



Church of the Open Bible

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Basking In The Afterglow



Now we must begin working on the next 50 years! But it's hard to forget the highlights of last weekend. Seventy-five people packed into our limited space and were inspired by Cheatwood's lesson, Bolhous' challenging sermon and Ramsey's rapturous concert! It will take a long while for these sweet memories to fade.

Our thanks to EVERYONE involved in making this weekend special. The ladies did a great job of providing food – I heard many compliments. Pam & Rachel Weaver decorated the church in a golden 50th anniversary theme complimented by red – even helium gold & red balloons decorated inside and outside. Pam also did a wonderful PowerPoint that took us down memory lane and captured the attention of everyone. Thanks for the hours it took to put that together!

Fred Schuld, Arlene Szekely & Kathy Kostyo put together a very nice 5-page history of our church. We got 17 pages of e-mail greetings!

We dedicated the organ to the glory of God in Roby Korode's memory. Frank donated the organ to our church.

Everyone got a gold memento pen engraved for the occasion. Dale Ramsey brought music that provided two musical "specials" for Sunday morning.

Counting the emails, memory letters, visitors & guests, I guesstimate we had near 200 touch base with us for our anniversary. We were indeed blessed with people who came from far and near to help us celebrate and to renew old acquaintances.

Our thanks to Lawrenceville and North Hills for bouquets, to Pleasant Hill and Brushcreek for making donations to Gideon's International in honor of our anniversary.

WELCOME GUILLES'!

Neil and Karen Guiles plan to be with us this morning from East Lans-

ing MI. They are Sharon's brother and sister-in-law.

REX AND SHARON were completely taken by surprise last Sunday when Rachel Seymour presented us with a card filled with very kind and loving words from the congregation plus gift cards to Bob Evans. THANKS so very much! We love you too!

NEXT SUNDAY (27th)

MILDRED DENNIS HERE!

HERE'S A "TEASER" FOR HER MESSAGE:

"A conundrum!"

(Kind of a high dollar word for riddle.)

What has value immeasurable, but can't be bought at any up-scaled emporium or the garage sale down the street or any place in-between?

All of us are searching for it, only to find it's Not For Sale. The answer awaits you at The Church of the Open Bible, Sunday, September 27."
- Peace, Millie Dennis

MILDRED DENNIS (above) grew up Church of God, attended a short while at OBC and loves our truths. She wrote the book, "It's Gonna Be OK." Her great-grandfather, Christian Murphy, built the Salem Church of God in Illinois where she first attended and learned the basics of our faith. We are looking forward to your visit!

Our Sympathy



EAST PEORIA—**James Leon Driskill**, 79, of East Peoria died at 2:44 AM on Friday, September 11, 2009 at ManorCare in Peoria, IL. Born on December 16, 1929 in Cross Timbers, MO, to Howard and Opal Palmer Driskill, he married Deloris Lewis on July 2, 1950 in Oregon, IL; she survives. Also surviving are 3 children, Terri Emmett of Morton, IL, Lonnie (Linda)

Driskill of East Peoria, and Tim (Julie) Driskill of St. Paris, OH. Leon was a lifelong Abrahamic Faith minister with several area churches, and was a member of the East Peoria Community Church of God. Graveside services were held at 10AM on Monday, September 14 at Daysville Cemetery in Daysville, IL (near Oregon IL). [He was a faithful Christian man and a close friend / Rex]

Dear Brethren, It was an incredible weekend. I thoroughly enjoyed everything that happened. The get together Saturday night was great

and so were the morning service, dinner, and dedication of the organ. Thanks so much for inviting me. I am glad I could be there. Everything was well planned and executed superbly. Steve's message on Sunday morning was great and I enjoyed being a part of the special music. That was really fun. Dale's organ music Sunday afternoon was a special treat.

I appreciate the work you are doing at the church; your church is performing a very valuable ministry. – David Krogh, 9-16-09

REBECCA SCHROTH has been transferred to Southwest General Hospital for therapy. This is very good news following her brain aneurysm surgery on Sept. 3rd. Keep her and the family in prayer.

New Church, “Family Bible Church”

We'll have our first service as Family Bible Church of God, of the Abrahamic Faith, this Sunday, Sept. 13th. We're renting a funeral chapel, which should serve our Sunday morning needs quite well.

We're a small group, but we're anxious to be obedient, to serve God, to be a witness of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus.

We'd love it if you'd pray for our new church, asking God to grant us wisdom as we seek to be the church he wants us to be.

- John Railton / Seen on cogpastors, 9-10-09

A SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF MEETING today after church.

MORE AFTERGLOW: I was thinking about Sat. evening with food, fellowship and pictures. It was fun, as people milled about, that Ramsey had two groups practicing music for Sunday & after they finished, David Swartz spontaneously goes to the piano and Mark Cain grabs his guitar and they entertain us with very lively gospel music! It was a great evening. It was just like a big family party – God's family, God's party!

THE PARSONAGE'S rear stone steps were dangerous, so the trustees had them removed last Monday and new wood steps installed.

PRAY FOR: The Driskill family, Rebecca Schroth, Skip Reed, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, Karel (Michal Sittek's g-father), INS inspection approval of ABC campuses, Ralph Childs, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan May, Lucinda (by ASzekely), Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Pastor Don Ward, Ken Cramer, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine)

Bradley, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Kathy Reed+3 children, Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Carol Reed, Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, **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

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 20 Sunday School staff meeting
- 27 Mildred Dennis, guest speaker

America 1935 - 1939

"You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.

What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is the beginning of the end of any nation.

You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

Adrian Pierce Rogers (September 12, 1931 – November 15, 2005), was an American pastor, conservative, author, and a three-term president of the Southern Baptist Convention (1979-1980 and 1986-1988).

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

Musicians: Sharon and Mark Cain
Welcome / Announcements / Prayer
Worship Hymns: Mark Cain
344 I Love to Tell the Story
336 Make Me A Blessing
Prayer / Offering

“Lamb of God” by Mark Cain (Irish whistle)
Message: Not All Seeds Will Flourish
Key Text: Matthew 13
“Bringing In The Sheaves” (Printed in bulletin)

