

# Pine Creek Church of the Brethren's THE PATHFINDER June 2011

"Sharing God's Love, Grace, and Word, with our Community, our Country, and our World, while building a Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ."

## Pathfinder Staff

Pastor – Steve Van Houten

Pastor's Hours - Monday Through Thursday 8:30 am to Noon

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Sunday School – 9 am

Sunday Worship – 10 am

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I will continue to edit the newsletter for the time being. Anyone who would like to take on the job please let Diane Dent or Pastor Steve know. If you have any stories, jokes or anything else of interest please email [jmaher0620@hotmail.com](mailto:jmaher0620@hotmail.com) or send them to me. I need articles, what brought you to Pine Creek, how long have you been coming. The younger members need to know what keeps us older members staying at Pine Creek. I look forward to hearing from you.

Our new address in Texas is  
P.O. Box 388  
Mount Enterprise, TX 75681

Dates to have information turned in  
Monday **June 20th**  
June Maher

## Deacons on Call

If you are attempting to contact Pastor Steve and are unable to reach him, you are encouraged to please call upon the "Deacon-On-Call" for June.

**George Elia (574) 656-8642**

## **Witness commission mission of the month**

In keeping with our call to serve has put together a monthly giving ministry. These are missions or organizations that we feel worthy of our love, prayers and especially our financial support. The mission for **June is Schwenk's Mission – Africa**. You may make a donation using the Love Offerings in the Pews and write the mission on it and place it in the Sunday offering.

## **Plan ahead for the next church auction**

The next auction will be **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have something you would like to donate call Pastor Steve or Wayne Ayers (574) 936-8595

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE COMING EVENTS**

Wed 6/1 6:00pm	Commission Meeting
Wed 6/1 7:00pm	Board Meeting
Sun 6/5 10:00am	Graduate Sunday
Tues 6/7 8:15am	Pastor Steve Preaching at Timbercrest
Tues 6/7 6:30pm	Lion's Club Eye Screening at Pine Creek
9 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Steve Directing Idaho Work Camp
Sat 6/11 – Park	Peterson Reunion
Sun 6/12 10:00am	Lyn Sumpter Preaching
11:15am	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Tues 6/14 11:30am	Retired Friends & Neighbors
Sun 6/19 10:00am	Annette Graves Preaching
Tues 6/21 8:30am	Pastor Steve back in the office
July 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Steve to Annual Conference in Grand Rapids Michigan

## **Director needed for Vacation Bible School**

Nurture commission has the material, all they need is someone to take charge and direct VBS. Betty Hostetler and I had co-directed for several years before my move to Texas. It is not that hard but believe me it is very fulfilling when you see all the fun the kids have that one week and the outreach is great for all the kids that do not have a regular church (this is a great opportunity to bring more families to our church).

There are records at the church of everything that have been used the last few years, the main jobs a director or co-directors do is send out mailings to invite the kids to VBS, plan the schedule for the week (which there is copies of this at the church), round up all the helpers you need, decorate the church, and the week of VBS you are the one that opens each nightly session, visit the classrooms and take pictures and then have the closing session. If you have a co-director they are at a table in the fellowship hall and do registration and take attendance and collect and count the nightly offering.

It sounds like a lot, but for the opening session all you have to do is greet the kids, let them know what their offering is going for, if you have a live skit (which the kids love) introduce the skit, have the song leader sing a song or two and then dismiss to first class. The closing session you just go over their Bible Verse of the day, have the song leader sing a song or two, let them know how much offering was collected, invite them back for the next evening and dismiss with prayer. Any questions please contact me. June Maher

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**SUMMER THEME: "Got Spirit?- Making God Real Every Day"** Daily themes are: Wonder Makes God Real Every Day – *Psalm 8*; Gratitude Makes God Real Every Day – *Luke 17:11-19*; Hospitality Makes God Real Every Day – *Luke 24:13-35*; Generosity Makes God Real Every Day – *1 Corinthians 12: 1-26*; Worship Makes God Real Every Day – *Psalm 96*; Living in Christ's Love Makes God Real Every Day – *John 15: 1-17*.

**CAMPERS LOVE TO GET MAIL!** Please mail early and address your mail following this sample: Chris Camper

**Program Name (i.e. Samplers, Seekers, etc.)**

**Camp Mack**

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**CAMP MACK FESTIVAL NEWS:** Don't worry about rain or about setting up a food tent! Plan to have a food booth inside Quinter-Miller Auditorium. Festival goers can enjoy the murals and live entertainment on stage while visiting with friends over lunch inside the auditorium. Or they may sit outside if the weather is inviting. Churches cooking over campfires will be outside nearby. The live and silent auctions will be in the Kate Warstler Dining Center.

**Please pray for:** campers, all summer camp leadership, and staff.

## **MORE IMPORTANT JUNE DATES:**

Archery Camp	June 5-7
Sampler Camp	June 9-11
Seekers Camp CANCELLED	June 5-9 (4 day camp)
Finders Camp CANCELLED	June 5-11
Survivor Camp	June 5-11
Culinary Camp	June 5-10
Beginners	June 26-28
Eco-Adventure, Sailing & Creative Arts	June 26-July 1

**A Quiet Place Quote:** "If we are so impoverished that we have nothing to reveal but small talk, then we need to struggle for more richness of soul." Frank Laubach

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## **Mary Johnson Diaries**

### **June 1887**

William and Mary Johnson came to Indiana in 1851, built the brick house behind the church in the 1860's. William was the first church treasurer and served that office for 20 years. Retha Hostetler

1-Wed-at council all day in Forest Park (They were at Annual meeting in Ottawa, Kansas.

2-Thur-Council until noon made the acquaintance of Br & Sister Hope. Left Ottawa at 4 oclock pm all night in Kansas City at Delmonica House.

3-Fri-rain, left Kansas City at 7am crossed Missoura River at 11am crossed Mississippi half after 2pm laid over at Bloomington 3 hrs in the night.

4-Sat-arrived in Chicago at 7am started for home at 8am arrived home at 1 oclock. Sam met us at Teegarden and conveyed us home we had a very enjoyable meeting with the Brethern & Sisters. Cost of one fare to A.M. \$16.50

5-Sun-meeting at West House

8-Wed-Cousin Mary A. Baughman & Rebecca Summers visited us. Rone a calf

9-Thurs-George Wolf & son stone masons commenct working at making Sams seller.

12-sun-william & Sarah H. went to Center meeting. William & I to meeting at Teegarden in afternoon preaching by J. Knisely & Father Rupel.

13-Mon-Granny Kaser died

15-Wed- William & I went to William Kasers. Widow Sarah Kaser at the Luthern Church age 68 yrs.

17-Fri-William & I attended berrial of Br. Michal Shafer, one of our company that was to Annual Meeting two weeks ago.

18-Sat-church meeting here dissatisfaction in teaching Sunday School our communion appointed Sept 28 Clark Dillion & wife baptized.

19-Sun-regular meeting here full house preaching by Father Rupel & J. Knisely sermon on Lords Supper. Alma Rupel stayed to visit this week.

21-Tues-Becky & Eliza Peters here on visit. Br. Harris here selling roasters for bread or meat.

23-Thurs-making hay we have no flies yet of any account.

25-Sat-making hay took 4 loads Sarah & I went to see Fannie Morris this evening.

26-Sun-warm Sunday School at 10am Sis & Arthur came for Alma

28-Tues-our nephew, Hary Johnson 19 years old. Sam commenct cutting wheat with the reaper.

30-Thurs-William & I went to LaPaz for machine oil. Sam carpenters raised part of the frame on his new house.

## **Pine Creek Church Board Minutes May 4, 2011**

**Present:** Tom Gardner, Steve Van Houten, Foster Davenport, Regina Davenport, Ben Smith, Bev Braniff, Phylliss Scarborough, George Elia, Diane Dent, Dennis Prout, Jane Harris, Travis Johnson, Richard Peterson

**Absent:** Bud Haag, Norma Leslie, Betty Hostetler

Meeting was opened with prayer by (Board Chair) Tom Gardner at 7:07p.m. Minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were read and with no corrections, was approved by the Board.

**Old Business:** None

**Nurture Commission:** (Sec.) George Elia reported that there were 41 children present for the Easter Egg Hunt and 86 worshipper's were served at Easter Breakfast.

(2) For Mother's Day worship service the Commission passed out potted plants and seed packets and for Father's Day they are planning on making root beer floats.

**Witness Commission:** (Chair) Regina Davenport reported there was \$3900.00 profit made from the Fish Fry and a "Thank-you" to all that helped.

(2) Mission of the Month is Camp Mack and with that the Commission will make a donation to Camp Mack from the "Fish Fry" profit. The Church Board voted on this motion and gave unanimous approval.

(3) Welcome Basket project is being assembled and will have a report for the June Board meeting.

**Stewards Commission:** (Chair) Foster Davenport reported the parking lot "Potholes" have been repaired and the mowers have been serviced and repaired.

(2) The Church audit has been completed by Barb Pearson and Diane Dent.

(3) The Commission would like to thank all who participated in the Church and Park grounds clean-up.

**Treasurer Report:** The Bank balance for April has not been tabulated at this time and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter giving is 93%.

**Deacon Committee:** None

**Youth Report:** Travis Johnson reported there are 8 members in the Church Youth Group and they all like the opportunity about being included on the Church Board.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Steve reported on his April visits and miles driven. Pastor Steve briefed the Board on the past Easter activities and upcoming events.

**New Business:** (Chair) Tom Gardner introduced Ben Leslie to the Board, with a proposal from the Lakeville Loins Club. After Mr. Leslie presentation, (Chair) Tom Gardner asked for a motion to grant the Loins Club, use of the Fellowship Hall for eye testing of area children. Foster Davenport granted the first motion and Dennis Prout granted the second motion. Board passed unanimously.

(2) Church Board discuss pulpit fill for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

(3) A quote is being obtained for a new Church lap-top computer.

With no further business at this time, Tom Gardner asked for a motion for adjournment. George Elia granted the first motion and Bev Braniff granted the second motion, motion carried and Pastor Steve closed with prayer at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Peterson, Clerk

### **NEED YOUR INFORMATION**

I know we have a lot of new people at church and it's hard to get to know everyone. If you will fill out the brief survey below I will publish some every month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If Member-how long have you been a member \_\_\_\_\_

When did you start attending Pine Creek? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have past family members associated with Pine Creek? \_\_\_\_\_

What drew you to Pine Creek? \_\_\_\_\_

What has kept you at Pine Creek? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your favorite hobbies or just things you like to do in your spare time? \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else you would like the other church members to know about you. We all come to church on Sunday and greet each other, but we really don't know anything else about each other. I know there is not enough space here, but please take the time to write or email me with your information. Let's all get to know each other better. June Maher - [jmaher0620@hotmail.com](mailto:jmaher0620@hotmail.com) or  
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## A New Way to Look at a Deck of Cards

You will never look at a deck of cards the same way. It was quite that day, the guns and mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?" The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord." The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards." The soldier said, "No sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other Spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards." The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?" "You see the **Ace, Sergeant?** It reminds me that there is **only one God**. The **Two** represents the **two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments**. The **Three** represents the **Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost**. The **Four** stands for the **Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**. The **Five** is for the **five virgins there were ten but only five of them were glorified**. The **Six** is for the **six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth**. The **Seven** is for the day **God rested after making His Creation**. The **Eight** is for the **family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives – the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth**. The **Nine** is for the **lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him**. The **Ten** represents the **Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone**. The **Jack** is a reminder of **Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell**. The **Queen** stands for the **Virgin Mary**. The **King** stands for **Jesus, for he is the King of all kings**. When I count the **dots on all the cards**, I come up with **365 total, one for every day of the year**. There are a total of **52 cards in a deck; each is a week – 52 weeks in a year**. The **four suits** represent the **four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter**. Each **suit has thirteen cards** – there are exactly **thirteen weeks in a quarter**. So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for." The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said. "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?" Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are being sent away, putting their lives on the line fighting.

## Have a Piece of Cake!

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is one explanation.

A daughter was telling her mother how everything was going wrong – failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Thank you Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?"

"Gross Mom!"

"would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when he puts these things in His order, they always work for our good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will together all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

I hope your day is a "Piece of Cake!!!"