

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Washington Christian Church

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Legacy Project

Praise be to God! Through your generosity and God's provision, we are moving forward with the full scope of the **Legacy Project**. Here is a summary of the activity over the past several weeks:

1. The Building Team has met numerous times with PJ Hoerr (our builder) and ARD (our architect) to refine the scope of project, look for cost reduction opportunities and finalize many of the remaining details. Through this effort, over \$50,000 of net cost reduction was accomplished!
2. The Finance Team has worked with our local lending institutions to find the best financing options for us. Through their work, we have decided to pursue a loan with Washington Community Bank.
3. A Decorating Team has been formed to discuss the "soft" side of the renovation. Details of paint colors, flooring and styles are being worked through to make our church a beautiful place to worship.
4. A Transition Team has also started meeting to work through details of worship, Sunday School and other activities, as well as moving and storage during the construction period. Through their efforts, we will be worshiping at Washington Middle School during the summer.

We as a church have continued to step out to meet the financial commitments needed to move forward. Our project scope is \$1.75 million and includes the parking lot. Based on this scope, we needed to pledge \$350,000 for the down payment (with at least \$200,000 on hand) and 80% of the monthly payment. We have met all of these requirements and this gives us the ability to move ahead!

Plans are currently in place to begin construction in late April, but do require final bank approval. Please be in prayer for those involved in this process.

Also, please keep your eyes open for additional details, both for changes in worship and activities during construction and areas where you can help.

Thank you for your continued support, as we plan for the next generation at WCC.

From the Renovation Transition Team

In order to keep our moving/storage expenses down for our building/renovation project, we are looking for people from the congregation who would be willing to help with the packing up, moving and storing of all WCC property that will need to be removed from the building during the time of the renovations. Some items, like the tables and folding chairs, will be stored in the storage building at the end of the parking lot, but there are lots of things that will need climate controlled (dry) locations to be stored.

If you have a spare room, dry basement, or otherwise relatively safe, dry, pest-free area that you would be willing to store some church property in for the Summer, please grab a sign-up sheet from the foyer or see Mike Jenkins, Dawn Peterson, Ginny Browning, or Mary Fisher - Renovation Transition Team (RTT) Members.

Depending on the items being stored not all areas will need to be climate controlled.

All smaller items will need to be boxed, taped, and labeled with contents and what room they were removed from. Larger items will need to be labeled as to what room they were removed from. When being removed from the building for storage, a sign-out list will need to be filled out as to the storage location.

All table and chairs will be the responsibility of the Deacons/Property Team. A map is posted in the foyer as to what rooms will need to be moved.

Although we hope to start clearing out the building in late April/early May, many items can start being removed now. We plan on holding services here through May 11th with a starting date at WMS on May 18th so please check with Mike Jenkins, Dawn Peterson, Ginny Browning, and/or Mary Fisher before removing items that may be needed.

Please see Mike Jenkins or one of the other RTT members when you are ready to remove boxes or items from the building. We have a sign-out form to be filled out.

Library Update:

As you probably already know, we have started boxing up the Library books and soon will be moving the bookcases and books out to the storage shed at the end of the parking lot.

What we would like you to do is check around your home for any books you might have that belong in the Library that you might have forgotten to return and please return them ASAP. If the Library has already been packed up, please leave them in the church office.

Focus on Our Family

by Joyce Nordhielm

An Interview with Steve and Sherrie Frazier

It was on an East Peoria High School bus that Sherrie Barrett first encountered Steve Frazier. She noticed that Steve always sat behind her and found a way to pester her.

Steve, what attracted you to Sherrie?

"Oh, she was such a pretty little thing!"

And Sherrie what attracted you to Steve?

"I thought he was loud and obnoxious, but I did agree that he had a good sense of humor. After several attempts to avoid him, I gave up and admitted "He grew on me."

Sherrie was born in Pontiac on June 2, 1956 to LeRoy and Joyce Barrett. She has three younger brothers. The family moved about quite a lot

and as a result she attended schools in Pontiac, Washington, Roanoke, and East Peoria.

Steve was born on August 17, 1956 at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria to Eldred and Ruth Frazier. He attended Robein Grade School and East Peoria High School. Steve is an only child.

They continued to date for three years. Both of them worked at Hardees. However, Steve was thoroughly convinced that he must have a REAL job before they could make serious plans about the future. He landed a job at a Kroger grocery store. Shortly after securing permanent work, Steve bought a house which he updated, but never occupied until they were married. After spending their wedding night in a hotel in St. Louis, they returned to East Peoria and started their marriage in their own home.

There were other prerequisites of marriage also. They were both baptized before marriage and they were married after his birthday so she would not be older than he. The last detail concerned the ceremony itself. The words 'honor and obey' were part of their commitment to each other. They were married on October 2, 1976 at the East Peoria Christian Church.

Steve and Sherrie have one child, Jeremy, born February 13, 1979, who is living in Chicago and who has been very involved in church affairs. He is presently working for Caterpillar.

What did you find out about your mate after marriage that you did not know before marriage?

Steve shared that he had no idea how little enthusiasm Sherrie had for sports considering his love for everything in that field.

Sherrie explained "My family is a very close-knit family and they LOVE him! My Grandfather spent hours talking to him. I also did not know how messy he is. Together they admitted that Steve was the optimist and she the pessimist. They believe that was God's plan for balance in their marriage.

What was your church background?

Steve's church background was limited to being taken to Sunnyland Christian Church/Sunday School by a neighbor. His parents were never instrumental in his church life. Sherrie's mother was a Christian and her Uncle Larry and Aunt

Donna Barrett were members at Washington Christian Church where Sherrie was baptized. Larry and Donna later became instrumental in starting the East Peoria Christian Church and Sherrie and her family joined them in that endeavor.

After thirty-one years of marriage what element of life has become so comfortable you would have a tough time giving it up?

Steve immediately stated "Sherrie's cooking! She is a great cook. I say this even though I broke a tooth eating her first meal after we were married."

Sherrie said, "Steve is my best friend."

What was the most unifying element of your marriage?

Without hesitancy both answered "the Church."

What was the hardest obstacle you had to overcome in your marriage?

Eight years before Steve reached retirement age Kroger moved his job to Indianapolis. Steve felt obligated to save his pension and he moved to an apartment in that area. Those eight years proved to be a stress-ful time. Sherrie did move there for a short time, but later returned to take care of family who had become ill and moved into their home. In May 2006 Steve crossed off the last work- ing day on the calendar and moved home. Life is good - they reached their goal and look forward to the future.

When asked about future goals they talked about his Mother, Ruth, and her needs. Sherrie mentioned that she had some plans for updating the house. Steve frowned.

Steve's favorite scripture is John 5:19. Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. He sees this scripture as his responsibility for setting the example for their son Jeremy.

Sherrie likes Philippians 4:8. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE MINISTERS

Many of you may have received an email that goes something like this:

At the Emmy awards, Kathy Griffin's acceptance speech said, "A lot of people come up here and thank Jesus for this award. I want you to know that no one had less to do with this award than Jesus." She went on to say, "S*ck it, Jesus. This is my God now!" referring to the Emmy.

As a Christian, I am offended by her hate speech. What do you think might have happened if she had made the hate speech against Muhammad???? Kathy Griffin has the right as an American to say what she thinks. As a Christian-American, so do I.

Today I will refuse to watch any show that she may be on or purchase tickets to any event at which she would perform. What will you do? If you delete this, nothing bad will happen to you, but if you pass this on, you will truly have stood up for Jesus Christ. Let's see what Christians can do.

This really happened but it was censored from the E! Network broadcast of the awards show. Have you ever heard Kathy Griffin? She's pretty funny, pretty smart, and probably right; I seriously doubt Jesus had anything to do with her award or her life in general. Jesus is knocking, but Griffin must be in the shower or something (she says she's an ex-Catholic atheist).

Rather than talk boycott (the Christian's first reaction to everything these days), I think this should be a wake-up call; we need to take a serious look at how people are looking at us.

Why did Griffin think this was a good idea? What cultural environment have we created that would find this funny? I don't see hatred here, only ignorance and probably a gut reaction to what she sees as holier-than-thou "Christian" hypocrites putting on airs. What could be more hypocritical than an angry, foul-mouthed, sex-obsessed, rap singer giving "props" to Jesus? But should we expect anything else from the world? ("The things of God are foolishness to the unbeliever, for they are spiritually discerned" - Paul, paraphrased)

Perhaps Christians need to do something, but perhaps we should start by looking in the mirror. Individual Christians (especially Christian leaders) need to start asking themselves the hard questions: When was the last time I helped the poor? Who is the last widow or orphan I fed? How long has it been since I visited someone in prison? Am I following Christ or running from the world? What is my fruit? Is it just doctrine and dogma, or is it faith, hope, and love?

There's a reason Ms. Griffin sees us as another target, similar to Joan Rivers or Paris Hilton. We need to figure out what that reason is, or there will be no one to blame for the slander of our Savior but ourselves.

We cannot proclaim our Lord to the world if we cannot even relate to it. In order to reach this culture, we cannot rely on the reasoned arguments of the recent past, but instead, like the first-century Christians, we must be humble, transparent, and compassionate; anything less and today's youth will see right through it. Remember, Jesus was a friend of sinners and came to save the lost not embolden the saved. We must do likewise.

I say take a moment today to pray for Kathy Griffin and others who feel the same. Pray that God will open doors for you to show them God's grace and love. Pray that we never become so comfortable in our Christian fortress that we forget the hordes starving for hope outside our walls.

God Bless,

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Read Acts 2:42-47.

Youth News

Calendar of Events for the Youth in April

PLUGGED-IN/CONNECTION ~ Kindergarten thru 5th Graders - Wed, April 2nd, April 16th, April 23rd and the last PLUGGED-IN for the season; April 30th, starting at 6:15 p.m.

Our last CONNECTION will be Wed, April 9th at 6:15 p.m. after the F.I.S.H. Meal. Because of the renovations starting soon we will be ending

the Wednesday Evening Youth Activities at the end of April.

DOMINGO ~ 6th Graders thru High Schoolers - Each Sunday evening of April at the church from 6-8 p.m.

April's Student Ministry Team Meeting

Our April Youth Team meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9th @ 7:30 p.m. after CONNECTION.

If unable to attend the meetings, please contact Jon Pittman.

Graduation Recognition Sunday

We will be combining the All Church Potluck on Sunday, May 4th, with our High School Graduation recognition, so if any of you are graduating from High School, please get your baby/childhood pictures to Jon ASAP.

Also, since the end of May will be a little different and maybe a little hectic, we are holding our normal Graduation Sunday on May 4th during the Worship Service for all those graduating from Middle/Grade School, High School, and College.

Please turn in your names and what school you will be graduating from to the church office by Sunday, April 27th. We would like to recognize all of our graduates in the bulletin.

30 Hour Famine ~ WorldVision

April 11th & 12th

The High Schoolers are once again participating in the 30 Hour Famine Project sponsored by WorldVision. The deadline for registration is Sunday, March 30th and there is a \$20 registration fee which covers your expenses for the two day event.

The event starts out before school on Friday, April 11th at 7 a.m. at Crossroads United Methodist Church with a breakfast and then the fast starts at 8 a.m. There will be shuttles available to drop you off at your school if needed. That afternoon the kids will meet at "The ROCK" for registration at 4:11 p.m. with mixers starting at 5 p.m. At 6:15 Friday evening everyone will leave to attend a Rivermen Game with a Switchfoot Concert following the game. At midnight the girls will return to "The ROCK"

where they will spend the night. The boys sleeping location has yet to be determined.

The next morning, Saturday the 12th, everyone will meet at St. Mark's for planned activities, worship, and a speaker. At 2 p.m. they will break the fast with communion and the event will end at 2:30 p.m.

For every 25 cents each person raises, WorldVision has received a grant that will quadruple the amount to \$1. This will feed one child for a day. Our Washington area goal is \$2,700, which when quadrupled will feed approximately 30 children for a year!!!

High Schoolers, please plan to participate in this worthwhile event. Adults, if asked for donations by one of our High Schoolers, please give generously.

FYI

For Your Information

Worship Service/Sunday School Time Change

Starting May 4th we will be changing around our Worship Service/Sunday School times a bit in preparation for the move to the Middle School on May 18th.

Our new time will be: Sunday School - from 9-9:45 a.m. with Worship Service - 10-11 a.m.

Congregational Meeting

We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 27th, @ 10:30 a.m., during the Sunday School Hour.

2007 Annual Reports

The 2007 Annual Report has been completed and is out in the foyer. If you haven't already received one, please pick up a copy and read through it.

Washington Christian Village News

Theme Party

On Wednesday, April 9, from 1-3 p.m. WCC will be providing the monthly birth-day theme party for the WCV residents.

We generally have ice cream, play bingo and give out prizes, have cake, and this year. I hope, we will be able to play with the new Wii game the Auxiliary purchased. Jim Gorby is planning to have the kinks worked out by then.

Jim started to check out how the game worked and several residents started playing bowling. Other residents, who didn't want to play; came over to cheer the players on. Jim believes that this excitement generated by the game is wonderful for the residents.

We will need to have 10 to 15 people willing to help out at the theme party. After we pass out ice cream and cake in the cafeteria, several people will take ice cream to those residents who did not come to the cafeteria. As we play bingo, Anamarie needs people to help at the tables because some residents don't always hear well and others need help with the bingo boards.

If we play the computer game, we would like to have a couple individuals to supervise and instruct the residents.

If you are able to help, please see Anamarie Morris. She will also need at least five cakes, one of which needs to be Angel Food.

WCV Volunteer Day

Also, don't forget about our monthly Volunteer Day at WCV. We meet the fourth Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m., at the Village to help out with passing out ice and water pitchers, helping the residents get to and from the dining room, and various other small jobs that help out the residents and the staff. If interested in helping out, give Anamarie Morris a call, (444-2689).

April's Volunteer Day is Tuesday, April 22nd.

2008 Christian Women's Conference

Lincoln Christian College & Seminary

April 30, 2008

The Reason for Hope

"Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love . . ." -Psalm 130:7

Key speakers are: Rebecca Manley Pippert ~ "Hope Has It's Reasons"; Ann Downing ~ "At the End of the Rope"; and Nancy Guthrie ~ "Holding on to Hope". Registration received by Wed, April 23rd is \$25. After that is \$30.

Mail your registration to:

Christian Women's Conference
Lincoln Christian College and Seminary
100 Campus View Dr.
Lincoln, IL 62656

Or by telephone 217-732-3168

Or online at www.lccs.edu (follow the Christian Women's Conference link)

Washington Christian Nursery School Annual Spring Programs

You are cordially invited to join us on Tuesday, April 29th at 7 PM for the 4-5's and Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 PM for the 3's Annual Spring Nursery School Programs.

The children are working very hard on their songs and fingerplays and it's such a joy to see them perform.

Refreshments will be served after the program in the Fellowship Hall.

All Church Potluck Planned

We will be holding an all church potluck in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 4th shortly after the Worship Service. We will give you time to run home and grab your goodies! The kitchen may be in slight disarray due to the "Big Move" so please keep it simple. There will be a sign-up in the foyer if you are planning to attend.

This potluck will be in combination with our Graduation Recognition Sunday. A graduation cake will be provided. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

2008 Little Galilee Christian Assembly

CAMP! It's right around the corner! And it's time to making your plans for this summer's camping experience!

What Is the Purpose of Little Galilee? It is their desire that through Bible teaching, young people and adults alike will commit their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and understand what it means to live a Christian life.

What Does Little Galilee Offer? There is plenty of fun, exciting camps to choose from at LGCA.

They even have camps for adults!

There are two Family Camps again this year. The first one is 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. Surly you can find one that meets your needs.

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-get'n-started' campers, Overnight Camps, Partial Week Camps, to Full Week Camps. All are chocked full of learning experiences that your kids won't forget. There is a fairly new Activity Center and 'Game Room' along with the Olympic size swimming pool with a great water slide and a 16 foot climbing wall for the kids to enjoy along with a 5 acre stocked lake complete with canoes, paddle boats, 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 in the Foyer and Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a schedule and registration card and sign up today.

You can also take a Virtual Tour of LGCA on their web site at www.littlegalilee.com.

EQUIP '08 Ministries

By Anamarie Morris

On February 22-23, 2008, Christian workers had an opportunity to attend the EQUIP '08 Ministries Conference at Peoria Christian School. Thankfully, PCS canceled classes two days so EQUIP could remove student desks from the classrooms and set up chairs for participants of the conference.

The students from PCS ran the coat check and the concession stand to raise money for their mission trip this summer. There were 3 mission groups from PCS attempting to raise support.

The Russian Mission Team raised about \$400 with the coat check. The Korean and French Teams worked one day each with concessions. Each team raised \$700. All three teams finished meeting their monetary goals with the funds raised from the conference.

Friday and Saturday were exciting information packed days. As usual there was a seminar for the pastors on Friday. This year Dr. Kent Hunter, the Church Doctor, was the speaker. I am sure he provided the pastors with lots of material because his speech at the general session was extremely focused on the opportunities to reach out to unbelievers.

Additional special seminar options were led by Kendra Smiley, Bill Allison, and Karl Bastian.

If you have never had an opportunity to attend EQUIP conferences, you have missed an opportunity to energize your Christian walk, renew your commitment to being a fantastic Sunday School teacher, and enriched your Biblical appreciation of how many resources are available to reach out to believers and non-believers.

If you have no idea of what classes you should choose, EQUIP provides a list of related topics and the schedule for both Friday and Saturday. If you are interested in Pre-School sessions, EQUIP Ministries had a schedule of nine sessions covering both days. There were pre-planned sessions for Children's ministry with as many as 4-5 choices for each session. Youth, Adult, Administration, Christian Education, Electives, Marriage and Family, Men and Women's ministries, Evangelism, Missions, and small town Church ministries all had specific schedules offered. Of course, you could choose whatever session you wanted. Many of the popular sessions might be offered three or four times during the two days.

For those who are looking for special materials, the exhibit hall had it's usual groups. From Bible College representatives to displays for books, insurance, and wilderness camps, one could spend several hours just browsing.

Having moved from the Civic Center to PCS this year, the event seemed to have made the trip in a seamless fashion. In fact, many commented

that the facility seemed more comfortable and was definitely user friendly.

Plan to attend the conference next year. You will not regret the opportunity to meet committed sessions leaders who really want to strengthen and enrich the participants' lives and their ministries.

Why Be Good?

Free Will and Honesty

Nearly every major story involving an ethical or moral lapse is soon followed by an explanation of why such failures are inevitable.

These "explanations" do not involve Original Sin or flawed institutions created by fallen people. Instead, they usually invoke materialistic causes rooted in natural selection: People do what they do because such behavior enabled their ancestors to pass on their genes. This denial of free will is known as determinism.

Determinists insist that their explanations neither justify wrongdoing nor weaken people's resolve to do the right thing. A recent study shows just how wrong they are.

Researchers recently published the results of experiments testing the link between the belief in free will -- that is the ability to choose right and wrong -- and honesty. Kathleen Vohls of the University of Minnesota and Jonathan Schooler of the University of British Columbia gave college students a math exam in which students would be paid for each correct answer.

They told the students that "a computer glitch would cause the answers to appear on the screen" and that they should press a key to keep from seeing the answers. Students were told that failure to press the key was cheating, although no one would know who had cheated.

Prior to taking the exam, some of the students were asked to read a piece that said that "most educated people do not believe in free will." Another group read a piece affirming free will, and a third read about sugar. Really.

You can probably guess what happened: The "no free will" group was "more likely to let the answer appear" -- that is, to cheat.

This pattern held up in another test involving self-grading: Students in the "no freewill" group were, again, significantly more likely to cheat.

Vohls told MERCATORNET MAGAZINE that these findings tie "in with evidence that cheating is on the increase" among college students. While there "are many possible reasons for this," the erosion in our belief in free will and conscience is almost certainly one of them.

Thus, according to Vohls, it is important to understand the "dangers" posed by the "links between determinism and unethical behavior."

She is right, and what is more troubling is that one piece was all it took to alter student's behavior. Imagine what a lifetime of this kind of indoctrination can do.

It is difficult to imagine a better example of why worldview matters. The issues we discuss here at "BreakPoint" are not abstractions unconnected to real life. What our kids -- and we-- are being taught about who we are and why we are here shapes our worldview. It determines the kind of people we will become.

The belief that we are the product of random and impersonal forces makes it absurd to see ourselves as moral agents. So it is not hard to see why so many people take a "why bother" attitude toward moral issues.

Of course, Christians are not determinists. We know that things like compassion and valor and honesty are more than electrical impulses in the brain. Thus, not only can we explain why people do evil, but also we can explain why it is reasonable to expect them to do good as well.

From Chuck Colson's daily broadcast, "Breakpoint." February 29, 2008

--submitted by Ed Taylor

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES:

Turn into church office by the 15th of the month.

Suggested length of the articles:

Typewritten-1/2 pg/Handwritten-1 1/2 pp

Pictures should be black and white if possible.

Articles must be signed - name will be withheld from publication upon request.

Editor reserves the right to condense, edit, or reject articles.

Peoria Rescue Ministries Presents . . .

The Billy Graham Center Museum & Wheaton College Bus Tour

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Join Peoria Rescue Ministries for an exciting trip (on a comfortable Peoria Charter Coach) to see the Billy Graham Center Museum, which houses the history of evangelism and revivalism in America, with exhibits that are a visual history of the growth and evangelism in the United States from Colonial times to the present. Also featured are temporary exhibits about religious history and Christian art.

Cost: \$48 / person, (includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, driver and escort tips, all attractions, a light continental breakfast on the way, and lunch at Wheaton.)

Registration: Call 309-676-6416 to register, or mail your check and information to PO Box 837, Peoria, Illinois 61652-0837.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline: April 22nd

See the flyer on the foyer bulletin board for additional information.

Circle of Friends News

OPERATION QUIET COMFORT

Happy Spring! Remember, if you enjoyed too many Easter goodies help is on the way!

Please join us at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3rd for a Heart Smart program on healthy eating. The speaker is Judy Getz of Washington. Judy is a nutritionist with Pekin Hospital. Come welcome Judy and bring a friend. Plan on staying afterwards if possible to work on cutting jean squares. (So bring your cutting supplies.)

Besides food, Circle of Friends has a lot on it's plate!

Upcoming Events:

*Mother-Daughter Evening ~ Thurs, April 24th

*Cherry Festival ~ May 28th-31st:

We will again supply and man the Diaper Changing Booth. We have done this for several years as a community service project and feel it is much appreciated by the community.

Again this year, we will have a booth in the Merchants Tent where we will have hand outs from the church and various other bits of information. We will once again be selling our cookbooks and we will have the jean squares available for the community to sign "Thank You", "Get Well", and "Words of Encouragement" messages to the wounded soldiers in the military in our "Operation Quiet Comfort" program.

Check out www.operationsquietcomfort.com for more details about this program.

In preparation for the Cherry Festival we will be holding continuous get-togethers for cutting of the denim jean squares for "Operation Quiet Comfort". We have lots and lots of donated denim that needs to be washed and cut.

So, along with our moving plans for our church renovations, we would like to have jean-square cutting evenings planned until we either have all the material cut or we no longer have a Fellowship Hall to use.

Once we are out of the building, we may have to rely on individuals to cut squares at home and store them until the Cherry Festival.

If you would like to plan an evening to gather a few people from your Bible Study, LIFE GROUP, or Sunday School Class together in the Fellowship Hall, just call the church office (444-2550) and get it on the calendar.

Not sure just what to do? Talk to Kim Taylor, Ginny Browning, Mary Fisher or Beth Howley and one of them can explain just what to do and what supplies you will need. (Basically, counter/table surface, a cutting mat and rotary cutter and/or good scissors.)

Please check the weekly bulletin for updated details. Circle of Friends is open to all ladies of the church. Bring your friends along! We have a great time of service, fellowship, and learning.

Attention ALL Deaconesses!

Get this date on your calendars!! We will be holding our Annual Organizational Meeting this Tuesday, April 1st at 7 PM.

This is a VERY IMPORTANT, MUST ATTEND, meeting! (Especially this year!) We will not only be planning this coming year's Deaconess Schedule, but we will have a lot of decisions and plans to make for the church renovations that will be going on over the Summer.

If it is impossible for you to make the meeting, please see Judy Vaughn (444-2801) or Jan Geisz (745-8440).