

The Echo

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“The Family Crisis in America”

Joshua 24:14-24

During the month of May, Americans celebrate Mother’s Day. We can’t afford to be too sentimental because families in our society are under attack. The family of “Little House on the Prairie” has changed into the family of Roseanne. Marriages disintegrate, school violence makes the headlines regularly, sexually transmitted diseases run rampant, and all society suffers.



Joshua speaks to Israel, poised to enter the Promised Land. He recognizes the temptations that will face families in Canaan, clearly labeling the problem as other gods. Our family crisis in America also traces to other gods: the gods of materialism, pleasure-seeking, and secularism. The world appeals to our desires. The true God and His Word fade into the background. As a result, family sins multiply.

Joshua also presents a solution; “But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15) Trusting in God’s promise of salvation through the Messiah, Joshua pledges obedience to God’s commands. Aware of his own sin and the people’s likely failure, he continues to trust God.

We face the family crisis by relying on God’s mercy. He sent His Son, born in a family, to live and die for us in full payment for our family sins. We regularly feed

on God’s Word and sacraments so He can build our trust in Him. Trusting His promises, we then recognize the family crisis for what it is, restore biblical authority at home, and live in daily forgiveness with all of God’s family. Along with Joshua we boldly assert: “We will serve the Lord.”

Prayer: Gracious Father, as you have bound us to Your family through the death and resurrection of your Son, so bind us to our family in faithful service and obedience. Amen.



Spring Council Meeting

**Will be held
Sunday, May 18**

**Immediately following the
Worship Service**

Lick Creek women and guests gather to share their sunshine

Pictured right are those who helped make the event a success: Sherrie Herman, Marge Keck, Dorothy Vogel song, Sherrie Newman and Pastor Dr. Nancy Berkhesier.



Sherry Newman demonstrated filling and frosting a four-layer cake.



Gloria Hohenberger and Linda Shambarger helped those attending to make greeting cards.

Pictured above are guests enjoying a brunch before the events. Guest speaker Dorothy Vogel song is pictured right as she provided an uplifting message.





Anniversary and Birthday listings may be unintentionally incomplete. If you are aware of an omission, please notify the office. Thank you.

May 4 - Karleigh Ebert

9 - Roberta Dell

10 - Ryan Boyer

14 - Linda Shambarger

17 - Sherry Newman

24 - Robert Harding

27 - Jim Masten

29 - Lori Bolton Sell

30 - Mary Beth Burton

31 - Gloria Hohenberger



REMEMBER
TO PRAY FOR...

Remember our nursing home residents and others who have difficulty getting around:

- ♥ Billie Kornrumpf at Genesis Health Care Center Room 406.
- ♥ Clarence Shearer at The Riesen Center at Fountain Park, Room 222 in Bryan.
- ♥ Betty Kyser at Hillside Country Living Room 608 Ivy Lane.
- ♥ Hazel Robinson at Hillside Country Assisted Living.
- ♥ Joan Leslie is at Genesis Health Care Center.
- ♥ Gloria Hurd is recovering from knee surgery at home.
- ♥ Betty Troder is recovering at home.

“A God Moment”

I’ve had so many “God Moments” in my life that to come up with one to write about took some serious thought.

My “God Moment” was a rainbow! Let me explain.

On Labor Day of 2012, the call came from the hospital, Max was slipping away. My sister and I got around and headed to Fort Wayne. That was day 88 that Max had been in the hospital after his fall. When I walked into the room the family was all there . . . our kids, the grandkids, his sisters and it really didn’t hit me until I saw the cart of food and drinks setting in the room . . . this is it. (They had done this at the hospital when mom died). When our oldest granddaughter got there, Shannon told him, “Dad we are all here with you Dad” and named off all the names to him. Within a half hour he slowly drew his last breath . . . slowly and peacefully he slipped away.

Our friends, the Hohenbergers and Ziglers, as well as Pastor Eric and Sherri arrived shortly after he passed away. As Max lay at rest in that room, he was surrounded by so much love. Love of not only his family but also by the love of his friends and his church family. He was not alone and I knew that I would never be alone. My support was there with me too, that day.

After a few hours, my sister and I finally headed home . . . quiet . . . with deep sorrow in our hearts. Just as we drove out of Hicksville, right in front of us was the biggest, most beautiful rainbow that I had ever seen. In all my pain, I had to smile. That was a “God Moment”. Seeing that rainbow immediately brought a sense of peace inside me that I had never felt before. A sense of peace that everything would be alright. The message was that Max was okay now, no more suffering for him and no more of me having to watch him suffer. That rainbow reminded us of God’s promises, lifted the heaviness from my heart, and helped to prepare me for the days ahead.

-Loretta Musser



May 24 - Marshall & Joan Leslie

26 - Ed & Marge Keck

31 - Paul & Betty Troder

Members gave high praise to various special events during the April 7 meeting of the Lick Creek Church of the Brethren Leadership Team

Another major event will be the Spring Council meeting to be held May 18.

The Men's Pancake Supper was a big success, attracting a large crowd as well as donations. It was noted that \$934.90 was raised as a result of the supper. Half of the profits were forwarded to the Compassion Clinic while the remainder went to purchase a new freezer for the church. There were suggestions that a soup supper be held in the fall.

It was noted that the special Lent Service held March 5 was well attended. Dr. Nancy Berkheiser said she was preparing for the Palm and Easter services. She also has been making phone contacts to various church members and friends.

Another event recently held was a Spring Women's Group meeting held April 3 with some 30 women in attendance. Director of Evangelism Sherry Newman said those in attendance enjoyed a brunch and heard an inspirational speaker. There also were demonstrations on cake decorating and card making.

The Spring Council meeting will be held May 18. Annual reports will be provided by the various church groups while there will be a calling to fill various church offices.

In other business, it was agreed to allow a group of youth from Lancaster, Pa., to spend the night at the church in July. Some 35 to 50 kids are to stay at the church on their way to the Church of the Brethren Youth National Conference.

Deacon Chair Glenn Shearer said the group was preparing for love feast. The prayer chain was updated and the group is looking into updating visitor cards.

Director of Worship Gloria Hohenberger said the Lenten readings continued. There was discussion on how to encourage those attending worship services to quiet their minds at the start of the service.

Director of Education Jan Masten was absent but submitted a written report noting the Primary Sunday School class had begun April 6. Activities were planned for Easter by Sherrie Herman.

Director of Special Events Cindi Zigler was also absent but provided a written report. Upcoming events include Mother's Day celebration on May 11 and 2 Cent Collection on May 18. Graduation recognition will be held June 1 if there are any students to be recognized. Children's Sunday will be June 8. Father's Day and the Fireworks Party will be held June 15.

Director of Church Property Bernie Schliesser said an

outside work day was scheduled along with an exterminator hired to spray in and around the church. The custodian recently resigned and a replacement was being sought. Shelves were being built and installed upstairs. He noted a broken drain in front of the church needed to be repaired with cost estimated at \$125.00.

A report was received by Jim Masten who replaced the cordless microphone used by Dr. Nancy with a fit-to-face microphone. He also reported that the color laser printer used by the church secretary was replaced with a new office jet printer.

The next meeting will be held May 5.

Submitted by Linda Shambarger,
Church Clerk

Chuckles

- The quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.
- God has given me a cause to laugh; said mother Sarah at age 90.

"The Abundant Table"

Cheese Dip



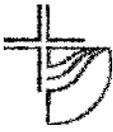
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 2 c. grated cheddar (or jalapeno jack) cheese
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- Chopped green onions

Place ingredients in 9" square pan and microwave on high for 2 minutes or until melted enough to stir together. Then bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve with wheat thins or scoops chips.

-Gloria Hohenberger

Statistics

	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30
Adult Sunday School	n/a	15	15	13	n/a
Brethren Traditions	n/a	36	33	41	35
Tithes & Offering	n/a	\$2588.00	\$957.50	\$1383.28	n/a
Special Offering		\$210.00	\$427.00	\$9.78	n/a



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Return Service Requested



Worship Schedule

9:15 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Worship



Coming Events

- May 5 Leadership Team Meeting,
6:30pm
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 12 Worship Committee Meeting,
6:30pm
- May 18 Council Meeting
- May 18 2 Cent Collection



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