

TODAY, TOMORROW, AND THE NEXT DAY

At the top of the lane that leads to the home where I spent my childhood, there is a grand old oak tree that shades a farmhouse yard. When I first saw its great spreading crown of rich green leaves and its squat brown trunk, I was just a school child coming home on the bus. Every time I left for school, church, or to visit friends, the oak tree was there on my return, its root-feet firmly planted in the ground, its leaves gently dancing in the wind. Then I left for college, and the oak tree was there to welcome me each Christmas break or spring vacation. I moved on to seminary, and then to a church in the Midwest. My returns for holidays, funerals, reunions, and the like were brief. But still the tree was there to welcome me each time I returned.

The tree was many yards 'round when I met it, and more than half-a-century old. Yet it seemed to age less than I with the years. I graduated, married, gave birth, divorced, got gray hair—but its firm, solid trunk remained strong. The families in the farmhouse came and went, changed the flowers and the paint, but the great old tree endured unchanged. It nodded its dancing leaves as if to say, “See, I’m still here! And what about you?”

A few years back my parents moved from the house at the far end of the lane, but over those many years, I learned the lesson of that old tree: The grand old love of God, shading and strong, will always be there, waiting for me to return—*today, tomorrow, and the next day.*

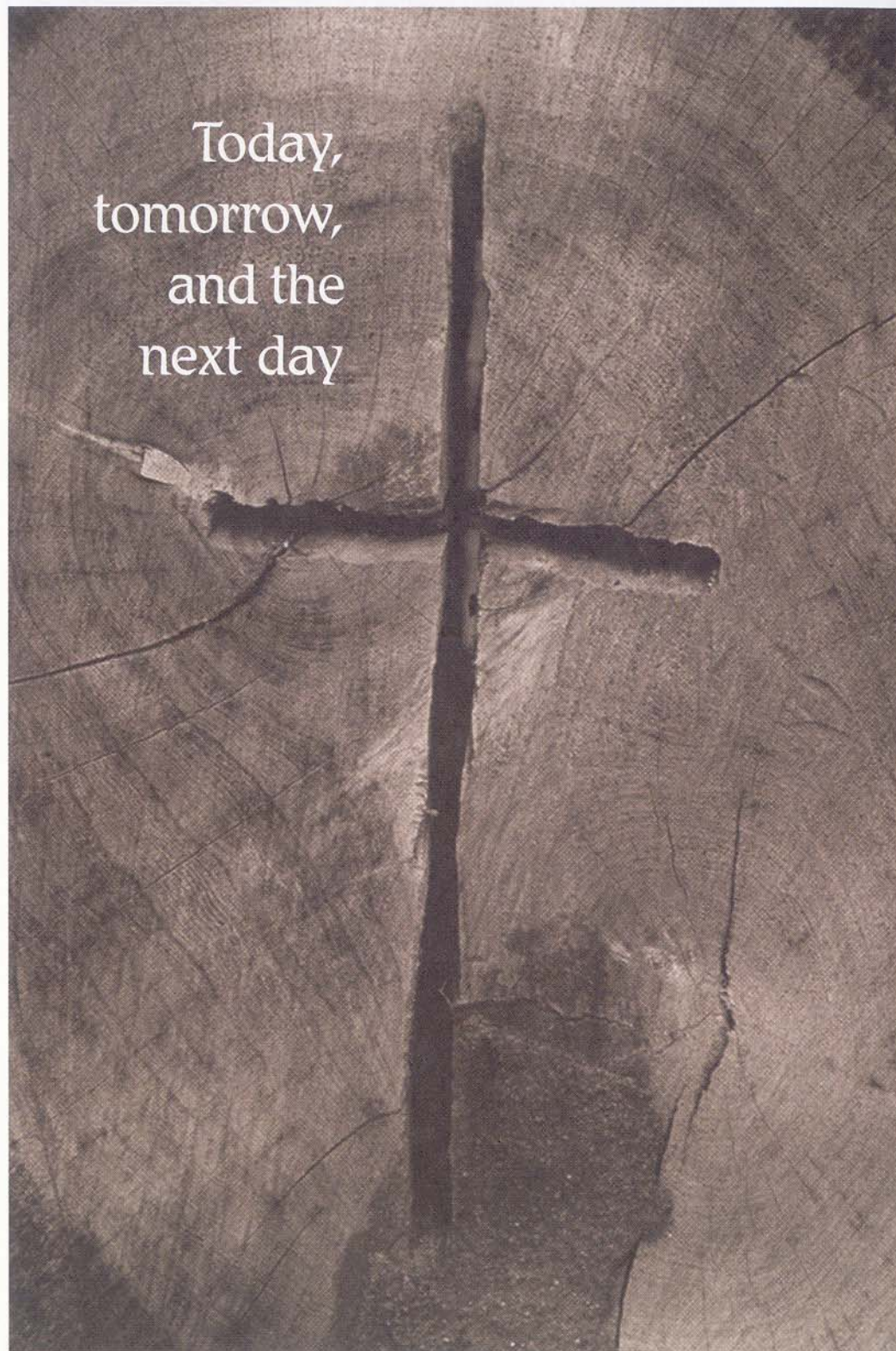
—Melanie Jones, pastor
Carlisle Church of the Brethren
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Text for Today

Luke 13:31-35 (33)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet **today, tomorrow, and the next day** I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 3107





Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 February 18, 2007
 9:30 a.m. Worship



GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 3:12-17

* GATHERING HYMN #421 *Bless'd Be the Tie That Binds*

*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN #413 *Faith of Our Fathers (use fathers, not martyrs)*

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING #86 *Now Thank We All Our God*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #455 *More About Jesus (red hymnal)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-16

MESSAGE "Unity In Diversity"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #393 *A Charge to Keep I Have*

*BENEDICTION

* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, February 18:

Message	Pete Aberson
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Adult Sunday School	Linda Adams
Children's Sunday School	Ann and Sandi

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, February 25:

Message	Rev. Tim Button-Harrison
Worship Leader	Linda Adams
Children's Message	
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann and Sandi

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Yvonne Rohlfen
Linda Beal	Ann Evans
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Molly Dagel
Living Peace Church of the Brethren in Sioux City	

Anniversaries and Birthdays for February

<i>Birthdays</i>	21 - River Fox
02 - Nancy Osterbuhr	26 - Marisa Van Roekel
05 - Paul Rolfsmeier	29 - Jim Houtsma Jr.
15 - Jed Cox	
Eli Clover	
17 - Keenan Rolston	
Ruth Evans	

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 Pete Aberson 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!

Adult Sunday School

Please join us for adult Sunday School. We use the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. This week continues the subject "Business Ethics: A Christian in a Down and Dirty World". Today's topic is "Lack of Integrity" (Acts 5:1-11). All are WELCOME!

Together: Conversations On Being Church

Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tim Button-Harrison will be leading a session with church leaders from Worthington, Kingsley, Sioux City, and Sheldon in our church basement. A lunch will be served. Interested individuals may also attend. Following the session, the ministerial committee will be meeting with Tim.

Guest Speakers

Feb. 25 - Rev. Tim Button-Harrison	Apr. 29 -
Mar. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	May 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Mar. 11 - Rev. Don Lenderink	May 13 -
Mar. 18 - Pete Aberson	May 20 -
Mar. 25 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas	May 27 -
Apr. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	June 3 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Apr. 8 - Rev. David Loveall (Easter)	
Apr. 15 - Don Adkins	
Apr. 22 -	

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



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 fos-
ter a mentoring atmosphere.

2007 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator
Linda Adams

Deacon
Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Church Facility Trustee
Scott Maggert

Clerk
Jo Rolston

Farm Trustee
Ross Cox

Ministerial Committee
Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Steve Dagal
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee
Linda Adams
Alan Cox
Steve Dagal

Parsonage Committee
Ann Maggert

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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