



# THE LAMPLIGHTER



## JUNE 2010

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### Musings from Pastor Phred

#### A Year with the Bible

Enclosed with this month's Lamplighter is a lectionary for reading through the Bible in one year, recommended by Birdeen Sweet. Reading the Bible from cover to cover at least once is an important discipline for a Christian. This lectionary "One Year Bible Reading Guide" is an opportunity to do this.

The reason for reading the Bible from cover to cover is to discover what is in the Bible. Some people are surprised by what they find in the Bible. Parts of the Bible are not fit for children's Sunday School, therefore some people never know they exist. Some people are surprised by what they find missing from the Bible. If I had a nickel for every time someone quoted Ben Franklin or Nostradamus and told me they were quoting the Bible, I would be looking toward a very comfortable retirement. The only way to know the Bible is read the Bible.

Have you tried to read the Bible before and gotten bogged down? I encourage you to use a modern translation. Bibles are translated by scholars who speak academic English. That language can boggle just about anybody's mind. Most of the Bible was an oral tradition before being written down. When the Old Testament was written down, it was to help people memorize it more so than to be read. The newest translations of the Bible approach it as translating an oral tradition and put the

Bible in conversational English. These translations are easier to read.

No matter how easy your translation is to read, some parts of the Bible just do not speak to us. I think every Christian should read through the Old Testament Law at least once. How to sacrifice animals and the kosher laws do not mean anything to us but Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Peter and Paul, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, and about everyone in the Gospels lived according to these laws. The better we know the Old Testament, the better we understand the New Testament.

One of the nice things about this lectionary is having four readings a day. If you bog down in one reading, surely at least one of the other three readings will be inspirational.

If you have never read the Bible from cover to cover or if it has been a while, I encourage you to use this daily lectionary to read through the Bible in one year. Then take a deep breath, a little vacation, then start all over again but this time read a different translation and at a different pace. The last time I read the Bible from cover to cover, I read one chapter at a time. It took about four years but I found myself spending more time in contemplation.

So, pick up your Bible. Read. Be inspired.

See ya' Sunday, with the saints, in the Lord's house. Pastor Phred Cain

## Graduates!

On May 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a “Celebration of Our Graduates. Thank you to the many people who helped with this service. Please pray for guidance and direction as they take this new step in their lives. A list of the 2010 Graduates are listed below:

*Matt Boyle, graduated from Purdue University  
Agri-Business Management Degree  
(is running a 600 hog operation in Hopedale, IL)  
Parents Mel and Joyce Boyle*

*Jessica Cassel, Certified Nursing Assistant, through  
Miller’s Merry Manor  
Wife of Joe Cassel, mother of Austin & Braeden*

*David Heckard, High School Graduation  
Parents: David and Brenda Heckard*

*Amberly McMillan, graduated from Sturgis  
High School  
Great Grandparents: Larry & Birdeen Sweet*

*Bree Myers, graduated from Portland Tennessee  
High School  
Grandparents: Lloyd and Phyllis Foltz*

*Dan O’Brian, graduated from Ball State University  
Bachelor Degree in Landscape Architecture  
(is a Landscape Architect in Lake Bluff, IL)  
Parents: Jeff and Rosy O’Brian*

*Katherine Anne Pemberton, graduated from  
North Western High School, Kokomo  
Grandparents: Harold and Betty Runkle*

*Evan Sweet, graduated from Saint Francis College,  
Fort Wayne  
Grandparents: Larry and Birdeen Sweet*

*Sara Will, graduated from Bob Jones University,  
South Carolina  
Parents: Stan and Sue Will  
Grandparents: Rev. John and Alzadia Will*

*Kevin Zink, Lakeland High School  
(Enlisted in the United States Army)  
Helper at Kids’ Club 2009-2010*

## Community Service

Are you required to do Community Service for school, for clubs, or any other reason? We have a list of jobs that can be done at Woodruff Grove to help you obtain your goal, and help us too! Please see Pastor Phred for more information.

## Movie Night!

Our **Regular Movie Night** will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and we will show “Star Wars”. Come join our fun and share some free popcorn – and “May the force be with you!”

Our **Special Movie Night** will be June 16<sup>th</sup> ang 7pm and we will show “To Save a Life”. This is a very sensitive movie for teens that shows real life situations. Unfortunately, teens today are hurting and facing challenges like never before – we can see it every where we go. “To Save a Life” is rated PG-13 because it doesn’t shy away from tough topics. It deals with social divisions, school violence, cutting, suicide, teen pregnancy and divorce – not in a graphic way, but in a way that is authentic to many teens’ lives. And it points to a way out these problems through faith and reaching out to others. Ultimately, it asks the questions “What’s my life going to be about?” and dares teens to answer with boldness and honesty.

We recommend that you not only have your son or daughter come and see this movie with us, but that you come along and watch it too. Our hope is that we will all be inspired to reach out to the hurting and lonely on our school’s campus, in our work environments and our community and truly make a difference in our world!



## 2010 Rummage Sale...

There are some things to really admire about our Church Family – and one of those things is how we work together as one effort to make our Rummage Sale a success! Thank you to Marilynn Grossman and Jacque Young for their endless hours pricing items and organizing our sale! Thanks also to Linda Patterson and Lois Keck for their leadership skills in the kitchen and feeding the masses that show up at our sale!

We would also like to thank all of our many contributors, helpers and those who shop at our sale! This year it looks like our profit was around \$4,000.00! We had a lot of fun, renewed friendships, found great deals and made money too!



## Administrative Board

The Administrative Board met on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with nine in attendance. Church Treasurer, Jim Young gave his report indicating giving over the first four months has been running quite a bit below that needed for our budget. With the end of the heating season, we are starting to catch up a little, but the financial status of the Church is still below what we would like to see.

Under old business, the proposal for a monitor for the worship team and pastor, etc. was tabled indefinitely due to the cost being higher than anticipated. Susan and Jim Young presented the plans for the Youth Fellowship project. They want to build a swing set along the north side of the church and after some discussion; the board gave them their approval on the project. We also discussed and approved the purchase of 'Job Description Guides' for each of the committee chairmen and the nominating committee. (*We now have these to give each Committee Chairperson.*) This will help those elected into leadership positions to better understand their duties.

It was pointed out that the American Flag on our flag pole is becoming quite badly frayed and needs to be replaced. Since four members of the Bring them In Class were in attendance, they voted to purchase a new flag for the Church. *John Russell, Chairman*



## Vacation Bible School

We are encouraging kids to "Join God's Team" with a sports theme at Vacation Bible School this year. It is important in the 'game of life' to know the rules. We will be studying God's Rules- the Ten Commandments! Invite all the children you know (friends of your children, neighborhood children, family...) the more kids who hear this message the better.

. We are asking for two adults to volunteer to lead each of the five groups. Let Molly Grossman (463-3044) know if you're willing to make a one day commitment to helping kids "Join God's Team".



## June Birthdays

- 2 Donnie Ritchie
- 3 Kevin Bloom  
Troy Blake
- 4 Matt Boyle  
Judy Fetters  
Shirley Thomas
- 7 Mildred Prough
- 8 Kade Garretson  
Allen Green
- 13 Larry Bruner
- 14 Lois Keck
- 20 Dee Frederick
- 22 Donna Huston
- 23 David Grossman
- 30 Phyllis Foltz  
Alivia Rasler



## June Anniversaries

- 1. Ralph & Sharon Weldon
- 7. Greg & Laurie Bloom  
James & Helen Thomas
- 12. Terry & Deb Miller
- 15. Brad & Angie Murphy  
Brian & Molly Grossman

## Child Protection Guidelines



We will have a Child Protection Guideline Update meeting in the Sanctuary during Sunday School time on June 6th. We are required by our Insurance carrier and by our United Methodist District Office to update our files each year. Everyone who works with children, in the nursery, **Vacation Bible School**, Kids' Club, Sunday School Teachers or involved with children in any way at Woodruff Grove **must take this class OR renew this class each year.** Please see Pastor Phred if you have any questions - he will be our instructor.



## Camps

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Camp opportunities! There are a few catalogs on the table in the Gathering Place or you can go on line to find out more information at: [beacamper.com](http://beacamper.com)

## Finance Committee \$\$\$

Our Finance Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, to discuss and elect a new Finance Committee Chairman. Those on this committee are: Pastor Phred, Jim Young, Troy Blake, Alan Young, Jacque Young, Donna Henschen, Danny Young, Troy McNall, Jack North, Don Ritchie, Marilyn Grossman, Charlie Whetzel, Greg Bloom, JR Young and Shane Rasler. Your attendance is very important. This has been a hard time, financially for our church, and we need to be able to work together, with God's help, to resolve this problem.

## Ladies Aide



Ladies Aide will meet on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the fellowship hall. Devotions will be lead by Lois Keck. Hostesses will be Donna Huston and Marty Young. We will discuss our past and future public suppers of 2010. Come join our planning and fellowship!

## United Methodist Women



United Methodist Women are planning a trip sometime in June to Broadway Christian Parish to deliver the supplies that have been brought in for the church's outreach ministry. If you are interested in going some weekday morning, please contact Jeanie Park 463-3525 so you can be notified of the arrangements. *Jeanie Park*

## Council On Aging -



### Lunch with the Sheriff

Our La Grange County Council On Aging will have their quarterly luncheon with La Grange County sheriff Terry Martin at our church! This event is sponsored by the LaGrange county Council On Aging and will provide a free lunch to senior citizens.

Sheriff Terry Martin and Pam Soule, Director of Emergency Management will share important information regarding local crime, safety and scams. For more information or to arrange a ride, contact the COA at 463-4161, or see Board Member, Rosy O'Brian.



## Scriptures and Sermon Titles

### June 2010

#### Sunday, 6 June 2010

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: I Kings 17:8-24  
Luke 7:11-17

Sermon Title: Just Wow

#### Sunday, 13 June 2010

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Phred will be in attendance at Annual Conference in Muncie

#### Sunday, 20 June 2010

Father's Day

Forth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: I Kings 19:1-18  
Psalm 42

Sermon Title: Hope in God

#### Sunday, 27 June 2010

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Sermon Title: Grieving but Keeping On



## Public Supper Gift Certificates

Public Supper gift certificates are available. You may use these gift certificates as an "Outreach" to someone, family, friends, neighbors, or as a gift. Any reason! The best part of these certificates is that if they are not used, you do not have to pay for them. Of course, if they are used, you do have to pay for them! If you would like to try this, please see any Ladies Aide member for your gift certificates or for more information about them.



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Add us to your "favorite" file and check us out  
as we continue to grow!

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the July issue of "The Lamplighter" newsletter, please let Rosy O'Brian know. We'd like to include them! The deadline for submissions will be the morning of June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any address updates or corrections, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let us know that too! You may contact us by e-mail at [woodruffgrove@yahoo.com](mailto:woodruffgrove@yahoo.com) with this information. Thanks!