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Military Personnel

Logan Romine, Emily Longest, Aaron Hubner, Charles Mann Jr., Steven Peralta, Yuji Dornberg (Jamie Fox's husband), Major Michal Bruens (Calif.) Brian Brown, Sgt. Ryne Haxton, Joan Skipper, Caleb Skipper, Roy Espinoza Jr., Derek Evans (Afghanistan), Chris Bickers, Jordan Bishopp, Jacob Huckleby, Adam Frye, Nick McCann, David Johnson, Kevin Krause, Vincent Lafoon (England), Josh Newman (Iraq), Heather Romine, Shane Carter, Sgt. Erik Sheppard, Sgt. Skyler Feller (Iraq), Richard Kelenhofer, Joshua Habing-Martinez, Jesse Pugh, Jonathan Starr (Iraq), and all military personnel.

Deaths

Please Pray for the family and friends of:

Doug Miller, Norma Fischer, & Leah Kincade

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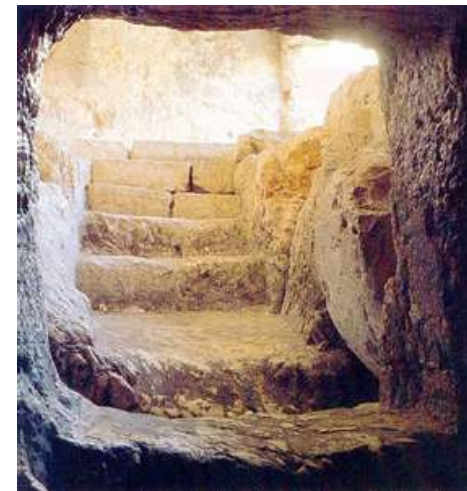
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APRIL 2011

“I Believe”



Come Worship and Celebrate with us at the Milford High School Gymnasium April 24th. Start your Easter Celebration early...Come for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Service Set-Up

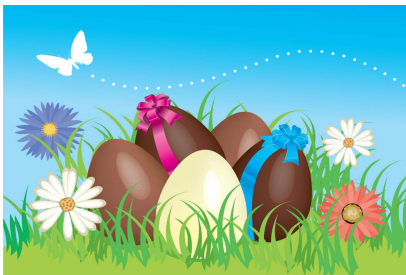
Everyone loves the Easter Service at the High School. Everyone knows there is a lot involved in preparing for the service. If you would like to enjoy some great fellowship and perform a great ministry: *We have a deal for you!!* Meet at the church on Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m. We'll begin the project with prayer for the soul and food for the body. We will then haul all the necessary items to the gym. Come on out-it's a great time to really get to know the family. Also, for twenty minutes after the service if you can help get the stuff back to the church and in the building it would be great help!!

King's Club

King's Club will meet every Wednesday afternoon in April. The King's Club year end party will be held here at the church on Wednesday, April 27 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Join us for an exciting time as we close the King's Club Semester. There will be hot dogs, chips, cookies and FUN. We will have plenty of games to play, and Neil will give a short promotion for summer camp. Hope to see you there!!!

EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST

CWC will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast for all kids up to 5th grade on Saturday, April 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Join us for a Hoppin Good Time!!!



Harvest of Talents News

Do you remember??? The first Harvest of Talents was set up in the classrooms (now the offices and large classroom). The rooms were decorated with different themes, similar to what we do today Christmas, woodworking, crafts, crocheting, knitting, sewing, baked goods, etc. Breakfast and Lunch were in the kitchen area (now the back of the sanctuary). There wasn't a spacious gym. How did we do it???? We are so thankful for the gym today to hold Harvest of Talents in one spot.

There will be a bake Sale that will benefit Harvest of Talents on Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 a.m. Baked good items are needed. Bring them in on Friday the 15th or early Saturday morning. Also come and buy early for your Easter weekend.

Do you have ideas or projects? Share with us-- Don and Laurel Wichman, Warren and Linda Hancock, Teresa Hancock, Terry and Dawn Kennedy, Wayne and Sue Fox, Sean and Becky McCalla.

Christian Women's Concern

CWC will have a meeting on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. Ladies are asked to bring 2 bags of wrapped candy (no starburst-won't fit in eggs), and their items for the Emergency Shelter. Also, please bring school items for the Sunday School boxes.

Ladies Day

Join Lincoln Christian University as they host the 2011 Christian Women's Conference on April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. LCU's campus will be filled with women from across the Midwest; gathering to worship, learn, fellowship, and enjoy an afternoon together. Kathy Troccoli and Ellie Lofaro are the guest speakers for this year's event themed, "Look Up...Timeless Truths for Trying Times." "I look up to the hills...from where my help comes." Psalms 121:1. Registration fee is \$30.00 by April 20th. The fee goes to \$35.00 after the 20th. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

Easter Cantata

The Milford Christian Church Adult Choir will present "*The King Is Coming*" on Sunday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a time of refreshments after the performance.

THANK YOU!!!

**A Big Thank you to everyone who donated items, or came and ate at the CWC Baked Potato fundraiser--
\$610.05 was raised for the 2011 Mission Trips.**

I am always humbled by your generosity to this ministry. Without ever seeing the fruit that is being produced, you continue to give sacrificially to see that women have a safe place to go in time of great need. Not only do our clients receive truth and support concerning their pregnancy options, but they receive the truth about Jesus Christ, the One Who saved them and set them free to make choices that lead to life. Discipleship is my favorite part of this job. He has produced so many miracles here! I love watching our clients come into a real relationship with Him through the ministry of deliverance. He is the Deliverer! He is Lord! We are so terribly blessed to know Him, love Him and be loved by Him! Praise the Lord! With gratitude and love I pray you will be renewed in your knowledge of Him and all He has bought for us!!

Baby Bottle Campaign has netted \$1,126.50 so far! Can you believe it!? WOW-that is a first for New Beginnings. Many, many thanks!!!

**In Christ,
Wendy Barwegen
New Beginning's Women's Center**

Notes from Gary

After doing the Communion Meditation Sunday, I later began to ponder the motivations behind our weekly observance of the Lord's Supper; why and what we are to remember, and maybe, most important of all, why it is essential in our human condition the necessity to remember.

We need to be reminded that God has offered to every human being an extravagant gift; eternal life, or salvation. Ephesians 2:1-10, basically says this: God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in transgressions.....for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works so that no one can boast. God offers to us, to you, a gift. Why? It has been my experience that a gift conveys a message from the giver to the receiver. The motivation behind the gift, in this case, God's love for us, reveals the heart and mind of the giver. It tells us that we are important to God; that he wants the best for us; he wants for us to be together with Him forever. However, in the beat down of every day life, we often forget about the gift of good that God has for us. Our connection to God has an overwhelming influence upon the choices we make so in the hostility of every day life it becomes necessary for us to remember. We need to be reminded!

The extravagance of a gift also speaks volumes as to the depth of feeling in the heart of the giver. When one spends, trades, or invests that which is most precious to him to secure the message the gift portrays it is easy to see the importance the giver has placed on the receiver. Satan continually bombards us with the message that we are helpless, hopeless, and worthless. He showers us with cheap and fading trinkets to tell us that his is all we're worth. We need to remember that our Heavenly Father expressed our true worth through the life's blood of the Light of the World, His Son, Jesus Christ. We need to be reminded.

Finally, the gift expresses the invitation to belong to God's family. I don't know what you believe about that privilege, but Brent's sermon yesterday (3/20) left no doubt that the invitation excludes no one. Our sense of unworthiness because of our propensity to sin often clouds how we think God feels about us. God didn't offer to clean us up because we are perfect, but because we were pretty muddy. Do we stop loving a child because he gets dirty again after taking a bath? No, because we love the child we clean him up again. That is what God does for us through the process of forgiveness. Satan would have us think that if we mess up God will want nothing to do with us. So we need to remember that God's love is patient, it is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs, it does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. Love always hopes, always trusts, always perseveres; Love NEVER ENDS, We need to be reminded!!!

Love In Christ, Gary