

Church of the Open Bible



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MILDRED DENNIS IS HERE!

HERE'S A "TEASER" FOR HER MESSAGE, "NOT FOR SALE"

"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 began, using a portable gift typewriter (remember those?), to write literary sketches about family, her three children, her high school friends, her love of nature and her relationship with the Lord. Her latest book tells her life story of her growing up years on the Oklahoma oil leases.

She wrote a column for Ohio and Illinois newspapers for 25 years entitled "Just Wondering" which became an award winning weekly column.

She wrote for several years the children's page in our Restitution Herald.

She has written three books of meditations and numerous magazine articles. "*On Wings Rising*" tells the story of her husband, James' massive stroke in 1987, and the recovery struggle. This appeared in *The Lookout* magazine in 1992.

"*It's Gonna Be O.K.*" explores the gamut of her experiences as a spunky little girl through turbulent teenage years, and finally emerging as a young woman, while living on the Oklahoma oil leases during the 1930's and '40's. It's an adventure of joys and tears shared by all those gritty people who lived in the camps.

Her great-grandfather, Christian Murphy, built the Salem Church of God in Illinois where she first attended and learned the basics of our faith. She has clung to and grown in that faith through the years.

She has retired from 39 years of teaching and now enjoys traveling, swimming, crocheting, all of outdoors, old-time gospel singing, reading and being with family. Her message today is entitled, "**NOT FOR SALE.**"

**A Framed Certificate Presented by Vickie Brewer at
Our Church's 50th Anniversary, 9-13-09, reads like this...**

***The Northeast Conference
Commends and Honors
The Membership of the
BEDFORD CHURCH OF GOD
For 50 Years of Faithfulness and
Commitment to the
Gospel Message of the
Coming Kingdom of God
Upon this earth at
Christ's Soon Return
Kent Ross, President***

Dear Pastor Rex and all of the Saints at Bedford:

It is with a great sense honor and love that we write to you and congratulate you on the 50th anniversary of the Church of the Open Bible in Bedford. We here convey our respect for your community of faith and its stand for the truth. You have been an example to many and we appreciate you for it. We are very thankful that God has brought you thus far and we know that he will continue to hold you and bless to the day of the Lord. - With our very highest regards, Pastor J. Dan Gill, Higher Ground Church, White House, TN.

NOTE: Dan Gill is a former pastor of a church in Nashville, TN. His son-in-law is now pastoring the church. Though this church is not a part of the General Conference, Dan believes the same truths as the Church of God. He has been a speaker for a number of years at our annual Theological Conference and he also has spoken at some of our churches and state conferences. His wife's name is Sharon. He gets our emails. / Rex

MARY ELLEN JONES, after many years coordinating our S.S. meetings has chosen to step aside and let a younger person lead. **RA-
CHEL WEAVER SEYMOUR** has graciously accepted that post and

will begin next January. Our **THANKS** to **Mary Ellen** for **MANY** long years of faithfulness! And, **Rachel** thanks for being willing to fill the vacancy and encourage us for the future!



PHIL & SUSAN MAY had a private (with relatives) marriage vow renewal service last Friday here at church – their 10th anniversary. We wish you decades more of setting a great example of Christian marriage!

KEEP PRAYING for the INS approval of our college campuses! Gary Burnham wrote: *“September 18th, was the date by which we anticipating hearing back from INS. Please ask your church families again this weekend to offer special prayer for the INS to act quickly to approve the new McDonough campus as a location for teaching international students. This action will allow all English speaking classes to be taught in McDonough. It will also allow the filing of an application for moving the Morrow campus to Duluth. While that application is pending, all Korean language classes can be taught in Duluth. Your prayers and the prayers of your church folks are greatly appreciated.”*

OUR THANKS to Frank Roper who has been in contact with our gas supplier and has locked in our rates thru Dec. '09 at \$5.99 per mcf, and for the year of 2010 at \$7.60 per mcf unless the price goes down and then we can get the lower rate. This plus our new insulation we hope will make a big difference in our heating bills.

Your 9-20 Sunday School Staff Meeting:

- Pam reported we had a treasury balance of \$1344.11.
- Discussed matters regarding SS picnics.
- Appreciation was expressed for our 50th anniversary speakers and everyone involved in making it a success.
- Discussed the 3 anniversaries of the NE Conf. churches we've had this year.
- Decided to cancel Rally Day this year.
- Will return to having Coins for Camp in Oct. because of young people again reaching the age to attend camps. Two went this summer.
- To emphasize giving of food for the needy during Thanksgiving season.
- Agape revelation party to be held 12-6 at church this year.
- Emerald Ridge of Solon Christmas program to be held Sunday afternoon 12-13.
- Christmas theme & dinner to be 12-20 at church.
- Mary Ellen Jones wanted to step aside as chairperson / Rachel Seymour has volunteered to accept this position.

- Mark Cain closed in prayer / Next meeting set for 1-10-'10.

PRAY FOR: The Driskill family, Rebecca Schroth, Skip Reed, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, Karel (Michal Sitték'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

27 Mildred Dennis, guest speaker

OCTOBER 2009 (Coins For Camp month)

04 Communion by Elder Steve Weaver

9-11 Fall Youth Retreat by Andrew Weaver / Higher Ground, St. Paris OH

11 Guest speaker / NE Conference + Minister's Conference / Lawrenceville

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

Musicians: Doris Schuld and Frank Roper

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

192 At Calvary

382 Amazing Grace

Prayer / Offering

Message: "Not For Sale" (Mildred Dennis)

Key Text: 2 Cor. 12:7-10

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currently on our outdoor sign
Amazing Grace Leads TO Amazing Living
If You Cannot Be A Star Be A Lamp