

# The Anchor



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### News From Around the Region



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“By faith all things are fulfilled: Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God which hope cometh of faith maketh an Anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God.” Ether 5:3b-4

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### MISSIONARY NEEDED IN AUSTRALIA

Furnished flat and Toyota Camry provided. You will need to pay for food and gas. If they do not get someone pretty quick they will terminate the lease. This is an opportunity for someone to serve Restoration Saints that are terribly isolated from the Saints and they need ministry very much.

If you can volunteer or know someone who will please have them contact Frank Van Fleet at [vanfleet3@comcast.net](mailto:vanfleet3@comcast.net) as soon as possible. Please keep these Saints in your prayers!

Please send Jim Bradley updates on who the branch pastor is with their info as well as the newsletter correspondent for your branch with their phone number and email address.

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### **New telephone directory in the making.**

Please select a contact person for your branch and have all members update their address, phone number, cell phone numbers and email address'. Have your contact person get all of the info to Leo Carroll at [leocarroll2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leocarroll2@sbcglobal.net) or 1-248-236-9769.

#### **Algonac Branch** By: Val Bradley

The Children's Retreat on November 6-8 at the Oakwood Restoration Branch was attended by our Algonac kids, Brianna Morrison, Bethany Moses, and her friend, Sabrina Zohr. Bethany and Brianna reported that they enjoyed the class on angels and the sharing of testimonies. They also enjoyed the class taught by Cathy Daggett on the Word of Wisdom: healthy eating and spiritual health. They had fun swimming at the YMCA and playing different games during recess. Prior to Sunday's service, the kids had a devotional, which was nice. Many thanks to Betty Lou Newman, Brian and Cathy Daggett, Ron Saylor and sons, Bob Harris, and Tom & Janine Essenmacher & daughter (and anyone else who may have helped out!). A big thanks, also, to Oakwood for hosting this retreat.

Our Men's and Women's classes were held at the home of Elaine Harm on November 17. Val Bradley taught the women's class and the topic was laughter. We discussed whether or not we thought God had a sense of humor. We read Scriptures that backed it up and talked about why laughter, smiling

and a good countenance are good for us ... and others! We also talked about how it gets us through our difficult times and helps others when we have a positive attitude. The ladies were given a handheld smiley face game as a reminder to find the joy in life. The men had a discussion on general church business. As always, we met together afterwards for great snacks and fellowship!

Our Children's Thanksgiving Program was held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 22. Kelli Williams read a story about the first Thanksgiving. The pilgrim's journey to this country – the landing of the pilgrims was read by Todd Moses. Poems and readings were shared by an Indian girl (played by Bethany Moses) and pilgrims (played by Brianna Morrison and Nick Monroe, Jr.). A board, called "The Thankful Patch" was displayed on the table and the congregation all wrote things that they were thankful for on a paper pumpkin and placed them on the board. The list included God's forgiveness, mercy, grace, our country, freedom, family, friends, our congregation, the God's family, and the Gospel. Kelli then read a children's picture story book entitled, "I'm

**Thankful each Day.” Everyone then sang a song called, “Thank you for our Blessings.” The program ended with a poem and closing prayer by Nina Powers. Afterwards the kids handed out pretty bookmarks, which were handcrafted by Kelli. A big thanks to the children, Kelli, and everyone else who participated.**

**Our annual Men’s and Women’s Christmas dinner celebration was held on December 17 at the Golden Hawk. We had a very good turn out, but missed some of our dear saints who were not able to join us, due to health situations. As always, we enjoyed delicious food and wonderful fellowship. We presented our Women’s Leader, Nina Powers, with a Christmas gift as a thank you for all she does for our women. The whole congregation received 2010 calendars (with all the important dates filled in!) from Pastor Gary Holmes, and his wife, Marge. Nina Powers presented the women with darling glass angel tree ornaments. Wendy Holmes had pretty tubes of hand cream for all of the ladies and Tina Yaney gave us bags full of an assortment of beautiful greeting cards! We are thankful for all the wonderful, thoughtful gifts, but are most grateful for the loving hearts of each member of our church family. How very blessed we are!**

**On Sunday, December 20, the Children’s Program was held at 10:00 a.m. It was directed by Kelli Williams, assisted by Todd Moses. Elder Hod Powers gave the opening prayer. While various Christmas songs/hymns were sung, the children (in costumes) reenacted the Christmas story. They each wore a lot of hats (or costumes, in this case!). Bethany Moses portrayed Mary, an angel, and one of the 3 kings. Brianna Morrison portrayed Joseph**

**(she was a good sport!), and angel, and one of the 3 kings. Nick Monroe, Jr., portrayed one of the 3 kings and a star. Alyssa Marcangelo portrayed an angel. Miles Marcangelo portrayed a shepherd and a star. Ava Nagy played an angel and a star and David Nagy played a shepherd and an angel. Dana Harm played an angel and a star. In our hearts, they were all stars! The music included solos by Connie Burns, Todd Moses, Liz Moses, and Bethany Moses, accompanied by Gary Holmes on the guitar; a trio by Todd & Ray Moses and Gary Holmes; and the Algonac Quartet (Todd & Liz Moses, Ray Moses & Val Bradley). Throughout the program various songs and hymns were also sung by the Algonac youth (who wore choir robes) and the congregation. There was also a very special singing and hand bell performance of “Come on, Ring Those Bells” by Bethany Moses, Brianna Morrison, and Nick Monroe, Jr. It was a big hit. (Everyone is still talking about it on Facebook!) At the end of the program, the youth, along with the congregation, sang “Happy Birthday, Jesus” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.” Afterwards, Kelli gave each child a snow globe with angels inside to remind them of how much they each mean to her. Also, a gift was presented to our pastor, Gary, and his wife, Marge. It was a Welcome wind chimes that read, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” The children then handed out bookmarks to everyone. A big thanks to Kelli, Todd, and everyone else that assisted and participated in this wonderful program ... we were blessed!**

**On Wednesday, December 30, our congregation held its annual Candlelight service. It is to celebrate the Christmas season, as well as to usher in the new year. Elder Gary Holmes presided over the service,**

assisted by Elder Todd Moses. Gary gave the welcome and opening prayer. Throughout the service he read various Scriptures concerning the birth of Christ. Val Bradley read a poem entitled, "The Bethlehem Road." Special music was shared by Bethany Moses, who sang, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Ray Moses sang, "O Holy Night" and Gary Holmes played the guitar and sang, "What Child Is This?" Todd Moses read a children's story, "The Night The Stars Danced For Joy," as seen through the eyes of a shepherd and his family. We then stood in a circle with our candles lit and were encouraged to share a Christmas memory or a commitment in the year ahead. Gary stated that as our candles were lit, we should think about how each one of us could increase our light and become a stronger Christian. We ended the service with singing "Silent Night." Then Nina Powers read the poem, "A New Dawning." The benediction was given by Elder Todd Moses. It was such a wonderful service. The spirit was felt so strongly, we all felt as one, and we seemed reluctant to break the mood and end the service, so we then sang, "This Little Light of Mine."

### News and Notes

- On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Liz Moses and Bethany attended the wonderful Christmas bazaar at the Sanilac branch. Liz sold her jewelry and they both had a great time.
- Todd & Liz Moses were guest speakers for the Macomb Community College Foundation's Donor Banquet on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. They represented Macomber Show Entertainment alumni and scholarship recipients for the school of music, giving

them the chance to thank donors for their support of the college and its many students.

Earlier on that day, they met up with other Macomber alumni in a three-hour rehearsal for a guest performance at MCC's Fall Extravaganza. Todd was asked to be the choreographer for the alumni's performance and later he acted as the alumni spokesperson within the Extravaganza show. Little did the two of them know that a photograph of the alumni's performance would be chosen to be on the front cover of the AT&T East Area Yellow Pages. Yes, if you have that thick, 586-313 Yellow Pages stored away in some drawer, pull it out and you can find the two of them in the front row of performers.

In December, they were also involved in Macomb Community College's annual Madrigal Dinners on Friday & Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. They were in full Renaissance garb for these performances, which took place on the Center Campus at the Lorenzo Cultural Center with exquisite meals provided by the college's award-winning culinary arts department. This is an annual event for this performing couple, full of food, singing, acting, bell ringing, and of course, a lot of fun!

- In January, Bethany experienced her first time performing on the Macomb Center's professional stage. She attended MCC's Jr. High Workshop, where she was in one-and-a-half days of rehearsals with a National Choreographer from Ohio and her dad, who served as one of the

vocal clinicians. She learned a 10-minute show full of oldies (1980's music) that the audience seemed to really enjoy.

- There were a lot of trips taken by our saints this past quarter. Dick & Connie Burns visited relatives in Virginia. Kelli & Steve Williams went to Florida (a trip that Steve won) and stayed at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando Grande Lakes resort (very classy!). Tim & Wendy Holmes visited Shari & Andy Langolf in Florida and Elaine King traveled with them. Elaine Harm left for Florida in January and is spending the winter there, as always. (Smart woman!) She is missed by all of us! In January, Todd and Tina Yaney traveled to Nevada with friends and took part in a firearms and self-defense training program. They said it was very interesting and they learned a lot. From there, they went to Arizona for fun and sightseeing and saw the beautiful Red Rocks in Sedona, among other things.
- Megan Bowman (Yaney) got a promotion at Stryker to internal auditor. Congratulations, Megan ... we're proud of you!
- Congratulations to Joel and Nicole Yaney ... she is pregnant and due the first part of September. How exciting for them, the grandparents-to-be, and our whole Algonac church family. We're so happy for them!
- Ongoing prayers would be appreciated for Mary Cargill and

family, Marge Holmes, Jean and Larry John, Dick Burns, Kevin Powers, John Moses, Barbara Krinkie, Kelli Williams, and Jim Bradley.

We really enjoyed this past season, and the opportunities we had to celebrate Christ's birth and worship and fellowship with the saints. We look forward to the coming of spring, the new birth it will bring, and hopefully, meeting together with many of you. May God bless and be with each one of you as you seek to serve Him. As always, you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

[Atlanta Branch](#) By: Roberta Davis

We are sad to report that our dear sister, Ruth Guy, passed away at her home on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Her funeral service was held on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Bannan Funeral Home in Alpena. Elder Harry Hyde officiated at the service. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Guy family. She will be greatly missed by her family and also by her church family.

We were privileged to have Teacher, Gary Stephens from St. John's Branch, as our guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for sharing your fine ministry with us. After the service we enjoyed a potluck of delicious food and fellowship.

Our Christmas Program was held on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at the beginning of our worship service. Everyone took part in the program by sharing their gifts in a service of poems, special music, readings, hymns and skits to celebrate Jesus' birthday. After our program we shared in a delicious meal and fellowship. Holiday

gift baskets were made up of food and distributed to families in need.

**Visitors:**

John and Tracy Stokes, Hazel Park.  
Carla Walker, Canada. Nancy Guy's sister, Sally and her husband, Terry, Navar, Ohio.

**Prayer Requests:**

Carla Walker (concussion) – Dixie Goodfellow (eyes) – Cliff Goodfellow (cancer) – Amber (MS) – Christianiane (health) – Mary Lade (severe headaches) – Dolores Howard (health).

**Snow Birds:**

Howard and Sue LaLone left for Florida the first part of December to enjoy the warmer climate for the winter. We will miss them, but wish them a healthy and happy winter.

**Birthdays:**

**November**

- 5 – Brian Korona
- 5 – Della Burns
- 9 – Tanner Tulgetske
- 14 – Willis Ross
- 24- Jim Wregglesworth
- 30 – Kara Tulgetske

**December**

- 1 – Hazel Ormsbee
- 9 – Paula Hyde
- 10 – Ginny Joles
- 10 – Eleanor Wregglesworth
- 14 – Matthew Howard
- 20 – Dixie Goodfellow

**January**

- 6 – Jon Ouder Kirk
- 9 – Charles Hart

**February**

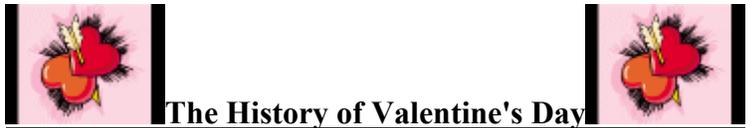
- 8 – Danna Howard
- 14 – Ila Ross
- 24 – Cliff Goodfellow

May the Lord bless each and every one of you in the New Year.

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day**

**To my wife Val & all of the other women:**

The most precious possession that ever comes to a man in this world is a woman's heart...**Josiah G. Holland**



Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine'

greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the seventeenth century. By the middle of the eighteenth century, it was common for friends and lovers in all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. By the end of the century, printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings. Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began to sell the first mass-produced valentines in America.

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.)

Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women. In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages (written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400), and the oldest known Valentine card is on display at the British Museum. The first commercial Valentine's Day greeting cards produced in the U.S. were created in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland. Howland, known as the Mother of the Valentine, made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap".

[Garden City](#) By: Judy Monarch

Guest Ministry: Elder Graham Fishwild (Brenda), Elder Jim Bradley (Val)

Prayer Requests:

Earl Baltzer, Margret Baltzer, Joyce/George Black, Mary Cargill, Leo Carroll, Glen Carnahan, Katy Carnahan, Louise Day, Mary Deutsch, Bud Evans, Carlton Flynn, Julie Fox, Marge Holmes, Carol Kromirs, Don McIntosh, Chris Morelli, Bob Muri Jr., Diane Pettis, Diane Pettis, Lisa Shannon, Monica Shipley, Karen Stanley, Lillian Title, David Wright, Gianna Wright and Janice Wright.

Wedding Announcement

Dave Baltzer & Holly Niner will be married July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

New Arrival

Keith, Stephanie & Israel Dabbs have a new addition to their family a little girl named Macy

## Go Ye and Teach

We have begun cottage meetings using the Go Ye and Teach series Sunday afternoons at the church.

## Salvation Army Angel Program

This year the congregation helped out 16 children by purchasing winter coats, hats & gloves and each also received a favorite toy and/or game. We look forward to participating in the Angel Program next Christmas.

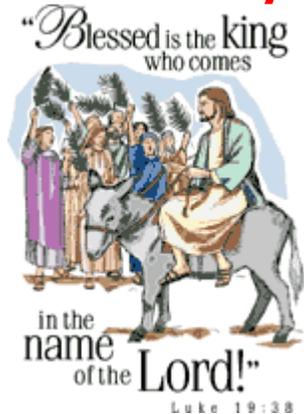
I hope this newsletter finds everyone warm and well!

## March 14, 2010 Day Light Savings Time



Set your clocks ahead one hour-"spring forward"  
@2:00am

## March 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday



Port Huron By: Jason Britz

Happy New Year fellow Saints!

I am Jason Britz of the Port Huron Branch and will be making an attempt to bring you news and spirit from our area. Please pray for me as I am in unfamiliar territory but feel the Lord has directed me to overcome my anxiety. Bless Millie Giles for her years writing the newsletter and Elder David Teeple for encouraging me to take on the responsibility.

## Our congregation through my eyes

Since the day I have become part of the Port Huron Branch I never had a thought that it wasn't the place for my Family and me. The unity that is felt when we gather is unexplainable and when I do not attend a service the burden of life tends to pull me down tremendously. I find messages from the Elders in our faith to be a direct manifestation of the spirit that fills my soul. Although small in number, the power of God gives us insight that is not often recognized in the world today. My hope this year is for a closer walk with Jesus and the Brothers and Sisters he places in my path.

Prayers for the Jim & Marnie DeBell family and Elizabeth Rock for the loss of father and husband Robert Rock who was taken by the Lord on January 11, 2010

Sanilac By: Kathleen Palmer

Well, here we are into November and the weather is still cold, but we all have much to be thankful for, and what a wonderful month it was for the saints in Sanilac.

**Our women's department had our annual Christmas Bazaar November 21<sup>st</sup>. We may be a small branch, but the Lord has blessed us with many talents to be able to put this bazaar together every year. A great big thank you to all the branches, who support us. It was another successful bazaar and just have to mention thanks to a special group of ladies who chose our luncheon over going to Frankenmuth!**

**On Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Eric and Cory Eliason became parents of Briggs Colby and Bryer Clayton. Congratulations Eric and Cory and grandparents, Don and Edie Cutshall and Barent and Barb Eliason! They are adorable baby boys, who make the cutest sounds and warm the hearts of all.**

**A big thank you to Lowell and Dora who have graciously volunteered their time to clean the church every week!**

**Barent and Barb Eliason traveled to Missouri for Thanksgiving to be with their family.**

**December was a busy month for all of us. We went Christmas caroling and enjoyed singing to Esther Markey, Ella Haynes and Lovell Elsholz, who was in the Medical care facility. It was very cold out, but our singing kept everyone warm.**

**Our Christmas Program was Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> under the direction of Barb Eliason and Kathleen Palmer. Gary Des Jardins played a trumpet solo, Aubree Rich played an instrument solo. The youth department put on a play called, "The Shepherd Story" and "The Light of the World." They were Aubree Rich, Paige Parker, Maddy Parker, Rebecca Bradley, Gary Des Jardins and Joshua Bradley. Thank you all! Denise Rich sang a beautiful song, "Joseph Did You**

**Know." Our little ones Emma Des Jardins, Avery Carpenter and Sydney Parker were adorable in their parts of the program. After the program we proceeded to have a delicious potluck dinner, open gifts and enjoy the fellowship of one another.**

**A beautiful candlelight service was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, with many attending. Scriptures were read and songs sung. Elder Barent Eliason was in charge.**

**Barent and Barb Eliason traveled to Missouri to be with family for Christmas. Barb's mother, Jane, has not been feeling well. Our prayers go out to her.**

**Denise and Aubree Rich traveled by car to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, to attend the graduation of Johnathan Rich from Basic Training. He is a PVT. In the Army National Guard. We are proud of you, Johnathan. Also attending was Denise's brother.**

**Aubree Rich played her instrument in the Sandusky High School Band concert. She is very talented and can play more than one instrument. Gary Des Jardins is playing trumpet in Peck School band. His first band concert was December 16<sup>th</sup> and he is doing great! Keep up the good work Gary and Aubree!**

**Ella Haynes is having knee problems and hasn't been able to attend church. Our prayers go out to you, Ella.**

**January 2010 ushers in a new year! May we all enjoy the Blessings of God.**

**Kathleen Palmer's mother, Mary Morris celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at an open house January 9<sup>th</sup> at the West Park Inn in Sandusky. She is a very active 90**

year old and enjoyed her party very much. Over 100 people attended. Thanks Barent, Barb, Eric, Cory, Denise and Aubree for attending.

Denise Rich has been very sick. She very much needs our prayers.

It was nice to see Carol Hoeldkte in church Sunday. She also has been sick.

Cory's mother, Edie, has returned to MO with her husband, Don, after spending over 2 months with Eric and Cory before and after the birth of their twin grandsons. I know she will be missed. What a blessing for everyone she could be there to help.

Barent and Barb Eliason left to go to Mexico on an archeological trip with Neil Steede. There was a group of 15 people. Eric talked to his Dad who said it was one of the most wonderful trips they have had. We are all anxiously waiting to hear more.

#### Happy Birthday

November: Gary Des Jardins, 7<sup>th</sup> – Harold Ross, 11<sup>th</sup> – Aubree Rich, 13<sup>th</sup> – Kathleen Palmer, 19<sup>th</sup> – Sydney Parker, 27<sup>th</sup> – Barb Eliason, 30<sup>th</sup>.

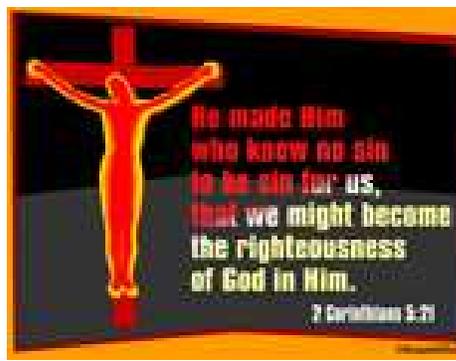
December: Ken Parker, 14<sup>th</sup>, Bill Palmer, 20<sup>th</sup> – Johnathan Rich, 21<sup>st</sup> – Shelly Carpenter, 27<sup>th</sup>.

January: Bev Miller, 6<sup>th</sup> – Steve Parker, 9<sup>th</sup> – Cory Eliason, 12<sup>th</sup> – Denise Rich, 18<sup>th</sup> and Emma Des Jardins, 29<sup>th</sup>.

A Big thank you to all our guest ministers who take the time to come to our branch and minister to us. May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you bring your spiritual messages to us. Thank you. Brian Daggett (Susie), Bob Harris, Jay Havener (Kathy), Leo Carroll (Clareen), Gary Stephens

(Faith), Wayne Bartrow (Mary Lou), Graham Fishwild (Brenda), and Bill Allison.

## April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday

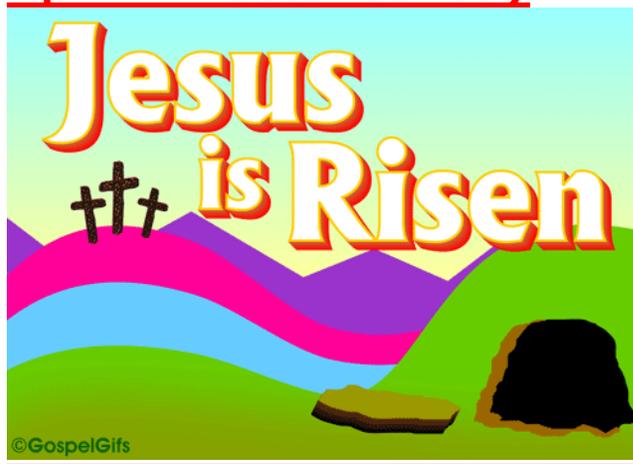


Good Friday is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Many Christians spend this day in fasting, prayer, repentance, and meditation on the agony and suffering of Christ on the cross.

The biblical account of Jesus' death on the cross, or crucifixion, his burial and his resurrection, or raising from the dead, can be found in the following passages of Scripture: Matthew 27:27-28:8; Mark 15:16-16:19; Luke 23:26-24:35; and John 19:16-20:30.

## April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday



have begun to refer to it as Resurrection Day.

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On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. It is typically the well-attended Sunday service of the year for Christian churches.

Christians believe according to Scripture, that Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. As part of the Easter season, the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, always the Friday just before Easter. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Because of Easter's pagan origins, and also because of the commercialization of Easter, many Christian churches

Anyone with new Email/phone/other info that you want published please send it to Jim Bradley!

[Regional Activities for the next quarter](#)

[March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Men's Retreat @ Lansing, MI](#)

[April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Children's Retreat @ Port Huron](#)

[From The Editor's Desk:](#)

### AN EASTER STORY

Philip was born with Downs Syndrome. He was a pleasant child .

. .happy it seemed . . . but increasingly aware of the difference between himself and other children. Philip went to Sunday school faithfully every week. He was in the third grade class with nine other eight-year olds.

**You know eight-year olds. And Philip, with his differences, was not readily accepted. But his teacher was sensitive to Philip and he helped this group of eight-year olds to love each other as best they could, under the circumstances. They learned, they laughed, and they played together. And they really cared about one another, even though eight-year olds don't say they care about one another out loud.**

**But don't forget. There was an exception to all this. Philip was not really a part of the group. Philip did not choose, nor did he want to be different. He just was. And that was the way things were.**

**His teacher had a marvelous idea for his class the Sunday after Easter. You know those things that pantyhose come in . . . the containers that look like great big eggs? The teacher collected ten of them. The children loved it when he brought them into the room and gave one to each child.**

**It was a beautiful spring day, and the assignment was for each child to go outside, find the symbol for new life, put it into the egg, and bring it back to the classroom They would then open and share their new life symbols and surprises, one by one.**

**It was glorious. It was confusing. It was wild. They ran all around the church grounds, gathering their symbols, and returned to the classroom.**

**They put all the eggs on a table, and then the teacher began to open**

**them. All the children gathered around the table. He opened one and there was a flower, and they ooh-ed and aah-ed. He opened another and there was a little butterfly.**

**"Beautiful!" the girls all said, since it is hard for eight-year old boys to say 'beautiful.' He opened another and there was a rock. And as third-graders will, some laughed, and some said, "That's crazy! How's a rock supposed to be like new life?" But the smart little boy who'd put it in there spoke up: "That's mine. And I knew all of you would get flowers and buds and leaves and butterflies and stuff like that. So I got a rock because I wanted to be different. And for me, that's new life." They all laughed.**

**The teacher said something about the wisdom of eight-year olds and opened the next one. There was nothing inside. The children, as eight-year olds will, said, "That's not fair. That's stupid! Somebody didn't do it right."**

**Then the teacher felt a tug on his shirt, and he looked down. "It's mine, Philip said. It's mine."**

**And the children said, "You don't ever do things right, Philip. There's nothing there!"**

**"I did so do it right!" Philip said. "I did do it right. The tomb is empty!"**

**There was silence, a very full silence. And for you people who don't believe in miracles, I want to tell you that one happened that day. From that time on, it was different. Philip suddenly became a part of**

that group of eight-year old children. They took him in. He was set free from the tomb of his differences.

Philip died last summer. His family had known since the time he was born that he wouldn't live out a full life span. Many other things were wrong with his little body. And so, late last July, with an infection that most normal children could have quickly shrugged off, Philip died.

At his memorial service, nine eight-year old children marched up to the altar, not with flowers to cover over the stark reality of death . . . but nine eight-year olds, along with their Sunday School teacher, marched right up to that altar, and laid on it an empty egg . . . an empty, old, discarded pantyhose egg.

And the tomb is empty!

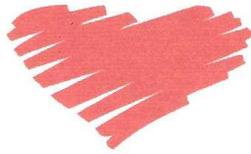
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# Kids Korner

**Remember, God Loves YOU!**

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## Where's Your Love?

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,...."*

I know that you're aware of that verse, in John 3:16.

Something to think about...

*You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.*

Mary Martin was a great actor on Broadway. She was on stage in "South Pacific". Oscar Hammerstein, wrote this to Mary from his death bed:

*"Mary, A bell's not a bell till you ring it. A song's not a song till you sing it. Love in your heart is not put there to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away."*

Mary sang her performance like she had never sang before.

Many people backstage knew that she felt something wonderful that evening.

When she was asked, "What happened tonight"? Mary simply stated with tears in her eyes, "Tonight, I gave my live away."

Love's gifts take many forms- a smile, a hug, a note of thanks, or perhaps just being there in tough times.

Love is one gift that always fits, is always right, and is always in season and in fashion

And only one person designed it!  
Thank You Lord, for Loving Us!

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## Instruments in the Bible

Fill in the missing letters and you will have the names of ten instruments mentioned in the Bible.

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## Important Dates In February

Feb. 1st. **National Freedom Day**

Feb. 2nd. **Ground Hog Day**

Feb. 7th. **Super Bowl XLIV**

Feb. 12th. **Lincoln's Birthday**

Feb. 14th. **Valentines Day**

Feb. 15th. **President's Day**

Feb. 17th. **Ash Wednesday**

Feb. 22nd. **Washington's Birthday**

## Sunday school

Sunday school teacher:

"Does anyone know who Peter was"?

Little boy:

"Yes, I do."

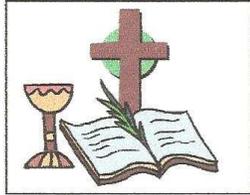
Sunday school teacher:

"Okay, you can tell us who he was."

Little Boy:

"Wasn't he the wabbit"?

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**Palm Sunday**  
**March 28, 2010**

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**Spring Forward 1 Hour**  
**March 14, 2010**

**Palms**

*As a child I really never gave it a thought as to, the meaning of the "Palm" and to what purpose it held.*

*I thought I would write a little bit about the important task the "Palm" had.*

*The "Palm" is a type of tree that grew 60-100 feet tall and had feathery branches. These branches were 6 feet long. (Neh. 8; 15) The tree can live to be 100-200 years old. They also are called Date Palms.*

*The branches were said to be a symbol of victory (John 12; 13, Rev.7; 9). Many places in the Bible were known for many of palm trees. (Ex. 15: 27; Deut. 34:3; Judges. 1: 16) When Jesus came from Bethany to Jerusalem, many people heard of his coming. It was written by a prophet that the Son of God would ride on a donkey into Jerusalem.*

*When the people saw this man riding, they knew it was Jesus.*

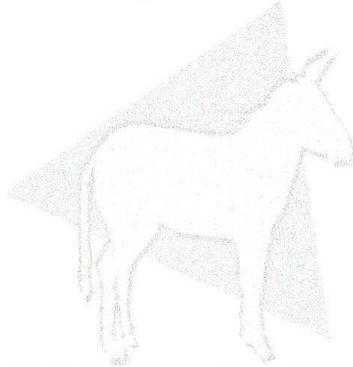
*They put their clothes on the ground for the donkey to walk on. They waved "palm" leaves in the air. They said Jesus was the Savior that was sent. (John 12:1, 12-15; Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21: 4-9)*

*Palm Sunday also gave us a precious gift, **Our Savior.***

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*Inspired Version*

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*The Donkey Jesus Was On*



*I carried Jesus to Jerusalem!*

**God Hates Sin - Huh?**

Think about your parents or someone else who loves you. Because they love you very much, they *hate* things that take you away from the Gods Kingdom. They want the best for you.

God is the same way. He loves us all, but he hates our sinful behavior. Although he is patient and does not always punish sin right away, God will not put up with it forever.

Take a look at *Psalm 11:5 (Inspired version)* "... the Lord loveth the righteous, but the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth.

**God always loves us, but he also hates sin.**

**Transportation**

The Words appears forward, backward, upward, downward, or diagonally. All words are from the Bible.  
**GOOD LUCK!**

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 O X E A E E L  
 T A R N E U W  
 P Q R E D I R

Axle Camel Cart Chariot  
 Horse Lane Mile Driver  
 Reins Rider Road Speed  
 Saddle

**Buford & Buddy**



**Buford:** Hey Buddy what ya doing?

**Buddy:** Oh, just wondering what animals failed to come to Noah's Ark in pairs?

**Buford:** Man, I know the answer.

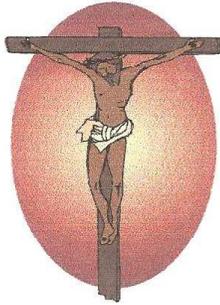
**Buddy:** Tell me then.

**Buford:** They came in apples!  
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**Contest**

**Write to me in 50-100 words: How attending 2009 Reunion has changed your spiritual life.**

**The winner will be announced at the talent show, this Reunion 2010!**



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**2010**

Three very important dates this month to keep in our thoughts, and prayers.

**April 2nd. (Good Friday)**

**April 4th. (Easter) & April 8th. (Passover)**

## "Much Was Done..."

I picture in my mind how Jesus must of felt, nailed to that cross. Pondering what was the Savior thinking? As he cried out these words, "My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? **ANSWER ME! I led you out of Egypt; but you led your Savior to the cross. For forty years, I feed you manna, (a small round substance as fine as frost) from the heaven, and brought you to the land of plenty; but you led me to the cross. O, My people, What have I done to you that you should testify this against me?"**

Jesus was not only nailed to the cross, he was given vinegar to drink. And after His death, a soldier took his spear and pierced it into His side.

These things took place that Scriptures might be fulfilled.

He died on that cross, for our salvation here on earth.

Yet, we reply, "Lord Have Mercy On Us?"

Blessings continue to come our way by His grace.

Knowing that the "Tomb" was empty, we are assured that Christ Lives Today!

... Much is Given

Read

Mark 16: 1-21 (Inspired Version)

## Who was Paul?

Inspired Version

Fill in the blanks in the paragraph below.

Paul was born at (1) \_\_\_\_\_, capital of (2) \_\_\_\_\_. He was a (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He was taught by (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Paul persecuted the (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He went to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to arrest them. On the way, a bright (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from (8) \_\_\_\_\_ blinded him. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ appeared to him. He was led into the city where he remained (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for (11) \_\_\_\_\_ days. God restored his sight through (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Paul was (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and became an (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ until his (17) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discipleship

By definition, a disciple is a "learner— a follower of Christ." A true disciple will daily recognize Christ as Lord and be willing to put Him ahead of every pursuit in life.

"Whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:27 "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:33.

Are you "His" disciple?

## CONTEST

Question: How has attending the 2009 Reunion, changed your spiritual life?

Write 50-100 words

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Answers for "Who was Paul"? (backwards)

1. susraT, aiciliC, rekamtnet, leilamaG, snaitSirhC, susamaD, thgil, nevaeh, suseJ, dimilb, eerht, sainanA, dezit-pab, eltsopa, gnihcaerp, gnihcaet, htaed.