



The Monthly Heartbeat

The Hope in Christ Church Newsletter

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Scripture Study is Dangerous!

By Pastor Scott

As the lights turned on behind me, I immediately thought, “What a stupid thing to do, without checking the rear view mirror.” It was 7:45 a.m. and I pulled into the church parking lot in order for the officer to issue me a ticket. He was professional; I said very little. But the thought was running through my head, “How can I get out of this?”

Back up one day, and I had been studying 1John 1:5-10. This is a passage full of teaching on confessing your sins or trying to excuse them or hide them, or ignore them. Turns out, I was a case study for what John was teaching the early church in Ephesus. I was trying to ignore my sin, or excuse it but what I needed to do was simply admit that for the first time in 15 years I had been caught breaking a traffic law, though it was not the first time I had broken one. It took me a week before I admitted the sin and quit trying to fight it, paid the ticket and asked for the mercy of the court. (I am still awaiting their decision on a deferred finding.) But with the admittance, came a peace.

And chances are you are like me – we fudge on the rules, make allowances and ignore laws all the time in order to ‘facilitate’ traffic.

Just a simple drive through Seattle will confirm that. For, in Seattle the traffic moves at 75-80 mph on a highway with signs proclaiming 65 mph. And yet rarely do I find myself driving the speed limit. I am driving with traffic and so are you, most likely.

Now I don’t know about you, but this incident of studying scripture and then getting a real life lesson illustrating the fact isn’t a one-off occurrence for me. Truth is, God regularly instructs me in the things I am studying by giv-

ing me real life experiences to drive the point home.

And this is his normal way with his children. You see this is God’s way of disciplining us and conforming us to the image of His Son in thought, word and deed. Truth be told: Scripture study is dangerous. I wholeheartedly agree.

Now you might be thinking, “I will avoid any further Scripture study so that I don’t get in those dangerous spots,” or “I don’t need any more life lessons, I play it safe by not reading the Word.” This is a natural human inclination, but the problem is that it isn’t an option for the Christ follower.

*We are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
Romans 12:1*

*We are called to take up the sword of the Spirit.
Ephesians 6:17*

*We are to be washed in the word.
Ephesians 5:26*

Christians are to be a people of the Book, students of the Word, and that means that every time we open the Living Words of God we must realize that we are stepping into a dangerous realm. A realm where our sins will be uncovered, the attitudes of our heart will be judged, and our need for Jesus’ salvation will be made utterly clear. But this also means that in the dangerous realm of Scripture study, that we will gain a greater love and appreciation for the grace of God and the gift of Christ.

So study the Word. Study it diligently. Study it habitually. Study it to be changed. And never be surprised at the way God decides to impart the lesson. Enter into the dangerous life for becoming like Christ.

Northwest Ministry Report for July 2017

By Joe Strong

The wife of a dairy farmer from Lynden asked me to visit Moises in jail. Moises is a milker on their farm and they wanted to make sure that he was looked after. I went and began a relationship with him. Very soon, Martin, another Spanish speaking inmate, came along on our visits. These men were pulled out of their cells and I got to meet with them in the library of the jail. After two months or so Moises got out and went back to milking cows but Martin, who has some more serious issues, continues to meet with me. Two weeks ago, I was explaining the sermon I had just preached the day before on Ephesians 6, when Martin asked me how he could have the security of God being on his side.

I was able to lead Martin in a simple prayer of asking Jesus to enter his heart and to be the Lord of his life. What started out as a request for a visit of one man led to the conversion of another. God always has a plan. Continue to pray for Martin.

Moises has come once to our Amor Viviente Church since he was released.

On Sunday, June 25, 2017 seven children from four families were baptized into the family of God in Berthusen Park in Lynden. There was much joy and some tears. Afterwards we had a large meal with games and fellowship all afternoon.

We also had the privilege to mix with some of those outside the church who came to witness their family's members being baptized. In all, we had a super time.

Yola asked one of the church members for money to pay the rent. That member asked me what to do. I said that I disliked this and do not encourage it. The next day another member told me that Yola was looking for money. Finally, two days later another told me that he had seen Yola in the casino. Yola, then asked me for rent money and I had to tell her that we know that she is blowing her money in the casino and that we do not want to use our tithes to support her habit. She was very angry with me and angry at the others for telling on her. I understand that she is in a bad way, needing rent.

I told her that if she wanted help she had to meet with me and we would talk about this addiction. No answer. Pray for Yola. She and her family have come occasionally to church. Shame drives people away from the church. Pray for me as I try to reach out to her.

Vitality Strategic Report

By Lou Kooistra

Greetings from the Team!

We had two meetings in May, and those meetings were discussions about mission and vision, and all the church activities in which our church is currently involved.

Members Present were: Lou Kooistra, Dan Obbink, Joe Pruitt, Brian Koning, Keith Sentkowski, Jen Boer, Denise Doezema.

Also we did some door-to-door surveying in the Sunnyland neighborhood asking questions about their concerns in the community, why they liked living here, if they knew about HCC and the ministries located on our campus. Some were aware and others were not.

We had a Friday night/Saturday retreat here in early June with Phil Assink of Faith Community Church in Edmonds, and Brian Turnbull where we had some in-depth discussions about our (SWAB) strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and barriers as a church body. We also talked about the 10 missional markers identified in the Pulse survey in which we scored as a stable church. Evangelism is our one weakness that we will be focusing on. We met twice more in June to talk more about what we gleaned from the workshop with Phil and Brian and then came up with examples of mission statements for our church. We narrowed it down to three at this point. Our meetings in July will be focused on our Strategic Ministry Plan where we formulate what we need to do as a church to build relationships and reach out, in not only our neighborhood but in our community as well.

I continue to Skype regularly with Phil, Brian and leaders of the two other churches going through the Vitality Pathway with us as well. They are Anacortes and Oak Harbor.

Any further questions about our work can be directed to any one of the team members.

Thank you!
Lou Kooistra



A Life Transforming Walk With Jesus

By Brian Koning

The Christian life is a grand adventure. A thrilling journey. All other adventures come to an end, but not the Christian Life.

As I set out to write about the next missional marker, 'A Life Transforming Walk With Jesus,' I initially wanted to set out four or five points that could help inspire us all to live a more 'transformed' walk.

Isn't that what we all want? Just give me a few things that I can do to feel closer to Jesus, and give me a few practical tips for being more holy. But that misses the point.

Living a transformed life takes supernatural power. It's not something that can be simply prescribed. It's far more adventurous than that.

Paul shows us that the way to this daily adventure is by praying for this daily miracle. In Ephesians 1:17-18, he prays, 'that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him [he is praying that we be able to supernaturally know — to see and savor — the Father of glory], having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, [don't miss it. . . here's our hope:] what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance among the saints.

There is only one hope for a life transforming walk with Jesus in our broken lives: the supernatural work of God giving us eyes to see and hearts to savor the massive, overwhelming, and perfectly satisfying glory of Jesus.

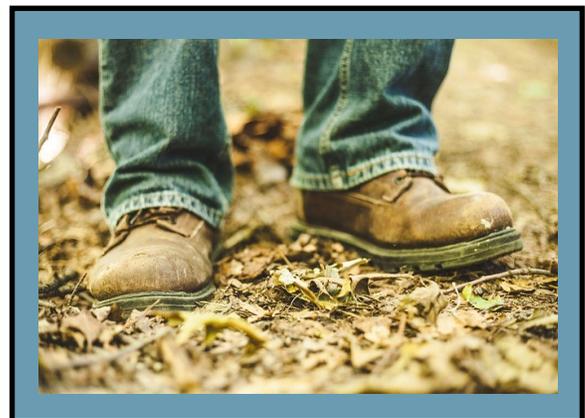
As Mitch pointed out to us as he led worship on July 23, 'Our deepest longings in life can only be satisfied in Christ.' When that happens, our obsession with our own glory will be broken, and, as II Cor 3:18 says, 'Beholding the glory of the Lord, [we] are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.'

Perhaps the best outflow of God's supernatural transformation of our life's walk is simply joy-filled, Christ-satisfied praise. God chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace. (Ephesians 1:4-6) We were made to praise the glory of His grace. God exists to be glorious. We exist to see that glory, for His pleasure, and to respond with immense praise in every aspect of our lives. We can savor that glory when we watch a dramatically red-painted sunset. We can taste that glory in a barbeque. We can admire that glory in the gaze of a loved one. We can long and plead for restoration of health or freedom from physical pain. Our savoring, tasting, admiring, and pleading — every step of our walk in life — should be saturated in praise.

Living our lives full of praise, loving the glory of God in every step of our earthly walk is, in fact, the goal.

I can't say to Melissa, 'I delight in you so that you will make me my favorite dinner.' Or, 'Abee & Brenna, I praise you, so that you will clean your room.' That's not praise. That's performance. Praise doesn't need to produce anything. It's not a technique for anything. Authentic, heartfelt, truth-based, God-centered praise is the fruit of a life transforming walk with Jesus.

Being thrilled with His glory, and praising the glory of His grace is the all-satisfying goal our transformed walk with Jesus. That is adventure at its best.



Mission to Seafarers: Washington and Florida Spring and Summer 2017

By Pastor John Van Hemert

Washington - Ferndale and Cherry Point

As the Lord commands, we have been given the mandate and passion to...

"go and make disciples of all nations teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...and surely I will be with you always."

Matthew 28:18-19

What a blessing to be on a Russian oil tanker one day. The Chief Mate accepted a Russian Bible with enthusiasm and indicated that he wanted to learn English to read the Bible in English. He wondered if we had one for him. "Great idea," I said. "Put the Russian bible and the English Bible side-by-side, then you get to know the Savior, plus English!" He agreed.

Florida - Palm Beach

Two new huge *Liebherr* (in German, 'Dear Lord') cranes, at 4 million each, and which place the 40 ft. containers inside the ships, were not functioning smoothly. The machinery manager wondered if the Port Chaplain could help and have prayer to God by the machines.

Raphael, head mechanic, took me around and both of us laid hands on the cranes, loaders, and operators for an hour, thanking the Lord and praising Him for machinery and workers, acknowledging Him and praying to Him for blessing on the port, all machinery, safety, the workers and progress. It was a delight in prayer and fellowship.

March the 1st was a special day on the cruise ship, the *Grand Celebration*. It was Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, beginning the special 40 plus days of confession, repentance, and grace. It is a spiritual walk to the Cross, Good Friday, and Resurrection Day.

The custom with many churches is to place ashes in the form of the cross on the foreheads of followers of Christ. This is based on Genesis 3:19, "from the ground you were taken; for dust you are and dust you will return." For Christians, the "from dust to dust, death to death" has become from darkness to **LIGHT** and death to **LIFE**. Oh what **VICTORY!**

Over one hundred workers came forward in the services to receive the mark of repentance and grace. When the workers went to their posts all over the ship, passengers asked them, "Where do you get the ashes?" As a result, the services continued at different tables in the restaurant.

How blessed we are that the Lord opens doors and hearts! Christ Jesus welcomes sinners and makes them the children of God for time and eternity.

Thanks to you all for your prayers, love, and help for some of the most forgotten and lonely.

In Christ always,

Ms Jean and Pastor John Van Hemert
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Vouchers (below) may be mailed to:

Action International Ministries

P.O. Box 398

Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Voucher for Prayer and Care for Seafarers

Please check the boxes of your choice.

Dear John and Jean,

I will pray for the seafarers and their families.

As God provides, I would like to invest _____ per month.

I would like to contribute \$_____ as a one-time gift for Bibles.

I would like to contribute \$_____ for the phone ministry.

I would like to contribute \$_____ for care packages.

I would like to send you jackets, hats, Christian magazines, books, DVDs, CDs, other.

FOR SEAFARER CRITICAL EMERGENCY FUND \$_____

Name and Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE IN BOTH USA AND CANADA.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7pm Elders Deacons	3 6:30 am Men's Group 7pm Praise Team	4	5
6 9:30 Worship Communion	7	8 6:30pm Boer's Bible Study	9 7pm Council	10 6:30 am Men's Group Camping Trip—Deception Pass 10th—13th	11	12
13 9:30 Worship 4:30 Jesus Gathering Return from Camping Trip	14	15	16	17 6:30 am Men's Group 7pm Praise Team	18	19
20 9:30 Worship	21	22 6:30pm Boer's Bible Study	23 7pm Worship Planning Team	24 6:30 am Men's Group 7pm Praise Team	25	26
27 9:30 Worship Recker's Potluck 4:30 Roberts' Group	28	29	30	31 6:30 am Men's Group 7pm Praise Team		

Preaching Series

8/06	1 Kings:21 Repentance Stays the Judgment of God
8/13	2 Kings:1 To Whom Will You Turn?
8/20	2 Chronicles:21 Beware How You Walk
8/27	2 Kings 2:1-14 Ministering Like the Master

Greeters Schedule

8/06	Joe Pruitt, Helen Bowman
8/13	Darryl & Gloria Groothuis
8/20	Ruth Stadt, Denise Doezema
8/27	Del & Pat Bosman

Cookie Schedule

8/06	Ida Richards, Jen Roberts
8/13	Ali Laninga, Tanya Obbink
8/20	Lisa Oppenhuizen, Deloris Perry
8/27	Mona Reardon, Darlys Recker

Serving Assistants

8/06	Amber, Abee, Michal
8/13	Amariah, Chantel, Faith
8/20	Mattea, Kylie, Maggie
8/27	Caleb, Grace, Micah

Not Able to Serve When Scheduled?

Please call someone on the list
and make a plan to trade dates.
Thank you for your help!

Offering Schedule

8/06	General Fund
8/13	General Fund
8/20	Outreach Fund
8/27	General Fund

Ushering Schedule

8/06	Deloris Perry, Elaine Snapper
8/13	Ken Wick, Lou Kooistra
8/20	Joe Pruitt, Don Knutson
8/27	Helen Bowman, Bud Brouwer

Prayer Room

8/06	Herm Laninga
8/13	Connie Knutson
8/20	Chuck Dean
8/27	Ida Richards

Interested in Helping?

Would you like to be included as a
volunteer in one of these areas?

We would love to have you pitch
in! Please call the church office
and tell us in which area you
would like serve.

(360) 733-6177

Project 92

By Matthew Smith

Dear Hope in Christ Church Family,

It was about 10 years ago that Project 92 started, not with an elaborate business plan or venture capital funding, but out of humble prayers said on behalf of un-evangelized peoples living on the other side of the globe.

Based upon Isaiah 9:2, Project 92's focus is singular: to endeavor for the advancement of the Gospel to those living in the deepest of darkness; those that have rarely, if ever, heard of Jesus before.

*Did you know that over 42% of the world's population live in unreached people groups, and that of the 1.53 billion people living in South Asia, less than 2% are Christians?**

In Matthew 9:37 Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful. Indeed it is! There are many people in our world who don't know who Jesus is, or of the gift of life that He offers them. We can help change this! Here are three ways:

(1) Prayer

Above all else, prayer is most effective way we can engage in Evangelism work. Only God can open blinded eyes, give faith, draw people to Christ, and save.

John 15:5



(2) Partnership with indigenous missionaries

God is raising up indigenous (native) missionaries in places like India and Bangladesh.

Due to their understanding of the local people, their beliefs, and their languages, they can present the Gospel contextually. But it's difficult work, and they need others to stand with them through prayer, financial support, and encouragement.

Romans 10:13-15

(3) Supplying the Scriptures

Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, and tracts are extensively used by missionaries in many pioneer mission fields.

These can be acquired in South Asia, in local languages, and at minimal cost (a copy of the Gospel of John, for example, costs only about 10 cents!). God uses these Scriptures to move the hearts of people, drawing them to faith.

Isaiah 55:10-11



Recently the Hope in Christ Church deacons agreed to partner with a front-line missionary in India. This is thrilling, and we urge you - as a church body - to remember this missionary, his family, and his outreach in your corporate prayers. By extension, you are now participants on the front lines of mission work, in places where the Name of Jesus may never have been heard before.



For more information about Project 92, please contact us at info@project92.net.
*joshuaproject.net

Sunday School Plans

Sunday school planning started early for me this year due to my trip to Nicaragua coming up in September, which also requires a lot of planning! Once again recruitment season is here for *Sunday School* teachers and *Children and Worship* teachers and helpers. The schedule for Sunday school is printed for you to see the available time slots.

Let me know if you'd like your name to be in one or more of those slots! *The Children and Worship* schedule will be made once teachers are confirmed.

You will be feel blessed by teaching our kids, and will be a blessing to them as well.

Diane Button

	Date	Teacher– Wonder 1st & 2nd Grade	Teacher– Marvel 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade	Helper - for Marvel class
Unit 1				
Session 1	10-Sep	_____	_____	_____
Session 2	17-Sep	_____	_____	_____
Session 3	24-Sep	_____	_____	_____
Session 4	1-Oct	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____	_____
Session 5	8-Oct	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____	_____
Session 6	15-Oct	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____	_____
<i>Sign up for 3 weeks consecutively or 6 weeks consecutively.</i>				
Unit 2				
Session 1	22-Oct	<i>Jolene Skovron</i>	_____	_____
Session 2	29-Oct	<i>Jolene Skovron</i>	_____	_____
Session 3	5-Nov	<i>Jolene Skovron</i>	_____	_____
Session 4	12-Nov	<i>Jolene Skovron</i>	_____	_____
Session 5	19-Nov	<i>Jolene Skovron</i>	_____	_____
Session 6	26-Nov	<i>Jolene Skovron</i>	_____	_____
<i>Sign up for 3 weeks consecutively or 6 weeks consecutively.</i>				
Unit 3				
Session 1	10-Dec	_____	_____	_____
Session 2	17-Dec	_____	_____	_____
Session 3	31-Dec	_____	_____	_____
Session 4	7-Jan	_____	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____
Session 5	14-Jan	_____	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____
Session 6	21-Jan	_____	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____
<i>Sign up for 3 weeks consecutively or 6 weeks consecutively.</i>				
Unit 4				
Session 1	28-Jan	_____	_____	_____
Session 2	4-Feb	_____	_____	_____
Session 3	11-Feb	_____	_____	_____
Session 4	18-Feb	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____	_____
Session 5	25-Feb	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____	_____
Session 6	4-Mar	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____	_____
<i>Sign up for 3 weeks consecutively or 6 weeks consecutively.</i>				
Unit 5				
Session 1	11-Mar	_____	_____	_____
Session 2	18-Mar	_____	_____	_____
Session 3	25-Mar	_____	_____	_____
Session 4	8-Apr	_____	_____	_____
Session 5	15-Apr	_____	_____	_____
Session 6	22-Apr	_____	_____	_____
<i>Sign up for 3 weeks consecutively or 6 weeks consecutively.</i>				
Unit 6				
Session 1	29-Apr	_____	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____
Session 2	6-May	_____	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____
Session 3	13-May	_____	<i>Diane Button</i>	_____
Session 4	20-May	_____	_____	_____
Session 5	27-May	_____	_____	_____

Mission to Nicaragua

by Diane Button

I'm excited to tell you that I will be going on a mission trip to Managua, Nicaragua! I was not actively looking for an opportunity to do something like this, but God has led me to this one. I've thought that there would be something Mike and I could do together through *World Renew* when we retire, and hopefully that could still happen, but this opportunity came up because of my sister Shirley. She has been considering a mission trip for a few years with her granddaughter to Africa to serve medically through her church, but the time never seemed quite right.

Her husband Bill was talking to his friend John about his daughter, and John in turn started talking about his daughter, Katie. Katie had started a mission in Nicaragua with another person about 10 years ago. Bill told Shirley about it, Shirley talked to John, then went to the internet and looked up *Connect Nicaragua*. She was so excited! After much prayer, she felt an answer - this was where God wanted her to go! Bill was onboard and at peace with it also. Her granddaughter however was not able to go due to a work conflict, so Shirley was planning on going by herself.

This is where I come into the story. Shirley informed all her siblings (6 of us) that she was going on a mission trip and asked if anyone wanted to go with her. All of us were excited to hear this, a bit surprised too, but no one replied "yes, I'll go." I wanted to reply 'yes' right back to her, but something was holding me back. I needed to talk to Mike and Sarah, and what about my job, and then the costs involved were heavy on my mind. I researched the mission, I prayed, I talked to Mike and Sarah, and then one day I asked Shirley if she had booked her flight yet. She said no, not yet, but that she should probably do that soon. We didn't really talk anymore about it, but she knew what I was thinking, and that the cost was a big concern keeping me from committing. The next day, I received a text from her, "something for you to think about - if you go with me, I will pay for you to go. You will not only be a blessing to me for going, but because of your experience in Children's Ministries, you will also be a blessing to the children we meet in Nicaragua." After more prayer and more conversation with Mike and Sarah, I felt that this was what I was being led by the Holy Spirit to do.

So, now let me tell you about the mission - *Connect Nicaragua*. It's centered outside of the capital, Managua. Katie and her husband started the non-denominational mission along with Larrys and his family about 10 years ago. Larrys is from there. Katie had traveled there numerous times to work with a local church. She had an intense desire to spread God's love

through her work. They support youth scholarship programs and support six local small churches, including inner-city Managua. They have locals that work with them. They also bring mission groups to Rio Blanco to work with children on Bible study and activities.

When Shirley and I Skyped with Katie we felt quite a connection. She was so thrilled to hear our stories; her joy in the Lord is overflowing. We wanted to know how she could use us; two older ladies. She admitted that she never takes just one or two people for a mission, but because her dad had brought her to us, she said she couldn't say no. She said she will treat us like her aunts, and we will work alongside them. When I mentioned to Katie that my co-worker Martha was from Managua, Nicaragua, she said that will be a connection I will have immediately to them. So, for the last three years working with Martha, I have been hearing about Nicaragua; the culture, the beauty, the people and traditions, but now I will see and experience a different part of Nicaragua where God will use me to spread the love of Jesus. I believe that's been part of the plan too.

We will be going into some homes where the ladies have numerous children with different men and are not supported by any. They are educating and trying to give hope and love to these ladies. We will be helping with the cooking and eating, childcare, and playing with kids. We will bring them food and clothing as we go to them. Our goal is to connect through God's love; to show them that they are His children just like we are.

Each home will require something different and as we go into them, we will just try to let Love guide us and not our own ideas or agenda.

Katie says that the people feel extremely special when someone from another country comes to them. They can't believe anyone cares about them.

We have been given some material to read to help prepare us for this; books and workbooks to examine our hearts and minds. This isn't about us, it's about spreading the Word, the love of God.

We will be leaving September 14th and coming home on the 23rd.

We ask that you pray specifically for Shirley and that she will remain healthy enough to go. As some of you know, she has metastatic breast cancer, and has been under treatment for that for the last two years. We also ask that you pray that Shirley and I will do what God wants us to do there in Nicaragua.

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As far as support financially, there are three ways you can support if you feel led to.

First: Supporting our work in helping these families, which would include purchasing materials and crafts to share with the women and children.

Second: Contribute to my expenses that Shirley has so graciously covered so far.

Third: Contribute directly to *Connect Nicaragua.org*

I just want to close by saying that I have learned a few things about my faith since I decided to do this with Shirley. One thing is that I need to learn to trust God more with working out the details, like the financial part. And that I need to be listening more closely for answered prayer in ways that I didn't pray specifically for or expect. As I look back on how this all has played out so far, I'm amazed at how God's plan for this trip has been in the works for awhile.

I want to thank you my church family for supporting me spiritually. I'm really looking forward to be going where Christ has led.

Diane

Giving in June 2017

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Designated Fund Offerings:	\$ 3,589	\$ 28,873
General Fund Offerings	\$16,974	\$111,014
Rent / Utilities Income	<u>2,475</u>	<u>14,581</u>
Total Undesignated Income	19,449	125,595
General Fund Expenses	<u>(18,894)</u>	<u>(129,632)</u>
Income Over(Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 555</u>	<u>\$ (4,037)</u>
Total 2017 budget, including ministry quotas		\$ 222,173
Year-to-Date Budget for 5 months		\$ 129,601
Total Undesignated Income		<u>125,595</u>
Income Over (Under) Budget		<u>\$ (4,006)</u>

Loan Balances:

Classis: \$ 20,000

Happy August Birthdays!

- 6 *Thaddeus Speyer*
- 7 *Don Knutson*
- 13 *Joe Zylstra*
- 15 *Micah Obbink*
- 15 *Scott Emory*
- 17 *Dan Grover*
- 24 *Abee Koning*
- 31 *Don Noklebt*

Deacon's Digest

By Rockelle Ruiter

Thank you to all who donated tarps for **Project Homeless Connect**. Last year, over 500 people were served and encouraged at this one day event, which provides access to a variety of services not always readily to those living with homelessness.

We as a church are making a donation to Project 92. Please read the article by Matt Smith for more information about this ministry.

Notes from July Council Meeting

Submitted by Michael Boer

- ◆ Approved vacation for the Roberts family Sept 4-11
- ◆ Discussed Administration building remodel: on track for July 31st
- ◆ Discussed Diane Button's mission trip - Deacons to solicit support
- ◆ Baptism set for Zachariah - Sunday August 6