

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Oct 2007/Nov 2007

Pastor's Message

A Balancing Act

October marks one year since the Visioning Committee began its work with Rev. Jim Bell. The first few months were spent looking at our history and how we function as a church, i.e. power structures, decision making processes, communication, etc. We then looked at impediments to growth within those structures. Then we embarked upon looking for ways to engage in evangelism.

Now I have to be honest with you, I have been challenged by some of the ideas that Rev. Jim has brought to us. I am an introverted person

and the thought of stopping people on the street to talk to them about the

church really intimidated me. Yet deep within my soul I knew that my commitment to Christ and his church was calling me to do just that. After I did it, I found that it was not as painful as I thought it would be. What I learned from this experience was that my spiritual life can't just be an inner life, but it has to be balanced with outward engagement as well.

Many people have said to me that they don't talk about their faith because they believe that faith is a private matter. To which I respond that while it is true that our faith is deeply personal, it can never be private. If it was a private matter

then no one would have shared Jesus Christ with us, the church would have died after the first generation of Christians. Working with the Visioning Committee I have had to live out these words of mine and balance the intra-personal aspect of faith with the inter-personal.

Currently the Committee is organizing ways for us to engage in this balancing act, ways to share our faith with one another and with our community. Some of the ideas are a block party, a neighborhood potluck, creating small fellowship groups within the church, partnering with the local schools, faith sharing in worship; and the list goes on. We are working to line up

Our church is a vital, living entity. As Christians, we are here to nurture it by reaching out into our community with the love of Christ.

several events over the next

couple of years. However the people of the Visioning Committee can not make these events successful by themselves, the participation of the ENTIRE congregation is needed. Ways for the congregation to be involved will be shared as events are scheduled.

One thing that has amazed me over this year has been that as we were considering things in the Committee, the Council independently began to act on the exact same ideas. I consider this nothing short of the work of the Holy Spirit, that without verbal communication between our groups, the same ideas were coming forth. It has also confirmed for me that we are on the right track.

Church Council

Pastor's Message—cont'd

One example of these cross over ideas has been addressing the appearance of the outside of the church. All the literature about church growth emphasizes how vital good signage is for growth. The signage of the church is in great disrepair and therefore reflects poorly upon the church. Council is looking into options for replacing our signs.

Council has also put planters at the front and side entrances to the church. Live plants say that we as a church are also alive. None of the people whom the Visioning Committee talked to on the streets of our neighborhood knew that a church existed at East and Dillon. The planters are a first step to telling people we are alive inside the building.

Another example of a cross over idea is the decision to look into new hymnals for the church. In February the Visioning Committee asked the congregation for suggestions about how to get people more involved in the life of the church. More than anything else came the suggestion for more contemporary music, more "upbeat" music. This same comment has been made by visitors to the church, as well as those who have most recently joined the church. In a completely unrelated conversation, a council member suggested we look into new hymnals because of the deterioration of our current ones. At the September council meeting a committee consisting of the music committee chair Nancy Gray, council president

Harvey Jacob, our music director Robert Gundlach, and myself was commissioned to look into a new hymnal for the church.



MAY GRACE AND PEACE
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE

1 PETER 3:11, 12, 13

In reality we have outgrown our current hymnal. None of the following well loved songs are contained within our hymnal:

Amazing Grace, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Be Thou My Vision, Blessed Assurance, Eternal Father Strong to Save, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Go Tell It On The Mountain, God Be With You Till We Meet Again, God's Eye Is On The Sparrow, Have Thine Own Way Lord, Here I Am Lord (I the Lord of Sea and Sky), How Great Thou Art, It Is Well With My Soul, Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise, In the Bulb There is a Flower, In The Garden, Let There Be Peace on Earth, Lift High the Cross, Majesty, My Song is Love Unknown, One Bread One Body, Open My Eyes That I May See, Spirit of the Living God, Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, Standing on the Promises, Thine Is The Glory, Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, We Gather Together, Were You There?, What Child Is This?, What Wondrous Love Is This, You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagles Wings)

While no hymnal will completely meet our needs, there are hymnals available that contain a good balance of classic hymns, gospel music, praise choruses, and contemporary hymns. Again the key word here is "balance." The hymnal committee will be striving for a balance between classical and contemporary.

Embarking upon this musical balance may make you feel uncomfortable, just as I was intimidated to balance my inner spiritual life with an outward expression of it. My hope is that our commitment to Christ and his church will compel us to embrace this challenge.

In Christ,

Rev. Cathy

Church Council

Council President

President's Message

Often when I have a little spare time I sit down at the computer and search various web sites for family history. It is amazing how many people throughout the world are into researching their genealogy. My brother in California does the same, so whenever one of us finds something new in relation to our ancestors we will send the other a "guess what". I have a program on my computer called "Family Tree Maker" and if another ancestor or a new fact is found it is added to the ever growing family tree. I am not sure why I spend much of my precious free time doing this, however I think it is a combination of the challenge making a breakthrough in finding a new ancestor or relative, the fact that family bloodlines were so important to my grandmother and my own and Ursula's conviction of the importance of one's family.

When I was a young man, my grandmother (Nannie), frequently drilled into me how wonderful it was that I had such fine ancestry and the fact that almost all of them were from Virginia, which there was no better place in the whole world to be from. Of course she chose to overlook the fact that I was a Washington, DC & Maryland boy and my father's side of the family were Germans that settled in Nashville, TN.

It is a great source of satisfaction for Ursula and I that it is important to our children as well to have a family that cares and looks out for each other. Since I have been doing this genealogy thing, I have found a cousin in California whom I share my great-grandfather with, (her grandmother and my grandfather were brother and sister), I have found relatives from my father's mother's family, the Feustels, who are having a family reunion in Indiana next June to which we

have been invited, and recently I made a connection with my mother's father's family in Warsaw, VA. His name, believe it or not, was Harry (hairy!) Head, who died at 32years old. My grandmother remarried, so I never knew much about that side of my family. My newly found cousin tells me she has an old Head Family bible. I seem to be collecting relatives (cousins) in my old age.

When I think about family, I include my church family, which has become an important part of my life. I don't know about other religions; however I know that one of the great things about calling oneself a Christian is knowing that you are part of a larger family. The Lord's Prayer which starts out with "Our Father" and Paul's references in the New Testament to "my brothers & sisters" is all part of it to me.

I have always felt a sense of belonging ever since we first came to United Evangelical 20 some years ago. Our "church family" is one of our greatest assets, an environment we can all strive to keep going. With the many things that are happening right now I believe we are doing a

pretty good job of it. I get a lot of satisfaction in seeing our youth growing into fine Christian people, and it is gratifying as well to see the things we are doing to improve and enhance to appearance of our facility. A lot of credit is due to many of our family members. We are now seeing



some new members joining our church family, welcome. As they say, we are on a roll! Let's collect relatives (more family) in our old age.

Your brother (and cousin) in Christ,

Harvey

The United Endeavor

Church Council

Treasurer's Report 1/1/07 through 8/31/07

Revenue and Expenses

Revenue: Proceeds from Donations, Rent & Interest	\$ 111,431.00
: Gain on Stock and CD Funds	<u>7,309.00</u>
Total All Revenue	\$ 118,740.00
Expenses: Operating Expenses	\$ 129,193.00
: School Building Conversion	<u>2,295.00</u>
Total All Expenses	\$ 131,488.00
Amount under (deficit)	(\$ 12,748.00)

August 31, 2007

Operating Funds on Hand	\$ 548,33.00
Investment & Endowment Funds on Hand	<u>191,525.00</u>
Total Funds	\$ 246,358.00

Stained Glass Windows

Amount Received to Date	\$35,040.00
Progress Payments to Date	<u>23,128.00</u>
Amount on Hand	\$ 11,914.00

Property Committee

Any concerns regarding the janitorial maintenance of the church or school building should be directed to Dale Sanders. Dale and Paul Polasky, our custodian, will be working together to develop a comprehensive roster of tasks to keep our facility clean. With Dale acting as the liaison between the congregation and the custodian, any concerns can be quickly addressed.

Dale Sanders can be reached at (410) 679-1452.



**Give
thanks to
the LORD,
for he
is good;
his love
endures
forever.**

1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

Church Council

UEC "To Do" List

- Seek out suitable non-profit organizations to occupy school building
- Explore grant money and funding sources for school building conversion—submit applications
- Design and produce flyer for space available in the school building
- Clean up school building—sell or haul away items no longer needed
- Develop schedule for school building modification and renovation—design spaces
- Act as liaison person between Church and Nonprofit Center Network
- Attend Canton Community Association meetings and report back to Council
- Further develop and maintain church website
- Update church membership list—categories: active, inactive, shut-ins, friends
- Inventory all locks in buildings and match up with keys
- Change and maintain outside church and school building signs
- Find someone to repair cracked windows in Fellowship Hall & kitchen
- Check heating & A/C thermostats periodically for correct settings and programming
- Host weekly practice sessions for aspiring musicians and combos
- Disconnect, disassemble and clean ice making machine
- Do monthly walkthrough of buildings & make list of maintenance & repair items required
- Maintain flower pots in front of church—water, weed & clean weekly or more frequently
- Research and lead effort to update to working condition the tower clock and bells
- Paint and replace steel decorative trim on front doors of bell tower
- Re-varnish oak window sills in church sanctuary and office
- Seek & list ways congregation can attract and serve people in local community – implement
- Replace church sign's plastic windows—explore acquisition of affordable LED sign
- Seek and implement ways to prevent birds from roosting on church buildings
- Study feasibility and cost of installing elevator in school building—elevator company listing available

This is a list in process; please do not hesitate to offer suggestions, additions, comments & constructive criticism

New News



John & Tracey Watkins

We are pleased to welcome John and Tracey to our church family. They have been married for 17 years and have a cat named Stripes. John and Tracey both work in the security field. John's hobby is cars. Tracey enjoys reading mystery novels, collecting depression glass, and shopping.

Be sure to say hello and extend a warm welcome!

**Welcome
New Members!**

**MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP**



George Swift, our Seminary Intern, is starting a men's fellowship group, anyone interested should talk with George.

You can reach him at 443-742-8815 or george_swift@hotmail.com.

The Youth Booth



Attention All Youth – Ages 12 and up

Our Church Youth Group invites you and all your friends to come, hang out, have fun and live your faith.

A schedule of upcoming events will be available in later editions of *The Endeavor*.

Just a thought...

- If the only prayer you said in your entire life was "thank you," that would suffice.
—Meister Eckhardt
- Let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song.
—Konrad von Gesner
- Fight truth decay; study the Bible daily.
—Anonymous
- Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive.
—Bumper sticker

The United Endeavor

Places to Go, People to See, Things to Do...

Ladies Organization Trips & Events

Upcoming Events



Arlene Pate 410-327-3211
Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904



Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon
(unless otherwise noted)

Oct. 14th **Octoberfest Luncheon** UEC Friendship Hall following 10:30 a.m. worship (more details are available in "Special Events" section of this issue of *The Endeavor*)

Oct. 3rd **Afternoon Tea**
\$10.00 per person
If you enjoyed the tea last year, please join us again this year.

Nov. 3rd **Bus Trip to Faith Church** \$34.00 per person
Frederick, MD
Turkey & Oyster Dinner
(Bus is currently full)

Nov. 7th Details to be decided

New members are always welcome!

Dues are \$ 10.00 per year

Important Notice—All trips MUST HAVE DEPOSIT TO HOLD SEATS

If you must cancel your seat you need to find someone to take your seat to receive your money back.

Persons to contact:

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211 or Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904

Take a Moment...

Clergy Appreciation Day



National Clergy Appreciation Day Sunday, October 14th

Presbyterian minister Fred Rogers, creator and host of television's "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood," once gave an address describing the time he was a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and attended a different church each Sunday in order to hear a variety of preachers. One Sunday he was treated to "the most poorly crafted sermon (he) had ever heard." But when he turned to the friend who had accompanied him, he found her in tears.

"It was *exactly* what I needed to hear," she told Rogers.

"That's when I realized," he told his audience, "that the space between someone doing the best he or she can and someone in need is holy ground. The Holy Spirit had transformed that feeble sermon for her—and as it turned out, for me too."

Unlike most workers who are evaluated once or twice a year, clergy are often critiqued weekly after each worship service. It's not unusual to hear people say "the music was poor," "the hymn selection was awful," or "the sermon was boring." We would do well to remember that most spiritual leaders work hard to make worship a unique celebration each week. (*Excerpt from "8 Ways to Encourage Your Pastor" Simple acts that feed a shepherd by Victor Parachin*)

Take the time to tell your spiritual leaders how much their guidance has meant to you.



Bible ABCs

All Christians must take seriously our responsibility to "learn the ABCs" — learn "About the Bible in Church." Unless we read it, study it, learn what's in it and feel comfortable with it in our hands and on our tongues, we cannot truly love the Word of God. Instead, we're intimidated by it, afraid of it, shocked by it or simply remain ignorant of it.

Let us all be renewed in a faith that has been enriched by the gift of Scripture so we may end our worship by saying: "We were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives" (1 Thessalonians 2:8, NASB).

Daylight Savings Ends November 4th

Be sure to set your clocks back!!



A "Hunger Site at the U.N" on the Internet

All you have to do is click a button and somewhere in the world some hungry person gets a meal to eat at no cost to you. Corporate sponsors pay for the food. Just go to the site listed below and click.

No gimmicks, no tricks.

You are only allowed one click per day, so spread the word to others.

The site is: www.hungersite.com

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General Mills

Boxtops for Education



*Just a
Reminder...*

Don't forget to bring in your General Mills Box tops for Education and leave them in the display in the Narthex.

UEC October 2007 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Ladies Org. Luncheon "Afternoon Tea" 12 noon Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	4 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	5	6
7 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Food Bank Donations 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	8 <i>Columbus Day</i>	9 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	11 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	12	13
14 <i>Clergy Appreciation Day</i> 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Service <i>UEC Oktoberfest (follows 10:30 svc)</i>	15	16 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	18 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	19	20
21 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	22	23	24 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	25 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	26	27 Chesapeake Assoc. Fall Meeting 9:30 am - 1:30 pm UCC of Annapolis
					Rev. Cathy is out of town Oct. 26—Oct. 29th	
28 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	29	30 Parish Relations Meeting 6:30 p.m.	31 <i>Halloween</i> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.		 October	
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UEC November 2007 Calendar of Events

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				1 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	2	3
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11 Veterans Day 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	12	13 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	15 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	16	17
18 Earl's Place Special Offering 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	19	20 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 pm 1st United, UCC	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25 Totenfest Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by Congregational Meeting	26	27	28 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	29 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	30	

The United Endeavor

October Special Events



October 7th

As part of an ecumenical dialogue, Reverend Amy Sens will be with us to discuss the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC). She is the Baltimore-Washington coordinator for the LVC. LVC is a mission of the Lutheran Church uniting people to work for peace with justice. There will be a video presentation and dialogue in between services at 9:30 and Rev. Sens will preach at our 10:30 a.m. service.



October 7th

The ecumenical blessing of the animals will be held Sunday, Oct 7th at 1:00 p.m. at Canton Square.

Hatton Center Happenings

Hatton Center "Faith and Life" Series beginning October 9th

The Hatton Center "Faith and Life" series begins October 9th, and will be held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. through October 30th. The final week's meeting will be held on Wednesday November 7th, due to Election Day.

The theme explores the affects of media on our faith. Each presenter will examine a beloved childhood television show, book or movie and talk about the theological themes contained therein. UEC's own Rev. Cathy will be the guest speaker on October 16th. She will be speaking on the themes of Dr. Seuss.

Details regarding the schedule of speakers can be obtained by contacting the Hatton Center directly.



Flu shots for seniors will be offered at the Hatton Center on Friday, November 16th from 9 a.m.-noon.

Stop by the Center to sign up or call 410-396-9025 for more information.

Sunday, October 14th

Oktoberfest

following the 10:30 a.m. worship service
UEC Friendship Hall
(Held by the Ladies Organization at UEC)
\$ 12.00 per person

Menu

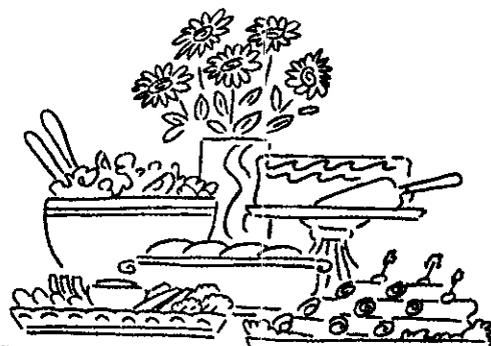
- Sour Beef & Dumplings
- Sauerkraut & Kielbasa
- Baked Chicken with Pasta
- Mashed Potatoes
- Peas & Carrots
- Selection of salads, pickles, olives
- Lettuce/tomatoes, bread/rolls
- Fruit Salad & Cake
- Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea and soda machine available



For tickets see Ursula Jacob, Arlene Pate, Cass Young or call the Church Office (410) 276-0393

Buy your tickets before October 10th

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR



The United Endeavor

November Special Events

Neighbors in Need Special Offering

November 4th

"Imagine, Another World is Possible"

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

One such effort is focused on aiding elderly residents in the Gulf Coast as they struggle to rebuild their homes after Hurricane Katrina. Many are being victimized by predators who want to bilk them out of their homes and life savings with shoddy and inferior reconstruction work. Without resources to fight, many elderly are shuffled from one temporary shelter to another.

In collaboration with other partners the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) is mobilizing to stop such predatory practices. Through your support of Neighbors in Need, such injustice can be eradicated.

Help your neighbor through your generous donation on Sunday, November 4th.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This meeting will include the election of council members, a vote on 2008 budget and discussion of other pertinent church activities.

See Ursula Jacob if you are interested in serving on Council.

This is your church and it needs you more than ever. If you think you have little to offer, you are wrong. God does not choose the equipped, he equips the chosen. Let Him know that you are ready to serve, and He will guide. Step up.

November 25th
following
10:30 a.m. worship



Totenfest Celebration

Sunday, November 25th

Please join us in remembering those who have entered the triumphant church over the past year. As is our usual custom, the name of the dear loved one will be read during worship and those in attendance wishing to light a candle can do so and receive a rose in remembrance.

Sunday, November 18th

Special Offering
for Earl's Place

Thanksgiving Sunday has been designated within the Chesapeake Association as Earl's Place Sunday. Earl's Place provides transitional housing for homeless men, and is celebrating their 10th year of providing a vital ministry to the city of Baltimore. Please give generously on November 18th in support of this outreach ministry of our Association.

Community Thanksgiving Worship



Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service

Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm

This year our ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at 1st United, UCC, 1728 Eastern Ave. Everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Canton Food Bank. The evening's offering will benefit Beans and Bread outreach center. Come and Worship and Give Thanks!

The United Endeavor

Points to Ponder...



A Child's Grace

*God is great and God is Good,
And we thank God for our food;
By God's hand we must be fed,
Give us Lord, our daily bread.
Amen.*

-- Traditional

We Give Thanks

*Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it all
And all other blessings.
As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as You would
have us.
This we ask in the name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Father.*

--Harry Jewell

Thanksgiving

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803-1882)

Moravian Blessing

*Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
And bless these gifts
Bestowed by Thee.
And bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in Your loving care.*

Bits 'n Pieces

church e-mail directory



Church E-Mail Directory

The Church Office is compiling e-mail addresses of members for communication purposes. If you have an e-mail address, simply send an e-mail to the church address; uecucc@verizon.net and simply put "e-mail directory" in the subject line.

This directory will only ever be used for UECUCC correspondence and never shared with any organization.

Altar Flowers



The chart for requesting altar flowers is in the Narthex. The offering is \$ 15 per vase.

If you have any questions, please call Ursula Jacob, 410-679-6163.

Coffee Hour

Calling All Coffee Lovers

How about hosting a coffee hour between Sunday morning services. Nothing fancy, just hot water (for coffee) and a few noshes (donuts, cake, etc.) We could sure use a few more volunteers to step up and volunteer to host. You could even buddy-up with someone else and together host an hour.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

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The Church Picnic "Winners Circle"

CHURCH FAMILY



PICNIC

Our Annual Church Picnic was held on Sunday, September 9th and was a fun and relaxing day filled with sunshine, good food, good fellowship, fun for the kids and for the adults. As usual the kids games were competitions filled with players of exceptional talent and skill. Congratulations to all who participated.



Without further ado, the winners are as follows:

Egg on Spoon Race

	<u>Age 5 & Under</u>	<u>Age 6 -9</u>	<u>Age 10 & older</u>
1st Place	Ella Baynes	Dylan Brown	Nick
2nd Place	Jillian Jenkins	Jesse Jenkins	Brandon Hovermill
3rd Place	Cassidy Weeks	Joshua Jankiewicz	Brandon Pyles

Hula Hoops

	<u>Age 5 & Under</u>	<u>Age 6 -9</u>	<u>Age 10 & older</u>
1st Place	Jillian Jenkins	Jesse Jenkins	Ashley Felts
2nd Place	Ella Baynes	Jack Baynes	Chris Peacock
3rd Place	Cole Simms	-	Amanda Johnson

Bean Bag Toss

	<u>Age 5 & Under</u>	<u>Age 6 -9</u>	<u>Age 10 & older</u>
1st Place	Will	Jesse Jenkins	Toni Saunders
2nd Place	Cole Simms	Joshua Jankiewicz	Steven Jankiewicz
3rd Place	Jillian Jenkins	Dylan Brown	Doug Scheeler

Water Balloon Toss

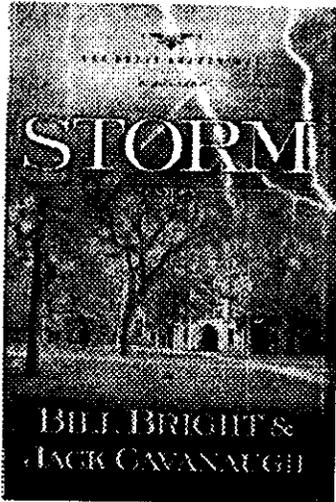
	<u>Age 5 & Under</u>	<u>Age 6 -9</u>	<u>Age 10 & older</u>
1st Place	Cole Simms & Will	Jesse & Joshua	Eric Sanders & Jake Albowicz
2nd Place	Jack Baynes & Gavin	Dylan & Austin Johnson	Brandon Hovermill & Brandon Pyles
3rd Place	Jillian Jenkins & Ella Baynes	-	-

Water Balloon Toss

	<u>Adult & Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>
1st Place	Brandon Hovermill & Kenny	Randy & Stephanie Baynes
2nd Place	Lynn Sanders & Jake Albowicz	Carol Borkman & Lori Betch
3rd Place	Lori Betch & Eric Sanders	Nettie & Steve Jankiewicz

Sack Race

	<u>Age 5 & Under</u>	<u>Age 6 -9</u>	<u>Age 12 & older</u>
1st Place	-	Joshua Jankiewicz	Eric Sanders
2nd Place	-	Dylan Brown	Amanda Johnson
3rd Place	-	Jesse Jenkins	Jake Albowicz



Storm

By: Bill Bright & Jack Cavanaugh

Publisher: Baker Book House (2006)
352 pages



*Reviews are written by
the webmaster, Tim Frankovich.*

This was not at all what I was expecting, but I'm not sure why I was surprised. I should have had more faith in Jack Cavanaugh. When I heard this series was about the Great Awakenings of America's earliest history, I got a mental picture about how it might be, something like describing the day-to-day life of the revival preachers involved. Instead, we got something much more.

Storm is the third book in this series, inspired and commissioned by the late Bill Bright and written by talented novelist Jack Cavanaugh. It focuses on the turbulent period in America's history of 1798-1800. I don't recall ever reading a novel set in that particular period, and it's absolutely fascinating.

America was facing its first hotly contested Presidential race (and this should dispel that silly notion that antagonism in politics is a new thing), and there was an undercurrent of potential violence. The French Revolution was having an effect on the national consciousness. Vicious rumors accusing John Adams and Thomas Jefferson of various evil acts circulated daily and there were some who believed the French guillotine needed to cross the ocean and make its mark on this country.

In the midst of this turmoil, a struggle of a different kind is taking place at Yale College. President Timothy Dwight is determined to return the college to its roots as a Christian institution. Unfortunately, there are currently only four students who profess Christ on the entire campus. One of those, Asa Rush, accepts Dr. Dwight's commission to try to influence his fellow students, but his job is complicated by older student Eli Cooper, who seems determined to make Asa's life miserable (especially when they both express interest in the same woman).

The political and spiritual struggles unite, becoming one story that leads to a startling climax involving a secret society and an assassination plot that could lead to a new American revolution. The only hope depends on Asa putting aside his resentment and somehow reaching bitter atheist Eli in a dramatic way.

The story touches briefly on the Cane Ridge revivals in Kentucky at this time period, but the focus is more on personal evangelism. Dr. Dwight charges Asa with this kind of revival: one person at a time.

The use of the word "Illuminati" made me wince when it first appeared, but it soon became clear that this was not some worldwide evil conspiracy, but one of many "secret societies" that sprang up around this time period.

While most of the characters and events in this story are fictional, it is set against a truly fascinating historical backdrop and will make you long for true revival in America again. Recommended.

Comics Corner

A Thanksgiving Poem

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,
But I just couldn't sleep
I tried counting backwards,
I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned -
The dark meat and white
But I fought the temptation
With all of my might.

Tossing and turning
With anticipation
The thought of a snack
Became infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen,
Flung open the door
And gazed at the fridge,
Full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey
And buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots,
Beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling
So plump and so round,
'Til all of a sudden,
I rose off the ground.

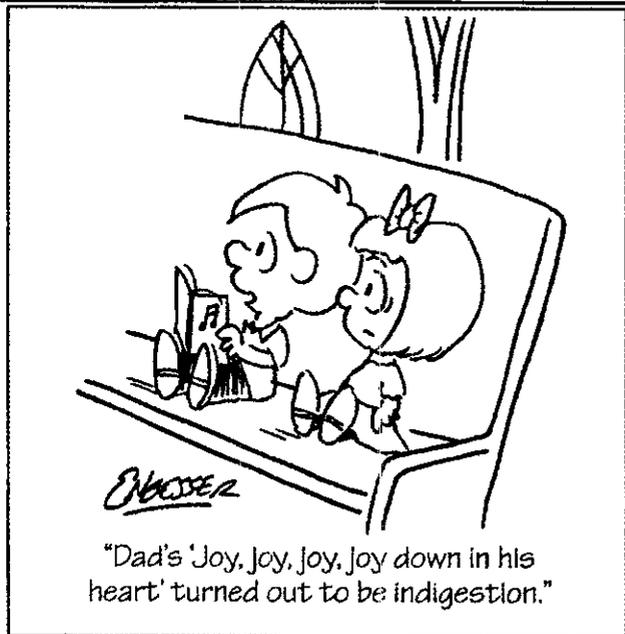
I crashed through the ceiling,
Floating into the sky
With a mouthful of pudding
And a handful of pie.

But, I managed to yell
As I soared past the trees...
Happy eating to all -
Pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump.
May your potatoes 'n gravy
Have nary a lump,
May your yams be delicious
May your pies take the prize,
May your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off of your thighs.

May your Thanksgiving be blessed!

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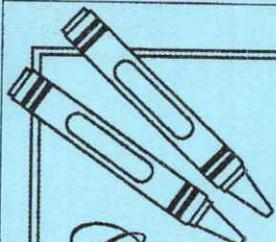
Now That Hurts!!...

Two snakes were slithering through a field. One snake turned to the other and asked, " Do you suppose we are poisonous snakes?"

"I don't know", replied the other, "Why?"

"Well", said the first, "I just bit my lip."

Kids Only!!



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Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 14 - 7 = ___ Father | 10 + 15 = ___ in |
| 10 + 9 = ___ heavenly | 6 - 3 = ___ to |
| 10 + 5 = ___ blessed | 12 - 6 = ___ and |
| 2 - 1 = ___ Praise | 6 + 6 = ___ Christ |
| 7 + 7 = ___ has | 18 - 9 = ___ our |
| 11 + 11 = ___ every | 22 - 11 = ___ Jesus |
| 12 + 12 = ___ blessing | 1 + 1 = ___ be |
| 10 + 10 = ___ realms | 7 + 6 = ___ who |
| 13 + 13 = ___ Christ | 2 + 2 = ___ the |
| 8 + 8 = ___ us | 10 - 5 = ___ God |
| 8 + 9 = ___ in | 4 + 4 = ___ of |
| 5 + 5 = ___ Lord | 9 + 9 = ___ the |
| 10 + 11 = ___ with | 10 + 13 = ___ spiritual |

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_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

_____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____

_____ 13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 18 _____

_____ 19 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ 22 _____

_____ 23 _____ 24 _____ 25 _____ 26 _____ "

EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Bible Word Search

B	N	R	H	E	V	A	S
E	E	E	E	L	N	E	J
L	R	P	A	A	E	I	E
I	D	E	L	Z	D	R	W
E	L	L	I	A	N	E	A
V	I	S	N	R	I	T	L
E	H	U	G	U	L	A	K
K	C	I	S	S	B	W	S

See if you can find and circle the following words in the puzzle. Good Luck!

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|----------|-------|
| Believe | Save |
| Blind | See |
| Children | Sick |
| Healing | Walk |
| Lazarus | Water |
| Leper | Wine |

How's This for a Laugh...

- What do you get with a cow and a van? A mooing van!
- Why aren't elephants allowed on the beach? Because their trunks might fall down!!
- Why did the tomato blush? Because he saw the salad dressing!!!
- Why did the Turtle cross the road. To get to the Shell Station!



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