we continue to struggle with rising medicine costs*)

July also brought the welcome arrival of our international medical student to intern with the mission. Ruth is from the great country of Wales (*don't get us started...Wales is not a country but part of the UK*) and will be with us for a determined amount of time (*until September*). In addition to advancing her studies in medicine by participating in all areas of the medical clinic (*preclinic, pharmacy, and seeing patients*) she will also be involuntarily assisting Trevor develop further his British vernacular and accent (*much to Valerie's chagrin*)

Petitions for intercession with the Lord: (*Prayer requests*)

For the Colbys to have time this month to spend in pursuing nuclear interests (*time as a family*)

For the cacophony of consecutive construction projects concurrently happening in the corresponding centers of the corporal corporation. *This prayer brought to you by Coca Cola and your local Coca Cola bottler*

For the clinic staff...patience, understanding and spiritual strength for the continued problems of turning people away, seeing those that come, and remembering the real reason we are there is to reach out to those people with Christ's love (*Ferd, are you feeling ok? That was nicely put*)

There are quite a few new images up at the website this month, the work of valiant daredevil photographers (www.hiseyes.us) and as always there have been many updates to the blog by our cracker jack staff of never-ending-superlative worthy writers (www.hiseyeshonduras.blogspot.com) (*you be the judge*)

Yours in Christ our Lord and Savior the only Son of God and really defining the term 'awesome being',

Ferd Berfel
(INDNJ, me)

Monetary contributions for the general work of the mission for the advancement of the gospel, (*donations for the mission*)

Englewood Christian Church
57 N Rural
Indianapolis IN 46201

(please mark in the memo that your donation is for the "Tegucigalpa clinic")

Fiduciary investments in the Colby family and the work that God is doing through them (*donations for us*)

Geetingsville Presbyterian Church
2037 E St Rd 26
Frankfort IN 46041

attn: financial secretary

(please include a note in the envelope that your donation is for "Trevor and Valerie")

correspondence that arrives to its final destination in an untimely manner, only suitable for letters not packages of any kind (*snail mail*)

Felipe y Valeria Colby
2946 Ave Enrique Tierno Galvan
Col Las Lomas de Guijarro
Tegucigalpa Hon

Church Windows For Sale!!

The Capital Improvement Team still has about thirty church windows for sale. Each window contains six sections of blue Kokomo glass and the team is selling them for \$10.00 each.

The windows are currently located at Ted & Margaret Sheets home so you need to call them (258-3410) and arrange to pick up there. Please pay Ted or Margaret by check (make out to *GPC Capital Fund*) or cash at the time of pick up.

You need to act quickly!! We already have a buyer for what's leftover, but want to make sure any member wanting one has the chance to buy first.

Note: There will be free-standing crosses and church window sun catchers for sale at the Chili Supper in November for those who prefer a smaller souvenir!



MIXER DINNER SIGN-UP - DUE SEPTEMBER 9TH

Please turn into Mona Harness, Katie Deboy (their mailboxes) or place in the offering plate

_____ **name** _____ **phone**

_____ **spouse or requested partner** _____ **phone**

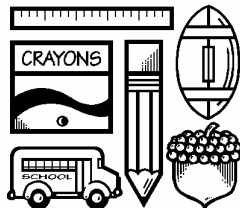
Dietary Restrictions/Most Convenient Time/Comments:

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What's Happening at...

Geetingsville Presbyterian Church

Now - *Sign up for Fall "Mixer" Dinners*

Aug 20th- *Geetingsville Preschool starts*

Aug 25th- *Summer's End Festival Fund Raiser*

Sept 5th - *Women's Morning Bible Study begins*

Sept 9th - *Worship time changes*

Sept 22nd- *Annual Fall Hog Roast*

Nov 10th- *Chili Supper & Bazaar*

Jan 24-25, 2008- *Women's Retreat*

(More valuable information inside regarding all of these events)