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**Did You Know?**

*by Pastor Len Smith*

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:10, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings..."

This article is being written for the members and friends of the Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship. Some of you are new friends and members. Some of you are very active, somewhat active, or you have not been actively involved in the ministry of this congregation for quite some time. As I have personal contact with members and friends, both past and present, I have become aware that there is a need to communicate the current status of our ministries in greater detail.

**Did you know** that Pastor Len officially retired from his teaching career in private and public education on July 1, 2011, and he now devotes 50+ hours per week in full-time ministry on behalf of the congregation? There are more than 30 small ministry groups in our congregation that desire your prayerful support and participation. These groups minister to children, youth, adults, and senior citizens.

**Did you know** that the Lord has blessed this congregation with an awesome facility on 6 acres of land with 71 blacktop parking spaces for vehicles? We have 20,546 square feet including our sanctuary, fellowship hall, multipurpose room, two kitchens, and 9 Sunday school classrooms. Our sanctuary comfortably seats 226 individuals. The value of our church land and buildings was appraised at \$1,685,000 on November 7, 2007.

**Did you know** that the original debt on our community ministry center that was dedicated on August 19, 2007, was \$367,700.00? Through sacrificial giving to our building fund, through bequests, and through fundraisers such as auctions, yard sales, and spaghetti suppers, on September 14, 2011, our loan balance is \$130,357.47. On March 3, 2011, the church board approved an interest rate reduction that enables us to pay more on the mortgage principal every month. We want to thank each one of you that has participated in any way in our debt reduction efforts.

**Did you know** that a portion of our regular offerings and special designated offerings help to support the following ministries outside of our congregation? WCRH, WTRM, the Mid-Atlantic District of the Church of the Brethren, meat canning, Camp Shepherd's Spring, the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, Emergency Disaster Fund, Global Food Crisis Fund, Emerging Global Mission Fund, six different missionary families, Hagerstown Rescue Mission (men's shelter), Hagerstown Salvation Army (women's shelter), Crop Walk, the Clear Spring Food Bank, Operation Christmas Child, Hagerstown Salvation Army Christmas stockings for children, and the Barnabas Fund.

**Did you know** that Pastor Len wants to encourage every member and friend to come and invite a friend to our special fall Friendship Sunday services on October 23? *May each of us not only consistently demonstrate we know Christ, but constantly endeavor to make Him known!*



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## Connecting with Your Mid-Atlantic District

Fall 2011

*"Greetings!" from your Leadership Team*, which represents you and plans positive steps forward for doing the Lord's work here in our Mid-Atlantic District. Some of the topics that filled our plates as we gathered around the table at our most recent meeting on August 13 were the following:

- ▶ Planning for the formation of the new Communications Ministry Team
- ▶ Interviewing candidates for ordination
- ▶ Reviewing the Proposed Budget for 2012, which will be presented at District Conference in October
- ▶ Discussing ways to encourage congregations as they carry out their missions

### *Ministry Team Moment:*

We would like to take a moment from time to time to share some information about some of the Ministry Teams that function under the District Leadership Team. We will focus on the Calling and Credentialing Ministry Team (CCMT) this quarter. The CCMT is an important group that provides significant support to the ordained and licensed ministers in the District. They do this by first recommending candidates for ordained and licensed ministry. CCMT ensures that the appropriate training has been completed so that our pastors can maintain their status within the church. They provide for approved continuing education opportunities. The team maintains a high standard of ethics from our pastors and reviews any potential ethical conflicts. As you can tell from this very brief description, CCMT cares for an integral part of the ministry of the District—our pastors.

### **Fahrney-Keedy Adding Mobile Bistro to Food Service Lineup**

Fahrney-Keedy Home & Village is adding a mobile bistro food service, to enhance the dining experience for its residents, their families, associates and visitors. The light dining fare will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with plans to expand this service in the future. Menu items will include sandwiches, soups, salads, wraps, light desserts and drinks. Full dining services will continue to be provided by Culinary Services Group (CSG) in the formal dining room.

"The bistro concept works well due to the convenience and easy access, without sacrificing the quality of food you receive," said Brian Mowen of CSG, Dining Services Director at Fahrney-Keedy. "Food will be prepared daily each morning and managed throughout the day by dining room staff."

"The Bistro is just one of several new and expanded programs that we are implementing and are directed toward enhancing the services offered at Fahrney-Keedy," said Keith Bryan, President/CEO.

A continuing care retirement community, Fahrney-Keedy is along Route 66 a few miles north of Boonsboro. With more than 200 full, part-time and contract employees it serves a resident population of more than 200 women and men in independent living, assisted living and long- and short-term nursing care. Fahrney-Keedy is committed to enhancing the lives of seniors through caring quality service.



### **Brethren Volunteer Service earns award for Volunteer Group of the Year**

The Family Abuse Center, a domestic violence program for six counties in central Texas, awarded BVS the 2011 Volunteer Group of the Year. BVS currently has two volunteers serving at the center located in Waco, Texas, and has had 6 volunteers serve there since our first volunteers arrived in August of 2009. In May the director of BVS, Dan McFadden, was honored to accept the award on behalf of Brethren Volunteer Service at the center's annual banquet.

BVSers volunteer as resident advocates, the "front line" service providers at the 24-hour shelter. The volunteers assist men, women, and children that are victims of domestic violence, who need to have a safe and healing environment in the shelter. BVSers also answer 24-hour hot-line crisis calls, provide meals, and cover the front desk as needed along with various other duties in the shelter. The center provides three meals a day, individual and group counseling, case management, legal assistance, and access to community resources that empower the survivors to start new lives.

**In 2010, BVS had:** • 72 new volunteers; • 5 orientation units; • 131 volunteers total.

**Currently, BVS has:** • volunteers from age 19 to 79; • volunteers in 10 different countries; • volunteers in 16 different US states and Washington, D.C.

—Brethren Volunteer Service Annual Report  
Summer 2011



## Hope Outreach Ministries: Carrying hope to India through Jesus Christ

Warm greetings in the Lord's precious Name from India! Sukanya and I thank you for all your financial and prayer support for us and for the ministry here in India. The Lord is touching the lives of people who are waiting for hope through Hope Outreach Ministries. We rejoice in the Lord for what He is doing.

Every third Wednesday we hold a Pastors' Conference with a burden to train pastors and Christian workers to equip them with sound Bible doctrine. The August Pastors' Conference was conducted on the 17th. Over 80 pastors and some of their wives gathered at Hope Center. The church was full. The doctrine for the day was the doctrine of the Trinity. The Lord poured out His Spirit on everyone, especially the speakers and the pastors who attended. The pastors traveled 75 to 100 miles from interior villages.

Praise God the Training Conference was such a great blessing. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most difficult doctrines for pastors to understand. There is a similar concept in other Indian religions. And as a result, it is one

of the most misunderstood Bible doctrines in India. The teaching of the Word of God shed great light on their hearts. They shared with us that most of their confusions and doubts are gone now because of the clear teaching of the Word of God. We provided transportation expenses for all of the pastors as well as food, training materials, books and pens, and some printed notes.

We are awaiting a visit from Bro. J. Mark Horst and his team at the end of September. Rev. J. Mark Horst is the President of Heralds of Hope Inc. He is a radio preacher and God is using him in a mighty way. While he is here, we will be holding a Pastors' Conference for the whole day on the 29th of September. And on September 30, we will have the first graduation service of Hope Bible School. We are expecting about 150 pastors to attend.

May the Lord continue to bless each one of you and your families with His joy and peace. May we together reach the unreached while the doors are open and while the Spirit is at work convicting people and leading them to the Cross of Calvary.

— Excerpts of letter from Pastor Vijay Singapogu, Founder-President  
HOPE Outreach Ministries, India



### Celebrating a A special birthday gift

Here in Rwanda, even in the capital city, there are some things 15-year-olds wish for that just aren't possible. One such thing is root beer! No one has ever seen it sold here. Coke, Sprite, even Pepsi are available—but that's not what our 15-year-old misses! Chuck and I were in town to grocery shop. They often have sale items on a table at the entrance (usually expired stuff). BUT...we both spotted it at the same time...**Shasta Root Beer!!!!** We exclaimed in unison, 'Jean-Luc's birthday!' Two days before his birthday, he mentioned root beer once again. I just smiled inside and thanked the Lord for His special gift to Jean-Luc this year. Isn't God incredible, how He delights to meet even our smallest needs—and our cravings, too!

Debby & Chuck & Jean-Luc Baldwin

— Go Ye Connection, Newsletter of Go Ye Fellowship  
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The Baldwins are missionaries in Rwanda where Chuck serves as Evangelism Explosion Africa Great Lakes Area Director.

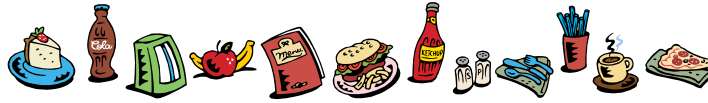
### From gardens to goats: Haitian pastors, Global Food Crisis Fund team up for school children

A creative venture in Haiti in which children from poor homes tend gardens to earn school fees has taken a new turn: raising goats. Up to 100 children are each to receive a goat, learn to care for it, and pass one of its offspring on to other impoverished families. Working with schools in the remote northwest area of Bombardopolis, the Children's Education Agriculture Program is headed by Jean Bily Telfort, general secretary of L'Eglise des Freres Haitens, the Church of the Brethren in Haiti, and administered by a group of Haitian pastors. The Global Food Crisis Fund is assisting with the purchase of goats at \$50 each and providing \$1,000 for veterinary services.



— E-news of the Global Food Crisis Fund, September/October 2011

Note: A portion of Broadfording's outreach giving each week helps to support Pastor Vijay, the Baldwins, and GFCF.



## What are you *really* eating? Your health wants to know

Food technology has come a long way since Louis Pasteur developed pasteurization, the process of heating milk and other liquids to kill bacteria, in 1862. Nowadays, scientists work to make everyday foods lower in calories, cheaper to manufacture, and aesthetically pleasing—which has led to some unintended health scares. What long-term decisions are you actually making when you make a short-term choice at the grocery store? Here are three of the most controversial food additives in the foods you may see on a menu or at a supermarket—

### **Aspartame**

This artificial sweetener has been the subject of countless studies since its initial approval by the Food and Drug Administration in the 1970s; it's a food additive that scientists have been debating about since day one. Despite the FDA's consistent support for this sweetener, which appears in many diet drinks and snacks, studies at institutes throughout the world have suggested it can cause brain tumors, seizures, cancer, and multiple sclerosis, among other serious illnesses.

Dr. Sanjay Gupta reviewed the history of aspartame in the U.S. for CNN.com readers and concluded, "About 6,000 products—including soft drinks, gum, candy, pudding, yogurt—all contain aspartame. When a product is so widely used, it often happens that there is some scientific scrutiny. So I would imagine this debate and these studies will continue for quite a while."

While the global scientific community continues to disagree whether aspartame is safe, how will you choose to consume your sweets? Is it worth the risk?

### **Food coloring**

Several food dyes, including Green 3, Yellow 5 and 6, and Red 3, have been linked to a variety of consequences for

years: tumors, cancer, liver failure, and more. But a growing number of reports suggest that these Technicolor chemicals can also lead to behavioral changes in children—like mental and hyperactivity disorders.

In March, the FDA released a report that admitted to the possibility that some dyes and colorings might intensify problem behaviors in youth who are predisposed to behavioral issues.

The FDA wrote in its report, "For certain susceptible children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and other problem behaviors ... the data suggest that their condition may be exacerbated by exposure to a number of substances in food, including, but not limited to, synthetic color additives."

### **Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil**

If you know the term "trans fats," you're already familiar with this oil. It's the product that occurs when a food manufacturer solidifies vegetable oil using hydrogen gas, which makes for a cheaper—and potentially deadlier—frying and preserving medium. In 2006, the Harvard School of Public Health connected about 50,000 premature heart attack deaths to trans fats. The study also revealed that "every increase of one percentage point in the portion of calories from trans fats translated to a two-pound weight gain over eight years."

Since cities like New York have passed bans on trans fats, more and more food manufacturers have lined up behind the crusade against this dangerous substance. But restaurants continue to struggle with removing partially hydrogenated vegetable oil from their fryers and menus. When in doubt, be sure to look at the food label or ask your server about the use of trans fats in restaurants where you eat. Your heart—and your waistline—will thank you.

—Brian Solem, Assistant Editor, **Benefit News**, Third Quarter 2011

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## What's cooking? The new *Inglenook Cookbook* and you

Since 1901, the *Inglenook Cookbook* has been a tradition passed from generation to generation. These cherished recipes were tested in kitchens across America and selected for their value, excellence, and simplicity. The success of the series was its appeal to common people, those who embody the principles of simple living and value wholesome food, tastefully prepared.

The new *Inglenook Cookbook* looks to follow in that same tradition by assembling the best recipes from today's

kitchens. A contemporary cookbook that reflects our rich Brethren heritage, upholding the values we share, and representing the tables of those who choose to live simply. To find out more visit: [www.inglenookcookbook.org](http://www.inglenookcookbook.org).

You are invited to continue the tradition by sharing a recipe or a memory about food and eating together. Sandra Jones will be submitting the recipes and stories shared by our congregation. Please give them to her by October 9. You may email Sandra at: [bcsjones1969@comcast.net](mailto:bcsjones1969@comcast.net).

## Cearfoss Senior Connection is off to a good start

On Tuesday, September 13, under the leadership of Pastor Len Smith, Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship launched a new program for senior citizens known as Cearfoss Senior Connection. The group meets on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The ten individuals who attended the first meeting decided to promote the following activities:

Beads	Crafts	Socializing
Bible studies	DVDs	Special music
Bingo	Field Trips	Special presentations; e.g., slide shows; rocks and minerals
Chair exercises	Painting	Special projects
Checkers	Ping pong ball games	Special speakers
Chess	Puzzles	Various card games and other table games
Chinese Checkers	Quilting	Walk and talk in the gym
Cookie swap at Christmas	Reading newspapers/magazines	Yoga
	Sing-a-longs	



**ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! COME AND BRING A FRIEND!**



*Choir rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.*

### 2011 Fundraisers

We praise the Lord for the success of this year's fundraising efforts to benefit community ministry center debt reduction:

Spaghetti dinner on March 26	\$2,102.00
Yard sale on May 13 & 14	\$2,148.50
Auction on August 27	\$9,004.24
Spaghetti dinner on September 17	\$1,944.59

Additionally, the pig and corn roast on July 16 raised \$873.05 toward a church pavilion.

We are grateful for the support of many dedicated volunteers working together in countless ways to make these events not only possible but successful as well.

### Cash for Causes

This is just a reminder that our church's building fund receives \$5 for each \$100 of Martin's "Cash for Causes" gift cards purchased from Bernie Burkett. Income in 2010 from this program totaled \$2,400, bringing the total earned over the past eight years to \$14,010. Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, and \$300.

To learn more about the program or to obtain cards, please see Bernie or call her at 301-791-3440.

### 'Goodness' brings 'Water for Life' to villages across eastern Niger

In Niger, a largely desert country in West Africa, two grants of \$10,000 each from the Global Food Crisis Fund have helped dig 30 wells in four villages across the eastern region of Zinder. The wells provide safe drinking water for humans and animals and, in times of drought, water for gardens. The wells enterprise, termed "Water for Life," is the work of Nagarta, an NGO begun 20 years ago by the Evangelical Church of Niger. Nagarta, a Hausa term translated "goodness," also plants trees, develops sustainable agriculture, and offers training in managing natural resources. A proposal to GFCF for a new \$10,000 grant will benefit a fifth village.

### Horn of Africa: 'The cattle are dying. We'll be next'

"The old men tell us that they collect the dead animals near the village and burn them to avoid diseases. One of the old men adds ironically, 'In a month or so you can collect us.'" Texted from Ethiopia by ACT Alliance's Rikke Holm, the incident signals the worst drought to hit the Horn of Africa in 60 years. Each day at Dadaab, the world's largest refugee camp operated by ACT, some 1,300 newly displaced people arrive, mostly women, children, and the elderly, pushing the camp's population toward 400,000. In addition to drought, the mass displacement of people is driven by food shortages, spiraling prices, dying livestock and the conflict in Somalia. ACT Alliance is a coalition of some 100 church-based organizations, among them Church World Service, working in humanitarian assistance and development in 125 countries.

— E-news of the Global Food Crisis Fund, Sept./Oct. 2011

# 2011 Fall Friendship Sunday and Revival Services

## Morning Worship Service

Sunday, October 23  
10:30 a.m.

- Sermon by Pastor Len: "Friends and Facebook: Facing the Book" (Job 16:15-21)
- Guest soloist: Kevin Booth, Elvis Tribute Artist
- Children's puppetry story
- A fellowship meal in our Community Ministry Center will follow morning worship

Attendance at our 2011 Spring Friendship Sunday Worship Service was 170, for which Pastor Len entered the "wind tunnel" at Valley Mall. Now, he has committed himself to shaving his mustache for one week if attendance reaches or exceeds 171 on Sunday morning, October 23.

Before



After ???



**IT'S UP TO YOU!**

## Evening Revival Services

Sunday, October 23 - Wednesday, October 26  
7:00 p.m.

Guest speaker: Rev. Ken Gibble

Rev. Gibble is an ordained Church of the Brethren minister with 42 years of experience in the ministry. He served as our Interim Pastor from September 2004 through May 2005.

### Sermon Topics

*Theme: "God's Story People"*

- Sunday      **"Shiprah and Puah, Chuza and Joanna . . . and Others"**  
(Various texts)
- Monday     **"The Woman Who Washed Jesus' Feet"** (Luke 7:36-50)
- Tuesday    **"Possessed"** (Luke 8:26-39)
- Wednesday **"Blood of the Lamb"** (John 1:21-30)

Special music at all services

Childcare provided

**INVITE A DIFFERENT FRIEND TO EACH SERVICE!**

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