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The Violent World We Live In Comes Close To Home!

**(Email note to our family 4-20-09 from Rachel Cain –
she teaches in Rockford IL)**

Hi family...

It was another interesting day at the Freshman Campus of Auburn High School. One of our students (I don't know him) was shot outside the school this morning (it was a drive-by), so we were on lockdown all day and most of the students got their parents to pick them up (I had no students in my 6th hour class!). The incident was not



random and was related to events that happened during the weekend, but they are still investigating and have some suspects. The student will make a full recovery and will be okay.

Today is the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings, and I even woke up this morning thinking about it and in the back of my mind wondered if anything similar would happen. It seems anything is possible at Auburn...

Please pray for safety through the rest of the school year (and a new job for next year!). There have been a few times I have feared students might turn on me, and some have gotten close. We are in a rough part of town and violence is all a lot of the students know. How sad that God has been removed from schools! I know God is still with us all and I feel His presence every day, but there are still scary times and a very challenging group of students, many of whom are involved with gangs, which become more active in the springtime.

I met a substitute today who was an outright Christian and not afraid to let anyone know, so that was an encouragement to me today especially.

I love you all! / Rachel Cain / 4-20-09

Violence, a sign of the end of the age: Gen. 6:11 & Matt. 24:37

OUR CONGREGATION OBSERVES COMMUNION each first Sunday of the month. Jesus commanded us to partake of the cup (representing his blood) and the bread (representing his body) as a regular reminder to forgetful mankind that Christ gave Himself in humble obedience to His Father – the Almighty God of Israel. God had planned Jesus' vicarious death from the beginning of recorded history (Gen. 3:15, 21; Ps. 22). Jesus spilt his blood that our sins might be forgiven (Matt. 26:28) – that we could be justified (made righteous) before God. Jesus said, *“Do this in remembrance of me.”* (I Cor. 11:23-26). If you have been immersed in the waters of baptism and strive to follow the teachings of God's Holy Word, you are welcome to partake of the emblems with us this morning.

**In Remembrance / Dorothy Robertson
(11-30-1925 to 9-2-2007)**

Dorothy loved her Lord, loved His promises and her church. The second and final check from her estate was received last week from her executor. Dorothy still is helping God's Word move forward while she sleeps in hope!

LEON DRISKILL, former Church of God pastor, has improved some in recent days due, they think, to antibiotics for an infection. He remains in a health care facility near Peoria IL. Your prayers for he and his wife, Deloris, are much appreciated.

ANTHONY BUZZARD responds to my e-newsletter devotional of last week about isolating ourselves and failing to make contact with our friends and neighbors about our faith. Here's an excerpt of Anthony's response:

Rex, Thanks for your weekly exhortation. This is really a subject close to my heart ... why do not at least nearly all COG's engage folk on the Internet? There are thousands and thousands of sites open for discussion and billions of human beings who do not understand much if anything of the Gospel. Today we had wonderful letters from Burma and Indonesia who have dramatic accounts of their thrill at learning the Abrahamic faith, and this happens on a daily basis.

If one wants to go fishing and catch fish, why not the big pool with 6 billion people in it?



THE BIDDING BECAME INTENSE at times during our Foreign Craft Sale to raise money for LHI (Lord's Harvest International) mission programs. When the smoke cleared at the table, we had raised \$119.00. **THANKS EVERYONE!!**



JEN WETZEL WARNED us when she was here April 5th that she had a weakness for costumes. Here's a sample of what this means in a 4-24-09 email to me: *"CRAZY! I recently heard about the Disneyworld Half-Marathon and how people even dress up in costumes while running...well, you know me...I heard the word costumes and was all about that! So, I just registered for the Disneyworld Half-Marathon to take place on January 9, 2010. Who wants to travel with me??"*

Actually, Jennifer, we wish you the best! Will you be wearing the Goofy costume? ☺ We in the north will be wearing parkas! We love you!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ABC BOOSTER? On the back table are mailing envelopes and brochures (members should have received these in their mailboxes). Enclosed in today's bulletin are inserts explaining the ABC Booster Campaign. Be involved and help us to have pastors for our churches until Christ returns!! **THOSE GETTING THIS ON LINE** can simply send a check to: ABC / Booster Campaign / P.O. Box 2950 / McDonough GA 30253. Thanks so much!! Our future depends on you!!

MOTHER'S DAY is next Sunday. There will be potted flowers for the ladies!



PRAY FOR: Nordstrom Family, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan & Annabelle 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 Faehnrich, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, 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 Ucanay–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

MAY 2009

- 03 Communion, Elder Steve Weaver
- 03 Annual Membership Meeting / Carry-in dinner
- 10 Mother's Day

Future Dates: 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 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

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

Musicians: Sharon and Mark Cain
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

482 When He Cometh

481 He Is Coming Again

Prayer / Offering

Message: Lessons From A Fig Tree

Key Verses: Jer 24:1-7; Joel 1:7; Matt 24:32; Rev 6:13;
Matt 24:1-3; 24:32-36; Lk 13:6-9; Mk 11:11-21; Jam 5:7-9

Communion: Elder Steve Weaver

219 Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Currently On Our Outdoor Sign:
Give God What's Right / Not What's Left
Tough Week? / We're Open Sundays