

# THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

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## 2006 - YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION

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### Focus on Our Family

*by Betty Hoyt*

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#### The Story of Scott and Becky Hendrickson

Scott Hendrickson was born on Aug. 48, 1965 in Peoria to Jim and Judy Hendrickson. He lived most of his childhood in Washington, IL. Scott graduated from Washington High School. He was on the basketball and tennis team. He also worked at Lindy's Grocery Store.

Rebecca (Becky) Hoyt Hendrickson was born in Springfield on Sept. 2, 1967 and lived in Clinton and Blooming- ton before moving to Washing- ton during her junior year of high school. Becky was involved in choir, drama, and the speech team. She has a twin, Amy who now lives in Hillsborough, N. C. Becky was an outgoing child and loved life.

Becky met Scott while canoeing with another girl. Becky then found out that Scott worked at the same store her sister worked at so later became quite a frequent buyer of groceries for her mother.

Scott and Rebecca attended and graduated from ISU in Normal, IL. They got married at the First Presbyterian Church in Normal. They lived in Normal until finishing college, then moved to Carlock, IL. They attended the Carlock Christian Church where Becky was baptized into the Christian faith. They later traveled from Carlock and attended Washington Christian Church which was where Scott was baptized. They were blessed with a son, Nathan Riley Hendrickson while living in Carlock.

After moving to El Paso, IL for a short time, they move to Memphis, Tennessee where Scott's job with Pillsbury took them. While there Becky became the Director of a daycare center. They built a house in a suburb of Memphis but missed their family and moved back home to the Washington area and began attending Washington Christian

Church again. While attending WCC, Becky was involved with her sister Jennifer in a Women's Retreat/Overnight along with Pati Heller, where many of the women attended and had a great time. Scott along with Stephen Volz taught the high school class for a period of time. Becky and Scott also attended a Sunday School class taught by Jeff Browning. They were quite involved and had many good friends in that class.

Becky and Scott were then blessed with a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth. After several months, Scott had a change in jobs and the Hendricksons moved to Noblesville, Indiana where they attended the First Christian Church. This church was some- what larger in comparison to where they had attended here in Washington, so they visited at several other churches, and after attending Prairieview Christian Church they became members there. Becky and Scott also taught Sunday School there and were active members of a small group. They were quite close to the minister and his family. When Joe, their minister, left to return to college, Becky and Scott joined the Bridgeway Christian Church where they were quite active and taught Sunday School.

Last June, 2005, the Hendricksons moved back to Washington. At that time Scott's job allowed him to live anywhere in the Mid-west Region. They live on Westminster Dr. Their children attend Central Grade School, where Nathan plays on the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team. Rachel is in the 2nd grade and is active in gymnastics and looking toward joining a team of tumblers. She is an avid reader and holds one of the highest points for reading individually in her school. Nathan is a member of the WCC C.O.R. group and is one of the lead singers.

To add a little humor to the Hendricksons' personalities and lives. Scott, Becky, Nathan, and Rachel have such a good sense of humor. They are

a lot of fun to be around. One of the more humorous things that has happened to Scott was when they went to have their car washed. There was a truck pulling out of the wash in front of them and as it exited the carwash a bucket flew out of the bed of the truck. Scott got out to pick it up. Needless to say, Scott had already put his money into the wash machine, and as he walked up to the bucket he was sprayed with gallons of water. His family laughed so hard but knew to initially be quiet when he returned to his car, until they laughed about it together. Nathan is a riot at times. He can make gatherings quite enjoyable when he lets loose. Becky also has a good sense of humor and is fun to be with. Rachel loves to join in the mix, as well.

Nathan loves to write. During the Christmas season, he wrote a great poem about Christmas at the Hoyts, since they were coming to Grandpa's and Grandma's for Christmas dinner. It was hilarious, yet moving. Nathan and Rachel both love to write.

Becky works part-time for her sister, Jennifer Navas, at Jennifer's billing business. Becky and Scott are also foster parents to a darling little boy, Cierrion.

Scott and Becky attend the adult class taught by Rick Mason. They are becoming more involved in WCC this year again. It is a blessing to have them back in our Christina family. Please get acquainted with them.

*Testimony:*

We try to seek God's will in all we do. We want to raise our children to know and love Him because we believe that is what life is all about. We try to use the gifts and talents He has given us to glorify Him and we believe that "all things are possible through Jesus Christ."

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**REFLECTIONS FROM THE MINISTERS**

**I've About Had It...**

I used to love this time of year. In fact, I always thought it was the best time of the year. It's not the weather or even the promise of spring in just a few weeks. It was the anticipation of "March Madness" and whether I rooted for our own WCHS Panthers or the Illinois "Fighting Illini" (like God intended) or some of the other teams in the area. I always had a great time as tournaments came along, filling out

tourney brackets with who would play and who would win.

But I'm about ready to quit going to basketball games altogether. Now don't get me wrong . . . I have nothing against our coaches or teams. But, let me share why I'm considering staying away from basketball games.

1. Every time I go, someone at the gate asks me for money. In fact, they even tell me how much to give.
2. Although I go often and yell a lot, few people will speak to me personally. In fact a lot of them sit in their same little cliques. Basketball fans are pretty unfriendly.
3. The seats are hard and pretty uncomfortable . . . and the games last too long.
4. The referees (the bad ones) say and do things I don't always understand or agree with. But they don't seem to care what I think.
5. Even though I am a good and loyal fan, the coach never calls if I miss a game. I guess that means he doesn't care.
6. I've discovered a lot of hypocrites around me. Many are more interested in refreshments or talking than the game.
7. The band seems to always play the same songs over and over and they always play too loud.
8. I can buy a book all about basketball, and stay home and read it and consider myself as much a fan as those who go to the game and get all excited.

You know, I just realized that I have heard the same excuses about \_\_\_\_\_. Does it sound familiar to you?

*Blessings,*

*Jeff*

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**GENERAL CALL**

Subject: ARTS@WCC

This is a general call to all members of Washington Christian Church who have skills, gifts, or interest in the arts and their related disciplines or technology. Even if you think you have no place in Arts Ministry, please read over this list. You may have

skills or gifts that you didn't realize could be used to advance the church or edify the body through the arts.

Do you have gifts, skills, or interest in any of the following areas? If so, briefly describe your expertise and experience in an email message to Ed ([worship@washingtonchristian.net](mailto:worship@washingtonchristian.net)), or give him a call at the church (444-2550):

**MUSIC:** (to include Singing solo or group, Song Writing, Composing, Music Directing, Arranging, Playing an Instrument, Vocal or Instrumental Instruction, etc.)

**VISUAL ARTS:** (to include Painting, Drawing, Graphic Design, Cartooning, Photography, Sculpture, etc.)

**THEATER ARTS:** (to include Acting, Directing, Play Writing, Set Design, Carpentry, Stage Dressing, Props, Makeup, Hair Dressing, Lighting, etc.)

**FILM MAKING:** (to include Acting, Directing, Screen Writing, Camera Operation, Editing, Special Effects, etc.)

**WRITING:** (to include Short Stories, Poetry, Screen Plays, Drama, Journalism, etc.)

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:** (to include Meditations, Lecturing, Motivational Speaking, Training, etc.)

**DANCE:** (to include Ballet, Tap, Ballroom, Worship Movement, Jazz, Choreography, Interpretive Dance, etc.)

**OTHER ARTS-RELATED DISCIPLINES:** (to include Research, Puppetry, Mime, Signing, Pottery, Decorating, Flower Arranging, Interior Design, Calligraphy, Electrician, Sound Technician, Computer Programmer, etc.)

Or anything else I didn't think of. (surprise me!)

In 2006, we will try to stretch our wings a bit in the way we express these gifts at WCC. Please respond soon and I will be sure to contact you regarding ways you can use your gifts, skills, and interests to serve God and the church in 2006. If you have already responded to this message via email, there is no need to respond again.

*Ed Taylor*

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## **MissioNews**

*by Janelle Zotz*

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### **Eastern Illinois and Illinois State University Campus Ministries**

Jesus said, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19 & 20)

Two ministries that we are supporting are fruitfully carrying out the great commission given by Christ. The ministries are both right here in Illinois and are impacting our world with the gospel. They have found a place where people are making some of the biggest decisions of their lives and will be returning to their communities in approximately four years.

What ministries could I be talking about? What ministry could be in such a strategic place? I'm talking about the campus ministries of Eastern Illinois University and Illinois State University. At what other time in our lives are we making decisions such as career, lifestyle, and marriage than during our college years? And then the majority of students return to their hometowns with the answers to these questions. The university also has a growing number of students from other countries that will most likely be returning home after their education is completed. I praise God that many of these students are being reached by Christ through campus ministries.

I would like to give you an update of the specific ways these ministries are impacting our world. For an update on the Eastern Illinois University Campus House here is part of a letter from Danah Himes one of the associate ministers at Eastern:

Thanks! And thanks for representing us to your church! Things at the Campus House have been really awesome this year. With our new building addition we are able to have Sunday morning worship here at the campus house and we've had the highest attendance on both Sunday's and Wednesday's in all of the Campus House's history! We are seeing us reach more and more people, but continuing with about the same amount of core people... which I believe means we are reaching those who would only consider going to church on Sunday's. With students at various levels of

commitment, God continues to provide exceptional student leaders for us to lead various ministries and activities... we have over 40 students serving in leadership. And plenty more serving as volunteer office assistants and vacuum and dusters!

Already this year we've taken 13 students to Mexico and 5 to Louisiana to serve in the Katrina aftermath. We are planning trips to inner-city Chicago, Haiti, and Guatemala. As of this Sunday the 5th, we will have 12 students who will have gotten baptized this school year! I know of 5 others who have had some initial talks and showed interest in getting baptized.

Financially we are in the red about \$20,000 in our general budget and we have around \$300,000 that we are still trying to raise to pay off our building. We are able to make our monthly payments on our loan...but we are hoping to get it paid off early (Especially because we can't expect supporters to give toward a "building fund" for 15 years after the building is completed!)

Prayer: For our students making important decisions for God. For our staff as we all have full plates and deal with stress and being HERE for the students. For the staff to all get that filling and rejuvenation that we need from Jesus. For our board as we try to expand the financial support base of our ministry.

***Thanks! God Bless, Danah***

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The Campus House at Illinois State University is impacting our world in similar ways. Here is what God is doing (according to ISU campus minister Pete Cocco):

We now have three staff workers, which will provide consistent staffing in the ministry for years to come. We are seeing an increased growth in both quantity and quality of our students, giving us solid student leadership. God has given us a vision to disciple and mentor students, as well as, urged us to give them the tools to disciple each other. As a result of filling up the Campus House, the Tuesday night meetings have now moved back to a large auditorium on campus. The current students love it and newcomers appear more comfortable.

Nine of our students will be traveling to the Philippines for two months this summer! This is one of the most exciting projects our ministry has ever undertaken! I am overwhelmed with the commitment of these students who have decided to make themselves available by helping to start a campus

ministry from scratch. They have also committed to sustaining the new ministry by giving monthly financial support upon their return. Arnold, our Filipino director and overseer of the summer team, will be coming with his wife to our Spring Banquet on April 9. They have never been to the United States!

As you have read, God is doing great things on campus and around the world. Please pray for the Illinois State University Campus House. Pete recently visited with a Wed. night Life Group here at WCC. His desire is to continue to strengthen the ministry at ISU in order to spread out and minister to the students in the Philippines. Also pray for the campus ministries in the Philippines. Those ministries are sending missionaries into the least reached nations of Asia and the Middle East. Finally, with the increased staff and the start up of a new campus ministry in the Philippines, they are in need of increased financial support.

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." (Philippians 1:3-6)

Thank you WCC for you generous support of God's work here and around the world.

## **Annual Washington Christian Village Auxiliary Drive**

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The Annual WCV Auxiliary Funds Drive has started and will be running for the next few weeks. Each Sunday through March, we will have someone in the foyer collecting dues of \$2 per person for the WCV Auxiliary.

These dues will be used to purchase much needed equipment or items at the Village to be used by and for the residents. Although we have several volunteers helping out at the Village on the last Tuesday morning of each month there are several of you who aren't available to do that sort of volunteer work and this is your chance to contribute to our Village residents. (\$2 per person is the suggested donation amount, we will gladly accept a larger donation if you feel so led.)

Thank you for helping the residents at WCV in this vital ministry. See Anamarie Morris with questions.

## **The Youth Page**

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One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

### **Calling all Youth Campers!!!**

Little Galilee Christian Assembly has published their Summer camp schedule. It is posted on the Youth Bulletin Board. Registration forms and brochures will be coming soon. Don't miss a great time at camp this summer. Get signed up for the camp you want. Some camps fill up quickly!

### **Sr High Youth Group**

Don't forget Sr. Highers!!! The High School Youth Group is meeting at the Pittman's on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m.

### **Youth Team Meeting**

March's Youth Team Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1st at 7:15 PM. This is for all the Youth Ministry Teams. Please see Cory Hynek if unable to attend.

### **Mission Mexico Meeting**

We will be meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. (after F.I.S.H.) See Jon for details.

### **Clinton Jr. High Overnight Rally**

For all 7th - 8th Graders signed up to go!  
Friday/Saturday, March 10th-11<sup>th</sup>  
Departure Time: Friday, March 10th - 5:15 p.m. from the church parking lot.  
Return Time: Saturday, March 11th - approximately 5:45-6:00 p.m.

Bring \$\$ for one meal and any extra stuff you might want to buy, sleeping bag and pillow, a change of clothes, towel and wash cloth, and toiletries.

*See Jon with questions.*

## **PRIME TIMERS PERSPECTIVE**

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*Prime Timers Calendar of Events for March*

**March's Prime Timers Prayer Breakfast ~**  
Saturday, March 4th @ 9:00 a.m.

**WCV Volunteer Day ~** Tuesday, February 28th @ 9 AM. See Anamarie Morris with questions.

### **"Senior Saints in the Smokies"**

*June 5-9*

Please put this date on your calendar and plan to have a great spiritual time at Johnson Bible College.

## **Jesus Loves Me**

*(Senior Version)*

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Jesus loves me this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow,  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
The Bible tells me so.  
Though my steps are getting slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go,  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
The Bible tells me so.  
When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song,  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am here."  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
The Bible tells me so.  
When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won,  
He will take me home above,

Where I'll understand His love.  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
The Bible tells me so.

*Copied from the Blessed Sacrament Church Bulletin*

## **F. Y. I.**

### **For Your Information**

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#### **Circle of Friends March Meeting**

Circle of Friends will hold their monthly meeting March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Angie & Olivia Hobbs will share with us their experiences while on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic. It should be very interesting and informative.

#### **F.I.S.H. menu for March is as follows:**

March 1st: Taco Pie, Rolls, Dessert; March 8th: Lasagna, Salad, Dessert; March 15th: Pizza, Salad, Dessert; March 22nd: BBQ, Salad, Dessert; March 29th: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert;

Please sign up in the foyer by the Sunday before the meal, and if you have to cancel, please call the office as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Cost: \$3 per person or \$7 per immediate family.

Join us after the meal (6:15 p.m.) for the Adult Bible Studies and Youth Groups.

#### **Needed: Co-Director of Nursery**

Norma Sinn is stepping down from being Co-Director of the Infant Nursery so we are looking for someone who would be interested in taking on this vital ministry.

Norma's responsibility was doing the scheduling of Nursery workers for both worship services and Sunday School. The schedule is made up thru March 19th. You would be Co-Directing with Liz Adams and Michelle Beebe. If interested, see Bill Adams or Norma Sinn.

Thanks, Norma for your dedicated service!

## **ATTENTION ALL MEN:**

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 25th. The Ladies are planning a wonderful Prayer Breakfast just for you. We want you to know how much we appreciate all the time and effort you put into making this a place of true worship and praise.

You may not be on the Council or Praise Team, but you are in the Church. In our minds that makes you important! We have asked Tim Coverstone to come talk and share some of his thoughts with you.

Be sure to plan to be there and bring a friend. Sign up on the bulletin board so we have enough food for everyone. We will begin serving at 8 a.m.

Questions? Talk to Robbie Wiese or Rose Banks. See you there.

#### **Thank You**

I want to acknowledge and thank everyone who prayed for me when I had my recent surgery, sent cards, visited me while I was in the nursing home, offered help with transportation, and brought food for Janet and me after I came home. I especially want to thank my Dessert 8 Group for coming to visit with me as a group on the night they were meeting. That meant a lot to me.

I thank the Lord for a Christian family who cares for each and every member of our flock.

*Many, many thanks! Eleanor Tripp*

#### **Job Opening - Job Coach**

Interested in Part Time work with a flexible schedule? Work 10-30 hours per week, can adjust to meet your schedule. Good for students and retirees. \$8 an hour working with adults with disabilities in community sites. See Bill Adams or call 284-0531.

#### **Congratulations!**

To Kevin and Suzi (Vaughn) Root. They are the proud parents of a baby boy, Owen Michael, born Feb. 10th. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz., 19 inches long. He was welcomed home by Karsen and Rhys. Proud Grandparents are Gene and Judy Vaughn.

#### **Welcome, New Members!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jesse & Cara Getz who came forward on Sunday, Feb

19th during second service to place their membership at WCC.

Jesse and Cara live at 323 Illini Drive, East Peoria, (694-2341). Let's be sure to meet them and give them a warm welcome!

## **Christian Workers Conference**

submitted by Anamarie Morris

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On February 17th and 18th EQUIP Ministries once again held it's Christian Workers Convention at the Civic Center in Peoria. This year's convention may have had more in attendance since an extended wing was open.

This convention seemed to be special. There were so many good choices. The presenters seemed to be well prepared and well versed in their field.

The range of workshops was extensive. There were speakers on topics from toddlers to adults. Numerous experts spoke and demonstrated how to make the Bible come alive. If one had questions about small or large groups, someone could make useful suggestions.

Several presenters discussed mental health issues such as depression, self-esteem, emotional health, discipline, and families with special needs that bothered both adolescents and adults. While many of the presenters did push their organization's materials, most presenters came with the attitude that they were prepared to minister to participants at the Civic Center.

For example Sheila Halasz used rotation stations regularly, Jill Albaugh taught 3's, 4's and 5's in classes, and James Montalto directed children in Pioneer Clubs. They were in the trenches; they were upbeat and eager to share their success stories.

As usual Mary Fisher and Tracy McQuillen Registered all who wanted to attend early so all the materials were ready and waiting at the desk. It took approximately two minutes to get our name badge.

The exhibit area is not as extensive as that found at the North American Christian Convention, but everything is geared toward Youth and Sunday School. Several of the publishing houses had an excellent selection of materials to view.

Some of the para-church organizations & Christian Schools were available.

One section of the Center resembled an actual camp site with several camps supervising hands on activities for children.

As usual there were several book sellers. Many of the materials were heavily discounted.

And as always, they had an excellent Keynote Speaker for the General Session on Saturday. Bruce Miller, founder of the Center for Church Based Training and Senior Pastor of McKinney Fellowship Bible Church, spoke on getting "Fired Up!".

Along with the speaker, we enjoyed worshipping in song with the Praise Team from Grace Presbyterian Church. Excellent music, very uplifting!

For those who were able to attend all the sessions, the Christian Workers Convention is an energizing experience.

If you are working full time, why not consider attending the Saturday sessions next February. You will never regret the opportunity to fellowship with and to be a part of a body of Christian teachers/workers and learners who are committed to teaching the Word.

## **Little Galilee Christian Assembly**

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CAMP!!! Yes, it's getting close to that time of year when we start making plans for summer camp! And there are plenty of neat camps to choose from at LGCA. I counted at least 55 to choose from! And they are not just for kids!!!

There are two Family Camps again this year. The first one over Memorial Day weekend and the 2nd over Labor Day weekend. Plus there are many adult retreats throughout the year, ranging from Senior Saints Day to Ladies Retreat to Men's Retreat. Also, they have a retreat for Singles, and for Mom/Daughters and Dad/Lads.

This year they have a new experience for the Scrapbooker. Yes, they even have a Scrapbook Retreat! They also have their specialty camps: Bike Camp, Fishing Camp, Equestrian Camp, Athletes Week and Fine Arts Week.

Then there are the usual kids/youth camps ranging from Day Camps for the new 'just-getting-started' campers, Overnight Camps, Partial Week Camps, to Full Week Camps. All are chocked full of learning experiences that your kids won't forget. They can enjoy a new Activity Center and a new 'Game

Room' along with the Olympic size swimming pool with a great water slide and a 16 foot climbing wall and a five-acre stocked lake complete with canoes, paddleboats, and fishing poles too! In your spare time you can walk/run the miles and miles of trails and camp fire areas and just pretty much wear yourself out with fun!

So, make plans now to join us at LGCA sometime this summer and have a lot of fun, make new friends, learn about Jesus from top notch Christian leaders, and just enjoy God's beautiful creation. All these things are here for one reason: so that you and your children will see God and Jesus in a new way.

Check out the camp schedule on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. There will be more information out later this month and into April on the various camps. You can also take a Virtual Tour of LGCA on their web site at...

[www.littlegalilee.com](http://www.littlegalilee.com).

### **Spring's Promise**

*by Donna Jean Paterson*

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As winter's cold and darkness lingers,  
The bulbs beneath poke up their fingers.  
They test the air for any sign  
Of weather that might be benign.  
The tiny snowdrop pops up first  
To tell us winter's past is worst.  
The crocus next, with colors blazing,  
Greets our winter window-gazing.  
With colors like a Easter treat  
Come hyacinths with fragrance sweet.  
The daffodil and tulip too  
Delight us with their vibrant hue.  
Magnolias, dogwood, cherry, quince  
Fill barren twigs with blossoms dense.  
Like flags of promise these appear;  
The winter's gone and spring is here.

### **Bravely, This Daffodil**

*by Jean Ravenscroft*

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Bravely, this daffodil,  
Green, wispy, and frail,  
Has her creamy face lifted,  
Frostbitten and pale.  
Though spring's cruel reversals  
Have taken their toll,  
She fiercely determines  
To hold fast her goal.  
Undaunted commitment,  
God's will for her life,  
She blooms where she's planted;  
His strength will suffice.  
O God, give us courage  
And strengthening power  
To match the commitment  
Of this precious flower.

### **Open My Heart That I May See**

*by John W. Williams*

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I stood looking out of a window  
And complained in my usual way  
Of the rain that was steadily falling,  
Upsetting my plans for the day.  
I didn't know someone had heard me,  
So it gave me somewhat of a start.  
When I heard a quiet voice ask me,  
"Have you looked for the sun in your heart?"  
The I saw the little old lady  
Whose voice made a path through the gloom,  
And the weather outside was forgotten  
As her smile seemed to light up the room.  
I wondered what power had given  
Such strength to a body so frail;  
Then I saw she was reading her Bible,  
Yes, her Bible -- printed in Braille.

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