

GENESIS

Open Hearts—Open Minds—Open Doors
We are a Stephen Ministry Church
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Majoring in Minors

It is easy to get side tracked!

There are so many things on the top of my desk that I am dealing with that I have to keep a list of things I want to do so that I can remember everything there is to be done. One of my problems is that the list keeps getting buried under all of the other stuff on the desk.

When you have a lot of things to do, some ordinary, some just important, and some critical, it is easy to allow the ordinary and mundane to float to the top of the list and work on them, leaving the critical (and more difficult) for later. □

The Pharisees had the same kind of problem. They were so concerned about the law and keeping the law that they lost sight of people. They were so involved in getting it right that they forgot why they were doing what they were doing. What was important was not whether or not Gods will was being done, but whether or not they were keeping the exact rule of the Law.

Someone (and I am sorry I don't have the name to go with the quote) said, the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. It is most important that we keep before us what we are all about. We are not a business to be run in a business like fashion, we are not a court that has to be run by rule of law, we are a church. We operate out of love and with a desire to see to the needs and dreams of others before self. Our main thing is to proclaim Jesus Christ. Our main thing is to share the love of God in Christ Jesus with the entire world. We cannot do that if all we are worried about is keeping the rules. There are lots of ways we can keep the main thing the main thing, but unless we are doing them we are letting the nits get picked and we no longer are about the work of our heavenly Father.

When we submit our annual report to the Annual Conference they are not going to be interested in how the committees were run or bulletin board or types of music, they are going to ask us how we are doing in bringing new people to Christ.

That is keeping the main thing, the main thing.

Mark



E.B.A.D.O.C.**“Everyone Becoming A Disciple of Christ”**

The purpose of an organization’s mission statement is to give it direction, focus, and motivation. It clearly states why an organization exists and what it intends to accomplish in the future. The mission statement of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa was adopted on January 27, 2005. All of us need to memorize the mission statement and do all that we can to make it a reality in our lives.

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& NURSERY SUPERVISOR****Sandra Tam****YOUTH COORDINATOR****Lori DeClue****SOUND TECHNICIAN****Sharon Cooley****Ron Hesketh****NIGHT SECURITY****Michael Rodgers****CUSTODIAN****Dale Evans****The Purpose of Genesis Is To:**

NOTIFY its readers of what has happened, what is happening and what is scheduled to happen.

EDIFY believers by printing material that encourages and strengthens their Christian walk.

GLORIFY God by being one of His instruments of communication at FUMCH and wherever else he may choose to spread the Word through this publication.

**JESUS SAID WHAT?**



CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

Greeters
Ushers
Music Ministries
Attendance Tracking
Biblical Travel Ministry
Christian Education
Communion Stewards
Counters
Disaster Relief Programs
Flower Arranging Ministry
Folding & Mailing Committees
Funeral Receptions
Genesis Newsletter
Library
Lenten Soup Suppers
Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast
Online Picture Directory
Parish Nurse Ministry
Prayer Ministry
Stewardship
Audio-Video Ministry
UMW Circles
United Methodist Women
Visitation Care Group
Wednesday Night Dinners
Youth Ministry

Outreach Ministries

Annual Seminar for Elder Needs
Bus Ministry
Disaster Relief & Response Team
God's Clods (Clown Ministry)
Health Related Workshops
Hugs for Soldiers
Local Travel Ministry
Men's Monday Morning Work Group
Missionaries to Haiti, Siberia, and Thailand
Nursing Home Ministries
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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Holiday Prison Ministry
Shut-In Visitation
Stephen Ministry
Tuned To Revival Quartet
Thrift Shop
Vacation Bible School
Welcome Bags

Small Groups

Bereavement Group
Cancer Survivors
Current Affairs
Individual Bible Study Groups
PAWS
Saturday Sisters
Men's Serendipity
Women's Serendipity
Support Groups
Alzheimer's Support
Diabetes Support
Memory Lane Respite
Stroke Support

Discipleship Classes

Companions in Christ
Disciple I & IV

Benevolences

CROP Walk
Equipment for Handicapped
Food Pantry
Habitat for Humanity
Holiday Food Baskets
Methodist Children's Home
Salvation Army
St. Andrew's Mission
The Heifer Project
The Path

Community Outreach

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Al-Anon
Blood Bank
Camp-E-Nini-Hassee
Hunger & Homeless Outreach
Kiwanis Breakfast
Our Father's Table.

8/18/11

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Watch for some new opportunities for small group studies in the coming months.

In September a new 8 week Disciple class titled Invitation to Romans began. There are several

more 8 week Disciple studies available to include Invitation to The Old Testament, which includes video presentations on physical, biblical history that is truly remarkable.

Sunday school attendance continues to be strong. Remember, there is a class available in room 114 at 10:45 for people who attend the 9:30 service.

If you want to find out about the various opportunities for bible study or Sunday school classes, give me a call or stop by my office. I am here every day except Friday.

Kay

IN MEMORY



EVELYN BASH
Went to Our Lord 8/28/2011



Heavenly Father, I ask you to bless my friends reading this. I ask You to minister to their spirit. Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy. Where there is self doubting, release a renewed confidence to work through them. Where there is tiredness or exhaustion, I ask You to give them understanding, guidance, and strength. Where there is fear, reveal Your love and release to them Your courage. Bless their finances, give them greater vision, and raise up leaders and friends to support and encourage them. I ask You to do these things in Jesus' name. Amen



**PLEASE GIVE
"THE GIFT OF LIFE"**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THE FOLLOWING
BLOOD MOBILE DATES:

Sunday, October 23, 2011
Sunday, December 18, 2011

"THE PRESENT"

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. 'Today is a gift, that is why it is called..... The Present.'



any additional exams that may be recommended such as DITI, ultrasound, MRI or biopsy and you'll be doing all you can to ensure good health.

There is a lot of publicity noting the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness month, and with it come reminders for annual screening. Have you had your mammogram yet? For the past few years, a frequently heard response to that question would be: "I'm having a digital exam instead." This exam has been hailed as the latest and greatest with much less discomfort than the standard mammography. The official term for this exam is Breast Thermography or DITI (Digital Infrared Thermal Imaging).

In June of this year the FDA (Federal Food and Drug and Administration) published findings that mammography (X-ray of the breast) is still the most effective way of detecting breast cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages. This agency has sent warning letters to health care providers and thermography manufacturers who claim that thermal imaging can take the place of mammography.

The digital examination does, however, have a place in the diagnosis of breast cancer. It is to be used as an additional tool for detecting cancer. The FDA, the Susan B. Komen for the Cure, and the American Cancer Association all share the same opinion regarding thermogram verses mammogram.

See your doctor, get a CBE (Clinical Breast Exam), continue monthly personal breast exams and get a mammogram as often as recommended by your health care provider. Follow their instructions for

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2011. This pink ribbon graphic is a **fundraising tool for Breast Cancer and for personal use only**. Free Pink Ribbon Clip Art has been designed to help raise support for breast cancer awareness, breast cancer research, and fundraising tools. Support ribbons have shown to be an extremely useful awareness tool.



Take this free ribbon clip art and use it for pink ribbon tattoo designs, newsletters, websites, blogs and other fundraisers. Use this Pink Ribbon on Facebook, Twitter account or as a profile image in a forum or chat room. Breast cancer logo images remind us that we still need a cure for breast cancer.

There have been major improvements in the treatment of breast cancer. There **is hope** for medical breakthroughs and discoveries in breast cancer research. Free Pink Ribbon Clip Art supports the hope that one day, breast cancer will be fully eradicated.

UNLOADING YOUR BACKPACK

I recently saw a bumper sticker that said simply yet eloquently: "Life Happens." How true that is! Life happens. Everyday life.

Sure, some of us may have devastating hardships that hit us unexpectedly at times, and these can be difficult to deal with. But most of us have lots of other burdens and concerns—less devastating, but no less difficult for all that we carry around with us from day to day and week to week.

This reminds me of what happens when we watched our children get ready for school. They pack their backpacks with books, lunches, and sometimes a favorite possession, then head off for the day's activities. At the end of the day, the backpacks are emptied and the evening tasks get underway.

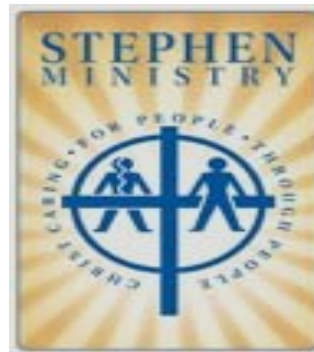
In much the same way, we adults pack up our burdens and concerns each morning and carry them around on our backs throughout our daily routines. Unlike our children, we do not take off our backpacks at the end of the day and unpack them. We may take them off and set them in the corner for the evening, but the next day we pick them up again still full of the day before, and sometimes with a new item or two. We do this week after week, until one day we realize

that our back packs have gotten so full and so heavy that we can no longer carry them.

Then I heard about Stephen Ministers who will meet with me almost every week and help carry my load. Some weeks, it was harder than others to open up that backpack and look inside, but a Stephen Minister will always be ready to listen to whatever I am willing to share. Having someone who will listen can be a tremendous relief. Daily challenges may no longer be burdens that need to be carried. Having someone who is willing to share the load is a blessing.

Your backpack can become much lighter and it may never seem to be as full. A Stephen Minister can remind you to unpack it now and then. Our Stephen Ministers are here for you.

**Call... Carol --382-8926,
Kay --382-4908, or
Karen --382-7263
(Your Stephen Leaders)**



...now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. (Hebrews 12:26)

A friend from New York called to tell me that our old home church had been torn down. The site has been landscaped so no one can tell a church once stood there. A short distance away stands a modern building where the community is invited to worship.

Then my friend told me about the tornado hitting their area. She said, “We don’t have tornadoes here.”

Finally, she spoke about the earthquake that caused a subtle but real shaking. Again, my friend protested, “Earthquakes don’t happen here.”

In summary, she said, “It’s been an upsetting time. You know, Janice, I just don’t like change.”

Politicians promise wonderful changes, and when we put our trust in their promises we are blown about with the shifting winds of politics. People promise that nothing will change, and, when we put our faith in the promises of even the most dependable people, we are often disappointed.

God promises change in our world, and he keeps his promises. In Matthew 24, Jesus speaks of an increasing shaking as he describes

the time before his return—nation rising against nation, famines, earthquakes in various places and persecutions. In spite of the uncertain times that are on the increase today, God and his kingdom will stand firm. The warnings of scripture urge us to make certain we belong to “the kingdom that cannot be shaken.” (Hebrews 12:28)

What makes you afraid in our shaky world today? What tempts you into the worry-world of sleepless nights and complaint-filled days? Is it the unusual weather...or the erratic stock market...or the accelerating violence? What threatens the false sense of your ability to be in control?

Jesus said, “Do not worry about your life... But seek first his [God’s] kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:25a, 33) Seeking and belonging to God’s kingdom let’s him be in control of all the aspects of our life.

Shaking our world is one of the ways God helps us let loose of the things and people we have made our security. In letting go of our dependence on things that can be shaken, we learn to rely on the One whose kingdom will always stand firm.

Father, help us recognize when we are depending on someone or something other than you. Draw us deeper into the unshakeable foundation of an eternal relationship with you. Amen.

Through Serendipity, the Holy Spirit is doing wonderful things.

Each year our Serendipity men vote on whether or not they wish to continue meeting through the summer months, and each year their interests and loyalty have led to a positive decision - "yes". That, in itself, is a wonderful testimony and one that other men within our community might consider a reason to join with us. As we continue to welcome new members into both the afternoon and evening groups each Tuesday, we look and pray for more. These groups are viable, loving, Christian brothers who cherish the Bible Study and discussions, who have concerns for the spirituality of our friends and neighbors, in and outside of FUMC, and who look to find ways to help our fellow man/woman in need.

Please consider joining with us. By the way, the Women's Serendipity group is about to be reactivated. We look forward to that.

Newer members whom we welcome are: Nelson Bell and Paul Herr - afternoon session; and Henry Howard in the evening session.

Our Serendipity Pancake Breakfasts have continued each 2nd Saturday through the recent months, and we thank you all for your support. It is through your contributions that we gain sufficient funding for our causes. Donations

continue to help both private and community needs, with particular attention now for our own youth group, students, and possible new direction toward the Homosassa Elementary School needs -- the future of FUMC.

Our 2nd trip to Tropicana Field to see the Tampa Bay Rays was increased to 63 fans. We chartered one large bus and used the FUMC bus for the overflow. Unfortunately, this time, the Rays lost, but it was another fun experience. We will do it again next season.

Before year's end, Serendipity will look to sponsor and pay for interested male youth to attend the Men's Annual Retreat - October 21-23. Plans are in effect for a Serendipity-sponsored full catered dinner in conjunction with the Christmas bazaar.

As a group, we wish to thank you for the wonderful acceptance and compliments given to Serendipity during the three services on Sunday, August 21, when all of our men took part in each service. It was a great experience for us and, hopefully, for all of our congregation as well. We would like to do that again sometime in the future.

As you think and pray about joining one of our Serendipity groups and find yourself in need of further information about them, please call Jim Potts - 382-1842.

"UP"

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Did that one crack you UP? Don't screw UP. Send this on to everyone you look UP in your address book . . . or not . . . it's UP to you. Now I'll shut UP!

DON'T FORGET....



**THE HOSPITALITY CENTER
ONCE AGAIN OFFERS
REFRESHMENTS,
as well as chit-chat with
visitors, friends, and fellow
members.**

9-9:30 & 10:30-11

Thanks to our great
volunteers who make this
event happen!

Barb & Jim Stoneman

2011 UMC FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENT
June 01 to 04, 2011 - Tampa, Florida

Attendees: Rev. Mark A. Whittaker & Bernhard E. Diedrich, Lay Member.
First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, Gulf Central District

LAY MEMBER REPORT

Pastor Mark and I attended the 169th UMC Florida Annual Conference (6/1 to 6/4/11)

THE THEME: "Transforming the World by Living as Peacemakers"

This is the third of four themes set by Florida Conference Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker in 2009. Each year the theme begins with "Transforming the World by..." and is supported by many national and sometimes international guest speakers to determine the best ways to succeed in each of these important endeavors.

The Conference attendance was approximately 2000 clergy, laity, guests and youth, all excited about doing the Lords work and enjoying the camaraderie and inspiring music. Our focus was and is about this years theme on how we should all be "Living as Peacemakers", both home and abroad, along with all of the other important duties of Annual Conference.

June 1st (9:00 am): I attended the Annual Conference Laity Session conducted by Conference Lay Leader, Sharon Luther, who is serving her third term. This was an informative session that prepares us (lay delegates) for this conference. Conference Treasurer, Mickey Wilson, presented his current report and projections for the future, which despite the current economic conditions are very positive for the Florida Conference. Peacemaker Workshops I & II followed.

June 1st (2:00 pm): We began with the Plenary Session; with Ballots 1-3, Opening/Organizing the Conference and with keynote speaker Dr. Daniel Bell (who teaches at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC). Dr. Bell spoke on "Our call to be Peacemakers" and suggested we think about two dimensions of Christ's peace: Peace through Christ, reconciling with God, and reconciling peace between us and all God's creation.

June 1st (7:00 pm): The Annual "Service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination" of 39 Individuals (10/Elder in Full Connection, 10/Provisional Elder's, 2/Deacon's in Full Connection, 2/Provisional Deacon's & 15/Licensed as Local Pastor's) was held. This is an extraordinary event that includes a powerful sermon by Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker and welcoming of these individuals into the Ministry of Serving our Lord and his People.

June 2nd (8:30 am): We began with the Plenary Session, with Ballots 4-5, and an address by Dr. David Hindman (an Elder & lead pastor at Duncan Memorial Methodist Church in Ashland, VA). Dr. Hindman spoke about the declining church, the difficulty raising children in our culture, and that we should return to the Wesleyan tradition and a quote "Don't be in a rush to develop young Christians". Also, Bishop's Capital Campaign, New DS's & Appointments, along with a worship service by Rev. James McWhinnie: "Service of Remembrance".

June 2nd (2:00 pm): We began with Ballot 6-8 and guest speaker Beth Fogle-Miller, who delivered an update on Bishop Whitaker's Strategic Leadership Team (Purpose/Core Values/Vision/Mission Accountability/Connection/Change) and their goal to complete the Strategic Plan by 2012. The Vision Statement: *Being changed in Christ—Making a change in the world.*

June 2nd (7:30 pm): We had a powerful and emotional sermon by Bishop Ricardo Pereira from Cuba, followed by the Celebration of Holy Communion by Bishop Timothy Whitaker and the Annual Conference Offering.

June 3rd (8:30 am): Ballots 9-12 and Rev. Geraldine McClellan, DS speaking at the Plenary Session beginning with Reaching Out: Partnerships in the World, Reaching Within: Being Inclusive in Church. Finance & Administration: Property Worship: Peace Flowing as a River.

June 3rd (2:00 pm): Ballots 13-15 with Plenary Session covering the following: Anniversary/Retirement Celebration, Pension/Health and Ministry. Then Conference Treasurer, Mickey Wilson addressed the General Conference regarding Statistics/Finances and Finance & Administration. Resolutions: We had some very controversial issues with some of the Resolutions and due to a lack of time, the majority (371-out-of-639) voted to Table these until Annual Conference 2012.

June 3rd (7:00 pm): Ballots 16-17. Covered subject: Living in Peace in the Church, an Old-Fashion Hymn Sing, and Bishop Timothy Whitaker's sermon informally shares his thoughts.

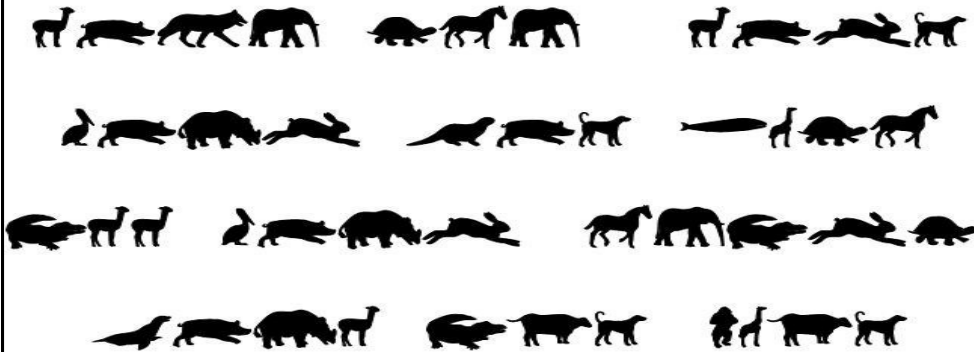
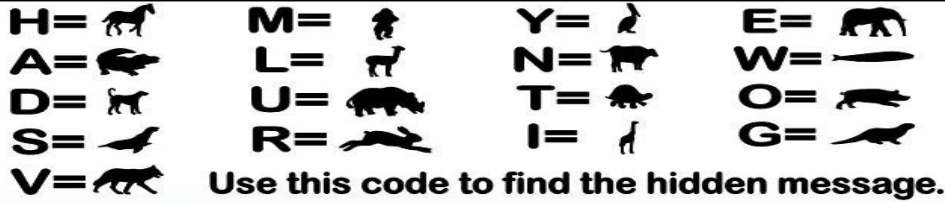
June 4th Saturday (8:30 am): Ballots 18-19. This balloting was required for the 2012 (Worldwide) General Convention (April 23 to May 4th) in Tampa, Florida. The purpose was to Elect: 11/Lay & 11/Clergy Members for General Conference, 11/Lay and 11/Clergy Members to Jurisdictional Conference, and 7/Lay and 7/Clergy members to the reserve pool. This procedure took many hours for Mark and I to read all of the (164) Bio's (prior to the convention) and then select and vote many times over several days to achieve the above goal. Fortunately, we were supplied with a new efficient, electronic, hand-held voting device.

There were the usual exhibitors at the Ministry Expo, including a Health and Wellness Fair, where we elected to have blood work screening. This included cholesterol evaluation, our blood pressure, and followed-up by a meeting with a health consultant.

This is my fourth Annual Conference and again a wonderful event to be part of and as always a pleasure to share this time with Pastor Mark. Also, FUMC met it's 100% Apportionments.

Respectfully submitted in His Name,

Bernhard E. (Bern) Diedrich, Lay Delegate to the Florida Annual Conference



UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS BELOW AND FILL IN THE BLANKS

Psalms 33: 12 _____ (esbsedl) - happy, fortunate [to be envied] - is the nation whose God is the _____ (orLd), the people He has chosen as His heritage.

Psalms 34: 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord _____ (earhs), and delivers them out of all _____ (reih) distress and troubles.

Psalms 37:

11, But the _____ (keme) shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of _____ (eacp).

12, The _____ (kedwic) plotteth against the _____ (usjt), and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13, The Lord shall _____ (aulgh) at him: for he seeth that _____ (sih) day is coming.

Isaiah 53: 3

He was _____ (disseedp) and _____ (ertcejde) and forsaken by men, a man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and as one from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him.

OCTOBER 2011 ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Virginia & John Hoadley ~ 56 years
- 5 Connie & Bill Barton ~ 71 years
- 13 Virginia & Kenneth Will ~ 32 years
- 16 Katherine & Terry Cornelius ~ 47 years
- 20 Pam & Cameron Cleary ~ 8 years
Alice & Dan Hurley ~ 43 years
Wanda & Fred Wheeler ~ 63 years
- 23 Eileen & Roger Ferguson ~ 57 years
- 24 Cecelia & George Woodward ~ 33 years
- 26 Debbie & Robert Grafton ~ 31 years
- 28 Geraldine & George Frenz ~ 22 years
- 30 Barbara & James Stoneman ~ 57 years
Jan & Jerry Winters ~ 35 years
- 31 Sue & Howard Kuntz ~ 58 years.



Wouldn't you know it.... Brain cells come, and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

I want to thank each and every one of you who called, sent flowers, visited, and brought food in after my recent knee surgery.

I also want to thank you for the many prayers that were said for my complete recovery; these all helped to get me to where I am today.

I am walking without a cane now and know that God and his power has helped me through this.

God Bless all of you,
Barbara (& Jim) Stoneman

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of 9/20/2011)

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AVANTE

Annie Preston

BRENTWOOD

Joyce Minnicks

CYPRESS COVE

George Cole

Clay Spencer

DIAMOND RIDGE

Betty Duncan

Margurite Seely

HUNT RESIDENCE

Bill Marquis

LIFE CARE

Carl Merritt

SUGARMILL

MANOR

Marge Dilling

Shirley Hart

Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER

SPRINGS

Ruth Eaton

Fran Graham

Joanna Miller

Joan & Jack Ness

Abbye Jean & Bill

Richner

WOODLAND

TERRACE

Shirley Weber.

Saturday 1

8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Stephen Minister TR
 10:30 Bereavement
 10:30 God's Clods

Sunday 2**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 3

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Diabetes Support
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 4

9:00 WW PREP
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 UMW Exec. Meeting
 1:00 Romans Bible
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 5

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
5:30 WW DINNER
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 6

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 2:00 Green Team
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 7**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 8

8:00 Serendipity Pancakes
 8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00 RED CROSS CPR
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 9**DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 10**COLUMBUS DAY**

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 11:00 Exercise Class
 11:30 PEO
 1:00 Alzheimer Support
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 4:00 Weight Watchers

Tuesday 11

9:30 Faith Hope Circle
 9:30 Helping Hands Circle
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 1:00 Dorcas Circle
 1:00 Romans Bible
 2:00 Stewardship

3:00 Serendipity Bible
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Salty Circle
 7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 12

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 2:00 100th Anniv. Comm.
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 13

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers (offsite)
 9:15 Ruth Circle
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 14

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 2:00 Cancer Support
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 15

8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 16**PANTRY SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 17

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 Tracking Comm.
9:30 Visitation Comm.
11:00 Exercise Class
11:30 PEO
1:00 Memory Lane Respite
4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 18

9:00 WW PREP
10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Romans Bible
1:30 Stephen Ministers
2:00 Finance Comm.
3:00 Serendipity Bible
3:00 Stephen Ministers
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 19

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
3:00 Benson Bible
3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
5:15 Music
5:30 WW DINNER
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir

Thursday 20

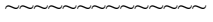
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
3:00 Missions Comm.
3:30 Trustees
7:00 Creative Worship
8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 21

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 22

8:00 Saturday Sisters
9:00 RED CROSS CPR
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:30 Bereavement



Sunday 23

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
BLOODMOBILE
8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 24

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 Tracking Comm.
9:30 Visitation Comm.
10:30 Stroke Support
11:00 Exercise Class
1:00 Memory Lane Respite
4:00 Weight Watchers

Tuesday 25

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Romans Bible
3:00 Serendipity Bible
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 26

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
1:00 Shawl Ministry
3:00 Benson Bible
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir

Thursday 27

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 Fold/Mail
7:00 COUNCIL
8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 28

9:00 Our Father's Table
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 29

8:00 Saturday Sisters
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:30 Bereavement



Sunday 30

CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY
8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship
2:30 NCCB CONCERT

Monday 31

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 Tracking Comm.
9:30 Visitation Comm.
11:00 Exercise Class
1:00 Memory Lane Respite



**COME TO MY
HOUSE BEFORE
THE GAME
SUNDAY.....GOD**

1
Duane Geiger
2
Holli Benthusen
3
Dominick Travers
5
Connie Barton
Robert Russell
6
Charles Gordon
Larry Healy
Sharon Rapp
Gail Rudolph
7
Carolyn Byington
Sue Harris
Suzanne Raines
Faye Schmitt
8
Elizabeth Ainsworth
Don Hoes
9
Loretta Burcaw
10
Steven Bassler
Patricia Blake
John Mayles
Peggy Powell
11
Kenneth Dent
Jerry Tanner
12
Ray Mars
Michelle Selby
13
Art Carl
14
William Baker

15
Cynthia Allen
Alice Carnahan
Tom Wise
Alice Yusko
16
Clayton Spencer
Doris Stine
17
George Knerr
Betty McGraw
Pat Schuessler
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Bill Richner
19
Lisa Specht
20
Norma Geiger
Diane Koskela
Mary Olson
Jan Winters
21
Joe Ann Gidlow
Merlyn Hoar
Jack Reed
23
Louise Brechka
Ann Fasnacht
Erma Kern
Kathi Mansfield
Anna Rivells
24
Thomas Cloyd
Marilyn Bosley
Sandra Violet DeClue
Kayleigh Gordon
Bill Kemp
Patricia Lawrence

25
David Honderich
Mary Valeria Wither
26
Dee Green
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Virginia Hoadley
Joyce Zawacki
28
Terry Adams
29
George Marshall
Jack Schrock
30
Charlotte Brightman
Donna Flack
Helen Lefave
31
Hettie Nevels
Bob MacKenzie.

**ON THE
LIGHTER
SIDE**

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."
You got it!!, that's when the fight started...

MY WORLD TODAY!

17

When I bought my Blackberry I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world. My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-

lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead, well, it was not a good relationship. When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets, and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop.

I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them in with me. Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do toot a lot."

P.S. I know some of you are not over 50, but this will allow you to forward it to those who are. We senior citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV the garage door remote are about remote and all we can handle.

Dear praying friends,

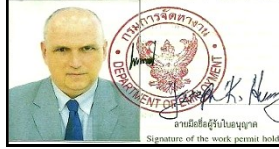
It was a busy family month in August with Brittany and Justin getting settled into college halfway around the world from us and Caleb and Jamie starting school on this side of the water. We also kept moving forward in Elaine's recovery and in our leadership ministries across Thailand and Myanmar. As always, thanks for your generous prayers to the Father!

PRAISES

✠ **Elaine's health** continues to swing in a positive direction, which is a real respite after a year of negatives. She is much more active now and doing aggressive physical therapy to take care of the muscle pain and spasms that are the final remnant of the spinal infection and subsequent compression fracture. It looks highly unlikely that she will need surgery since the bone seems to be doing much better. Praise God! Please continue to pray for the muscle pain and spasms to subside once and for all.

✠ Praise God that **we are done with our visas** and work permit for another year! Our foundation had to go through one final round of police checks (immigration, following previous local and federal police checks) and passed. That allowed us to receive our final visa extension through August 2012. Please pray that our foundation will now settle into a good routine that will allow new and existing members to smoothly receive visas and work permits. Pray also that all the levels of Thai government involved in checking foundations will recognize that Pioneers International Foundation is a legitimate and trustworthy organization.

Notice "Joe's work permit" picture with "angry yes." In Thailand you're not allowed to smile for government pictures, so Joe took that requirement to the extreme here!



✠ **Brittany and Justin** did a great job doing their college shopping, going to the MK re-entry camp (Justin), and then settling in at Columbia International University (South Carolina, USA) with new routines and friends (see "Brittany-Justin" photo taken outside Brittany's dorm).



We are very thankful for all the help that they received and that they handled their tasks so adeptly. Please pray for them to have a blessed year spiritually, academically and socially.

✠ This month's **cultural photo** is "yingluck." Last month, Thailand's king endorsed *Yingluck Shinawatra* as the nation's first female prime minister. She was elected as Thailand's 28th-ever prime minister when the *Phu Thai* party handily won elections in July. She is the younger sister of the prime minister who was ousted in a military coup in September 2006. Please pray for a just peace to reign in this land following five years of anger and protests that began with the coup.



PRAYERS

✠ Elaine held her first **church women's group meeting** in two months last week, and it was a great encouragement to her to begin getting back into ministry following her long-term health struggles. Please pray for her to have wisdom on when and how best to pick ministries back up as the healing process continues.

✠ Joe and Elaine will be attending a week-long **PIONEERS leadership training conference** in Chiang Mai this month. Please pray for this time to be fruitful in shaping us more into Christ's image as team and area leaders and for us to receive the funds to attend.

✠ In our leadership responsibilities over PIONEERS work in Thailand and Myanmar, we see so many opportunities to **open new churches** beginning to come to fruition. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to move mightily in these works so that many people will come to Christ as these new worshipping communities are started. Pray also for wisdom for our workers as they consider the most strategic and effective ways to open these churches.

✠ Well, last month, we gave an extended version of our **financial struggles** and the issues involved. Little did we know that, within days, the U.S. Federal Reserve chairman would announce that interest rates will be kept low for at least another two years. That statement basically doomed the dollar to low overseas exchange rates for a long time to come. So, we give up! We're officially changing our family's financial support to be based on 30 Thai baht to \$1, a 25% decline from more historic norms and from what our support was based on seven years ago when we first came to

Thailand. That means we are at **19** almost 89% support now, which is miraculously solid given the Great Recession but still low. Please pray for the Lord to move in the hearts of His people to provide the additional 11% (\$700 a month) that would allow us to be fully supported for the first time since the dollar began its long decline in January 2006.

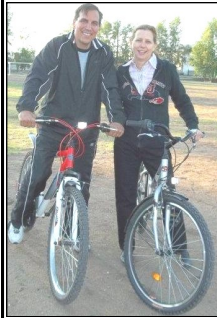
*Until all have heard,
Joe, Elaine, Brittany,
Justin, Caleb & Jamie*

DID YOU KNOW ...

... that Campus Crusade for Christ in the US is making plans to officially change its name to "Cru"? This apparently has caused some negative feedback because people are concerned that the organization doesn't want "Christ" in the name. However, that really wasn't the point but rather that the terms "campus" and "crusade" were limiting factors in their widely varied ministries. Check out this blog for more details, including a link to Cru's rebuttal of criticisms: <http://www.epm.org/blog/2011/Aug/10/campus-crusades-name-change> (FYI, while we have a vested interest in seeing people join PIONEERS to minister ☺, we consider our fellow organizations to be partners in the greater gospel picture and don't understand seeing them unfairly criticized like this.)

In His grip,
Joe, & Elaine,
Brittany, Justin, Caleb, & Jamie

“Where has the summer gone???”



We hear this everyday from our neighbors to the people on the street...where has our summer gone and “We’re not ready for winter just yet!” However, we all know it’s just a matter of time; this IS Siberia so we’ll just get ready and make it through another winter... summer will come again!

With so many months to catch up on, we’ll just give you the highlights. It was a great summer and we’re excited about the coming months as well. We arrived home safely on the 3rd of June. Within a week of our arrival, we finished planting the garden and made preparations for the pastor of our home church and another friend to arrive. In the two weeks they were with us, they were able to encourage, counsel, and teach at three different fellowships and

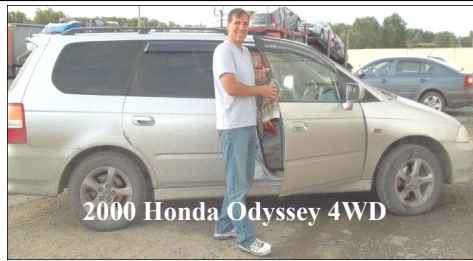


countless individuals in the city and in the village as well. Afterwards, our pastor told us how much **he** was encouraged and blessed from his visit in the village...we’re beginning to see the fruit of our labor.

This year, we spent the remaining weeks in June and the month of July

building closer relationships with those who have been faithful in coming to the fellowship and/or studies we have held over the last couple of years. Training/mentoring them so they will hopefully take the lead and duplicate what they’ve learned. It actually felt a little awkward to us both because we’re usually so busy with major projects that can only be done during summer months. Of course the Father has blessed that time beyond measure and we are encouraged at the increase in desire to serve however and wherever possible! We are really excited about two men who have stepped up and begun to take hold of that which will set them free – living out what the Word says, not just hearing it! We ended the month with a picnic and time of worship down at the river...the ‘family’ has grown once again; we rejoice along with the angels at the increase in not only numbers but understanding of His mercies and grace.

August was our month of adventure! In May, we wrote about the need for a new vehicle and had prayed for a truck. Our fellow worker here has one that is smaller so we felt having one more truck would be a huge blessing to the work. In the end, there was another plan at work. We had a friend and fellow worker that lived east of here 2 hours by bus, 40 hours by train, then another 8 hours by another bus ☺(this isn’t the adventure part yet). She was quite anxious to sell and after *months* of hunting and seeing the prices rise, her offer was too good to pass up on. It’s not a truck but a van that seats 7 adults...we can always squeeze in



kids...with seats that fold down for lots of room to haul items with.

After much prayer, we decided to make this trip and bring the mini-van home. What a HUGE blessing this has been. We 'haul' the people and our fellow worker hauls the stuff...it has turned out to be the best for all concerned! (God is so good!) Oh yes, the adventure part of this story... unfortunately it's very long so if possible check out our blogspot for 'the rest of the story' with pictures. In short...we traveled 4,000 miles, 9 days and traveled on roads that were so bad at times we would drive 20 miles in two hours! You gotta love international driving! ☺

We're looking at a very busy Fall/Winter. The folks here want to 'dig deeper' in the Word and start putting it into practice! They recently decided that we needed to trust that HE would provide in an area they felt we should be involved with. A young lady from the city has been out here to help us out several times and felt she should be serving in Mongolia. The folks here decided we should be a help somehow and chose to help with this girl's monthly financial needs. We just stand in awe at how He works things out for His glory and in His timing! This little group of about 40 will now be involved with something outside of their lives; helping to take the love and hope to yet another small village in another

country! As we said earlier, our little fellowship is growing. The first of September is the first day of school so we brought all the kids up to pray over them for the coming year. (Even those not yet in school) We counted 17 and realized afterwards we were missing three!!



Praises:

- For the new vehicle,
- Our son Corey did not go to Afghanistan at the last minute due to a knee injury - please keep him in prayers,
- For continued interest in our studies, and
- For His provisions and wisdom.

Thank you for *your* continued faithfulness as you stand with us and the work here in Siberia. We are humbled and so very blessed.

Dear Friends, we love to hear from you as well! How you're doing, how we can better pray for you? You can write us at klwooster@aol.com or if you'd like to see more of what we're doing, visit us at klwooster.blogspot.com We're certain you will be blessed!

*Serving in Joy,
Kevin and Laura Wooster*

read
real

Following are new books that will make good Fall reading:

“**A Slender Thread**”, a novel by Tracie Peterson, a timeless story of family tragedies and triumphs. Abandoned by a mother who chose to follow the lure of fame, the five Mitchell sisters were raised under the loving hand of their grandmother in the quaint farming community of Council Grove, Kansas. The desire to create a future apart from the shadow of their mother caused them to go their separate ways. Their relationship suffers and the five sisters search for a way to salvage the bonds of sisterhood that is bound only by a slender thread.

“**The Seat Beside Me**” by Nancy Moser. You’re a passenger on a plane seated next to a stranger sharing small talk and pretzels. Yet this time there’s a connection, - a bond forms. The plane crashes. The person beside you is dead and you are alive. Your mind screams, “Why? Why me? Why them?”. Five passengers and the people in the seats beside them. None will ever be the same. How do you deal with the guilt of living when others have died? How can you possibly understand God’s choice? A powerful story!

“**More Than Words**” by Judith Miller follows a similar storyline as the previous book. Book 2 of Daughters of Amana is a journey to the charming villages of the Amana Colonies in 1885. Gretchen Kohler can’t help but dream of a life beyond tending her father’s general store and keeping an eye on her younger brother and senile grandmother. She enjoys creative writing but her traditional Amana

village frowns upon artistic pursuits of that sort, so she keeps her stories and journals to herself. When a young reporter comes into her store, she believes she’s found a kindred spirit. Soon she shares some of her stories with him – only to have her trust betrayed in the worst of ways. Will Gretchen lose her job, her reputation and the love of her childhood beau, all because of one unfortunate decision? An exciting historical book!

“**Song of My Soul**” by Ginny Aiken, Book Two of the Silver Hills Trilogy. When you’re running from the past, it always catches up to you. Adrian Gamble fled to Hartville, Colorado to save his life and the lives of those he loved. All he wants to do now is to disappear in this little mining town and forget the day that made him a hunted man. However, as the new owner of the town mine and general store, anonymity was impossible, particularly when his relationship with the pretty store manager raises town suspicions. Phoebe Williams is a gentle, young widow trying to move on. She has reservations about the store’s new mysterious owner and wonders if God has brought them together for some special purpose. Can they both put the past behind them in order to secure the future?

“**Lady in the Mist**”, Book One of The Midwives, by Laurie Alice Eakes. By virtue of her profession as a midwife, Tabitha Eckles is the keeper of many secrets. A man with his own secret is Dominick Cherrett, a British aristocrat working on American soil as an indentured servant. This is a time, 1809, when relations between America

and England rest on the edge of a knife. Tabitha and Dominick cross paths, leading them on a journey of intrigue, threats, public disgrace and...love. But can she trust Dominick? Finding true love seems impossible in a world set against them. A novel of secrets and suspense!

“**The Spirit of Sweetgrass**”, a novel by Nicole Seitz. This is a story of the rich culture of the Low Country of South Carolina with bits of Gullah culture and history interspersed in the story. Essie Mae Jenkins, the narrator, is a basket weaver and she weaves the story as well of her family and friends with the traditions of the South and narrates with a real Southern voice. The sweetgrass basket weavers ply their ancient craft from Beaufort all the way up to Georgetown. It’s the story of one Gullah woman’s plight to protect her rich and endangered life.

“**A Stranger’s Wish**”, Book One of the Amish Farm Trilogy by Gayle Roper. Englisher Kristie Matthews’ move to an Amish family farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania couldn’t have started on a worse note. The young schoolteacher is bitten by the farm dog and on her trip to the ER she has a strange encounter with a man who has just had a heart attack. The man asked if she would do him a favor. When she said yes, he gave her a key and said to tell no one that she has it. When her life is endangered, Kristie suspects a connection to the mysterious key. While solving the mystery (and trying to stay alive) she must decide whether her lawyer boyfriend is right for her – or if Jon Clarke Griffin, the local man she’s met, is all he seems to be. A novel of mystery, romance and a beautiful Amish setting.

“**A Distant Melody**”, Book One in the Wings of Glory series, by Sarah Sundin, an exciting and tender story of love, courage and sacrifice during World War II. Never pretty enough to please her gorgeous mother, Allie will do anything to gain her approval – even marry a man she doesn’t love. However, Allie meets Lt. Walter Novak, a fearless pilot but hopeless with women, before he is shipped overseas. Thus begins a correspondence that will change their lives. The letters fly between Walt’s muddy bomber base in England and Allie’s mansion in California. Their friendship binds them together but there are secrets, commitments and expectations that keep them apart.

“**Blaze of Glory**” by Major Jeff Struecker and Alton Gansky, a great military thriller. Six men, Two assassination plots, One chance to save the world. A sudden and suspicious rise in female suicide bombers sends Sgt. Eric Moyer and his team on a desperate mission to put an end to the bombings, a task that will require them to save over a dozen heads-of-state – if they can, When they learn the identity of the real leader behind the attacks – someone much closer to home – the team again travels across the ocean to stop a man whose wealth and ambition is matched only by his madness.

NOTE: The author is a decorated member of the U.S. Army and his experiences in Mogadishu, Somalia were written about in the New York Times bestseller and motion picture, “Black Hawk Down”.

HAPPY READING!
Your Library Staff,
Helen Lefave & Barbara Jackson

Florida dodged a bullet with hurricane Irene. I'm sure that most everyone has seen some of the massive media coverage of this huge storm and the resulting damage, including massive power outages, storm surges, property damage and flooding. The general theme that was mentioned repeatedly was: **Prepare, stay safe, and evacuate if mandated.**

As I mentioned in last months article, advanced planning for emergency situations is critical.

Determine if you live in an evacuation area. Citrus County has developed a new evacuation map which correlates color coded evacuation zones to hurricane categories. The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. This is a more detailed approach than the previously stated guideline namely all properties west of U.S.19 and 1.5 miles east of 19. The map is available on line at the Emergency Management web page.

To view the map, go to the sheriff's website: www.sheriffcitrus.org and *click on Emergency Management at the top. From the Emergency Management page select Evacuation Zones.* Determine whether you live in an evacuation area and if so what level (color).

If you are in an evacuation area or a mobile/manufactured home or RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:

--Home of a relative, friend, or church member (if indicated on survey) outside the evacuation area,

--Hotel/motel outside the evacuation area (make arrangements early),

--Public shelter (shelter site locations are listed on the EOC webpage) but verify that the shelter is open before you go, or

--Leave the area entirely.

NOTE that all persons living in mobile/manufactured homes or RV's MUST evacuate for ALL mandatory evacuation orders regardless of where you are located in the county.

Re-entry passes will be used when an area in the county has been evacuated. Once the area has been declared safe for re-entry, law enforcement will establish check points and require a pass that identifies the holder as living in the area. If you don't have a re-entry pass you will be required to show photo-identification with a listed address in the affected area. Re-entry passes are available at:

--Sheriff's Operations in Inverness and all resource offices,

--Department of Development Services in Lecanto,

--Tax Collectors Office in Crystal River and Inverness.

Keep the pass in your glove compartment until needed, and then hang it on the rearview mirror of your vehicle during re-entry.

Remember our goal is to protect our people and property Before, During and After a disaster.

Please keep informed of possible threats throughout the season. Review your personal/family preparedness plan and put your plan into action when the time comes.

Be prepared and stay safe!
Bob MacKenzie, Chairman

Sign up NOW for the following trips!

Wednesday, November 2

**Show Palace Dinner Theatre, Hudson
“Meet Me in St. Louis”**

Depart church: 10:45 a.m.

Cost: \$46.00pp

Money due: Wednesday 10/26



This is a rare treasure in the musical theatre, and is based on the heartwarming MGM movie starring Judy Garland.

Join the Smith family at the 1904 World's Fair, and see how their love and respect for each other is tempered with the genuine humor that can only be generated by such a special family.

<http://www.showpalace.net>

Tuesday, December 6

**VIP Arabian Nights Dinner Show, Orlando
(46 PASSENGER CHARTERED BUS)**

Visit with the actors and horses with a tour prior to the dinner show.

Depart church: 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$65.00pp

Money due: Tuesday, NOVEMBER 1

<http://www.arabian-nights.com>



**WHILE ANN IS IN ARKANSAS WITH FAMILY,
PLEASE CONTACT: MARY LEE MILLIKIN 382-4249
(you may leave a message)**

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CHURCH

26 COLUMBUS DAY

first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in 1937. However, people have celebrated Columbus's voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. During the four hundredth anniversary, in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic rituals were framed around themes such as support for war, citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and celebrating social progress.

Catholic immigration in the mid-19th century induced discrimination from anti-immigrant activists such as the Ku Klux Klan. Like many other struggling immigrant communities, Catholics developed organizations to fight discrimination and provide insurance for the struggling immigrants. One such organization, the Knights of Columbus, chose that name in part because it saw Christopher Columbus as a fitting symbol of Catholic immigrants' right to citizenship: one of their own, a fellow Catholic, had discovered America.

Many Italian-Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, the first occasion being in New York City on October 12, 1866. Columbus Day was first popularized as a holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first official, regular Columbus Day holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905 and made a statutory holiday in 1907. In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made October 12 a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day.

Since 1971, the holiday has been fixed to the second Monday in October, coincidentally the same day as Thanksgiving in neighboring Canada (which was fixed to that date in 1959). It is generally observed today by banks, the bond market, the U.S. Postal Service and other federal agencies, most state government offices, and some school districts. Some businesses and some stock exchanges remain open, also some states and municipalities abstain from observing the holiday.

Local observance of Columbus Day
Actual observance varies in different parts of the United States, ranging from large-scale parades and events to complete non-observance. Most states celebrate

Columbus Day as an official state holiday, though many mark it as a "Day of Observance" or "Recognition" and two do not recognize it at all. Some states close schools and other state services, while others operate as normal.

San Francisco claims the nation's oldest continuously existing celebration with the Italian-American community's annual Columbus Day Parade, which was established by Nicola Larco in 1868, while New York City boasts the largest.

As in the mainland U.S., Columbus Day is a legal holiday in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. In the United States Virgin Islands, the day is celebrated as both Columbus Day and "Puerto Rico Friendship Day." Virginia also celebrates two legal holidays on the day, Columbus Day and Yorktown Victory Day, which honors the final victory at the Siege of Yorktown in the Revolutionary War.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to my church family for the visits, cards, calls, and flowers. Your prayers helped so much when the road was rough.

A big thank you to Pastor Mark, Ernie & Martha, as well as Peggy with the flowers and Shadow.

Thank you again for your kindness!
Alma Kadel

To My Church Family,

27

I can't thank everyone enough for your cards and prayers. The cards made me laugh and cry, the prayers gave me strength.

Finally, I have a diagnosis (internal shingles.) I still have a long journey to go but with your prayers and God walking with me and my husband, we will get through this.

God Bless you and, in Jesus' name, I love you all.

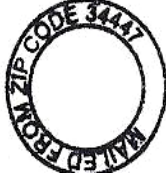
Gail English



"Friendship isn't about who you have known the longest. It's about those who came and never left your side."

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