



# Church of the Open Bible

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*“Listen, my son, to your father's instruction  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will  
be a garland to grace your head ...”* (Prov. 1:8, 9)

## **The Pastor And His Wife Feel Loved**

My wife and I have reached a point in our lives where children, grandchildren and great grandchildren sometimes request that we attend births, graduations, plays, musicals and other such things. We SO want to be involved in their special times but distance is always a factor. So many of these things happen on weekends, so

most often we can't attend.

However, I requested this year that the church grant me some "personal days" (i.e., personal Sundays) if an event comes up we would dearly like to attend. The most urgent one currently is the upcoming birth of another grandchild.

The membership last Sunday voted to grant us 3 personal Sundays per year and, in case of an emergency, even more.

Can you, my congregation, imagine how wonderful this makes us feel? We are so grateful for your loving decision!

God has truly blessed us through each of you who are so generous to us. May God shower down blessings to you and yours for your Christian love!  
- Rex and Sharon

### **May 3<sup>rd</sup> Membership Meeting**

- Mark Cain began with devotions from Phil 2:12-16 where Paul instructs everything is to be done w/o arguing or complaining. We are to "shine like stars" in darkness.
- Kathy Kostyo read minutes of last membership. Approved.
- Treasurer's report given & accepted. Total liquid assets, 12k.
- Doris Schuld retired as treasurer after serving for 15 years. She received a energetic round of applause! This position remains open for the time being. Budget updated & accepted.
- Doris Schuld was selected to serve as a deaconess. Pam Weaver has stepped out of the position for this year.
- Discussed 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and approved all suggestions for payments to guests and expenses anticipated.
- Pastor's report given: reviewed events of past year and reflected on our ministry at this point in our lives.
- Trustees report – insulation to be put in attic, block glass windows to be installed at parsonage last week / gravel spread on parsonage driveway last week / utilities reduced by using special plan / discussed Deacon's fund for needy.
- Voted to give pastor at least 3 personal Sundays per year (see above).
- Voted to increase by 100% the amount we pay our web master per year.
- Mark Cain was voted as statutory agent for the church. Stated briefly, this agent is responsible for receiving important legal and tax documents on behalf of the business.

**POTTED FLOWERS** for the ladies of the church for Mother's Day are

available, compliments of Frank Roper. Pick them up in the entryway as you leave. Happy Mother's Day!

**BILL & MARION BURNHAM** celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary last Sunday. They used to attend Golden Rule church here in Cleveland but now reside in GA. They attend our Cornerstone Church in McDonough GA. Our congratulations!

**MEMORIAL FOR ERNEST GRAHAM:** I wanted to notify you that we have chosen to have a memorial service for our Dad, Ernest Graham. It will be June 13 at 11am. at the Oregon IL Church of God. All are invited. We are still working out the details but it appears Joe Myers will be officiating. I am in the process of moving from Florida to the DC area so am quite busy, but will provide information as I get it.  
– A daughter, Liz Long, 5-5-09

**Note: Brother Graham fell asleep in Christ Feb. 26, '09 at age 89. He pastored for 30 years in the Church of God. - Rex**

**IF YOU ARE WILLING** to keep guest for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, please let Marge Reed or Kathy Kostyo know.

**FRANK ROPER** has been tending the "Memorial Garden" (in memory of Dick Richter) in front of the church getting it ready to look beautiful this summer. Thanks, Frank!

**#8 LIMESTONE** was spread on the parsonage driveway this past week – trying to level the driveway from a couple years ago when a water line from the street was installed in the drive causing the ground to sink. Big improvement.

**THE TRUSTEES** had glass block windows installed in the basement windows of the parsonage this past week. This will be a significant improvement in insulating the house and improving, we trust, the heating costs. Thanks!!

**PRAY FOR:** Donna Sabat (tests), Annabelle May, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan May, Jacob Hinton, Kris Fiocca (by SBurnham), Lucinda (by ASzekely),,, Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Josh Eberly (by SMay), David Krogh, Pastors Earl Poland, Ed Goit, Alva Huffer, Don Ward & Leon Driskill; Ken Cramer, 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 stu-**

**dents:** 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

### **MAY 2009**

10 Mother's Day  
31 Fellowship Carry-in Dinner

### **JUNE 2009**

1-5 Christian Worker's Seminar / Black Mountain NC  
21-25 SUMMIT / Ohio State Camp / St Paris, OH

**Future Dates:** Jul 8-10 G.C. in Oregon IL / Jul 19-24 National Youth Camp, Manches-ter College (IN)

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

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

Musicians: Sharon and Mark Cain  
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer  
Worship Hymns: Mark Cain  
529 A Virtuous Woman  
527 A Christian Home  
Prayer / Offering  
Message: Mother's Build Cathedrals  
Key Verses: Gen 3:20; Ex 2:1-4; 1 Sam 1:24-28;  
2 Tim 1:1-5  
522 Happy The Home When God Is There

