



# Church of the Open Bible

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***“Dear Bedford Church,** It was so fun to see all of you on Sunday [Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>]. I really enjoyed having the opportunity to worship – fellowship with you once again! You are all so hospitable and welcoming and I felt as if I’d never left northeast Ohio. It makes me homesick for you and the good memories I have from my 4 years living in the area. Thank you for the lovely carry-in dinner and time to talk! I appreciate all of you and hope that God blesses each and every one of you. Have a Happy Easter!*

- Jennifer Wetzel, dated 4-6-09

**SPEAKING OF JEN WETZEL** (above) and Palm Sunday, it was a truly inspiring occasion! There were nearly 60 here and that alone was an inspiration. Her topic was The Power of Perspective. She gave us an update on her life this last four years: 1) Became elementary school teacher/librarian in Paducah KY, 2) has become state & national presenter at library conferences, 3) is now a published author of a 100+ page book on library lessons, 4) has become a national board certified teacher, 5) is leader of state fellow media specialist talent show, 6) has become a runner in half marathons and loves to knit including coats for dogs! She said some of these things she would never have done without the perspective of others and their influence on her life.

Then she applied The Power of Perspective on Palm Sunday *from the donkey’s perspective!* 1) It was humble & submissive to do God’s plan, 2) it was a messenger of peace bringing the King of Peace, 3) that only this particular donkey could fulfill God’s plan. In conclusion she said: *“Will you be like the donkey, humble and submissive to do what the Lord calls of you? Will you be a messenger of peace so other people’s perspective of you, and Christ through you, is a message of love and peace? Will you be obedient to God’s plan and allow Christ to lead you in fulfilling God’s purpose?”*

The above was done with power point complete with pictures, outlines and graphics. THANKS for blessing us, Jennifer!

## *Our Sympathy*

**JOYCE NORDSTROM (70)**, Mary Ellen Jones' niece fell asleep in Christ April 14<sup>th</sup>. She lived near Litchfield MN and was involved in our Litchfield Church of God where Dale Swartz is pastor. She had been diagnosed with esophageal cancer on May 13, 2008. Services will be this Tuesday at 2p.m. at Dassel MN with pastors Dale Swartz and Seth Ross officiating. Remember the family in your prayers.

**W.C. BLANKENSHIP:** *Rex, I would like to request prayer for my Dad, W.C. Blankenship. He's having a heart catherization [soon I was postponed / Rex] and with his kidney disease, it's going to be very tricky. Each time he has a procedure involving dye, he loses more kidney function. Prayers would be most appreciated.*

– Pam Weaver, 4-13-09

**RUTH SCHULD** began a new chemo regimen on April 2<sup>nd</sup> where she gets treatments every week. Keep Ruth and family in your prayers.

**THE MISSION JUG & VORTEX** collected \$446.36 (this includes the S.S. collection on 3-29). A check for \$299.06 was sent to Lord Harvest International (our mission dept.) and a check for \$147.30 to Mercy Ministries as was voted on in our S.S. meeting. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**LEON DRISKILL**, former pastor in the Church of God – now residing near Peoria IL - is very ill and according to a 4-16 email, has a very short time. He once pastored our Brushcreek OH church. Please keep his wife, Deloris, and family in your prayers.

**TAMMY VINSON** (Edith Speer's daughter near Dallas TX) reports that finally, on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>, repair will begin on the damage done to their home by hurricane Ike that damaged heavily the Dallas area September 2008. Joe, Tammy's husband's mother passed away recently – she lived in PA. They hope to visit our church sometime when they're up north. You're always welcome!

**ANITA CAIN**, pastor Cain's cousin in FL, is also, as of 4-16, unresponsive with shallow breathing. She's getting full time hospice care. Your prayers appreciated.

**ETHEL SHERMAN**, in her 104<sup>th</sup> year, now lives in Florida with her niece. Upon inquiry, her niece wrote that Ethel is well and still get-

ting around okay. She said, "Please thank everyone for their prayers." - Trish Dolan, 4-16-09

## **"ON EAGLES' WINGS"**

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.



When the storms of life come upon us - and all of us will experience them - we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief towards God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm.

Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them. The Bible says, *"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."* (Isaiah 40:31)

-Bethel SC Church of God bulletin

**PRAY FOR:** Nordstrom Family, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan May, Jacob Hinton, Kris Fiocca (by SBurnham), Lucinda (by ASzekely),, Sonny Koston, Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Josh Eberly (by SMay), David Krogh, Pastors Earl Poland, Ed Goit, Alva Huffer, Don Ward & Leon Driskill; Ken Cramer, Don Kostyo, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehrich, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Kathy Reed, Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Uca-nay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

**APRIL 2009**

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**Future Dates:** May 3, Annual Membership Mtg / Jun 1-5 CWS / Jun 21-26 SUMMIT  
[OH] camp / Jul 8-10 G.C. in Oregon IL / Jul 19-24  
National Youth Camp, Manchester College [IN]

**SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

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

Musicians: Frank Roper and Sharon Cain

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

416 Faith Is The Victory

440 My Hope Is Built

Prayer / Offering

Message: The Tapestry Of Our Lives

Key Verses: 2 Cor 1:3-7; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:16,17;  
Rom 8:19-38

Communion: Pastor Cain

219 Blest Be The Tie That Binds



## **THE WEAVER**

*My life is but a weaving, between my God and me,  
I do not choose the colors, He worketh steadily,  
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride,  
Forgets He sees the upper, and I the underside.  
Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly,  
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful in the skillful weaver's hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.*