

## CREATIVE FOR CHRIST

Every summer the little town that I live in has a huge parade. People line the streets for blocks to be entertained and to fill their sacks with candy. The parade ends at the town fair—one of the highlights of the year. It seems like everyone from our town and the surrounding areas is either participating in or watching the parade.

What a wonderful opportunity to be able to share the love of Jesus with a lot of people—but how?

Steve Sjogren's book, *Conspiracy of Kindness*, tells us that we can share the love of Jesus in a variety of practical ways. One of those ways is by handing out cold bottles of water in Jesus' name.

After sharing this idea with my church family, bottles of water were donated for the big parade. One man loaned us his truck. We had the water and we had the float. But would people show up to help pass out the water—would they come to be a witness with us?

Yes! The day of the parade, adults and children joyously passed out water and shared the words, "Jesus loves you!"

Everyday we have opportunities to share the love of Jesus. May we be creative and willing to take some steps of faith to share his love with those around the world and in our own communities.

—Valarie Kline, pastor  
Upper Fall Creek Church of the Brethren  
Middletown, Indiana

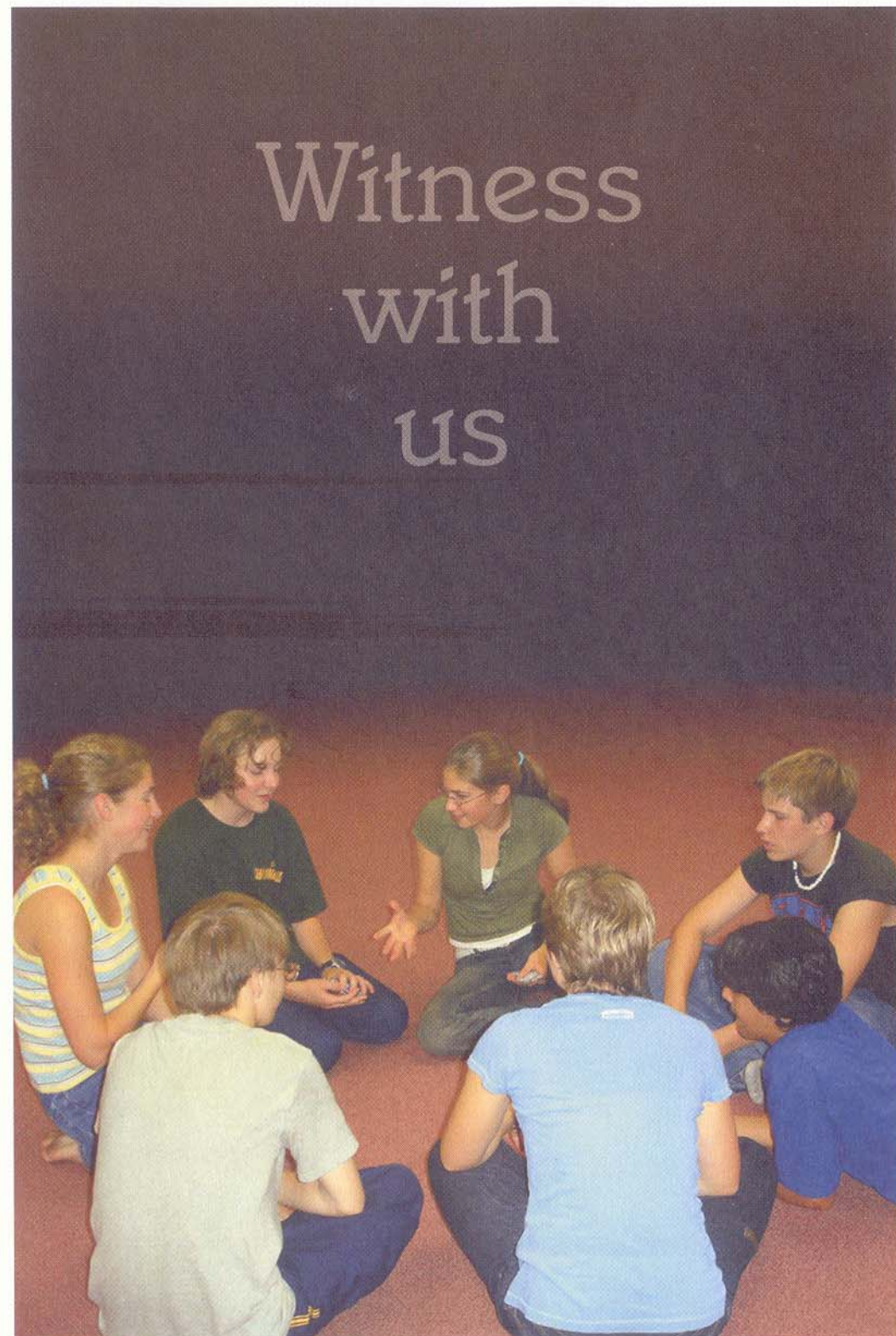
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### Text for Today

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (22)

"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a **witness with us** to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias. . . .

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 5406





Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 May 28, 2006  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



GATHERING MUSIC *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

GREETING/SHARING TIME/SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\* GATHERING HYMN #343 *On Christ The Solid Rock*

\*INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC - *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* - Amy Morrison

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Amazing Grace* - Amy Morrison

\*DOXOLOGY #119

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #332 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAISE HYMN #474 *I Hunger and Thirst*

SCRIPTURE John 4:1-38

MESSAGE "Jesus in Samaria"

\*CLOSING HYMN #505 *I Am Thine O Lord*

\*BENEDICTION

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY:**

Message	Matt Morrison
Children's Message	Amy Morrison
Music	Amy Morrison
Special Music	Amy Morrison
Ushers	Mark and Eli
Greeter	Steve and Mackenzie
Brethren Heritage Class	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, June 4:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Rev. David Loveall
Music	Jill Dykstra
Ushers	Mark and Ryan
Greeter	
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Ann Evans
Linda Beal	Robert Dagal
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Phillip Riecks
Living Peace Church of the Brethren in Sioux City	

## **Birthdays for May**

03 - Christian Peterson  
 06 - George Evans  
 10 - Dwight Diers  
 17 - Marcene Cox  
 18 - Kurt Brinkman  
 26 - Lon Hutchison

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 Matt and Amy Morrison 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.

## **Community Events**

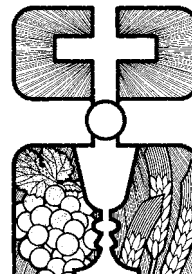
### **Relay For Life Subs**

The Primghar Community Playhouse Relay for Life - Racin' for a Cure - team will be selling sub sandwiches from May 15th through May 29th. They will be \$2 apiece or if you buy a dozen the 13th will be free. The subs will be made on June 3rd. You can pick them up from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Primghar Community Building or after 2:30 p.m. outside Ace Hardware in Sheldon. Please help support this worthy cause and place an order by calling Ladonna Wittrock at (712)957-8685, Betty Uittenbogaard at (712)957-0877 or Nathan Christophel at (712)324-1496.

## **Guest Speakers**

June 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)  
 June 11 - Pete Abersson  
 June 18 - Bob Sutton  
 June 25 - Rev. David Loveall  
 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 Del.**

Darius Elder

### **Ministerial Committee**

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

## **OUR CHURCH**

Worship Service .....9:30am  
 Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

Body & Soul (Sept. - May) Wednesdays,  
 6:30 & 7:30 pm

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Christ's Cupboard:  
[www.christcupboard.org](http://www.christcupboard.org)

Kinship Community, Inc:  
[www.kcimentors.org](http://www.kcimentors.org)

### **Parsonage Committee**

Liz Elder - 2005  
 Ann Maggert - 2006  
 Sue Phillips - 2007

### **Treasurer**

Sandi Cox

### **Ushers**

Mark Bilsland  
 Eli Clover  
 Val Clover  
 Alan Cox  
 Scott Maggert