

GEETINGSVILLE GREETINGS

February –March 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)

Dear Geetingsville Family and Friends,

The multi-year saga of the Thorn Kitchen remodel is about to come to an end. The new kitchen is finally here! Well, no, not exactly. A better description would be that it is finally **on its way**. We have selected and ordered the cabinets and chosen our installer. There are drawings and plans for the appliances to be moved, certain walls to be removed, and hardwood floors to be repaired. Electrical wiring and dry wall work are on the schedule, as well as stripping wall paper and painting walls that needs to be done before the cabinets arrive. In fact, Rob and I now realize that the number of things necessary to get the space ready BEFORE the installation is nearly as great as the installation itself. However, we understand that it's important work. Without it, the new kitchen cabinets could not be installed because they definitely will not fit in the space as it is now.

Over the next few weeks we hope to clear out the old, the broken and the ugly in our kitchen and have the new kitchen ready for Easter Sunday dinner! Although we did not plan it this way, it is turning out that the majority of the preparatory work will be done during the weeks corresponding with Lent. How appropriate! For Christians, Lent is a season of preparation and hard work. It is a time to clear out the old, the broken and the ugliness that weighs heavily in our hearts. It is the season that we are called to strip the ugly wallpaper of sin out of lives in order to prepare ourselves to be painted with the good news of Easter Sunday.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, until Easter Sunday we are called to adopt a focused, intentional attitude of confession and repentance to prepare our hearts and minds to receive and to fully embrace the resurrected life that we have been promised through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. We lift our prayers and offer our fasts as disciplines that bring us closer to Jesus along the way. Journeying through Lent with a contrite heart may seem daunting, like tearing out 25-year-old kitchen cabinets. Facing the sins that are keeping us from a full relationship with God may be emotional, like taking down interior walls of the house you have lived in for nearly 10 years. Submitting ourselves to the Lord, rather than to our own desires might get really messy, like seaming and sanding drywall, but the result will be worth it.

The Lenten season will have dark moments, as we recall the rejection that Jesus faced. It will have painful moments as we remember the abuse he endured and the excruciating death he experienced. However, there is good news: after the darkest hour of Good Friday comes the dawn of Easter Sunday. The Light of the world that was extinguished for three days did not stay dim. On Easter Sunday, once again we discover that Jesus was no longer in the dark cave. He had risen and shines brightly on each of us, in each of us and through each of us. And, in this, we place our faith, hope and love.

In order for everything to be ready when the kitchen cabinets arrive, Rob and I have a schedule to follow, work to do and no time to waste. As we enter Lent, in order to have ourselves ready when Easter arrives, you and I have a schedule to follow, work to do, and no time to waste!

Jesus has already done the work necessary to develop the final plans for our life remodeling project. Jesus' redesign calls for a life filled with God's grace, peace and joy....a life that acts justly, loves mercy and walks humbly with God. Are you ready to begin your own life remodel? Won't you please join us on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00PM for the first of many opportunities this Lenten season to get yourself ready for Easter?

In His Service,

Terri

A Message from the Editor:

The mission of the Geetingsville Presbyterian Church newsletter is to INVITE our church family and community to be part of our congregation's activities, and to INFORM others about our Christian beliefs, thereby to effectively INVOLVE them in the life of our church.

We are starting our second year of bi-monthly newsletters. Publishing bi-monthly has been a challenge, but at the same time it has made it easier to accomplish our mission.

Pastor Terri, our Session, and our Team Coaches are *inviting* you and *informing* you about what's happening at Geetingsville in this newsletter, now it's time to do your part... get *involved!*

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the special worship services, book/bible studies, live concert, fund raisers etc.

We have sent you a small magazine this month with a varied choice of articles to read. Don't miss the superb article about Harley Shaffer and make sure you respond to our "Geetingsville goes high tech". Hopefully, you will take time for the word search! Happy Reading!

God Bless!

Barb Wilson

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 Service. The deadline for submitting articles is the third Sunday of the month. Next deadline is **March 18th**. We will make every effort to include all articles submitted by the deadline. Any omissions are unfortunate.

The **Manse** is **FOR SALE**.

If you are interested or know of someone who is and would like more information, please contact the Clerk of Session, Jennifer Spear, at 258-3660 or email her at jspear@geetel.net.

Receipts for 2006 contributions are available.

If you desire a receipt for your charitable donations to the church for 2006, please contact Kenton Colby at 258-3296 or email at kcolby@geetel.net



**Elder of the Month
February**
Janet Moriarty



**Elder of the Month
March**
Kenton Colby

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.

Sermon tapes are being produced each week for the Shut-ins, as well as, extra's for anyone who would like one. They are located in the fellowship room in a red box marked "This Month."



Annual Reports are available....

In the interest of ecological stewardship (saving trees), financial stewardship (saving postage) and time stewardship (saving hours), changes were implemented regarding this year's Annual Report. There were copies of the Annual report made for everyone who attended the Annual Congregation and Corporation Meeting on January 21st. There is also a copy in the Session folder in the Fellowship Room for the next couple of months for anyone to see. Anyone who would like to receive a copy may leave your request via the church voicemail, email, or in person from Polly during her office hours (Fridays 9-1)

CARES AND CONCERNS

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

March

- 11-Brendon Moriarty
- 11-Rob Thorn
- 12-Melissa Alter
- 15-Linda Flohr
- 20-Kristi Skiles
- 23-Bob Gray

- 7-Kenton Colby
- 7-Reuel Crum
- 9-Russ Hazlett
- 11-Berenice Miller
- 19-Polly Merrick
- 19-Margaret Sheets
- 23-Dave Gilbert
- 28-Tonya George

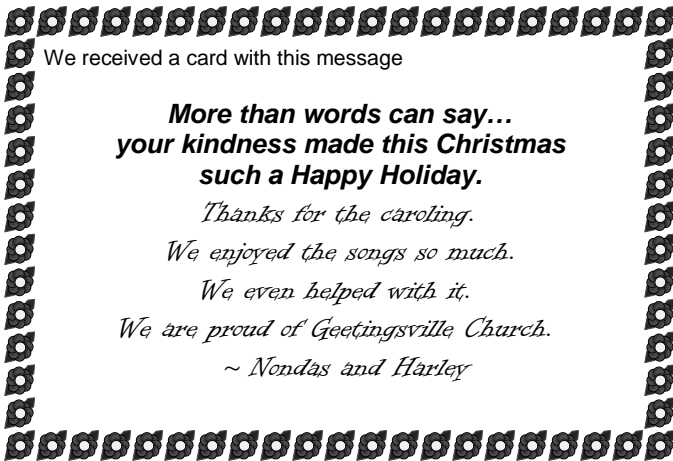
Children

- 1-Bentley Oliver
- 4-Brittyn Oliver
- 11-Avree Barrett
- 28-Maggie Deboy
- 28-Mark Thorn

Children

- 6-Kelsey Williams
- 9-Bailey Spear

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.



We received a card with this message

**More than words can say...
your kindness made this Christmas
such a Happy Holiday.**

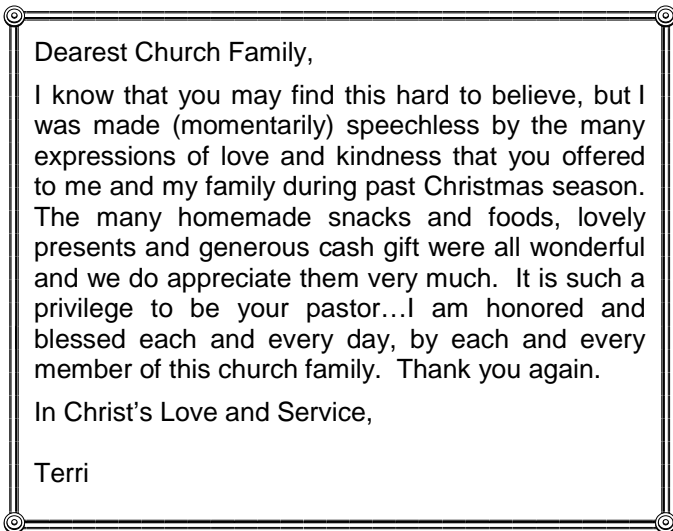
Thanks for the caroling.

We enjoyed the songs so much.

We even helped with it.

We are proud of Geetingsville Church.

~ Nondas and Harley



Dearest Church Family,

I know that you may find this hard to believe, but I was made (momentarily) speechless by the many expressions of love and kindness that you offered to me and my family during past Christmas season. The many homemade snacks and foods, lovely presents and generous cash gift were all wonderful and we do appreciate them very much. It is such a privilege to be your pastor...I am honored and blessed each and every day, by each and every member of this church family. Thank you again.

In Christ's Love and Service,

Terri



BERNARD AND KATHLEEN MICHAEL

*will be celebrating
65 years of marriage this year!*

*On Sunday, February 25th
an open house will be held in their honor
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church*

They ask that gifts be omitted.



The Rossville Food Pantry wants to give a huge THANK YOU to the Geetingsville Nursery School!! Thirteen children brought in over 90 items to be donated.

The children learned how rewarding it is to give to those less fortunate than themselves thus bringing joy to the giver as well as those who receive.

Kate Gray

WORSHIP

February

- 4 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship w/Communion
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 11 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 18 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 21 7pm **Ash Wednesday-Worship service**
- 25 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 **1st Sunday Lent-Worship**
Children's Church & Nursery care

March

- 4 9:30 Sunday School
2nd Sunday Lent-Worship w/ communion
10:30 Children's Church & Nursery care
- 11 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 **3rd Sunday Lent-Worship**
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 18 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 **4th Sunday Lent-Worship**
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 25 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 **5th Sunday Lent-Worship**
Children's Church & Nursery care

April

- 1 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 **Palm Sunday-Worship w/communion**
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 4 7pm **Maundy Thursday-Worship service**
- 8 7am **Easter Sunday-Sunrise Service**
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
Children's Church & Nursery care

LIVE CONCERT



The Overtones

Saturday, February 17th
7:00pm
Geetingsville Church

Please join us
for our **Annual Love Your Neighbor Night**
With a live concert
by *The Overtones Gospel Quartet*

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors
to an Open House prior to the concert
in the Dining Room from 5:00pm—6:45pm

Free admission, freewill offering will be taken



CAPITAL FUND RAISING PLANS FOR 2007

Mark your calendars and do your part in the effort to raise money for our church remodeling projects.

Our team has been busy planning fund raising activities for 2007 that will be fun for everyone to participate in some way.

March 10th from 7:00am to 10:00am, we are having a Church Breakfast.

We will be serving biscuits and gravy, pancakes and sausage. We are selling tickets beforehand as well as at the door.

August 25th we are returning to the Summer's End Festival with our elephant ears and lemon shakeups!

They were a hit last year and we plan to have an even better sales day this year! Save the day to come, help, and have fun at the same time.

November 10th is the date set for our Chili Supper and Silent Auction.

The chili supper will be a repeat this year along with the sale of homemade noodles and apple dumplings. With our new kitchen in place, we will be able to accomplish so much more! There will be opportunities prior to the supper when we will make many yummy noodles and apple dumplings so please plan to help!

A new addition to the chili supper will be a silent auction with quality crafts for you to bid on. If you can make something and you wish to donate an item please contact Mary Lou Spear. We have several people working on awesome crafts, paintings, afghans, quilts etc. We hope you will do some of your Christmas shopping here!

Your Capital Fund Raising Team has worked hard putting some great money making projects together. Our team consists of: Mona Harness, Kenton Colby, Stephanie Gochenour, Gary Miller, Brianne Hauptert, Katie Deboy. So again, mark your calendars with the above dates and plan to help make each project successful. With God's blessing, we will have another great year in 2007.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Lou Spear 258-3403

Margaret Sheets 258-3410

BUILDING
FUND

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE

The fall projects are very near complete. With the exception of the work on the south brick wall, the monies spent so far are very noticeable improvements to our building the brick wall repair was just a necessity not very noticeable. The fall projects included:

- † Thirty-three new energy efficient windows and the removal of four windows.
- † A complete new roof including a new pitch to our problem area and new gutters.
- † A major face lift to our kitchen including the new counter top and sink.

Countless hours of volunteer help and fellowship has been a blessing and a relief to the team and congregation. A heart felt thank you goes out to all who have helped.

Our team is currently redirecting our attention to the next phase of projects for the winter months. The winter projects are:

- † Adding a new electrical service, rewiring the entire church, adding more outlets, and new lights in all classrooms.
- † Remodeling of the sanctuary, added lighting, paint, new ceiling, and a new arrangement at the front of the sanctuary that lends itself to flexibility while still creating the warm worship environment we desire.

We want to thank you for bearing with us though any inconveniences the construction may cause you. Our team is humbled by the trust you have given us and we will continue to get as much repair and renovation completed as funds allow. Please continue to support our efforts with your prayers as well as your pledges.

My team members include: Margaret Sheets, Dennis Moriarty, and Lewie Flohr

Phil Wilson,
Team Coach

Let's get to know our Class of 2009 Elders!

Thought you might like to know more about the new Elders who have joined the Session this year and will be working for your church the next three years.

Name: Janet Moriarty

Occupation: Adult Education School Counselor

Family: Married to Dennis twenty five years in June. Along with a nephew, Brendon, we have eight dogs, two rabbits, two horses, and five to six cats who reside with us.

Past & current involvement at GPC: Church Family team, Discipleship Team, and Song Leader

Hobbies & Interests: Enjoy reading, home improvement projects, the outdoors, flowers and animals

Something interesting that people might not know about me: I love to weedeat!

Anything else you want to add: I'll try my best to learn and serve well.

Name: Mary Lou Spear

Occupation: Registered Nurse at Dr Tamera Vandergriff's office in Frankfort after 20 years as a Surgical Nurse.

Family: Married to Jack for twenty six years, one daughter Jacquie, three sons John, Jeff, and Jesse, three in-laws, Scott, Jennifer and Christy, nine grandchildren Jill, Josh, Bailey ,Noah ,Ella ,Gabriel ,Catie ,Logan, and Charlotte.

Past & Current involvement at GPC: Past and current elder, organist, sings in the choir, past Sunday school teacher, mission trip to Honduras. (Mary is too modest; she has been on every committee ever formed here at GPC and helps with everything that is going on!)

Hobbies & Interests: Quilting, growing flowers, making banners, playing piano, singing and reading.

Something interesting that people might not know about me: I am a breast cancer survivor of eleven years. I love to travel and have been to Hawaii, Nova Scotia, France, Germany, Honduras, Canada, and many states in the US. I hope to see even more of this world.

Anything else you want to add: I started attending GPC at age five and have seen so many changes over the years. One memorable event was seeing the ordination of Adeline Lee, the first women elder here! There were many wonderful role models at GPC during my growing up years. These people, along with my parents and four sisters, God's grace and many blessings, have helped me to become the person I am today.

Name: Phil Wilson

Occupation: Have managed the family business for thirty years. The WLC Company has sold livestock equipment for seventy years and added industrial equipment in the past 10-15 years.

Family: Married to Barb for twenty three years, three sons Phillip Todd, Terry, and Ryan, two daughters Melissa and Rebecca, four in-laws, Clyde, Stace, Crystal, and Sandy, six grandchildren, Corey, Kelsey, Jasmine, Caden, Devon & Kyler.

Past & Current involvement at GPC: Past and present Elder, Past Clerk of Session, Deacon, and a member for nearly forty years. Also sings in the Choir, leads the Men's Book Study, and heads the Construction Management Team.

Hobbies & Interests: Wood carving, sculpture, woodworking.

Something interesting that people might not know about me: I really try to get along with everyone.

Anything else you want to add: Love the Lord, Love others, and time permitting Love yourself.

You are invited to be a guest at the Great Banquet given by God to feast on His goodness and love.

*You are welcome to join over 3000 people, from various walks of life, different denominations and numerous churches, who have already eaten at God's banquet table by attending one of the upcoming Great Banquet's at Zionsville Presbyterian Church. **Next month they will be holding Men's GB#81 on March 1-4 and Women's GB#82 on March 15-18.** Nineteen of our Geetingsville church family has attended a Great Banquet experience and if you were to ask, they each had their own unique experience.*

Have you wondered if the Great Banquet experience is for you? Hopefully, you find the answers to your questions here.

Who should attend the Great Banquet? This weekend experience is for anyone who:

- + Wishes to strengthen his/her own spiritual life
- + Wants to have a better understanding of prayer, the sacraments, study and Christian action
- + Strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God
- + Seeks to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to make Him known

History of the Great Banquet To become familiar with the Great Banquet, let's look first at the history of its counterparts, the Cursillo and the Walk to Emmaus. The Cursillo (3-day course in Christianity) began in Spain in the 1940's in the Catholic Church. It spread to the United States and evolved for Protestants into the Walk to Emmaus under the auspices of the Upper Room and the United Methodist Church. And Emmaus Movement was started at the First Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, Kentucky in 1982. After a 10-year history of the Walk to Emmaus in Madisonville, the Great Banquet was formed. Governed by an ecumenical board of directors and using the "Cursillo model" but with a different image, the Great Banquet continues to emphasize personal Christian discipleship.

Purpose of the Great Banquet The focus of the Great Banquet is to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to make Him known. The objective of the Great Banquet is to continue the 3-day weekend by serving Christ in local churches, homes and work places. To live a life of grace and to respond to higher levels of Christian discipleship becomes the purpose of the Great Banquet.

Image of the Great Banquet The Great Banquet concept is patterned around the parable from Luke 14:15-24. Jesus tells of a master who prepared a great banquet and invited many guests, saying "Come, for everything is now ready." After many excuses for not attending, the master becomes angry and orders his servants: "Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame." After this has been done and room still remains, the master tells his servants: "Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full." Then, as additional invitations are given, the banquet is presented to his guests. The result of the master's invitation was to feast and fellowship at a banquet given by God.

The parable above provides the picture for the Great Banquet. Like its counterparts, Cursillo and Walk to Emmaus, this movement examines Christianity as a lifestyle. The Great Banquet is an orderly, structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians. Through a combined effort of laity and clergy, the Great Banquet focuses on the renewal of the church.

What happens at the Great Banquet? The Great Banquet is a 72-hour experience, beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday evening. For three days, guests live and study together in a worshipful time of singing, prayer and discussion. During each of fifteen talks given by laity and clergy, the theme of God's grace is presented. Guests participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and examine more fully the presence of Christ in His body of believers. They personally experience His grace through the prayers and acts of loving, Christian support community.

If you still have unanswered questions about the Great Banquet experience or would like to attend one, please email Pastor Terri Thorn at tthorn232@hotmail.com or give her a call at 317-670-1150..

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. ~ Proverbs 22:6 ~



February 2007 marks a very special occasion in our church family. It was 75 years ago this month, on February 28, 1932, that Harley Shaffer was baptized and became a member of Geetingsville Presbyterian Church. Even though Harley was only 8 years old, he knew that he loved Jesus and the Geetingsville Presbyterian Church, and that he wanted to join the church, along with other children from his confirmation class.

At that time, which was prior to the addition of our education wing, the sanctuary faced the south. So, on that brisk winter morning, Harley and the other children sat together on the front row (which is now the back row) waiting for their opportunity to profess their faith and to become members of the congregation. Harley warmly remembers shaking hands with all the church family as the entire congregation came forward, row by row to welcome the newest, youngest members.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it." (NIV) Born on August 20, 1923 to tenant farming parents, Eldo and Opal, Harley was assuredly trained in the way he should (the way of the Lord), and now, nearly 84 years later, he has not turned from it. He remembers that as a child, his mom "trained them as they should go", by making sure that all six

of her children did not "act up" in church, all the way from the choir loft! To this day, Harley still doesn't "act up" in church – or at least not too much!!

Although Harley and his parents moved around quite a bit from farm to farm, he never really left the area until February 1943. After graduating from Rossville High School in 1942, Harley enlisted in the Army and on October 12, 1943 was sent overseas on the Queen Elizabeth, in one of the largest fleets at the time. "We knew something was brewing," explained Harley, but we didn't ask questions. It was a saying "Loose Lips Sink Ships". He was stationed near London, England for 27 months in the Transportation Corps. Their responsibility was to program and schedule supplies and troops to the southern ports at a precise time.

Three years later, on February 16, 1946, Harley was discharged from the military. He returned to the Rossville area to farm with his father for the next three years. But, in April of 1949 he went to work at Allison's near Indianapolis and remained there for thirty years, retiring in 1979. Harley married Billie Albright on July 27, 1950. They had two sons Larry and Gary and lived near Manson, IN until 1984 when Billie succumbed to cancer.

Four years later, feeling sad and lonely, Harley called his old friend from high school, Nondas Luper Gochenour. What happened from there is a perfect Valentine's Day story! According to Harley, "One day, I was feeling lonely and called to ask her (Nondas) if she would go to our fiftieth class reunion with me. When she told me that the class reunion wouldn't be for several years, I asked her to go to dinner at a nice restaurant in Indianapolis. The dinner wasn't very good, so it gave me a good reason to ask her out again." They were married several months later! Needless to say, Harley moved back to Rossville!

Both Harley and Nondas' love for the Geetingsville Church family continues to grow, even today. Harley still has many fond childhood memories from the church, including going to Penny Suppers during the depression. Penny Suppers were gatherings of the church family, where everyone gave a freewill offering (their extra pennies) and had dinner together. He also recalls that Cecil Prentice always came to church in his horse and buggy. In addition, he will never forget the special Christmas Eve worship service during which Santa came in through a window and the children received a bag of treats that included some candy and an orange.

These are just a few of his memories from Geetingsville; there are many others. He remembers when the building addition was added to the church and other changes that took place through the years. When asked what he thought was the biggest change he had seen in the church over the past years, Harley turned to his sweetheart and asked her for help. Nondas immediately responded, "It's more casual!" They both agree that they enjoy not having to dress up as much for church. They also mentioned that things used to be very prim and proper such as, the order of worship was always the same.

According to Harley and Nondas, "We never had change (at the church)." Some might think that having been a member for 75 years Harley might wish for things to stay the same. But that is not the case at all! Both he and Nondas heartily embrace the changes we have made at Geetingsville these past years. They really enjoy the new music, although, when we do sing the old hymns, Harley can sing them without opening the book! Lastly, another change that Harley said they both enjoy is getting the tapes of the Sunday morning worship services. He said, "We feel like Terri is standing right here talking to us!"

Train a child in the way he should go, and 75 years later, he will not turn from it. Harley may not be as able to attend worship like he did 75 years ago, but he and Nondas still actively participate in the church family in many ways. They receive the worship tapes, they support the work and ministries, they pray for the church, they encourage the church family, they encourage the pastor, and when they can, they come take their places in the back corner and sing out their praise.

We thank God for the blessing they are for this church family and we honor Harley for his faithfulness to God and the Geetingsville Church. Although the anniversary of his membership is this month, due to the winter weather, we are postponing a full celebration until the spring when he and Nondas can join us. Please join the entire church family as we congratulate Harley on this milestone and be sure to watch for more information about a celebration later in 2007.

“Just as I have loved you, you should love each other” John 13:34

Every year around Valentine's Day, we talk about love at preschool and we ask the children what love means to them. Their typical responses are Mom, Dad, Grandparents and a brother or sister. A pet or special toy may be mentioned as well.

As we mature and our boundaries expand, we discover that love can be given and received in many ways outside of our immediate family. This past Christmas season, the preschoolers learned first-hand about love and giving. We asked the children to bring in food items to help some families through the Rossville Food Pantry. The children gave generously and were excited to do so.

2006 was a stressful year for me as I saw my mom through several hospitalizations, surgeries and moves to various facilities. During this time (and even now in 2007) I experienced many acts of kindness that felt like love to me. I have friends that don't seem to tire of asking how my mom is doing. There are church members who have brought over entire meals for my family, which helped me out immensely.

I receive regular phone calls from my 80-year old uncle in Wisconsin who tells me that my mom and I are in his prayers and shares Bible verses with me that are comforting. There is the volunteer caregiver that used to help Mom out at home who continues to visit almost weekly at the nursing home. A 10-year old "penpal" writes letters to my mom from her 5th grade class at school. Some nurses, aides and physicians take the time to talk and listen. The list goes on and on. All of these kindnesses buoyed me up and helped me to feel less alone.

If you have the opportunity to help someone who is in a difficult situation, you will be a blessing to him or her and will be doing what Christ commanded. "Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34 "Do for others what you would like them to do for you". Matthew 7:12 "We are nothing without love." 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

Submitted by Linda Flohr



Sunday School for all Ages!!!

The Discipleship team invites everybody to attend Sunday School classes at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what God's Word has to teach us. There are classes available for all ages, young and old!!

There are three classes available for the children:

3 years old through Kindergarten
1st through 4th grades
Youth Class for High School Students

The adult class has been studying a series called "Faith Lessons". The format of this class is a question book with a video series. There has been much discussion and learning happening in this class. Everyone is welcome to attend. We would love to have you in there!

For any one with small children, nursery care is available for kids from birth to 3 years old.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Spear at 258-3660. Please come and join us!!

Pictures say a thousand words!

Look at the fun everyone is having!
The top pictures are of the Christmas Eve services. The costumed guys had parts in our morning service and our children and adult choirs performed in the evening service. The bottom pictures show our Christmas carolers having as good a time as our shut-ins. Carolers also visited Parkview Home where the group picture was taken.



Geetingsville Greetings Goes High-Tech

Knowing that everyone's "free" time continues to become increasingly rare and precious, the Newsletter Team believes we have a great time-saving option for all who are active "internet users". Rather than adding to the stacks of mail that you don't ask for (junk mail), and wasting your time sorting through it to get to the good stuff like our Geetingsville Greetings, we are offering an opportunity for you to receive the newsletter online.

Each time a newsletter is completed, we will send you an e-mail notifying you that the latest edition is posted on the GPC website. The email will contain an easy-access link that will take you right to the newsletter. Of course, those who like to receive a paper newsletter are welcome to continue to receive it via the US Mail. At the same time, those who want to go "high-tech" with the newsletter need only let us know and we will make the change starting next month. So, **if you want to receive the newsletter via email**, please either call the church and leave a message, at 765-258-3142 or email your information to gpc@geetel.net.

While on the subject of the newsletter, we are also trying to become better stewards of all of God's blessings and resources, including environmental resources, such as trees for paper; financial blessings, such as postage and paper; and also personal resources, more specifically, our time and energy. In order to accomplish this, we are taking the opportunity to confirm that those who are receiving the newsletter do indeed want to receive it.

We assume that everyone who attends our church on a regular basis wants the newsletter. However, there are many people on our mailing list that have found new church homes or are no longer actively involved in GPC for other reasons. It is our desire that anyone who wants our newsletter should receive it, but those who do not want it should not be burdened with it either.

Therefore, if you are not currently attending GPC, but would like to continue to receive the newsletter, please complete the form below and return it to: Geetingsville Presbyterian Church
2037 East State Road 26
Frankfort, IN 46041

You may also choose to email us the information at gpc@geetel.net or leave a voicemail at 765-258-3142.

Please note, if we have not heard from you by the end of March, in time for the April/May issue of the newsletter, and if you are not a regular attendee of GPC, we will assume that you are no longer interested in the Geetingsville Greetings and will not send it to you in the future. So, **be sure to let us know if you want to keep receiving it!** Again, it is NOT our objective to reduce the number of newsletters just because of their cost or due to the time required to produce them. Instead we just want to be excellent stewards of the Lord's resources in our ministry and this seems to be one such way to do so.

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Valentine's Day Word Search

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Note: There are changes to the Contact List !!

There have been changes made due to outgoing Elders and new Elders starting the first of January. There have also been a few changes to the Teams and who are under them. 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*





NEW TRIBES MISSION
Hope Sharp
January 2006



Anyone else out there having trouble believing we're this far into 2007 already? As we charge into the New Year most of us probably have some ideas or goals of what we hope to accomplish in the months ahead. "My" plan for the year looks something like this:

- 15th Jan - 21st Feb - Iwam fellows in town for proofreading
- 21st Feb - March - work on formatting, choose pics, etc
- Late March - Early April - Sepik conference
- Also in April - Literacy consultants meetings
- May sometime - head for home!!!! But I don't dare think about that yet!

I document all this though with that thought in the back of my mind - "If you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your plans!" It will be interesting to see what He brings about for 2007! Hey! He could come for us this very year! Even this month! Or perhaps even TODAY !!!! But if not today ...

Tomorrow my Iwam fellows are due to join me yet again for what will be our final round of proofreading. Hopefully Daniel and Peter will come this time. If so - instead of the usual 1 good workman for the price of 2, I'll have the equivalent of 5 for the price of 2 - Daniel being able to do about 4 times the quantity and quality of work as the other fellows are able to do !!!! We will be focusing on the epistles this time, proofreading, checking and correcting spelling, etc. This "last chance" to get their input is so important so please, please, please be praying that I will not miss anything that I need to verify with the Iwam fellows.

Assuming Daniel does come; this will be his first time to work with me since the death of his wife last July. Many of you have been praying for him and have asked how he is doing. All reports seem to indicate that he is doing well - but it will be good to be able to sit and talk with him in person.

I do know that Daniel's time working with me is likely to be filled with interruptions. He has forewarned me that he may need a few days off during the 5 weeks to go to Ambunti for something to do with a police course he is taking. Also his brother Moses came by one day (to borrow money to go home and) to tell me that he and Daniel will need a day to meet with an Indonesian company here and finalize plans for starting up an ebony collection business in Iwam land. While all this has its "good for the Iwam and their economy" benefits, I do fear that Daniel is going to become so caught up in work that will distract him and draw him away from single-mindedly following the Lord. Please be praying for his time working with me - that as we proofread the epistles that Daniel's heart will open to hearing the Holy Spirit speaking to him, and that he will be so caught up with all Christ has done for us that he will be able to keep things in their proper perspective in the days and years ahead, not neglecting his relationship with the Lord. Hey! Why just Daniel?!?!? You can be praying that for all of us involved too!

Please be praying much for translation helper David Neno as well. It really IS his turn to come and work with me, but due to various issues Peter has suggested via a letter that he and Daniel come instead. I don't know all the details but do know that David has returned to "following the fashions of the ground" to deal with his depression - seeking answers and help from the ancestor spirits instead of trusting the Lord thru this difficult time. Since David has been functioning for many years as one of the Iwam church elders it is quite a serious matter that he would "put God behind his back" like this and return to traditional Iwam ways. AND - since the typical Iwam way to handle this would be to ignore it, and never confront David with it, this is not a healthy issue in the Iwam church. You can be praying that the Iwam Christians will actually sit down and talk with David about this, helping him see that this is not an insignificant step he has taken.

Other news from Iwam land will have to wait until my fellows arrive. Hopefully the next letter to you will have more specific updates on our beloved May River Iwam!

Meanwhile - meet a new acquaintance of mine - Donna. spice up this otherwise blah letter. I don't know much about there will be some opportunity down the road to talk with her church background, yet not a lot of true understanding of "ultimate" would be if one of the national ladies in our friendship with her and then (while I'm on furlough) be able maybe even some of the others in the community where but I know He could develop what is merely a casual friend-Donna's life. Will you pray with me to that end?



Her husband is the artist who did the paintings that Donna yet but hope that from a friendship with her in depth about the Lord. She seems to have some salvation being thru Christ alone. I guess an Wednesday Bible study group could also develop a to do foundational Bible studies with her - and Donna lives. I don't know what all God has planned, ship into something that will have eternal benefits in

Again I send my grateful thanks to you for your faithful prayers and support of all God desires to do in and thru my life in PNG. I appreciate so much getting to be your representative to the people He desires to touch here. I may get to do the "exciting" part - but you are no less vital to the accomplishment of His plans for the May River Iwam and for these few ladies whom I am privileged to befriend here in town as well.

Co-laborers together, Hope Sharp





TEGUCIGALPA CLINIC MISSION
Trevor & Valerie Colby
January 2007



January's Estuary update

Boy, trying to make titles out of months is...interesting. Not hokey by any means.... right? In addition, January **is** a special month being National Soup Month and all; proving once again that something completely irrelevant can still be a national day, week, month or year. Of course, tell that to the people that make soup.

What' soup here? Well, here you have it!

1. The fence around the Church property is advancing, if not in length, in the completion of what is already built. The container-turned-gate is almost done. The much-needed welder we received is being put to much use, and we'll continue to use it for the gate for the Church buses/people and covering the soccer field (no more soaring balls!).

2. Our new website is up and running at full steam: www.hiseyes.us as well as the blog at www.hiseyeshonduras.blogspot.com check those out for more information. The website is more for introductory information about the mission, and the staff, as well as where you can see recent pictures about groups and goings on here (four, count 'em, four new pictures this month!). The blog is more jovial with more stories, anecdotes, and other information that is not necessarily as necessary.

3. The FAME container was unloaded in December. Medicine, bed mattresses, shoes, computers etc. has been put to use, stored, or given to people in need. The mission house certainly faired well with the new fridge (another generous gift) and donated couches. We'll be unpacking the Master Provisions' clothing container this week and continue with our clothing ministry.

4. The annual Christmas party for the mission was bigger than ever (a delicioso pork leg brought by Oscar) and the task of deciding who we could invite was a blessed inconvenience as we have been able to offer short term employment to so many this year in construction, brigade work, and even in the clinic. We had to limit the party to full timers and their families, which still meant about 30 people! It is always amazing to have us all together and realize how many people just in employment that God is touching through this mission and through the support you give to it. You are all invited for next year's party if you want to come see for yourself!

5. The new year brought another eye group... not from Indiana, but rather St. Louis this time. Although only two in number they were strong in the Spirit. God changed our plans to be able to see patients in areas where a "big" group would not have been necessary. We were able to reach out to smaller towns that had never had an eye brigade. The two girls were a blessing to us and a few hundred Hondurans as well who can now see clearer!

6. Last week Trevor and Valerie (without kids!) spent a week in El Salvador for the CIY (Christ In Youth) conference. Represented were ovens (young people 13 to 30+ years old!) from Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras. It was very spiritually challenging and rewarding, and worth the trip even with the oppressive heat and Trevor sick for several days.

Prayer requests:

1. Us as a couple, our relationship, for strength, wisdom and likeness of mind in the Spirit for continuing in His work.
2. Attention to Cecilia's upcoming schoolwork and possible attendance to a local pre-K class starting in February.
3. Renewed focus for the clinic employees when we open on January 22nd after a month's vacation

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February—March 2007

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February

6,13,20,27	7:00 PM	Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study
7,14,21,28	9:00AM	Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
7,14,21,28	7:00PM	Men's Wednesday Evening Book Study
4		Food Pantry Sunday
12	7:00PM	Finance & Personnel Team Meeting
13	7:00PM	Session Meeting
17	5p-7p	Love Your Neighbor Open House
17	7:00PM	The Overtones Concert
18	8:30AM	Worship Team Meeting
19		No Preschool - President's Day

March

6,13,20,27	7:00PM	Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study
7,14,21	9:00AM	Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
7,14,21	7:00PM	Men's Wednesday Evening Book Study
26,28,30		No Preschool-Spring Break
4		Food Pantry Sunday
10		Church Breakfast - Fund Raiser
12	7:00PM	Finance & Personnel Team Meeting
13	7:00PM	Session Meeting
18	8:30AM	Worship Team Meeting
18		Newsletter Deadline
28		No Men or Women's Bible Study