

GEETINGSVILLE GREETINGS

February-March 2008

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)

Then I said, "Here I am; ...I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Psalm 40: 7-8



Greetings in Christ Jesus,

Like the author of Psalm 40, here I am and I delight in serving God and the members of Geetingsville Presbyterian Church. I am thrilled and excited to be part of this ministry and am looking forward to all of those wonderful things we will accomplish together.

I officially begin as your pastor on January 21 although I will not be commissioned by Wabash Valley Presbytery until the meeting of February 19. I plan to be in the church office on Fridays from 9-3 but can be available whenever there is a need.

Drop by and say "hello" or make an appointment for a longer visit. Feel free to call my home as that is where I am most of the time and if not, the answering machine will record your message. My E mail address and other numbers are at the end of this article.

We will enter the Easter season with the Ash Wednesday service on February 6 and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, March 23. During those 40 days, I hope that you and your family will take time for quiet reflection and prayer and make this a time of spiritual growth as you contemplate the life and death of our Savior.

Thanks to the members of Session for their confidence in me and their faith in what God is planning for this congregation.

"But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you: may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" Psalm 40: 16

Mae Leech

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Sanctuary decorated for Christmas



Elder of the Month
February
Janet Moriarty



Elder of the Month
March
Ryan Wilson

Deadline for Newsletter contributions

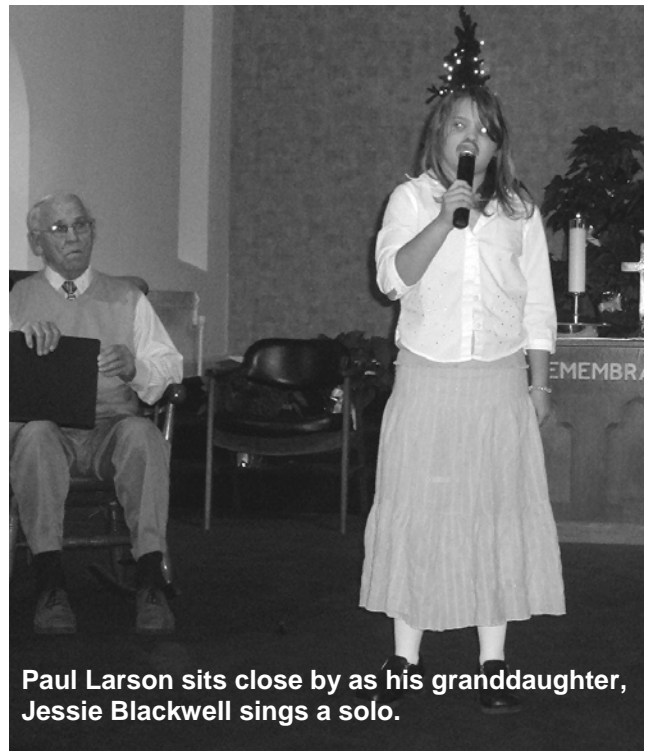
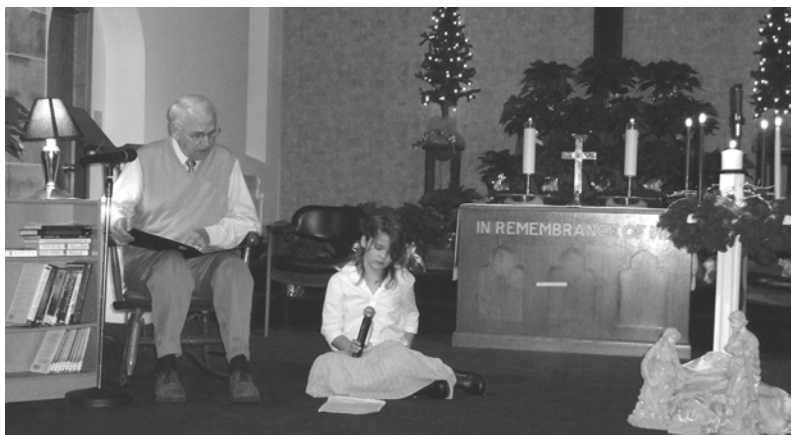
All newsletter articles must be given to both the newsletter editor and the secretary via e-mail or hard copy. Please email Barb at barb@wlcco.com and Polly at gpc@geetel.net. Hard copies should be left in the Newsletter mailbox at the church. The deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter is **March 23rd**. We will make every effort to include all articles submitted by the deadline. Any omissions are unfortunate.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS RECEIPT

If you desire a receipt letter from the church for 2007 charitable donations, please contact Kenton Colby by phone (765)258-3296 or by e-mail: kcolby@geetel.net

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.



Paul Larson sits close by as his granddaughter, Jessie Blackwell sings a solo.

CARES AND CONCERNS

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

- 11-Brendon Moriarty
- 12-Melissa Alter
- 15-Linda Flohr
- 23-Bob Gray

March

- 7-Kenton Colby
- 7-Reuel Crum
- 9-Russ Hazlett
- 19-Polly Merrick
- 19-Margaret Sheets
- 23-Dave Gilbert

Children

- 11-Avree Barrett
- 28-Maggie Deboy

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.



Worship services are 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. The CD's are located in the resource room in a red box marked "This Month."



Here are just a few scenes from our Christmas Eve Service. Thirty children and adults put on a wonderful service to a nearly packed sanctuary.

What Is Lent?

Lent, in most Christian denominations, is the forty-day liturgical season of fasting and prayer before Easter. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the desert, where, according to the Bible, he endured temptation by Satan.

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer—through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial—for the annual commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, as celebrated during Holy Week, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent, which is the word for “slow” in many languages based in Latin, is named for the very noticeable slow passage of daylight as spring approaches. It is a period of 40 days preceding Easter Sunday, when Christians around the globe reflect weekly on the meaning of life and their relationship with God. Many Christians forego simple pleasures or certain kinds of food during this period, in order not to forget the seriousness of this penitential season. Other Christians prefer to take on additional acts of charity or service to those in need. Others will spend more time in prayer, Bible reading, or quiet reflection.

February 6th is Ash Wednesday. As Christians here in Geetingsville, we will begin observing this 40 days preceding Easter with a worship service on Wednesday evening.

Holy week begins at the end of the 40 days with Palm Sunday on March 16th. Maundy Thursday service follows on March 20th and Easter Sunday is March 23rd.

It is time to prepare our hearts for Lent.

Submitted by the worship Team/ Lewis Flohr

Special Worship Services

<i>February 6th</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i>
<i>March 16th</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Palm Sunday Worship Service</i>
<i>March 20th</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>
<i>March 23</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>Easter Sunrise Service w/breakfast following</i>
	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Easter Worship Service</i>

New Church Cancellation Policy: If church is canceled, the announcement will be on WLFI-TV18 and WILO/SHINE99. *You will not be contacted by your shepherd in the future!*

QUIET STRENGTH

Men's Bible Study
By Tony Dungy

Be a part of the team
All men young and old



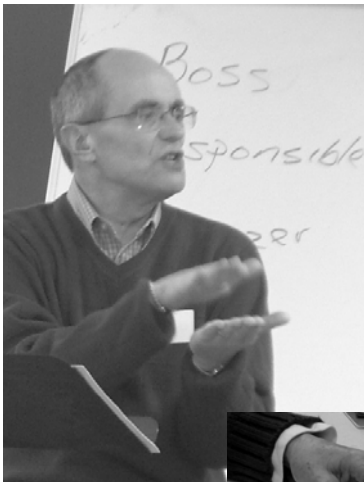
Come join us on
Wednesday evenings
at 7:00pm
For your play book
Call Phil Wilson
659-5483
258-3034

*"I Really Want to Change...
So Help Me"*

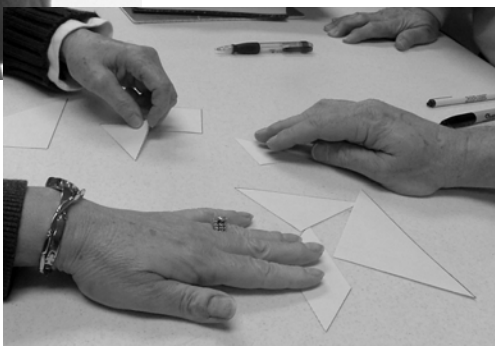
Women's Bible Study
By James MacDonald

Tuesdays 7-9pm
or
Wednesdays 9-11am

Come join us as we study God's word and learn from each other as we come together as sisters in Christ. For more information call Jennifer Spear (258-3660) or Mary Lou Spear (258-3403).



Sixteen members of our church family attended the Elder Training led by Rev. Jim Jacobs. Good Leadership skills was the main topic with some good ole Presbyterian Book of Order thrown in!!



Interested in the 4 x 4 Mixer Groups...

Who can join...

What goes on at a get together...

Where do they take place??

These are the questions that will be answered at our first gathering. Singles, couples, all are welcome! *Sunday evening, February 24th from 5-7pm* in the Church dining room we will have our first meeting together before joining the new 4x4 Mixer Groups!! We will prepare dinner for you, play some games and get to know each other a little better before we mix you up into groups of eight!

The main objective is to get to know each other better and have fun while doing it!! Each group will decide how, when and where they want to meet.

We have thirty two people signed up to join in the fun, but we will continue accepting people throughout the year. So it will never be too late to join!!

For more information, please call Mary Lou Spear at 258-3403.

Church Family Team
Mona Harness
Mary Lou Spear

From the Diary of a Bible

January 15 – I've been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after New Year's Day my owner read me regularly. But now I guess I've been forgotten.

February 24 – I got out to Sunday School today and my owner used me for family devotions.

April 10 – I was dusted today and put on the center table in the living room. Special company was here, but now I'm back on the shelf again.

May 12 – Busy day. My owner had to lead a lesson at church. Had quite a time finding me, and then hunted and hunted to find the texts he needed.

June 5 – I'm in grandma's lap. She is here on a visit. She let a tear fall on *Colossians 2:5-7* when Paul praised the believers for living in Jesus.

June 9 – In grandma's lap again. I've been here every day. It is such a comfort to be appreciated and loved.

June 10 – Grandma is gone and I'm back in the same old place. She kissed me before she left.

July 4 – Had a couple of 4-leaf clovers stuck in me today.

August 1 – Packed in a suitcase with clothes. Off on a vacation, I guess.

August 7 – Still in the suitcase.

August 15 – Home again and on the shelf. Not sure why he took me along.

October 18 – Pastor visited today, so I was put on the center table in the living room.

November 10 – Was brought to church today and held up to be counted.

December 16 – Dusted off today but not opened. Wish grandma would come and visit again.

December 31 – Today I was used at the dinner table. Each member of the family was blindfolded in turn and put a finger on a "good luck" verse for the New Year. Everyone was quiet when my owner's finger landed on *Hosea 4:6*.

Geetingsville Preschool News

Jesus commanded us to love one another. "As I have loved you, so you must love one another"

John 13: 34-35

It is a simple thing to say but to actually live it can be a challenge! At preschool, we try to role-model kindness, caring and respect for each other, in hopes that the children will also show love for others. Children 3-5 yrs old are at a stage of life when they can begin to choose how they behave.

The Golden Rule hangs on our wall and we recite it daily.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Preschoolers especially need a loving environment in order to learn and thrive. The love that children feel from their caregivers leads them to have positive feelings about themselves and their world. This in turn leads to greater success in school and in getting along with others. As teachers and parents, we are investing in future generations that will grow up and have an impact in our world!

One of our favorite songs at preschool that teaches love for others is:

(sung to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Love, love, love your friends

Different as they seem.

Playing, laughing, joking, helping

True friends are like a dream

Watch for our bulletin board in February, it will show ways in which we show love!!

Submitted by Linda Flohr, Director

Note of Thanks to the Preschool

The Rossville Food Pantry would like to give a great big Thank-You to the children of our Preschool. They donated seventy items during the holiday season.

The Food Pantry staff are very proud of these children and their parents for their generosity.

Submitted by
Kate Gray

Our Church's responsibility to the Rossville Food Pantry continues to be DISH SOAP...

The Food Pantry is very appreciative of all our donations throughout the year, but we were given the responsibility of supplying them with dish soap several years ago. The Food Pantry goes through about twenty bottles of soap each month and right now they are in dire need.

Please add to your grocery list a few extra bottles of dish soap this week and bring to the Church on Sunday. If you would rather donate money, you may give your donation to Kate Gray, our Church's liaison, and she will do the shopping for you.



Trash to Treasure Sale on April 26th

One person's trash is another person's treasure...

The Capital Fund Raising team will be having a Trash to Treasure Sale coinciding with the All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, April 26th. The breakfast will be from 7:00—10:00 and the Sale will be from 7:00—12:00am.

We are asking for donations. So as you clean out your closets, basement, attic, or garage, please remember to give us a call about the items you would like to donate. We will not be accepting any adult clothing, only infant & children's clothing size 14 and under. Otherwise, the sky's the limit!!

We will begin taking donations of items now. Please call Barb Wilson (659-5483) or Brianne Hauptert (379-2151) if you need your donations picked up. Items brought to the church must be clearly marked and placed in the downstairs storage room.

We are looking for volunteers. If yard sales are your thing, we would like you to help us. We will need help pricing items the week before and cashiers the day of the sale.

Barb Wilson
Capital Fund Raising Team

All-you-can-eat breakfast

on
Saturday, April 26th
from
7:00-10:00 am
at
Geetingsville Presbyterian Church
2037 State Rd 26
Frankfort, IN

Menu includes:
pancakes & sausage
biscuits & gravy
coffee, juice, & milk

\$6.00 - Adults (12 & up)
\$3.00 - Children (5-11 yrs)
Free - Children under 5yrs



Proceeds go to our Capital Improvement Fund

Welcome Mae Party!!

Come to church on *Sunday, March 2nd* prepared to spend dinner with our new Pastor, Mae Leech. This will be an extended time of fellowship with each other and give each of us an opportunity to welcome Mae to our church family.

The Church Family team will furnish the meat and drinks, you only need to prepare one of your favorite dishes to share.

Church Family Team



2008— Primary Contact List

Pastor	Mae Leech	317-815-9294	maeleach@sbcglobal.net
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<i>Treasurer</i>	Barb Wilson	765-659-5483	barb@wlcco.com
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Preschool	Linda Flohr	765-258-3344	lflohr@geetel.net

Note: All Elders currently serving on Session can be found on this list...their names are in bold print!!



Rev Robert McAulay ordained Ryan Wilson and Dennis Moriarty as Elders in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 30th. The Class of 2010, which includes Jennifer Spear along with Dennis and Ryan, were installed at the same time.



TEGUCIGALPA CLINIC MISSION
Trevor & Valerie Colby
January 2008



This month we pause to reflect back on 2007, the laughter, the tears, the jeers. So stay tune for a very special update, coming up next. Uh....not.

Mostly fun administrative stuff happened filling the time before Christmas, but also the new clinic construction started! Footers are being dug, and hopefully in the next week pouring of said footers will begin. Things are moving along at a good clip. God is continuing to bless and keep us in His work...praise Him for that! More and more this month we see that any thoughts of us doing this all on our own, or this being "ours" are laughable in a good way as we are drawn constantly and consistently to His grace, love, patience, and understanding. God rocks!

Starting Christmas day through the 31st, we were privileged to have Rosanne (optometry classmate of Valerie's) and her husband, Andrew, with us. We put them to work on their "Christmas vacation" (and we worked too!). Scene one: building more bunk beds for the mission house. Scene two: going up to the church in Sampedrana. We gave eye exams and glasses, heard about the new baptisms and the huge crowd for Christmas (there were toys to hand out to the kids...and even when the catholic Church opened, no one went!) Scene three: San Juancito for corn distribution. There is huge progress being made by the Church body there on the building...almost ready to start pouring the roof/second floor.

An issue has come up where Oscar and his family need your help. December has brought quite a few challenges for them. #1 They are getting the boot from the place where they are living. They are not paying rent there (since they built the building) but the neighbors are now ignoring the agreement they had and selling the house to someone else. This means they have to move, and they have to rent somewhere where he can park the Ford, which means a huge financial bind for them (especially since we have not been able to give him a raise in seven years) #2 His Toyota pickup is starting to fail in area after area. It still runs, but it is starting to remind me of the blues brothers vehicle...when will be its moment to fall apart in 1,000 pieces? #3 This sounds like I am making it up...but someone stole their dog last night. They have had "Cinnamon" for almost seven years. #4 and beyond, just some other struggles, issues, and financial difficulties they have had not just this month, but in the past few months as well. Oscar has never asked for help of any kind before...but all this has him crying uncle, or rather crying to God.

We would love to help Oscar out with his rent and helping him replace his vehicle, but to do that we would need your help. If you feel called, you can send a check to the His Eyes address below, and include a note that your check is for helping Oscar.

Prayer requests:

- The soccer field construction in Sampedrana, for guidance in materials, how-to, and speed.
- The construction in San Juancito, getting the most done for the money that is still available
- The new clinic construction...measure twice, build once
- For our marriage; solidarity, trust, sharing, and a common goal
- For those that don't speak Spanish, because they do not understand the great humor of the Subject title of this update.

There are new pictures up at the website since our last update (www.hiseyes.us) and a whole month's worth of information and even more pictures at the blog (www.hiseyeshonduras.blogspot.com) Plus, even a poll for you to vote on about the vehicles here! Are you not excited!?

INDNJC,
Los Colby



TEGUCIGALPA CLINIC MISSION
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NOTE; As of January 1, 2008, all support checks should be made out to "HIS EYES" and mailed to the following address. Please send a note along if your support is designated for anything or anyone specific.

***Denny Smith
3036 E Bricklin Ct.
Bloomington, IN 47401***

Snail mail? You have two choices...heavier than a letter? Send it to:

Felipe Colby
1461 E St Rd 26
Frankfort IN 46041-7775

Just a letter to say "hey" or the like? Send that to:

Felipe y Valeria Colby
Calle de los Alcaldes
Casa 1570 Colonia Santa Barbara
Tegucigalpa Honduras

If you are reading this, then I salute you for being thorough, and give you this gift: ***"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*** II Timothy 3:16-17

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February-March 2008

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What's Happening at...

Geetingsville Presbyterian Church

<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>7-9pm</i>	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>9-11am</i>	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>7-9pm</i>	<i>Men's Bible Study</i>
<i>February 6th</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</i>
<i>February 24th</i>	<i>5-7pm</i>	<i>4x4 Mixer Groups</i>
<i>March 2nd (following worship)</i>		<i>Welcome Mae Party</i>
<i>March 20th</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday Worship Service</i>
<i>March 23rd</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Easter Sunrise Service</i> <i>Breakfast following</i>
<i>April 26th</i>	<i>7-10am</i>	<i>Pancake Breakfast & Trash to Treasure Sale</i>