

# Amwell Echoes

REACHING OUT WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION SO OTHERS MAY KNOW CHRIST

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## From The Pastor's Pen . . .

by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor at  
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### *The Promise of Resurrection*

Its really amazing to recount the prophecies in the old testament surrounding the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ Here are but a few and where in the New Testament that prophecy was fulfilled:

- 1) He would be cursed in a tree (the cross): Deut 21:23 Gal 3:13
- 2) He would feel forsaken by God: Ps 22:1 Matt 27:46
- 3) He would be mocked and insulted: PS 22:7,8 Matt 27:39-43
- 4) He would be thirsty: PS 22:15 John 19:28
- 5) Soldiers would cast lots for His cloak: Ps 11:18 Matt 27:35
- 6) His hands and feet would be pierced: Ps 22:16 Matt 27:31,35,36
- 7) He would be accused by false witnesses: PS 27:12 Matt 26:60,61
- 8) None of His bones would be broken: Ps 34:20 Matt 5:44
- 9) He would be crucified with transgressors (criminals) Isa 55:12 Luke 22:37
- 10) He would pray for His enemies: Ps 109:4 Matt 5:44
- 11) He would suffer and bleed and die for us: Isa 53:7 John 1:29,36
- 12) He would be resurrected!: Ps 16:8-10 Acts 2:27; 13:35

I remember a book titled Science Speaks by Peter Stoner who was chairman of the Department of Math and Science at a California College.

In the book, Stoner said the probability of just eight prophecies being fulfilled was 1 in  $10^{28}$  a number written out as 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. It is improbable that all of these prophecies could be true about one man!

Praise the Lord! Our God defies the improbable and accomplishes the impossible!

Only our God could take the despair and agony of the cross and transform it to a symbol of love and forgiveness.

## BLANCHE'S CORNER....by BLANCHE CARL

John Naas was instrumental in bringing the German Baptists to the New World and to the East Coast. Their journey was treacherous and not without sickness, sorrow and death. Here is a copy of a letter he wrote to his son back in Germany, detailing the sea voyage.

Letter of John Naas to His Son Jacob Wilhelm Naas

(Who was living in Switzerland)

. Germantown the 17th of October 1733.

Continued from Last Issue:

For, it does not rue us to have come here, and I wish with all my heart that you and your children could be with us; however, it cannot be and I must not urge you as the journey is so troublesome for people who are not able to patiently submit to everything, but often in the best there are restless minds, but if I could with the good will of God do for you children all, I assure you that I would not hesitate to take the trip once more upon me for your sake; not because one gets one's living in this land in idleness! Oh! no; this country requires diligent people, in whatever trade they may be -but then they can make a good living. There are, however, many people here, who are not particularly successful; as it seems that if some people were in Paradise it would go badly with them. Some are to be blamed for it themselves: for when they come to this country and see the beautiful plantations; the number of fine cattle; and abundance in everything; and knowing that they only just have come here too, then they want to have it like that at once and will not listen to any advice but take large tracts of land with debts, borrow cattle and so forth. These must toil miserably until they get independent. Well, what shall I say, so it is in the world, where always one is better off than the other. If person wants to be contented here with food and shelter, he can under the blessing of God and with diligent hands get plenty of it. Our people are all well off; but some have more abundance than others, yet nobody is in want. What I heard concerning the people who do not have the money for the passage surprised me greatly, how it goes with *the* young, strong people and artisans, how quickly all were gone, bricklayers, carpenters, and whatever trade they might have. Also old people who have grown children and who understand nothing but farm labour, there the child takes two "freights" (fare for two) upon itself, its own and that of the father or of the mother for 4 years, and during that time it has all the clothing that is needed and in the end **an** entirely new outfit from head to foot, a horse or a cow with the calf. Small children often pay one freight and a half until they are 21 years old. The people are obliged to have them taught writing and reading and in the end give **them** new clothes and present them with a horse or a cow.

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## American Women Detained For Distributing Bibles

(BP) -- A 72-year-old Southern Baptist from Myrtle Beach, S.C., has been detained for distributing Bibles in the United Arab Emirates. Vivian Gilmer, a grandmother and member of First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, S.C., was on a mission trip with the Tom Cox Evangelistic Association in the Middle East country when she was charged with illegal activity by government authorities Feb. 21, according to the Myrtle Beach Sun News.

Another American, Marie Bush of Waxahachie, Texas, also is being held in Dubai.

The women are prohibited from leaving the country but are expected to be released sometime this week, Bruce Crawford, pastor of First Baptist, told Baptist Press.

In the United Arab Emirates distributing Bibles is legal as long as tracts or other evangelistic material are not distributed with the Bibles, Crawford said.

"They are doing well," he said. "They are in good spirits. They were on a mission trip to India, and they extended their trip and went on to the United Arab Emirates where they were handing out Bibles and were then detained."

They are both prohibited from leaving the country pending a hearing in a higher court.

While in custody, Gilmer has demonstrated faithfulness to Christ and continued to proclaim the truth of Scripture, the pastor said.

"She is a very strong, godly woman. Through this whole ordeal, she has demonstrated character. She's been a source of strength for the other woman [Bush] ... God has used her ... in a tremendous way," Crawford said.

"This may have caught us by surprise, but not God. God has His reasons for her being detained, and God's using her. I'm hoping and praying that through her witness the believers in that area will be strengthened and encouraged."

"Those who are committed to go and to fulfill the Great Commission I don't think will hesitate to continue to do that. I think we need to be careful, listen to our guides, make certain we know what's legal ... and try to stay within the boundaries ..." he said.

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### THE PERSONAL TOUCH

*Read Mark 5:19*

*If you have any news to share....your joys and your tears...if you have a change of address or you wish announce a change in email or phones numbers, let us know! We can print them in the newsletter and inform the congregation easily!*

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*Please be mindful of our FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP! Children from age 5 to late teens are encouraged to spend an evening in Christian fellowship and fun! If you can lend a hand, see Pastor Bob!*

**A timid fellow fell in love with a young lady, and he proposed to her by mail. She rejected him. He wrote her a hundred times, and she rejected him a hundred times. But he finally got married - to the girl who sold him the stationery.**

**You can't beat that personal touch.**

**To win the unreached, the unchurched and the unsaved, believers must follow the example of our Lord. He mixed with the multitudes, and ate with publicans and sinners, but never partook of their sins.**

**To each one of His followers comes the command, "Go.. .to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you."**

**Prayer: Help us, Father, by lip and by life to draw others to Thee. Keep us, we pray Thee, from driving others away from Thee. Make our lives wholesome and winsome: in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

# FAVORITE RECIPES FROM Christian Chefs Fellowship

## Portobello Mushroom & Onion w/greens & parmigiano-reggiano mayo



### Ingredients

2 Tbs olive oil

6 medium sized Portobello mushroom, stemmed and halved.

3 onions ( the sweet Vidalia ones are really good)

1 pkg foccacia bread.

2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced

1 yellow pepper, thinly sliced

2 cups greens

Sauté mushrooms and onions in oil over medium heat 5-6 min or until tender- or cook on the bar-be-que. Cut bread into 6 rectangular pieces and cut each piece in half to make a sandwich. Spread top and bottom slices with mayonnaise. Top bottom pieces with greens, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes and pepper. Season to taste. Top with top slice of bread press down gently and cut in half. Makes 6 sandwiches:

### Mayonnaise

Mix Together:

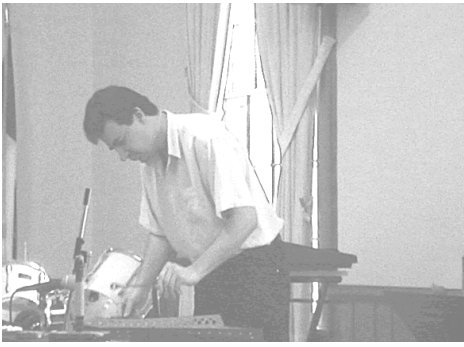
3/4 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese (or use Parmesan)

3/4 cup light mayonnaise

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil

2 crushed garlic cloves

salt and pepper to taste



## *Have you met Scott Affleck ...*

Scott Affleck doesn't always make his presence known. He is kind of quiet and unassuming. Scott is the type of guy who doesn't call attention to himself. Yet when needed he is ready, willing and able to lend a hand or two. Scott was born and raised in Stockton; in fact he has lived there all of his life. He is the son of Chris and Grace Affleck and has two brothers, Steven and Allen. He graduated from Hunterdon Central and attended Bucks County College studying art. He works nights at a local bakery. These work hours are convenient; it gives Scott a lot of time to pursue painting.

Scott has a passion for the arts ... painting and music, especially classical. He has a strong desire to reach people through his painting, especially non-christian artists. Scott has even voiced an urge to study painting in Norway with someone he considers a master of modern day art. His vision to use art to minister to unbelievers is just one branch of Scott's artistic gift.

Scott came to know The Lord as his Saviour as a teenager. He fondly remembers Pastor Landis leading him in this decision. Here at Amwell Scott is involved in the music ministry ... he has played various instruments and has arranged special pieces for the church instrumental section. Scott also assists with ushering duties. He is always willing to go where needed.

Scott often mediates on the Lord through the works of classical composers. One of his favorite pieces is Bach's "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring." Amwell is blessed to have such a talented visionary in our congregation. The Holy Spirit speaks to different people in different ways and fortunately Scott is tuned to The Lord.



**MUSIC MINISTRY GROWING ...and LOOKING FOR  
YOU!!!!**

2005 looks to be a year of more growth and change in our Music Ministry. Lauren Frankevich took charge a few years ago and hasn't looked back! She continues to work with the talent of our congregation to broaden our approach to honoring The Lord in song. Lauren aspires to have special and inspirational music at each Sunday's service. We have been blessed beyond measure with the offerings of Tim and Chris DiSalvio, Scott Affleck, Tanya Drake, Dorothy Kamaras, Tiffany Mazeika, Stacia and David Palmer, Bertha Umstead and a host of others. If you have a special song to share, please do. You have a unique place in our Church family. Music is a wonderful way to Praise the Lord and we read: [2 Chronicles 5:13](#)

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever  
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Lauren is looking for anyone who feels the Spirit's call in this special line of service. She is more than happy to speak with you about YOUR role in a truly wonderful ministry in Praising the Lord.

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**PLEASE SHARE!**

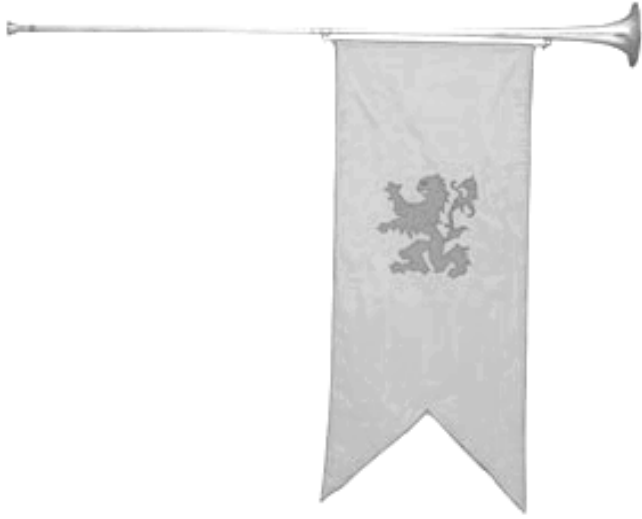


Our web site recently celebrated its 12,900 web visit. Our web site not only has the weekly sermons preserved, but there are plenty of pictures of our changing and growing congregation! This is a great and easy way to show off YOUR children to grandparents, uncles and aunts and family friends!  
[www.amwell.org](http://www.amwell.org)

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Please support our church's effort to aid the FLEMINGTON FOOD PANTRY. They are in desperate need of non-perishable household staples. See any Busy Bee with your contribution.

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**DON'T FORGET OUR CHILD OF COMPASSION HELEN**

YOUR DONATIONS WILL ALLOW THIS CHILD TO BE THE CONTINUING RECIPIENT OF QUALITY MEDICAL CARE AND THE SUPPLIES SHE NEEDS TO GROW HEALTHY AND STRONG IN THE LORD.



## Announcing ...

There is always a spot open for YOU at Friday Night Youth. See Pastor, Susie, or Tanya for details.

Tuesday is Hagedorn Visitation. See Pastor or Ann Parks if you have a desire to aid in this ministry.

**THIS THAT AND THE OTHER THING** rummage sale is April's Busy Bee project. See Barbara Waldron for dates and times. Please donate GOOD used items and come find a bargain. Trash? Treasure? It is all for a great cause.

Roll up your sleeves and bring a strong back to the Trustee's Work Day. Be at church bright and early on April 2nd. See Joe for your work assignment!

There is space in the choir for you!

The Women's Banquet is Saturday April 30th at 5 PM. Please sign up now! Ticket prices are \$10.00. See Steve or Jean. Last day to sign up is Sunday April 24th.

## April, 2005

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Friday Evenings
- Wednesday Bible Study @ 7 PM
- 2nd Work day at Amwell 8 AM start. Come out and help
- 4th COS @ 7 PM in annex
- 7th Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex
- 12th Trustee Meeting @ 6:45 PM in the Annex
- 17th Mission Sunday Scheduled
- 21st Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM



## May, 2005

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Friday Evenings. Check with PB or Susie.
- 2nd COS @ 7 PM in the Annex
- 5th Busy Bees @ 7:30 in the annex
- 10th Trustee Meeting in the annex @ 6:45 PM
- 15th Mission Sunday Scheduled
- 19th Thursday Noon Group @ 11AM



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Only our God could take man's greatest fear of death and by the Resurrection of Jesus

Christ demonstrates that death is not the end death is nothing to fear death is not the last step of life death and the grave have been conquered by Jesus Christ!

Some find these words improbable ... even impossible. However the same God who fulfilled the many prophecies of the Old Testament in Christ is the same God who promises anyone who receives Christ as Lord and Saviour will have eternal life in heaven with him.

I really believe this truth:

Jesus said "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die!"

This is the Promise of Resurrection.

***Pastor Bob DiSalvio***



Deadline for the Women's Banquet Ticket Purchase is April 24. Ten dollars for adults and five dollars for children under 8. Please see Steve or Jean ASAP

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[www.amwell.org](http://www.amwell.org)

**The Church of the Brethren  
Website:**

[www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)

**We also broadcast sermons on:**

WDVR 89.7  
Each Sunday at 7:30 A.M.

We encourage your listening of  
the Ravi Zacharias  
radio programs:

**"Let My People Think"**

and

**"Adventures in Odyssey "**

# OBSCURE COMMERCIAL HOLIDAYS

## APRIL

## MAY

National Humor Month

International Guitar Month

Keep America Beautiful Month

Lawn and Garden Month

Poetry Month

National Welding Month

1 [April Fool's Day](#)

2 Children's Book Day

National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

3 Don't Go to Work unless it's Fun Day

4 Hug a Newsman Day

5 Fun at Work Day

6 Plan Your Epitaph Day -

7 Caramel Popcorn & No Housework Day

8 All is Ours Day

9 Name Yourself Day

10 [Golfer's Day](#) National Siblings Day

11 Eight Track Tape Day

12 Big Wind Day

13 Blame Somebody Else Day

14 National Pecan Day

15 [Rubber Eraser Day](#)

16 [Astronomy Day](#)

17 National Cheeseball & Stress Awareness Day

18 International Juggler's Day

19 National Garlic Day

20 Volunteer Recognition Day

21 Kindergarten Day

22 National Jelly Bean Day

23 Take a Chance Day

24 Pig in a Blanket Day

25 National Zucchini Bread Day -

26 Hug an Australian Day

27 [Executive Admin's Day](#)

28 Great Poetry Reading Day

29 Greenery Day Moment of Laughter Day

30 National Honesty Day

National Barbecue Month National Bike

Month National Blood Pressure Month

National Hamburger Month National

Photograph Month National

Recommitment Month National Salad Month

1 Mother Goose Day

2 Baby Day Brothers and Sisters Day

3 National Day of Prayer [National Teachers Day](#)

4 Renewal Day

5 [Cinco de Mayo](#) National Hoagie Day

6 Beverage Day

7 International Tuba Day

8 International Migratory Bird day

9 Lost Sock Memorial Day

10 Clean up Your Room Day

11 Eat What You Want Day

12 Fatigue Syndrome Day [Limerick Day](#)

13 [Leprechaun Day](#)

14 Dance Like a Chicken Day

15 Hug Your Cat Day Police Memorial Day

16 Love a Tree Day

17 Armed Forces Day

18 International Museum Day

19 Boy's Club Day

20 Good Neighbor Day

21 [Armed Forces Day](#)

22 Buy a Musical Instrument Day

23 International Jazz Day

24 National Escargot Day

25 Missing Children's Day Tap Dance Day

26 Sally Ride Day

27

28 Amnesty International Day

29 JFK Day

30 Water a Flower Day

31 National Macron Day

## **Money Saving Ideas and Hints**

Suggestions and Submissions are requested!

Taken from Ron & Debbie's Misc. Penny Pinchin ' Ideas Page

### **Cars**

Avoid buying a brand new car. In addition to the higher price you will also pay higher insurance, sales tax and excise tax.

Try to combine trips to the stores so that you get everything at once rather than going back and forth several times a week.

Wash your car in the driveway with a bucket of soapy water and rinse with the garden hose. This saves on the cost of the carwash and keeping your car clean prevents rusting from the salt they use on the roads in the winter. Of course if you live in sunny California or Arizona you don't need to worry about that!

### **Electricity and Fuel**

In summer keep the blinds closed on the sunny side of the house and in winter keep them open.

Use fans instead of air conditioners if the weather is not too humid.

In hot weather open the windows at night to let in the cooler air and close them during the day.

Wait until your dishwasher is full to run it.

If you do small loads of laundry be sure to adjust the water level in the washing machine. It's best to wait until you have a big load though because you're using the same amount of electricity either way (except for the amount of hot water).

Whenever I go to the Hairdresser she always gives me samples of shampoo, conditioner and hair gel. I always save them for when my husband and I travel. It eliminates having to pack full size containers.

I was given this tip from a friend a few years ago and I have been doing it ever since. I love scented powders. Depending on the fragrance, the scented powder can cost as much as the fragrance. Go to the fragrance counter and ask for a sample of fragrance (or use some of your own if you already have it) saturate a cotton ball and place it in a sealed container with baby powder. Let it sit for a few days and you have your scented powder

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There are few houses to be found in city or country where the people are at all well off, ,that do not have one or two such children in them. The matter is *made* legal at the city hall with great earnestness. There parents and: children often will be separated 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 15, 16, 17 18 19, 20 hours (in distance) and for many young people it is very good that they cannot pay their own freight. These will sooner be provided for than those who ye paid theirs and they can have their bread with others and soon learn the ways of the country.

I will make an end of this and wish patience to whomsoever reads this. God be with you all Amen.

. Johannes Naas

N.B. - Now beloved children what more shall I write? It might perhaps arrange itself *that* you should come over here, then the writing would have an end, but if you do not come I shall some other time know more to write. Therefore, I will close for this time and commend you all with your dear children to the infinite love of God, who may lead and guide you himself that you do not enter upon the path of the sinners and do not sit where the scoffers sit, for that would not be good for you.

The acquaintances, Brother Settlers, outside of Gundrich, are in eternity the others send hearty greetings: Brother Becker, Brothers Cantz, Gomrey, Ritter, Paul, sen., with Brother Mack the old and the young Zeiglers, and his people, all send greetings and many other brethren and sisters who do not know you, and whom you do not know-all greet very heartily those who fear the Lord at Creyfelt.

Your in-love-faithfully-united father

John Naas

P.S. The mother *and* Elizabeth greet you heartily, they will do so yet in their own hand. Do not forget to greet heartily all who ask news of us in love, even if their names were not mentioned.

(History of the German Baptist Brethren by Brumbaugh)



Your board of Trustees are committed to utilize Church funds for the furthering of Christ's Kingdom here on earth. They take their calling of responsibility seriously.

Unfortunately the budget is trimmed to the bone this year; offerings are not as expected.

The Trustees are asking you to prayerfully seek God's Guidance with your tithes and offerings.

# News of the Church of the Brethren

Taken from the Brethren website at brethren.org

## General Board hears good news, shares glimpses of the church.

Meeting in Elgin, Ill., March 11-14, the General Board received numerous reports of positive developments in the agency and in the church. The agenda included time to focus on stories from board members and their congregations and districts (see [feature story](#) below).

A positive income report headed the good news (see the [Feb. 16 Newslines](#)). A giving report for 2004 "showed the first growth in years" in congregational giving to the board's Core Ministries Fund, according to Ken Neher, director of Funding and Donor Development. Other categories of giving were up as well, and the prospect for 2005 is similarly bright. Self-allocation reporting from congregations for 2005, which is up 8.9 percent from 2004, was another positive note, as was the giving to the Emergency Disaster Fund (EDF) this year, which totals \$868,775. "It is remarkable what our gifts can do when bound together in Christ," Neher said. Reports of recent out-of-the-ordinary efforts highlighted the breadth of the board's work: the Church of the Brethren Christmas Eve service on CBS, the response to the tsunami, and the Anabaptist Consultation on Alternative Service. Reports of these three juxtaposed in one meeting gave a sense of how the board is working in areas of worship, peace, service, and witness.

The board also received a report from Dale Roth, chair of the Stewardship of Properties Committee, a board-appointed committee considering use of General Board properties in Elgin, Ill., and New Windsor, Md. He reported plans to gather data from board members and staff, districts, the church at large, Annual Conference agencies, and other organizations that rent from the board. "We're open to the Spirit," he said, adding that the committee does not have a "preconceived notion" about the outcome of its work. He outlined questions the committee will ask and a timeline for the study, which will include an insight session at Annual Conference and conclude with a report and recommendations to the board in March 2006.

Board members discussed how to have informed decision making when the recommendation is received and asked that the board's October meeting include consideration of the committee's survey questions as a group. Heads of other Conference agencies may be invited. "This must be a very transparent and collaborative discussion," said Stan Noffsinger, general secretary.

A project to increase donations to the Emerging Global Mission Fund was presented early in the meeting. The fund supports new church planting in the US and mission in Brazil. "New Birth, New Life" would encourage Brethren to mark events of new life—such as baptisms, births, anniversaries, memorials—with gifts to the fund. A concern that the approach would not generate the amount of money needed was expressed as well. "We see this as seed planting," said Del Keeney, executive director of Congregational Life Ministries. "This feels incremental but it has the potential to change folk." By the end of the meeting, two unsolicited donations to the Emerging Global Mission Fund had been received. A collection for One Great Hour of Sharing, taken on Sunday morning when many congregations observed the annual offering, received \$536.



# NAMES FOR JESUS

By Sonia A. Randall

Jesus used a number of illustrations to help people understand His relationship to God and his relationship to His people. Can you recognize the illustration used in each of the following quotations? The list at the right may help you.

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|---|--------------|
| 1. "I am the _____ and the life; he who believes in me will live, even though he dies" (John 11:25).                              | BREAD        |
| 2. "Now that I, your _____ and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).             | LIFE         |
| 3. "I am the good _____ [who] lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).   | LIVING WATER |
| 4. "No _____ is accepted in his home town" (Luke 4:24).   | WAY          |
| 5. "I am the _____ of life; he who comes to me will never go hungry" (John 6:35).   | LIGHT        |
| 6. "Surely you will quote this proverb to me, 'heal thyself'" (Luke 4:23).  | FATHER       |
| 7. "I am the _____, and my Father is the gardener" (John 15:1).   | LORD         |
| 8. "You are right in saying I am a _____. In fact, for this reason I was born to testify to the truth" (John 18:37b).             | TRUTH        |
| 9. "I am the _____; whoever enters through me will be saved" (John 10:9).   | TEACHER      |
| 10. "If you knew... who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you _____" (John 4:10). | PHYSICIAN    |
| 11. "Say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, 'Where is the guest room where I may eat the Pass-over'" (Luke 22:11).     | TRUE VINE    |
| 12. "I am the _____ of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness" (John 8:12).                                    | PROPHET      |
| 13. "I and the _____ are one" (John 10:30).   | GATE         |
| 14. "I am the _____, and the _____, and the _____. No one comes to the Father, except through me" (John 14:6).                    | SHEPHERD     |
|   | KING         |
|   | RESURRECTION |

## CHRISTIAN HUMOR



A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear,"

Here is the LOST CHAPTER IN GENESIS....

Adam was walking around the garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked him,

"What is wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman.

He said,

"This person will gather food for you, cook for you, and when you discover clothing she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it.

Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

Then Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?"

The rest is history..



A Minister was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age.

The group had surrounded a dog. Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog."

# ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

Please give an update to these addresses

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## **Missionary Outreach**



**Amwell Church of the Brethren** supports many Missionaries. Not only do these people and organizations count on our financial support they greatly depend on our prayers and encouragement.

**Please send them a card or letter to let them know you care.**

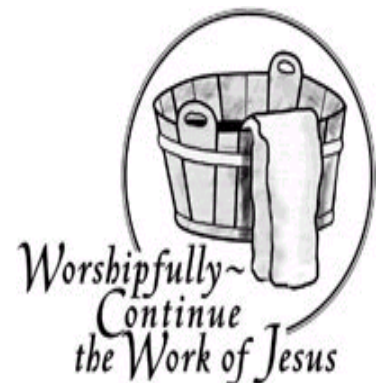
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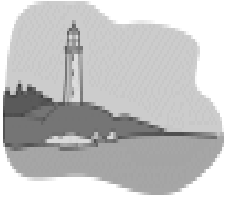
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## YOU ARE NEEDED

**WHO: YOU!**

**WHAT: CHURCH MINISTRIES**

**WHEN: NOW!**

**WHERE: AT AMWELL, AT HOME AND AT WORK**

**WHY: BECAUSE THE LORD INSTRUCTED YOU!**

**HOW: DIG IN! DO IT! ASK THE PASTOR AND DEACONS! OPEN YOUR BIBLE! GO TO GOD'S THRONE ON YOUR KNEES!**

You are encouraged to pray for your own family and your Church Family. Start with your Pastor, and include The Deacons and Trustees and each member of this congregation. There is much need in our little group. . . . people need help with physical struggles, marital stress, mental and emotional growth. Finances can be overwhelming for some. Others may desire a friend or companion. Some may need a helping hand caring for a family member or a small child. Car or home repairs can be a source of pain for the ill-equipped. Lend a helping hand to a brother or sister. Most needs are never made known. Some people have a hard time bringing their burdens to light. We have a Christian duty to each other to make our needs known AND to be a source of help and inspiration to each other. Do what you can and do what you shoul d!



**God has cast our confessed sins into the depths of the sea, and He's even put a 'No Fishing' sign over the spot.**

Dwight L. Moody

**Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.**

Mother Teresa

**The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you. To gain that which is worth having, it may be necessary to lose everything else.**

Bernadette Devlin



## JUST A LAST MINUTE THOUGHT...

### The Pine Tree Crosses

<http://grassroots.ithium.net/pinetreecrosses.jpg>



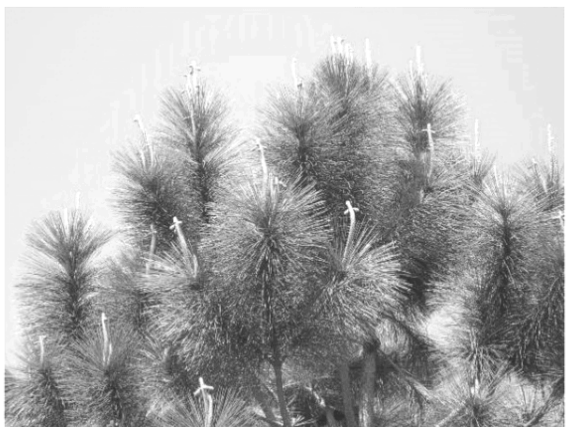
Last April on a Sunday as we took one of our "nowhere" drives, my husband was quietly driving a back road. I was occupied in the front passenger seat watching the scenery.

I noticed out of the corner of my eye that my husband was straining to look out my window. This startled me, since his eyes should be on the road in front of him. I asked him what he was looking at out the windows, and he quietly replied, "Nothing." His eyes went back to the road in front of him.

After a few minutes, I looked over at my husband and noticed a tear running down his cheek. I asked him what was wrong. This time he told me, "I was just thinking about Pop and a story he had once told me." Of course, because it had to do with his Pop I wanted to know the story, so I asked him to share it with me.

He said, "When I was about 8 years old, Pop and I were out fishing and that's when he told me that the Pine trees know when it is Easter." I had no idea what he meant by that, so I pressed him for more information.

He continued on... "The Pine trees start their new growth in the weeks before Easter -- if you look at the tops of the Pine trees two weeks before, you will see the yellow shoots. As the days get closer to Easter Sunday,



the tallest shoot will branch off and form a cross. By the time Easter Sunday comes around, you will see that most of the Pine trees will have small yellow crosses on all of the tallest shoots."

I turned to look out the window and I couldn't believe my eyes. It was a week before Easter, and you could see all of the trees with the tall yellow shoots stretching to Heaven.

The tallest ones shone in the sunlight like rows of tiny golden crosses