

# Just for KIDS

## GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

God wants you to be "planted" in His Word and to grow up serving him all your life.

Unscramble each underlined word, and write it in the blanks below. Use the definitions as clues.

Palm 1:3 NIV tells us what we should be like:

"He is like a (1) etre (2) dbetlan by (3) smatres of (4) rawle, which (5) ledsiv its fruit in (6) sonsea and whose (7) afle does not (8) ritnew. Whatever he does (9) spropres."

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (a wood plant with one main stem or trunk which has many branches)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (rooted into the ground)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (small rivers)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (a colorless and transparent liquid)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (produces, gives)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (a time of the year)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (flat, thin part of a plant growing from the stem — usually green)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (to dry up or wilt)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (succeeds)

Answers: tree, planted, streams, water, yields, season, leaf, wither, prospers

## Growing in God's Word

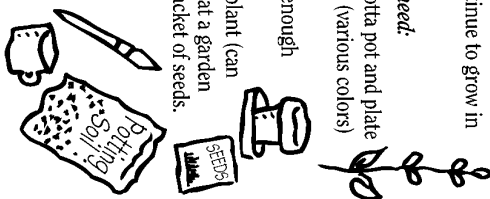
Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

*What you will need:*

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant (can be purchased at a garden nursery) or packet of seeds.
- Newspaper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker

*What you do:*

- 1) Spread some newspapers out on a table for your working area.
- 2) Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
- 3) Paint designs on the pot and plate. Make sure you clean your brush in the cup of water when changing colors.
- 4) When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the collar (top part of the pot) write: "Growing in God's Word"
- 5) Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With an adult's help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
- 6) Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant every day and keep the soil moist.
- 7) Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you, too, need care as you grow in God's Word.



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Join Us For Worship  
Sunday Morning Service  
9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Worship  
5:00 p.m. (starting  
July 8th)

***Vision and Purpose Statement:***

To encourage and empower changes within ourselves,  
to meet the needs of the congregation, community and the world.

Phil. 4:13, James 2:26

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**2006 Daily Bible Reading Guide for July**

7/1	Job 33-34	Romans 14	7/16	Psalms 31-34	
7/2	Job 35-38		7/17	Psalms 35-36	1 Corinthians 8
7/3	Job 39-42		7/18	Psalms 37-38	1 Corinthians 9
7/4	Psalms 1-2	Romans 15	7/19	Psalms 39-40	1 Corinthians 10
7/5	Psalms 3-4	Romans 16	7/20	Psalms 41-42	1 Corinthians 11
7/6	Psalms 5-6	1 Corinthians 1	7/21	Psalms 43-44	1 Corinthians 12
7/7	Psalms 7-8	1 Corinthians 2	7/22	Psalms 45-48	
7/8	Psalms 9-12		7/23	Psalms 49-52	
7/9	Psalms 13-16		7/24	Psalms 53-54	1 Corinthians 13
7/10	Psalms 17-18	1 Corinthians 3	7/25	Psalms 55-56	1 Corinthians 14
7/11	Psalms 19-20	1 Corinthians 4	7/26	Psalms 57-58	1 Corinthians 15
7/12	Psalms 21-22	1 Corinthians 5	7/27	Psalms 59-60	1 Corinthians 16
7/13	Psalms 23-24	1 Corinthians 6	7/28	Psalms 61-62	2 Corinthians 1
7/14	Psalms 25-26	1 Corinthians 7	7/29	Psalms 63-66	
7/15	Psalms 27-30		7/30	Psalms 67-70	
			7/31	Psalms 71-72	2 Corinthians 2

July 2006	Opportunities for Service and Presence			Page 13
1	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Judson College Praise Team "Root 31"	
2	Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship Youth Group Meets Small Group Study <i>Book of Romans</i>	
4	Tuesday		Independence Day - Church Office Closed	
5	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	United in Prayer	
6	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice	
8	Saturday	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Wedding Shower for Stephanie Smart Youth Group Car Wash	
9	Sunday	5:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Worship Worship Youth Group Car Wash	
		7:00 p.m.	Small Group Study <i>Book of Romans</i>	
11	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Boards Meet	
13	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice	
15	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Worship	
16	Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Youth Group Meets Quarterly Business Meeting (pending approval)	
		7:00 p.m.	Small Group Study <i>Book of Romans</i>	
18	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Mosaic-Free Blood Pressure Screening	
20	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice	
22	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Worship	
23	Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship Youth Group Meets Small Group Study <i>Book of Romans</i>	
23 - 27	Sunday - Thursday	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School	
27	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice	
29	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Worship	
30	Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship Youth Group Meets Small Group Study <i>Book of Romans</i>	

- 1      7:00 p.m.    Contemporary Worship  
                  Judson College Praise Team "Root 31"
- 2      9:30 a.m.     *The Five Freedoms*  
                  Romans (8)
- THEME: Turn Toward God**
- 8      5:00 p.m.     Contemporary Worship  
                  *Turn Toward God's Glory*  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14
- 9      9:30 a.m.     *Turn Toward God's Glory*  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14
- 15     5:00 p.m.     Contemporary Worship  
                  *Turn Toward God in Prayer*  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14
- 16     9:30 a.m.     *Turn Toward God in Prayer*  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14
- 22     5:00 p.m.     Contemporary Worship  
                  Turn Toward God's Word  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14
- 23     9:30 a.m.     Turn Toward God's Word  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14
- 29     5:00 p.m.     Contemporary Worship  
                  Turn Toward God in Repentance  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14
- 30     9:30 a.m.     Turn Toward God in Repentance  
                  2 Chronicles 7:14

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### Be a Lighthouse, not a Outhouse

Recently in my reading, I discovered an interesting article, written by an unknown author. It went like this. Metaphorically speaking, what are you - a lighthouse or an outhouse? Think for a moment of what a lighthouse really is or represents: A comfort that seafarers know they can count on to help them to avoid dangerous shallows and shoals, a solid rock tower, and ever-present light in the darkness, a strong beacon of hope. A lighthouse stands for all things good. An outhouse, on the other hand, has it's own unique list of "features" that you no doubt could create with ease, but you probably rather not. (Certainly the list would be filled with many negative words like dark, decaying, dingy, dull, miserably hot, or cold, reeking, rotten, and suffocating.) Now the vast majority of people would, of course, be very quick to say that they are lighthouses, but are they really? Look very carefully one more time at what each "house" represents, and be completely honest with yourself. Are you someone that people are drawn to, or are you the type of person that other people would just as soon avoid if possible? What about such things as your character, your relationships, and your spiritual life - are they pretty solid or are they in need of some serious repair? Are you making the world a better place or are you making it a bitter place? The late Hindu leader, Mahatma Gandhi said, "My life is my message." Does your message shine or stink? And if it does, in fact shine, how much brighter could your beacon be? Every day, in every way, diligently strive to make your message one of hope, life, and joy. **Be a lighthouse - not an outhouse.** Jesus said in Matthew 5:16: **"in the same way let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father"**.

I do look forward to working and worshiping with you this month.

Pastor Wally





# MISSIONS



Since 1996 Johnnie Shackelford has been the Coordinator of Bacone College's Campbell Soup Labels for Education Project. She has been in charge of collecting, counting, sorting, and mailing labels from Campbell soup products. The labels have poured in from every state in the US except Vermont and Alaska. Shackelford, a retired widow and mother of Journalism Professor, Ann Shackelford, volunteers with others in this soup campaign.

Musing on Missions

by Meryl Cook

Under her leadership, the program has collected and mailed in over 1,100,000 labels. Because of her effort, the college has won the highest of all prizes offered by Campbell's - a 15 passenger van.

Johnnie was awarded a Master of Humane Letters at Bacone's spring graduation.

405 labels were taken to the ABWM Regional Conference from Macomb. Thanks for you help!

Michele Bradley is one of our National Special Interest Missionaries. She is the pastor of the Church of Hope, an American Baptist Church at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre. When they started in 1997, 5 inmates and 2 visitors for area churches attended. There was no piano, pulpit, sound system, or communion table. Nine years later they have all of these items and new hymnals and a guitar. Their weekly service is on Saturday night and attendance is about 90.

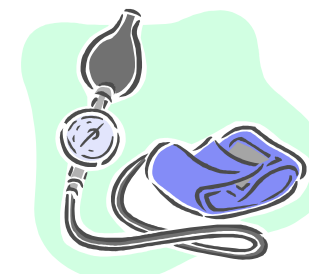
Most of those who attend have been abused physically, verbally, and/or sexually. Most inmates are mothers and have lost parental rights. Michele receives letters from women after they leave prison telling her that it was the church services and Bible study that got them through their incarceration. Many of these women are now church members in their communities. Of the 220 women in prison, one third are involved in the Church of Hope.

The 38th Annual ABWM Conference was held June 16-18th at Lake Williamson near Carlinville, IL with the theme "Expand Your Tents". 124 women and 5 girls attended. Macomb received a Certificate of Accomplishment for the past year. Several tables of articles were collected for the 3 Baptist camps in the Great Rivers Region. These are Blackhawk, Springfield, and Benton.

Tuesday, July 18 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER

July 30 - August 5

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Green Lake Conference Center, WI  
Registration Forms are in the church office  
Scholarships are available

## Meet Our Missionaries



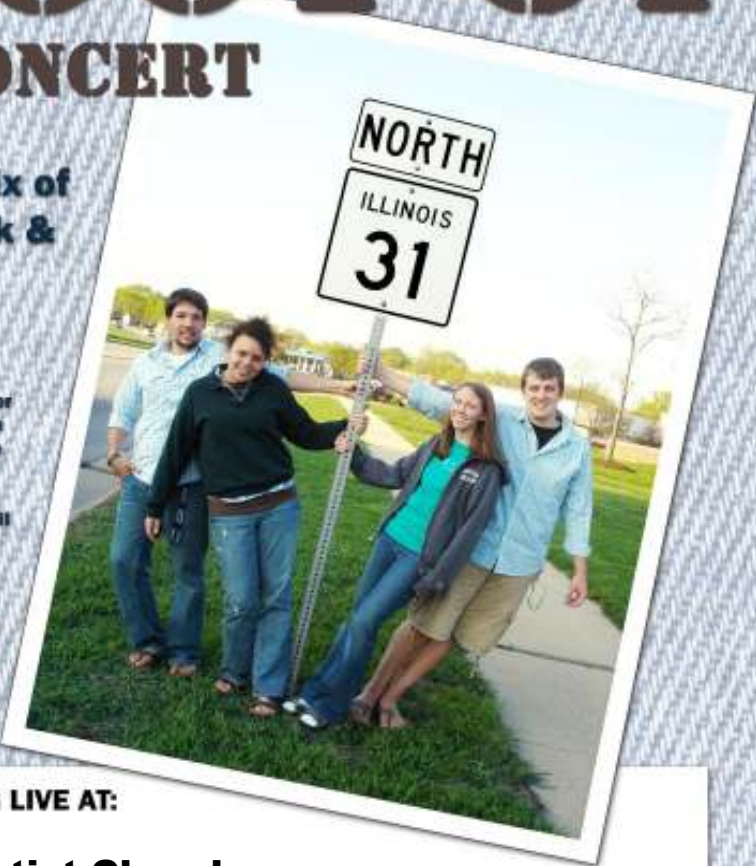
Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9 at 9:30 a.m. Missionaries Alan and Whitney Brown and daughters from Greece will be visiting our church. They will give a brief talk regarding their work in Greece. Following worship both days there will be fellowship with the Browns.

# ROOT 31 IN CONCERT

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136 W. Carroll  
Saturday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

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The new region project for 2006-2007 is \$15,000 for repair, painting, and remodeling at 2 camps and the construction of a maintenance shed at Blackhawk.

During the White Cross workshop over 2500 Campbell Soup labels were trimmed, counted, and tied in bundles. They will be taken to Murrell Children's Home at Muskogee, OK. Over 800 quilt blocks were cut for the Philippines.

Three students receive scholarships this fall. Cheryl Henson of Area I received her doctorate degree from Northern Seminary on June 3. She has benefited from the scholarship during seminary. Cheryl stressed the importance of prayer in promoting camping in each of our churches. Registration, so far, is low. She had camp t-shirts for sale.

\$35,742 has been received toward the goal of \$40,000 to build a health center in the Congo and a Women's Conference Center in Haiti. This was a two year project.

Our treasurer said is cost nearly \$5,000 to send the medicine bottles, clothing, school and sewing supplies to Haiti this year. Kihomi Nzunga from Haiti was our mission speaker.

In celebration of 75 years of Love Gift, Shirley Fair of Kansas, who serves on the 55 member National Board as Love Gift Chair, installed the new officers and brought greetings from the board. Ice cream and cake were served to honor the special occasion.

Marilyn Oaks, outgoing president, showed pictures and told of the mission trip she took last October to India, Nepal and Negaland. Cathy Holmes, International Missionary, who teaches at Woodstock School in Northern India, was leader of the group of 11 women.

The 2006 National Conference at Green Lake is July 22-29 for ABWM with the World Mission Conference to follow.

The Regional ABWM Conference for 2007 will be at Lake Williamson a week earlier, June 8-10.

#### Birthdays:

July 9	Michele Bradley	Pierre, SD
July 25	Ruth Mooney IM	Costa Rica
July 28	Stephen Heneise IM	Chile

# July



- 1 - Bert and Karen Miller (a)
- 2 - Pastor Wally and Annetta Holt (a)
- 6 - Jan Cook
- 8 - Veta M. Harper
- 9 - Russ Glaue
- 10 - Kimberley Derry  
Gee Min Glaue
- 13 - Ted Doxstader
- 14 - Jean Kipling
- 17 - Mary McKamy
- 23 - Marilyn Bourn
- 27 - Everette Fisher



Thank you for the beautiful flowers. That was so kind of you.  
-- Maxine Mowen

Thank you very much for the gift honoring my collegiate graduation! It was very thoughtful of you to recognize achievements God helped me complete. Also, I moved! I am living in the little, cute "hut" in the Molina's backyard! It's about 400 square feet and is just perfect for me! God definitely arranged that! Anyway, my new address is 719 1/2 s. McArthur St, Macomb, IL 61455. I will be using my cell phone as my primary phone number and I'll be changing that to a local number soon. When I do that and know my number, I will let you know!  
Thank you!

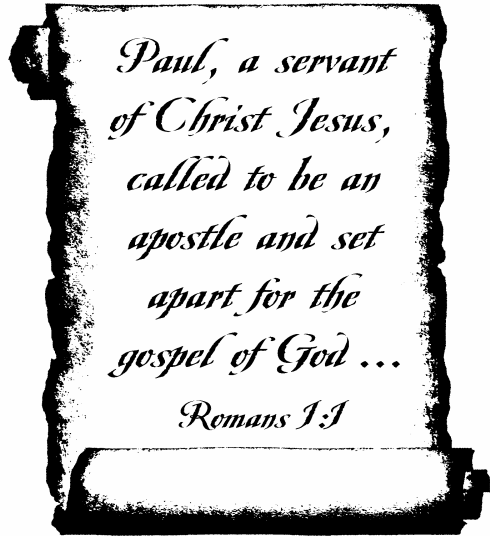
Love in Christ,  
Beth Dietrich



Saturday, July 8  
10:00 a.m.  
FBC Fellowship Hall

Wedding Shower for  
Stephanie Smart

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.  
Stephanie is registered at JC Penney's, Wal-Mart, Target, and Nostalgia.



**Bible quiz**

Although St. Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he had one of his friends do the actual penmanship. Toward the end of the letter, the penman identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

The answer can be found in Romans 16:22.

Answer: A



The Board of Deacons presents a motion to move the quarterly business meetings to 6:00 PM on Sunday nights, starting with the July meeting (Sunday, July 16, 6:00 pm). This is a constitutional amendment; this motion needs to be presented to the congregation in the bulletin and announced for two weeks in a row. There will be a vote on the amendment after the Sunday service on July 9.

**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m.**

Everyone should attend and keep up to date on what's happening at FBC!

**A thankful boy**



The sun was just beginning to set when I started on my daily walk. I had not gone more than 75 yards when a plastic whiffle ball sailed through the air and landed at my feet.

I heard the chatter of small boys playing on the other side of a wall. "You knocked the ball out into the street," said one voice. "We'll have to go get it."

I quickly picked up the ball and hurled it in their direction, and then heard, "Hey, look! There's the ball. Someone threw it back."

I then recognized the voice of a five-year-old neighbor who, unable to see me, asked, "Who threw the ball back?"

I decided to tease him a bit and answered in a kind, but authoritative voice, "God!"

There was dead silence for at least 10 seconds, while I chuckled to myself. Then the child asked with a curious voice, "Who did you say threw the ball over the wall?"

"God!" I answered with as much authority as I could muster.

In an accepting and trusting voice, the boy replied, "Thank you! Thank you very much!"

I smiled and remembered the words of our Lord, "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4, NRSV).

—Charles Ferrell

**FBC Rummage Sale**  
**Start Saving Your Things**

FBC Rummage Sale will be  
 Friday, October 27, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and  
 Saturday, October 28, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



All articles for the newsletter must be submitted to the church secretary NO LATER than the 20th of every month. Thank You!

**Promise Keepers of America**



A Promise Keeper is committed to practicing spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity.

A conference will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8. The fee is \$89.00 per person. Lodging is extra.

For more information go to

<http://www.promisekeepers.org/desmoines06>

Starting July 8  
Saturday Contemporary Services  
will be held at 5:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School  
Sunday, July 23 - Thursday July 27  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The theme this year for Vacation Bible School is Treasure Cove. There will be music, Bible lessons, games and crafts. An offering will also be taken each evening and will be donated to disaster relief.

Our goal in Bible School is to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that those who already believe will grow in faith, and those who do not yet believe will come to know Jesus and accept Him as their Savior. We need your prayers to accomplish this.

We can use your help. We need cookies each evening, money for tee shirts, and helpers for the teachers.

Thank you,  
Mary McKamy



Will be held on the north side of our church to raise money for QUEST.

Saturday, July 8 at 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Also after worship from 6 - 7.

and  
Sunday, July 9 at 10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please have your car washed and support our youth.