



# Church of the Open Bible

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## God Provides

We listen to the newscasts that come daily to our ears.  
We read alarming headlines that intensify our fears.  
We grow more and more dissatisfied and feel less and less secure  
As our days become more anxious and the future more unsure...

But in place of reading headlines that disturb our peace of mind,  
We should once more read the Bible, and on its pages we would find  
That this age is no different from the millions gone before and that in  
every hour of crisis,  
God has opened up a door to all who seek His guidance and trust His  
all-wise plan,  
For God provides protection beyond that devised by man ...

And while God's almighty power is not ours to understand,  
We know who holds the future and we know who holds our hands.  
And to have the steadfast knowledge that we never walk alone  
And to rest in the assurance that our every need is known  
Will help dispel our worries, and in trusting Him we'll find,  
Right in the midst of chaos, God can give us peace of mind.

- By Helen Steiner Rice / Submitted by Judy Myers / 8-31-07

**Next Sunday we'll have a guest Gideon speaker,  
Mr. Robert Wentzch  
Remember that we set out a basket for a  
love offering to support their work.**

**SEVERAL GUESTS** were here last Sunday including Rodger Schuld and his family (plus Amy, a friend of Laura's), Dan & Rachel Cain, Jim & Cheryl Koryta, Dorene Marsh and Kevin Marsh and his family. Please come again soon!

**OUR VACATION** travels of nearly 1600 miles went smoothly – good weather, light traffic - but it's nice being back home again. We thank you for your prayers. Rex & Sharon

**NANCY KOSTON AND MARY ELLEN JONES** will serve as deaconesses today for our communion observance.

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**AL & ARLENE SZEKELY** are now on line and you can “speak” with them almost instantly in LaBelle FL via your email. Jot them a line.

### THOSE WHO SENT OUR CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Dan & Nancy Koston / Jim & Penny Frederick / Bud & Mary Ellen Jones / James & Mildred Dennis / Tim & Dr. Susan Stickley Olling / Evelyn Pennington / Al & Arlene Szekely / Bill & Ginny Cramer / Fred & Doris Schuld / Jennifer Wetzel / John Hearp / Vickie Szekely Ad-dams & Edith Speer. Thanks for remembering us!

**ISAAC OWEN** was born to Pastor Seth & Stacy Ross January 1<sup>st</sup> weighing 8 lbs 10 oz / 21” long. This is their first child. All are well. Our congratulations! Seth pastors our North Hills Church near Springfield Ohio.

**THE POWER WENT OUT!** Hopefully not God’s Spirit power, but our Dec.23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday we were experiencing high winds and during SS, all power went off. No organ and no electronic piano. We got out candles, flashlights and one kerosene lamp (t was a dark day outside anyway). Still, those leading needed to stand by a window. We sang acappella and some said they enjoyed the change and the mood created by the lamp and candles. We make do when we have to make do!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Feb. 21-24, 2008, will be a N.E. PROPHECY Conference (and Conf. business) at Brushcreek Church near Dayton with guests, Anthony Buzzard, Bill Wachtel, Wally Winner and Arlen Rankin. More details later.

### **Some “New Year” Thoughts**

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. (*Bill Vaughan*)

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution. (*Jay Leno*)

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves (*Bill Vaughan*)

Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits (*Anonymous*)

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions! (*Joey Adams*)

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. (*Oscar Wilde*)

I'm a little bit older, a little bit wiser, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser. (*Robert Paul*)

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other. (*Anonymous*)

-Selected from Omaha NE bulletin

### Belated Christmas Tidbit Humor

After turning eighty, Marie found that shopping for Christmas gifts had become too difficult, so she decided to send checks to everyone instead. She wrote, "Buy your own present" on each card and mailed them early.

Marie enjoyed the usual flurry of family festivities. Only after Christmas did she find the gift checks on her desk, which she had forgotten to enclose.

-Selected from Omaha NE bulletin

**PRAY FOR:** Darlene Dejak (surgery, by SMay), Anita Cain, Ken-Kathy Cramer, Jeff Stoneman (cancer, by Whaley), Terry James (cancer, by Roper), Evelyn Pennington, / Pastor Beder (cancer, Peru), Jack Hearp, Ruby Korode, Gene & Gloria Faehrich, Edith Speer, Jacob Hinton\*, Kathy & Destiny Reed + current pregnancy\*, (\*by Skip), W.C. & Craig Blankenship, College students: Andrew Weaver, Jackie Schuld, Dan & Rachel Cain (internship / teaching degree), Shut-ins: Evelyn Pennington Military: Rodger Schuld, Those serving in other countries: Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Beder Ucañay-Peru, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. Colleges / Churches: RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

### JANUARY 2008

- 6 Communion (Elder Steve Weaver) / Year in Review
- 13 Gideon Speaker – Love Offering for their work
- 20 Sunday School staff meeting

**Future dates:** Feb 21-24 NE prophecy & business Conf, Brushcreek

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.  
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.**

**Musicians: Doris Schuld and Mark Cain**

**Welcome / Announcements / Prayer**

**Worship Hymns: Mark Cain**

**554 Another Year Is Dawning**

**437 Moment by Moment**

**Prayer:**

**Offering**

**Mark Cain: "O Holy Night"(on Irish Tin Whistle)**

**Year In Review**

**Message: "Star Of Hope" \***

**Key Texts: Prov 17:24; 1 Kgs 3:11-12; Jam 1:5; Ps 119:97-100; Isa 46:10;  
Matt 7:24, 26; 2 Pet 1:19; Rev 22:16**

**Communion: Elder Steve Weaver**

**219 Blest Be The Tie That Binds**

*\* "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."*

(Rev. 22:16 niv)