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A BOY TO HIS DAD

To get his goodnight kiss he stood beside my chair one night
And raised an eager face to me, a face with love alight.

And as I gathered in my arms the son God gave to me,
I thanked the lad for being good, and hoped he's always be.

His little arms crept 'round my neck, and then I heard him say
Four simple words I can't forget - four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul, on secrets no one knew
They startled me, I hear them yet; he said, "I'll be like you."



Join us as we honor & encourage our Fathers on June 17th

Messages in June: "The Words I would Say..."

Join us each week as we focus in on specific groups within the church and seek wisdom from God's word on what to do to make the most of life. As we learned a few weeks ago, our lives should be lived 'Coram Deo' and each week will talk about how to best live 'before the face of God'.

June 3rd – to the Family

June 10th – to the Faithful

June 17th – to the Fathers

June 24th – to the Future

GLCC "PROMISE" CONCERT ~ JUNE 26 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Please set aside the evening of June 26th to come support and encourage the valuable ministry that Promise is! (Be sure to spread the word and invite your family and friends). It is a choir group comprised of high school students from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. They practice long and hard, then travel to various churches to share the message of Jesus through song. Come out and be blessed by this group—you'll be so glad you did! (Don't forget, Novesta's own Sarah Zmierski and Austin Keller will be in the group as well!)

Please Note: We will also be in need of several host families to house the 28 students & faculty following the concert—they'll need a place to sleep, breakfast, a sack lunch for the road and a ride to the church the next morning. There is a sign-up posted for those willing to help in this way.

BOARD MEETING ~ MONDAY, JUNE 4 ~ 7:00 P.M.

CARDS & NOTES

Dear Novesta friends,

We want to thank all our Novesta family for your prayers, cards, words of sympathy and visits to the funeral when my Mother passed away in March. Your support helped make a very difficult time in our lives more than just a time of sorrow. We rejoice in the knowledge that Mom is now enjoying Life Eternal with our Lord.

Sincerely,

Gary & Dena Anderson

Our Church Family,

Thank you for the many kindnesses you have done at this time. May God bless you as you have blessed us.

In His Name,

Irene & Lee Nicol

Irene's card had this poem:

Some people seem to specialize in doing thoughtful deeds.
Before you ask, they understand your problems
and your needs.

They help because they want to, they find joy in being kind,
And making others happy is the first
thing on their minds.

They make this world a better place by practicing the art
Of reaching out to others and by
giving ... from the heart.

by Amanda Bradley

Novesta family,

Burt & I want to thank all of you for being so kind during our illnesses. It has been a long hall but we hope the end is soon.

Thank you to all who fixed food and the men for moving our chairs, this was a big task.

God gives us blessings every day and we know the people from Novesta are a part of it. Thank you Brad for the visits and communion. May God Bless,

Marilyn & Burt Rosenberger

I would like to thank you most sincerely for supporting the Spoonfuls of Plenty meals. With the help of community partners like yourself, we are able to serve a filling, home-style meal to up to 150 diners each week. Many of our regular visitors have told us how much this meal means to them; several have said that it is their only good. Full meal every week. Your group did a fantastic job!

Sincerely,

Jamie Reinke, Coordinator
HDC Spoonfuls of Plenty

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6/1		Pat Zinnecker
6/2		Joshua Blehm
6/2	(A)	Russ & Kristie Speirs
6/3		Ann Roche
6/4		Cooper Luana
6/6		Duane O'Dell
6/6		Bev Auten
6/7		Justin Murdoch
6/9		Dillon Peruski
6/10	(A)	Harold & Joan Little
6/10	(A)	Andy & Kim Gray
6/11		Brenda Venema
6/11		Lauren Walther
6/11		Jennifer Steely
6/12	(A)	Chad & Cindy Pruitt
6/13		Seth Hiles
6/14		Lyle Severance
6/14		Justin Peters
6/14	(A)	Brandon & Michelle Speirs
6/15		Jacklynn Janos
6/15		Garrett Roberts
6/15	(A)	Jim & Kathy Schenk
6/16		Larry Thick
6/16		Brad Pohlod
6/16		Rachel Miller
6/17		Scott Hendrian
6/18	(A)	Jim & Wanda Lonsberry
6/19	(A)	Dennis & Michelle Hendrick
6/21		Patty Miller
6/21	(A)	Tom & Becky Howard
6/22		Garold Peasley
6/22		Mark Mozdzen
6/23		Doris Hendrick
6/23	(A)	Fred & Carol Hicks
6/25		Bernie Wutzke
6/26		Cole Romzek
6/28	(A)	Dean & Diane Hoag
6/29		Karen Speirs
6/29		Tom Stimpfel, Jr.
6/29		Elmer Schulz
6/29		Robin Hendrian
6/29		Cheyenne Jae Corrión Barker

Baby Bottle Boomerang



Don't forget to keep collecting change for your bottles to help Positive Alternatives continue their great ministry! You have 'til Father's Day to return them to the table or office! Thanks!!

FACTS & FIGURES

Average weekly attendance for the month of May 2012 (to date) was:

Bible School ... 101
A.M. Worship ... 213

New Members in 2012 ~ 8

Offering averages for May 2012 (to date) was:

Sunday Offerings.....\$3,530.79
(Budget per Sunday: \$3,520)

BRICK Fund:

Balance: \$20,186.84

Received this month for payments:

\$675.00
(Payment per month \$1,206.75)

June 3rd @ 9am



we will be having a Pocket Pal breakfast to wrap-up the current pocket pal program. Come share a donut with your new pal and celebrate your new friendships together! What a great program this has been and we hope to continue it in the future. The connections are priceless!

BIBLE BOWL REPORT

Saturday, May 5th was the last session of our regular season. Due to Cass City's Prom, we had only one team but they placed 1st and were undefeated!! Luke placed 1st on the test and Kayla finished in 10th.

For the year, we had a team finish in fourth and another that won quite a few games ... and our other team finished in 1st place overall with a record of 70-1 on the season.

On the overall test for the year, Kayla finished in 10th, Sarah placed 3rd, and Luke finished in 1st place. Sarah and Luke also received All-Star awards for the year.

As coaches, we want to thank Cole, Katie, Jacob, Trenton, Alison, Austin, Sam, Kayla, Luke, & Sarah for a great season, we truly loved spending time with you learning God's Word.

Our teams are preparing for a great summer run with three college tournaments (Kentucky Christian University, Milligan College, Florida Christian College) and the National tournament in July. Please keep the teams in your prayers as they study hard and prepare for these challenging events.

Our kids have worked hard all year learning the book of Matthew and they are very much looking forward to meeting friends from around the country to strengthen and encourage each other.



OUR MILITARY

Scott Brownson - (Tom & Doris Stimpfel's nephew)

Justin Fischer - (Tom & Doris Stimpfel's nephew)

Toby Kilbourn - (Jim's son)

Ben Knoblet - (Tim Knoblet's nephew)

Lester Maurer - (Gloria Maurer's son)

Jamie Parrish - (Kristie Speirs' brother, Betty Stilson's grandson) - serving in Iraq

Matt Peck - Mark's son

Ashleigh Rabideau - (Robin Beckrow's niece)

Ryan Reid - (Jeff Hartel's nephew)

Julie Roche - Air Force (Doctor in Residency)

Chris Skiles - Reserves

Brandon Speirs - North Carolina

Karl Stuckey - (Mittlestat's nephew)

Jacques Weilbach - (Jacques & Marsha's son) - in Afghanistan

Marius Weilbach - (Jacques & Marsha's son) - in Afghanistan

Summer Camp

There's still time to sign-up for Wolverine and Rock Lake Camps. There are registration forms available in the office. Talk to Brad if you have any questions. Remember, the church pays half the tuition.

Here We Grow Again ...

Brice Leveille was baptized into Christ on May 6th by his grandmother, Dena Anderson. Gary & Dena have been bringing Brice and his brother, Tyler, to church since they were infants. They are the sons of their daughter, Amanda.

Caitlyn Maurer was also immersed on May 6th by her dad, Craig. Caitlyn lives at 4310 Ivanhoe Road with her mom and dad, Dawn & Craig, and her sister, Julia.

Please pray for Brice and Caitlyn as they begin their new life in Christ and become a Christlike example to their peers. Also remember in prayer others who need to make similar decision.

Promotion Sunday June 3rd

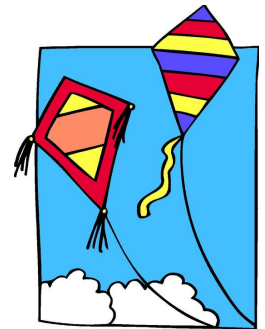
During the Bible School hour, Brad & Kristy Speirs will be graduating your kids (Toddlers Class-High School) to their next classes. Those moving onward and upward will be receiving a certificate and we will be taking a class photo as well. Congratulations to all of you graduating Bible Schoolers! Keep learning, keep growing in Christ and keep trusting our great God!

Vacation Bible School

“SKY”

June 18th – 21st

9:00-11:00 a.m.



CAMPFIRE SERVICE

June 24 ~ 6:00 p.m.



We'll be having our first campfire of the season here at the church. We sing songs, have a short devotion, munch on yummy food and even play a few yard games. Fun is always had by all who attend! If you can, bring a dish to pass or a snack to share. A special thanks to the Willing Workers Bible School class for hosting this one!

Get your kids and their friends registered for what will be another GREAT experience for all 2yrs-6th Grade. The theme this year is “Sky” where “Everything is Possible with God.” Each day the kids will learn a new way to “Trust God” in their daily lives. The registration table is in the kid’s education wing. A program is only great if we have the volunteers to pull it off--so if you can spare a couple of hours to make a HUGE difference in the life of a child this summer, get involved in this GREAT MINISTRY!! Volunteer sign-up is in the middle hallway. Any questions, see Brad or Kristy Speirs.

Summer Bible Learning Program

Starting June 3rd



We're encouraging all of our kids ages 4 – 4th grade to spend time this summer learning verses, coming to church, and inviting friends. At the end of the summer, those that have earned enough points will be rewarded with a fun trip to Kokomos! Booklets will be available in the classrooms and at the office starting June 3rd. Parents make sure to help your kids earn their points so they can enjoy this fun and exciting trip.

Kid's Sunday - June 24th

We'll be having a family friendly service with NO Jr. Church that day. Our worship service will include songs that the kids learned at VBS and Brad's message will include points from the VBS week as well. Make a point to attend this service to see how passionate Novesta's kids are for Jesus!





PRAYER MINISTRY SPEAKS



“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works, can faith save him?”
James 2:14 KJ

Spend time in prayer and please make these your prayer requests for June 2012:

- Pray for us to seek first God’s Kingdom. Matthew 6:33
- Pray for us to have the faith. Hebrews 11:6
- Pray for us to know how faith comes. Romans 10:17
- Pray for us to keep confessing that we know our God has risen from the grave and for us to let the world know. I Corinthians:15:4
- Pray for us to realize the storm is everywhere, then we look at Jesus, the storm ceases. Luke 8:22-25
- Pray for us to know how the Word of God is quick and powerful. Hebrews 4:12
- Pray for us to repent and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15

Remember, *Guardian Angels,*

This is our church family, we should all pray every day for all of God’s children, be faithful in your prayers.

Community Prayer Topic:

Pray for our community to look for ways to serve people, for us to help those in need. For it is better to give than to receive. Lift those in need of spiritual growth so they can help those in need of spiritual growth.

A special note from me to you:

You and I have a covenant with Jesus that we seek first His kingdom, His plan and His purpose, all things will be added to us.

Smile, Jesus Loves You and So Do I
Bernie Wutzke

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

****Member**



- **Lee Nicol - hip surgery (Irene's son)
- ** Roy Evans - heart issues
- Heather Fisher - seizures (Eric & Wendy’s daughter)
- Chris Klco - (Amy Peters' brother)
- Quinton Simpson - in a coma (Dena Anderson's nephew)
- Carol Hartman - awaiting heart transplant (friend of Pat McIntosh)
- Shirley Zellar - hospice (Pat McIntosh’s mother)
- Lester O’Dell - Emphysema
- Don Buehrly - Tendercare
- Diane Wojtaszke - cancer (Ann Hartel contact person)
- Aneita Denhoff - (Carrie Gilley’s mother)
- Elmer Lewis - (Doris Hendrick’s brother)
- Les Auten, III - awaiting transplant
- **Heather Roberts - continued healing of MS
- **Dena Anderson - cyst on brain, constant pain
- Caleb Blehm - cist on brain
- Steve Wilkinson - aneurysm
- Bruce Mullins - burns
- **Bill Britt - healing from his surgeries
- Don Kruse - recovery (Michelle Speirs’ grandpa)
- **Larry Harper - Intestinal problems
- Mike Zmierski - Frontotemporal Dementia
- **Burt Rosenberger - recuperating at home
- **Marilyn Rosenberger - recuperating at home
- Marge Johnson - nursing home in Indiana
- Allison Newbegin - tumor (Sharron Hartwick’s great niece)
- Nancy Gyomory - tumor (Doris Hendrick contact)
- Debbie Van Horn - (Gilleys & Lesters contact)

ATTENTION: If you know any of these on this list that are well and can be eliminated from it, please let the church office know.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP Woodburn Christian Children’s Home

It’s not too late to sign up ... There will be a meeting on June 10th after the morning service to make “firm” commitments. The cost per person is \$85 plus whatever you want to take for meals & snacks. So make your decision, sign up, and attend the meeting on June 10th.

SAGINAW SOUP KITCHEN
June 15 ~ 8:50 a.m.
(sign up if you can help)



Janelle

The Sunday group that had so much potential of new leadership, growth and outreach had a big upset. The woman of the host family became very upset and wants no part of reconciliation or forgiveness. Please pray for this situation. Janelle's mom went through surgery and has less back pain already. It is hard for Janelle to be so far away at times like this. Her mom is recovering at home now.

Woodburn Christian Children's Home

In 1972 the Woodburn Christian Children's Home first opened its doors and began a ministry that would span forty years and minister to hundreds of children in need. This fall, WCCH will celebrate its 40th Anniversary! You may want to mark Sept. 23 on your calendar so you won't miss this day of excitement and reunion and thanks-giving and celebration. Lee says "Its going to be a Great Day! So... Mark Your Calendar... It's Coming Soon.... And it's Way Too Good to MISS!!!"

New Churches of Christ Evangelism

Top 10 reasons why the future looks bright...

1. Plans are underway for a new church in Michigan-location nearly nailed down.
2. Lakepointe Church will start this fall in Wisconsin.
3. Orangeville, Ontario-a new church will start this fall.
4. Revive Christian Church will start this fall.
5. Maple Leaf Christian Church was started in 2012
6. Legacy Christian Church was started in 2011.
7. Southpoint Allen Park Church began in 2010.
8. 242 Ann Arbor began in 2010.
9. Grace Community Christian Fellowship began in 2007.
10. 242 Community Church began in 2005

That's 10 churches in less than 10 years!

CRAM

The remodeled house that was mentioned last month is finished except for a few finishing touches. Now it needs furnishings. In the CRAM newsletter on the mission board is a list of items that needs to be purchased. If you would like to send CRAM the needed money, for example \$25 for a single bed, that would be a blessing to them.

Also you can read in their newsletter how God has blessed them with a much needed instructor for their Hippotherapy Program at the Burning Heart Ranch.



NOVESTA'S FISHING RETREAT June 15-17

**AT AVERY LAKE
(in the Gaylord Area)**

There will be a sign up posted on the foyer bulletin board so we will know how many to plan for. If you have any questions, see Larry Thick (he has the details).

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK JUNE 13 ~ NOON

Come join us for our Fellowship Potluck on Wednesday, June 13th. We meet at noon and everyone brings a dish to pass. Table service and beverages are provided. We always have great food and great fellowship.

This Potluck is for anyone that is available during the lunch hour.

Normally we discontinue the Potlucks during the summer but since the Quilters are meeting, we decided to have the Potluck also.

JUNE 2012

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30-10:20 a.m. - Bible School
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Open House for Sarah Zmierski 1:00-5:00 p.m. (at her home) Gym reserved for decorating
3 Pocket Pal Breakfast - 9 am Promotion Sunday 9:30 am Open House for Jordan Hendrian 12-4 pm at church	4 Prayer Time 10 am C.E. Ministry Meeting - 6 pm Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Prayer Time 10 am Rooms reserved by Rachael Koepf 6-7:30 pm	12	13 Quilters Comfort Ministry 9 am—3 pm Fellowship Potluck—Noon	14 Mission Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Saginaw Soup Kitchen 8:50 am	16 Gym reserved for Open House
					Fishing Retreat—FRI thru SUN	
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22 Gym reserved for decorating	23 Open House for Zach Speirs 1-4 pm at church
	Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00—11:00 a.m.					
24 Kid's Sunday 10:30 a.m. (no JR church) Campfire Service 6:00 pm at our Pavilion	25 Prayer Time 10 am	26 GLCC "Promise" Concert 7:00 p.m.	27 Elders Meeting 7:00 pm	28	29 Gym reserved for decorating	30 Open House for Carley Hendrick 1-5 pm

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