

IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

One of the amazing things about technological advances in the past few years is our increased ability to share things with one another over great distances. Families are sharing pictures through online photo albums so that no one misses first steps, graduations, or weddings. Teenagers are sharing their thoughts, ideas, and daily lives on blog spots that are accessed by countless others. Cooks share recipes, stores offer merchandise, and reporters share stories, all through the magic of the World Wide Web.

It is interesting to consider what we share and why. We certainly share with our friends and family out of genuine care for them. Because of the love present in those relationships, it is a delight to share our feelings, significant events, and our authentic selves with the people closest to us. What would the world look like if we were able to spill that love and care beyond our circle of family and friends and into the broader human community? As Paul relates in our scripture, “So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us” (NRSV).

May we be encouraged to share our true selves with one another and do so out of a deep care and love for each other and the world.

—Cindy Laprade
Rocky Mount, Virginia
Brethren Volunteer Service
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office

Photo by Heidi Gross, 2003 Workcamp, Ecuador

Text for Today

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (8) NIV

You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were **delighted to share** with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 10405





Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 April 30, 2006
 9:30 a.m. Worship



SCRIPTURE James 1:19-27

MESSAGE "The Joy of Being a Do

*CLOSING HYMN *I Have Decided to*

*BENEDICTION

* - Please Stand, if you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING/SHARING TIME/SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

* OPENING HYMN #46 *He Touched Me* (Praise book)

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #384 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAISE HYMN *Give of Your Best to the Master* (see insert)

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY

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SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY

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PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children Rec
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 United Christians International Jea
 Those Serving in the Military Phi
 Living Peace Church of the Breth

Anniversaries and Birthdays for April

Anniversaries

2 - Scott & Ann Maggert
22 - Douglas and Lisa Mace

21 - Helen Clover
22 - Michele Elder
28 - Ryan Maggert

Birthdays

06 - Mark Diers
07 - Jeannette Grove
18 - Ann Evans
20 - Marne Bothmer

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Don Adkins this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service, and go out and witness for Him!

Reminders

Please sign-up for Sunday worship leader (when needed), children's message, greeters after **May 28**, and janitorial duties for **June-September**. The sheet for these important duties is posted on the bulletin board for sign-ups and reference.

Devotionals

The Upper Room devotionals for May and June are now available on the back table.

Community Events

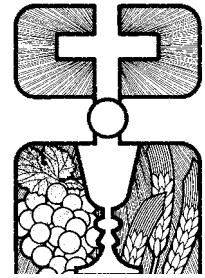
Sheldon Community Ambulance Team Fundraiser Supper

The Sheldon Community Ambulance Team (S.C.A.T.) is having their Annual Fundraiser Supper of hot sandwiches and salads. It will be held on Monday, May 15, 2006, at the Sheldon Community Center with serving from 5-7:30 PM. This year S.C.A.T. is raising money to purchase new equipment to go into the new ambulance. Please contact a S.C.A.T. member for tickets.

Guest Speakers

May 7 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
May 14 - Gene Bomgaars (Mother's Day)
May 21 - Rev. Bill Schoonover
May 28 - Matt Morrison
June 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
June 11 - Pete Aberson
June 18 - Bob Sutton
June 25
July 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

OUT REACH MINISTRIES



Body & Soul are jointly nourished through a fellowship meal, and spiritual exploration.

Christ's Cupboard



"I was hungry, and you gave me food..." is the spirit behind providing to those who need it.



Kinship

The program is designed to match adults with children ages 5 to 18 to foster a mentoring atmosphere.

2005 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator:

Linda Adams

Deacons

Clarence & Rhelma Evans

Adult Sunday School Coordinator

Jo Rolston

Auditor

Alan Cox - 2005

Marcene Cox - 2006

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Michele Elder

Brianna Kane

Children's S/S Coordinator

Laurean Clover

Clerk

Jo Rolston

District Conference

Darius Elder

Ministerial Commitment

Ross Cox - 2005

Rhelma Evans - 2006

Jo Rolston - 2006

Marcene Cox - 2007

Steve Dagel - 2008

Nominating Committee

Scott Maggert - 2005

Sandi Cox - 2006

Laurean Clover - 2007

Alan Cox - 2008

451 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. Matt. 8:19

ASSAM Irreg.
Folk melody from India

Source unknown

Unison

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be -
3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus? No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

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Give of Your Best to the Master 465

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required. Luke 12:48

BARNARD 3 7 8 D. Ref.
Charlotte A. Barnard. 1830-1869

Howard B. Grose. 1851-1939

1. Give of your best to the Mas-ter, Give of the strength of your youth;
2. Give of your best to the Mas-ter, Give Him first place in your heart;
3. Give of your best to the Mas-ter, Naught else is wor- thy His love;
Ref. Give of your best to the Mas-ter, Give of the strength of your youth;

Fine
Throw your soul's fresh, glow - ing ar - dor In - to the bat - tle for truth.
Give Him first place in your serv - ice, Con - se - crate ev - ery part.
He gave Him - self for your ran - som, Gave up His glo - ry a - bove;
Clad in sal - va - tion's full ar - mor, Join in the bat - tle for truth.

Je - sus has set the ex - am - ple - Daunt - less was He, young and brave;
Give, and to you shall be giv - en - God His be - lov - ed Son gave;
Laid down His life with - out mur - mur, You from sin's ru - in to save;

D.C. Refrain

Give Him your loy - al de - vo - tion, Give Him the best that you have.
Grate - ful - ly seek - ing to serve Him, Give Him the best that you have.
Give Him your heart's ad - o - ra - tion, Give Him the best that you have.

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CHALLENGE AND VICTORY