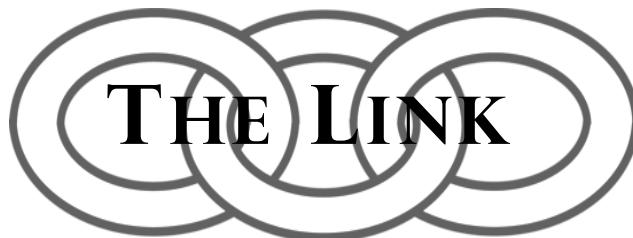


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John 3:16 and the Homeless Boy

In the city of Chicago, one cold, dark night, a blizzard was setting in. A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner. The people were in and out of the cold. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers.

He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and it's awful cold in there for tonight. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay."

The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and knock on the door. When they come out of the door you just say 'John 3:16' and they will let you in." So he did.

He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered. He looked up and said, "John 3:16." The lady said, "Come on in son." She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off. The boy sat there for a while

and thought to himself: John 3:16.....

I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm.

Later, she came back and asked him, "Are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days and I guess I could stand a little bit of food." The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. Then he thought to himself: John 3:16..... boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full.

She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for a while. As he soaked, he thought to himself: John 3:16..... I sure don't understand it but it sure does make a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a real bath in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out. The lady came in and got him. She took him to a room, tucked him into a big old feather bed, pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him goodnight and turned out the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window, at the snow coming down on that cold night, he

thought to himself: John 3:16.... I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy rested.

The next morning, the lady came back up and took him down again to that same table full of food. After he ate, she took him down again to that same big old split bottom rocker in front of the fireplace and picked up a big old Bible. She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face. Do you understand John 3:16?" she asked gently. He replied, "No ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it."

She opened the Bible to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there, in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there and thought: John 3:16. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe.

You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, how God was willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the Father and every angel in Heaven as they watched Jesus suffer and die.

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Worship Servants

May 5

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Joyce Shutts
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Roberta Miller
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Valerie Bandemer

May 12

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
Scripture: Sharon Smith
Offering: Loretta Hirschman
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Roberta Miller
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Leanna Shirley

May 19

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Betty Heisig
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Roberta Miller
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: TBD

May 26

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Kathy Gosnell
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Roberta Miller
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Pot Luck



John 3:16 Cont.

You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, how God was willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the Father and every angel in Heaven as they watched Jesus suffer and die. I don't understand the intense love for ME that kept Jesus on the cross till the end. I don't understand it, but it sure does make life worth living.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Author Unknown ---

Positive Peace

*Negatives do not have space when our positives give grace -
 Let no worry bring in din.
 Father's Words shield in and win!
 If we keep what's good in view,
 negatives will not "taboo."
 Soothing to us every way
 Are God's promises, which stay!
 Alleluia
 By Evelyn M. Shoots*

*Romans 15:13, Abound in hope!
 Happy Easter! He is Risen!*

John 25, 26, I am the resurrection and the life!



Grove of Grace

By Evelyn Marie Shoots

Levity on a serious page.....

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."



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And attend!!

Prayer
9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
10 a.m. Wed.

Choir Practice
6 p.m. - Wednesdays

Deacons' Meeting
10 a.m. Friday, May 3
@ Valerie Bandemer Home

Trustee's Mtg.
5:30 p.m., May 21

Cabinet Mtg.
6 p.m., Tues., May 28

Mission Committee
1:15 pm, Thurs., July 18

LINK articles due to Joyce Shutts by **May 19**



May

- 1 - Chris Heisig
- 8 - Marlene Thayer
- 11 - Josina McCarroll Jackson Goff
- 12 - Devonne Buskey
- 15 - Shawn Teeter
- 17 - Jessica Lyn Heisig
- 23 - George Zima
- 29 - Valerie Bandemer

Board of Trustee's Corner

I was asked to provide updates for the congregation on ongoing projects. Well here goes: The south side gutter on the church came down in the wind storm in March 2019. MIG Building Services re-installed a new gutter. We modified the installation by setting a high point in the center of the new gutter and adding a second down-spout. Doing this will send the water in two different directions instead of one cutting down the weight of the water and hopefully eliminating the possibility of doing this over again. Because our insurance policy deductible is \$1000.00, we paid out of pocket \$775.00 for the repair.

That being said, let's talk about the building inspection by Bero Associates. We started the process on 4/9/19. We made a short inspection of the entire building. The firm asked questions on dates & repairs, and we provided them with a history book on the church to help with that information. This process will be ongoing & will hopefully be wrapped up sometime in May, in time for us to decide what the physical status of our buildings is, and how we as a church move forward with what we have to do.

The Ramp -- the board voted to replace the ramp in March; a down payment was made of \$3800.00 for the start of the fabrication of the new ramp. We also made the vendor responsible for getting the building permits & all approvals for said ramp. **The last update I received was on 4/18/19; we are looking at an install date of the 3rd week of May.** We will coordinate the removal of the old ramp with the install of the new one. We have members that use the old ramp so we are trying to keep it in service as long as possible. The down payment on the ramp came out of the money we received from the insurance company.

The Board also is working on upgrading the Kitchen along with the repairs to the playroom, "formally the Nursery". I will be addressing that in the next issue.

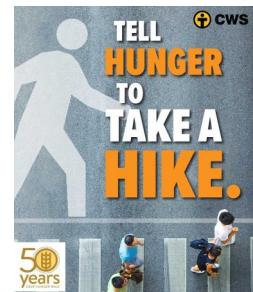
I'm looking for some help rototilling around the sign in front church. We would like to plant some flowers & make it (the sign) a little more beautiful. Please call me at 261-0757 or email me at markeintzsr@gmail.com if you can help out with this project.

In His Service, Mark Heintz, Sr.



Looking Ahead:

May 5 - CROP Walk, 12:45 PM Registration, 1 PM Walk in Henrietta Memorial Park. Connie Necaster, Ken & Isabella Goff, Laurie Wenthe, Jasmine Morse, and Mike Young are walking. Please pledge to support them and help Stamp Out Hunger. You can give your pledges to each of them or you can donate online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/henriettany/Team/View/106608/West-Henrietta-Baptist>. When on the page, search for West Henrietta Baptist. Share the link with friends & family.



May 11 - Another fund-raiser. Gather up your items, and bring them to the church. They will be taken between 10 and 12 Noon to Webster. Proceeds benefit the music fund.

May 12 - Mother's Day/ Family Sunday, Pot Luck Fellowship. Bring your Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Friends, et al.



May 19 - Uno's Dough Raiser to support the Harvest Home/Thrivent Coalition. A new home will be started in the near future on Holworthy Street, and it will be a larger one to accommodate a multi-generation Somalian family. The last home at 179 Whitney St. was dedicated and transferred to Mary Sutton on April 13.



Is scheduled for **June 30** at Martin Road Park. More details to follow.

Remember to sign up on the Fellowship host list on the Bulletin Board for June.



 **MISSIONS** 
Spreading God's Love

On a personal note, I want to thank you for the cards, visits and prayers during my most recent illness. Your love and prayers were with me throughout my recovery process. Thank you so very much for all of the love that was expressed and shown to me. Please know that I love each and every one of you with all of my heart. Hugs and Kisses to you all!



The Mission Committee met April 04, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the church to discuss future upcoming activities for the remainder of the year. During the month of April, our Noisy Offering went to the benefit of Evy & Evie's Food Ministry. Joann Wilbert and company sponsored a craft show as a part of Fund raising for the Church, April 13, 2019. Another Craft show is planned for later this year. April 13, 2019, Leanna Shirley and Patricia Floyd attended the installation for Executive Director, Dr. Sandra DeMott Hasennauer at Lake Avenue Baptist Church. The event was well attended by members of our local churches. The same day Joyce Shutts & Michael Shirley attended the Habitat Dedication of the Harvest Home Coalition Home on Whitney Street.

Members in our church have been busy fulfilling mission responsibilities throughout the community. During the month of May, we are donating our Noisy Offering to Michelle and David Heed, the missionaries in Tanzania. On May 5, we are participating in the Crop Walk. Please see Gretchen Young for the list of people who are walking this year. If you prefer to contribute your donation on line, she will be able to provide you with that information as well. Please try to have this done as soon as possible. Our church has always been a leader with the Crop Walk, and we are certain that we will do our part this year as well. We want to thank each and every one of you for your support of the Mission Committee, and our effort give back to the community. It is our joy to serve this church in this capacity. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Respectfully submitted, Patricia A Floyd, Chairman

Thank you, Leanna for formulating the Maundy Thursday Service.

Did you attend? If not, you missed a living Passover dinner with Jesus and his disciples. We learned of their thoughts and feelings as Jesus told them he would be going to his death very soon.

A written narrative will be available soon.

HELP PLEASE: IT IS TIME TO UPDATE OUR DIRECTORY. HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER? HAVE YOU ESTABLISHED A NEW EMAIL? DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A CELL PHONE NUMBER? IF YOU AREN'T IN THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE SHARE YOUR NAME(S), ADDRESS, PHONE #, BIRTHDAYS (DAY/MONTH). PLEASE GIVE TO JOYCE SHUTTS, CALL HER @ 334-0114, OR EMAIL @RJSHUTTS@GMAIL.COM