

GEETINGSVILLE GREETINGS

June-July 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 Church Family,

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul opened with a greeting that said, ***"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."*** Clearly Paul believed that Timothy's family, particularly the women in his family, had a tremendous influence on his spiritual maturity. As this summer issue of the newsletter has been coming together, with a focus on family, I was reminded of this verse and I began to wonder, have American families continued in this trend of passing faith from generation to generation, or have we lost sight of the importance of nurturing our youth spiritually?

There is no doubt that many adults make significant investment in the youth of our society – just consider the number of volunteer sports coaches, along with 4-H leaders, Boys and Girls Club workers, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troop leaders, and many other sponsors that willingly give hours upon hours of their time in order to provide these opportunities for children of all ages. Count the number of parents and grandparents on the sidelines offering encouragement and support during band concerts, dance recitals and sporting events. Of course, there are situations where social factors such as single parenthood, lower incomes, or parental dysfunction may negatively affect the amount of family involvement, but for the most part, it seems that each generation tries to invest in the next. Numerous studies have taught us that involvement and interest in our children's lives are keys to reducing the likelihood of future drug and alcohol use, promiscuity or other risky behaviors. Therefore, we don't mind the offering up our time, energy and financial resources to nurture our children academically, athletically, emotionally and socially...but what about spiritually?

It is no secret that week after week our Discipleship Team struggles to find volunteers to teach Sunday School and/or Children's Church or to work in the nursery on a regular basis. However, we are not alone...it is the common challenge facing most churches. Nearly every church wants to provide quality experiences for their children and youth; but how do we generate the same kind of enthusiastic participation and dedication found in various secular programs? Unfortunately, there are no easy answers. And, solutions that worked in the past may no longer be right for the youth of today. However, this doesn't mean that Christians should just throw in the towel and give up. Instead, we ask the Holy Spirit to enable, empower and equip us to be creative and to be faithful in teaching and growing our children in the grace of God.

Over the next few weeks this congregation will have a number of unique opportunities to allow the Holy Spirit to work through each of us to make a difference in the lives of the youth in this community. The most obvious is through our Vacation Bible School. VBS is a creative and fun way to teach children about the God's love for them, but it requires the dedication of many adults in order to be successful. Fortunately, every person in our church family can participate. Whether you participate by praying, donating supplies, offering to help out, or even by bringing a child, you can make a difference in the next generation. So go ahead, ask God to show you how you are supposed to be involved in the Geetingsville VBS...you might just be surprised at the answer!

A second opportunity to influence the youth of our community is to join us on Sunday, June 3 when we honor three graduating high school seniors and two Purdue graduates. We will be presenting them with a gift from the church and celebrating with them in the social room following worship. It will be our opportunity to give them those "words of advice" as they venture into the next exciting phase of life.

Finally, in this issue you will find information about the Golf Outing that our church is sponsoring for Rainbow Haven. Rainbow Haven is a transitional housing outreach that provides a safe place for mothers and children who are escaping from difficult and sometimes violent situations. Your support for this golf outing, as a player or a donor, will help insure that families in Clinton County who need these services will receive them.

Summer is the season of year where families traditionally spend a lot of time together. Let this also be true of your church family. Please join us for worship each week at 9:30AM and watch for even more opportunities to participate in the life of the church family...and to make a difference in the next generation which has been entrusted to our care.

Love,
Terri

IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY

Proverbs 22:6

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

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.



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 **Back to School / Discipleship**. The deadline for submitting articles is the third Sunday of the month. Next deadline is **July 22nd**. We will make every effort to include all articles submitted by the deadline. Any omissions are unfortunate.



Elder of the Month
June
Mary Lou Spear

Elder of the Month
July
None

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.

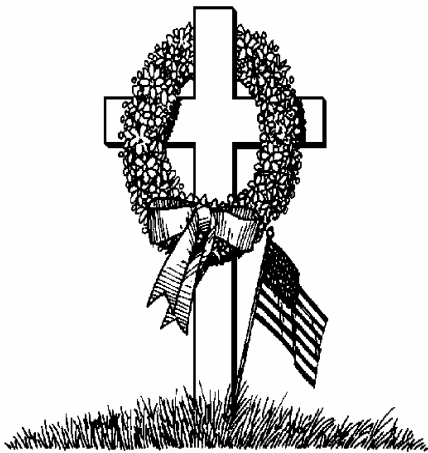
Worship services are now available on CD. The worship team has been producing tapes each week for the Shut-ins, as well as, extra's for anyone who wants one. They have now switched to CD's due to the lack of inexpensive tape players available. The CD's are located in the fellowship room in a red box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



Architects rendering of their sanctuary. hopefully, to be completed this fall

CARES AND CONCERNS

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

- 2-Marna Huffer
- 15-Tim Sunday
- 20-Joyce Miller
- 22-Dennis Moriarty
- 27-Willard Wilson
- 28-Jack Spear
- 28-Betty Lou Unger
- 28-Kristen David

Children

- 2-Caden Alter
- 10-Kaden Harshbarger
- 17-Austin Treece
- 22-Aaron Sunday

July

- 2-Darrin Hauptert
- 10-Allegra Flohr
- 10-Jennifer Kelly
- 12-Steve Harness
- 12-JB Huffer
- 19-Marjorie Paul
- 19-Amy Reagan
- 24-Terri Thorn
- 28-Billye Hazlett

Children

- 1-Jordan Skiles
- 10-Julia Thorn
- 22-Anson Barrett
- 27-Jessie Blackwell

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.

Annual Memorial Day Services held at the Cemetery and Church on Sunday, May 27th

At 9:00am a Memorial Day Service was held at the Geetingsville Cemetery.

As Emerson Flohr played THE COLORS, Willard Wilson and Bob Gray raised the Flag. This annual service honors the community's servicemen who served in the military from the Mexican War to present day.

Joe Avery welcomed guests and read the poem, MEMORIAL IN THE HEART, before reading each serviceman's name. Emerson then played TAPS.

Pastor Terri Thorn closed the program with prayer, thanking God for these men's dedication for their country's freedom and for all Christians' love for their God and their country.

Those attending were: Emerson, Linda and Louis Flohr, Bob and Kate Gray, Willard and Marilyn Wilson, Bruce and Barbara Taylor, Buck Crum, Pastor Terri Thorn, Joe and Bev Avery, Mary Lou Spear and Kenton Colby.

During Worship a Memorial Day honor service was held during the Children's Sermon time.

Joe Avery invited all men present who have served in the military to come to the front of the Church where the children were seated.

Bruce Taylor presented the Flag as Joe read a poem about the Flag. Men who came forward were: Gary Miller, Bruce Taylor, Willard Wilson, Bob Gray, Kenton Colby and Joe Avery.

The list of deceased servicemen from this community was read once again.

The congregation concluded this service by singing, AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL.

Submitted by Bev Avery

WORSHIP

worship

June

- 3 9:30 Worship /communion
Honoring Graduates
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 10 9:30 Worship
Guest Speaker-Susan Azpell
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 17 9:30 **Father's Day** Worship
Service conducted by VBS
No Children's Church
- 24 9:30 Worship
Guest Speaker-Susan Azpell
Children's Church & Nursery care

July

- 1 9:30 Worship w/communion
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 8 9:30 Worship
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 15 9:30 Worship
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 22 9:30 Worship
Children's Church & Nursery care
- 29 9:30 Worship
Children's Church & Nursery care

Worship Team Coach—Lewis Flohr
Communion Coordinator-Joyce Miller
Music Coordinator-Lewis Flohr
Worship Coordinator-Phil Harrison
Audio/Video Coordinator-(if you are interested,
please see Lewis Flohr.)

Times are Changing!

Although, it's not time to spring forward to Daylight Savings Time or fall back to Eastern Standard Time, it is time to change your clocks once again...that is, your Sunday morning worship time clocks!

Once again, we will be changing to **SWT** (Summer Worship Time) so, starting this Sunday, please plan to arrive for worship an hour earlier at **9:30AM**. The children will **NOT** have Sunday School during SWT, but the Children's Church program will continue, as well as, the nursery care.

The Adult Sunday School class will continue their studies throughout the summer at 8:30AM with class members rotating as leaders.

The SWT hours will continue until the first Sunday following Labor Day, September 9th.

Children's Church

Our Children's Church program has been a successful program for the children to learn about God's word. We will continue to offer this opportunity to the children through the summer. Starting on June 3, 2007, the children will go directly downstairs to begin their Worship as the adults begin their Worship upstairs in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM.

The children's Worship time begins with music time provided by Lewie Flohr. They sing and play instruments to classic children's Bible songs and contemporary praise songs. The children are then taught a Bible story by telling the story through a combination of words and drawings. A picture is drawn by the teacher for each part of the story. The children also draw the picture on their own sheet to help them remember the story. The picture reminds them of the story and can recall it later by only looking at their pictures. As time allows, they play games or solve puzzles that also reinforces the lesson. These games and puzzles apply the lessons of the Bible to the everyday lives of these children.

As you can see, this is a very important teaching time for the children of Geetingsville. We are blessed to have so many precious children to have under our care. If you feel lead to participate in any area that would continue to support this ministry, please contact Beth Hessong at 258-3598. We want to involve all interested people in this ministry to support our children.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

The children were interviewed at the end of their school year by their teachers. We thought it would be fun to publish some of these for all to see. So..here goes!!

My favorite activity at school this year was : Playing with friends, the pony, on the playground, with babies, police, and of course just plain playing!! Other answers include:sorting lucky charms, painting, making puzzles, helping the teachers, calendar time, and growing grass in a cup and cutting it.

The most important thing I learned was: ABC's and numbers, the days of the week, not to run in school, learning how to be good and to be quiet.

I am really looking forward to.....when I go to kindergarten. Riding the school bus, playing cow-boys, seeing Mica and Allie, seeing friends, the playground, and seeing what they do and seeing how advanced their papers are.

When I grow up, I would like to be a: Baseball player, scientist, horse rider, race car driver, a snow blower truck driver, a policeman, policewoman, a monster, zoo keeper, a ninja, a Mommy, and a Dad.

Isn't it great to see how unique God continues to create each of his children? These children and their dreams for their future is a fine example of this.



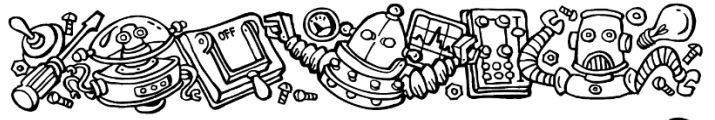
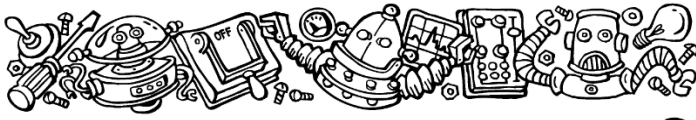
Preschool Class of 2007 honors six graduates

The Geetingsville Preschool concluded this year with a program in the sanctuary on Friday, May 18th. The parents and grandparents of our preschoolers enjoyed watching them perform several songs. We also honored six graduates that will be starting kindergarten in the fall.

They are as follows: Brock Dunk, Dawson Freeman, Kalynn Morgan, Blake Reagan, Joshua Smith, and Seth Whitcomb. The program concluded with refreshments for everyone.

We have eight students returning and six new students signed up for this fall. There are still a couple of openings if you know of someone interested. The children need to be three years old and potty trained. Parents have a choice of sending their children one, two, or three days.

For more information you may visit our website at: www.geetingsvillechurch.com and click on the Preschool link. You may contact one of the teachers by phone or e-mail. Linda Flohr at 258-3344 (please leave message) / e-mail: lflohr@geetel.net. or Mary Harness at 258-3175 / e-mail: bharness@geetel.net.



Get Ready For SonForce Kids!!

Sign your children up for SonForce Kids, a week of spy adventures in Space!! Location: Church Basement



We are preparing and getting excited about our upcoming **Vacation Bible School being held June 11 – 15 from 6PM to 8PM.** Please note the change in date from the last newsletter.

Through their adventures, children will discover to **Trust in God's Plans, Unite with God's People, Train for God's Service, Follow in God's Path and Lead Others to God's Promises.** We will have a great time with lively songs, creative crafts and exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks---all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children. On top of that, we will be teaching the children how to be part of God's courageous team and stand side-by-side to serve Him.

SonForce Kids will be an inspirational and educational adventure for everyone attending VBS. All children from age 3 through 5th grades are invited to attend. If you are planning to attend, please fill out the sign up sheet and return it to Jennifer Spear. Also, if you are interested in volunteering your time to serve God through this children's ministry, please contact me ASAP!!

We hope to see all of you soon!!

Jennifer Spear
765-258-3660
jspear@geetel.net



SonForce Kids

Geetingsville Presbyterian Church VBS 2007

June 11 – 15 from 6PM to 8PM

Registration Form

Childs Name: _____ Age (Grade): _____

Medical Conditions or Food Allergies: _____

Childs Name: _____ Age (Grade): _____

Medical Conditions or Food Allergies: _____

Childs Name: _____ Age (Grade): _____

Medical Conditions or Food Allergies: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact(s): _____

Telephone of Emergency Contact(s): _____

Any Other Information We May Need to Know About Your Child(ren):

Return Form to: Jennifer Spear
8637 N County Rd 0 EW
Frankfort, IN 46041
Or Call : 258-3660

GOLF BENEFIT SCRAMBLE **FOR RAINBOW HAVEN**



Rainbow Haven is a transitional housing agency that helps women in the Clinton County area. There have been 179 women live at Rainbow Haven Transitional Housing and most were able to change their lives. Rainbow Haven is a faith-based agency that helps women & their children by providing a safe home to live in with loving support. Rainbow Haven was established in 1997 and runs solely through donations from the community. Won't you help by taking part in this event.

Sponsored by
GEETINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At
Angel Hill Golf Course
In Rossville IN
June 30th 2007 at 8:00am

FEES ARE \$40 PER PERSON OR \$160
FOR GROUP OF FOUR.



Lunch will be provided

All entries and fees are due by June 22, 2007
18 holes will be played with prizes at some of the holes

For information please call

Teri Harrison
765-258-3078

or

Brooke Meeks
765-379-2130



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Worship Team	Lewis Flohr	765-258-3344	lflohr@geetel.net
Preschool	Linda Flohr	765-258-3344	lflohr@geetel.net

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*





NEW TRIBES MISSION
Hope Sharp
May 2007



You undoubtedly remember the Bible story of God causing the sun to go backward --

— 2 Kings 20.9-11

“ shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?’ And Hezekiah answered, ‘It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.’ And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial”

As with turning back the sun, God can still make the impossible happen! And He seems to delight in bringing the impossible about in most unexpected ways! Perhaps that's because when it DOES happen we realize that it has been WHOLLY His doing !!!!!

God has brought this to my mind in regard to our work permit situation here. Quite a number of us here in PNG have been sweating it out wondering if our paperwork would go thru in time to allow us to leave for furlough without paying a hefty fine.

Stop and consider for a moment – which would be the greater thing for God to do – “just happen” to get our papers into the line up in time for the permit to be issued, **OR** for the Government here to reverse its policy, forgo requiring us to pay the \$\$\$, and allow us to leave as planned even without the needed papers ????

I don't know which would seem the greater event to you, but to me – when ANY government reverses its policy, provides a loop hole, or whatever -- forgoing the monetary benefit that they could impose – well, that comes in the miracle category to me!

And that is just what God has done. No, I don't have my work permit. I don't have the needed visa. BUT the immigration office has instead issued a “get out of PNG free” card for those of us still awaiting our work permit renewals. I will be able to travel home as planned !!!! Only God could bring about such a feat!!!!

I am sure this is in answer to you folks back home standing with us to pray fervently that travel plans could be kept. Thank you SO much for entreating God on our behalf! He has heard your prayers and He is bringing this about!

Until next time – when I will be on YOUR side of the ocean !!!

Because He came and is coming again, (we have) HOPE !!!



TEGUCIGALPA CLINIC MISSION
Trevor & Valerie Colby
May 2007



Being that today is labor day in Honduras, I should not even be working at all, lest I get caught and reported (although if someone reported me, then they would be working...hmmm). So anyway, let us just get right to it. That way I can get in and out without anyone being the wiser, well, other than you all that is.

1. Holy week came and went. No break-ins or problems associated with the "gatebreaker" incident.
2. And that gatebreaker thing, thanks to the FAME group and their generous donations, everything has been fixed or replaced. It took longer than expected, but at least now we are safe(r).
3. Shortly after Holy Week we stepped up efforts and planning to start the new Church in Sampedrana (mountain community two hours from Teguc). Oscar and I drove to the North coast (took five hours) to pick up Pastor Gender and his wife Lourdes, and then headed back south to Sampedrana where we cleaned the pastor's new house and worked on the bathrooms. We showed part of the Matthew video at night...and had well over 100 people there (hard to count at night when everyone is spread out on the soccer field). Oscar and I are going back this week to take them a 'new' vehicle that Gender will need to get up and down the mountain.
4. Oh yeah, we spent several days looking for said vehicle. One good thing about overheating, stalling, or otherwise test driving vehicles in various states of disrepair is that it gives you a new appreciation of the vehicles you already have. We finally found one in good condition and bought it with funding from Christ's Church in Florida.
5. Healthwise... well, we've had some mild health problems.... Valerie suffered through a viral conjunctivitis, otherwise known as the 'ole pink eye (Trevor filling in at the clinic per her request... see the blog for more on that), Soren had a parasite (thus his previous bathroom problems) and now has a cold and also some pink eye, Trevor with a Sampedrana moving-related leg injury, and Cecilia always with different ailments... skinned knee, canker sores, and hangnails.... all associated with her advanced age (getting old is tough business).
6. The growth problems continue at the clinic. Yesterday another patient, unhappy that there was no room to be seen, barged into Dra. Reina's exam room (while she had a patient on the exam table) and demanded to be seen, sharing a few choice words, etc. Many days all of the patients for the whole day are there and counted when we open at 8:00. It was so busy yesterday that even after lunch Valerie assumed the clinic door had not been opened due to so many people outside....but that was just the overflow.

FAME has approved funds to start building the new clinic later this year, but we are prayerfully wondering if God wants us to expand the clinic with another doctor now. It would be uncomfortable space-wise to do so, but the needs have been present for some time. We would need to fundraise to take this step, as we would quickly double our patient load. Paying a doctor would require \$500 per month or more, plus another \$500 or so to be able to overcome the deficit in buying the medicines for all the patients that would be seen, so this is not a small step to take, but something we will be praying about this year to see what God would have us do.

Prayer requests:

- For the clothing ministry, that the costs associated with this ministry would stabilize and that the ministry would continue to grow and expand, especially in its impact to those that visit the stores
- For the clinic staff, the patience and perseverance to deal with the patients that come (the ones attended and ones that we can't attend!)
- For direction and guidance in our marriage, decision making, and raising our kids.

As always, more information on many of the topics addressed here is available at our blog (www.hiseyeshonduras.blogspot.com) and pictures and new group information at our website (www.hiseyes.us).

INDNJC,

Trevor, Valerie, Cecilia and Soren, or as more commonly misspelled in the USA: Trever, Valery, Cecelia, and Zoren (ok, Zoren is a Honduras misspelling).

donations for the clinic,
Englewood Christian Church
57 N Rural
Indianapolis IN 46201

(please mark in the memo that your donation is for the "His Eyes")

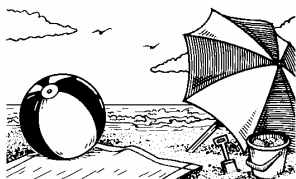
Donations may be made to us: Send to the Church and put Trevor & Valerie in Memo on your check.

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June-July 2007

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

What's Happening at...

Geetingsville Presbyterian Church

June

6,13,20,27	7:00PM	Men's Wednesday Evening Book Study
3		Food Pantry Sunday
4	7:00PM	Finance & Personnel Team Meeting
5	7:00PM	Session Meeting
11 - 16	6-8PM	Vacation Bible School
17	9:30AM	<i>Father's Day- VBS program</i>

JULY

1		Food Pantry Sunday
4		Fourth of July
9	7:00PM	Finance & Personnel Team Meeting
10	7:00PM	Session Meeting
22		Newsletter Deadline
29		Fifth Sunday Dinner