

THE LIGHT WE SEEK

When overwhelmed, answers are sought—resolution must be
at the other end

The proverbial “light at the end of the tunnel”

Is this a Valley of Dark Shadows?

Required passage, with God, before conclusion can be brought
to the dilemma?

Or might this “tunnel” be of our own making?

A cave where we have sought to escape and hide in fear

Or to withdraw and regroup, allow time for clarity

To rekindle the light of God that is within

If this is a cave, there will be no light at the other end

Only deepening darkness

The light we seek is where we left it

At the opening, at the beginning, where the love of God
pursues us still

To bring us back out: “What are you doing here?”

Is not the desired resolution best sought in facing the challenge?

Continuing to act with wisdom and purpose?

To journey back into the wilderness of the problem

Walking with the illumination of God’s Spirit in us

Could it be that the light for which we yearn

at the end (of the tunnel)

Is right behind us, with us at the beginning (of the cave)?

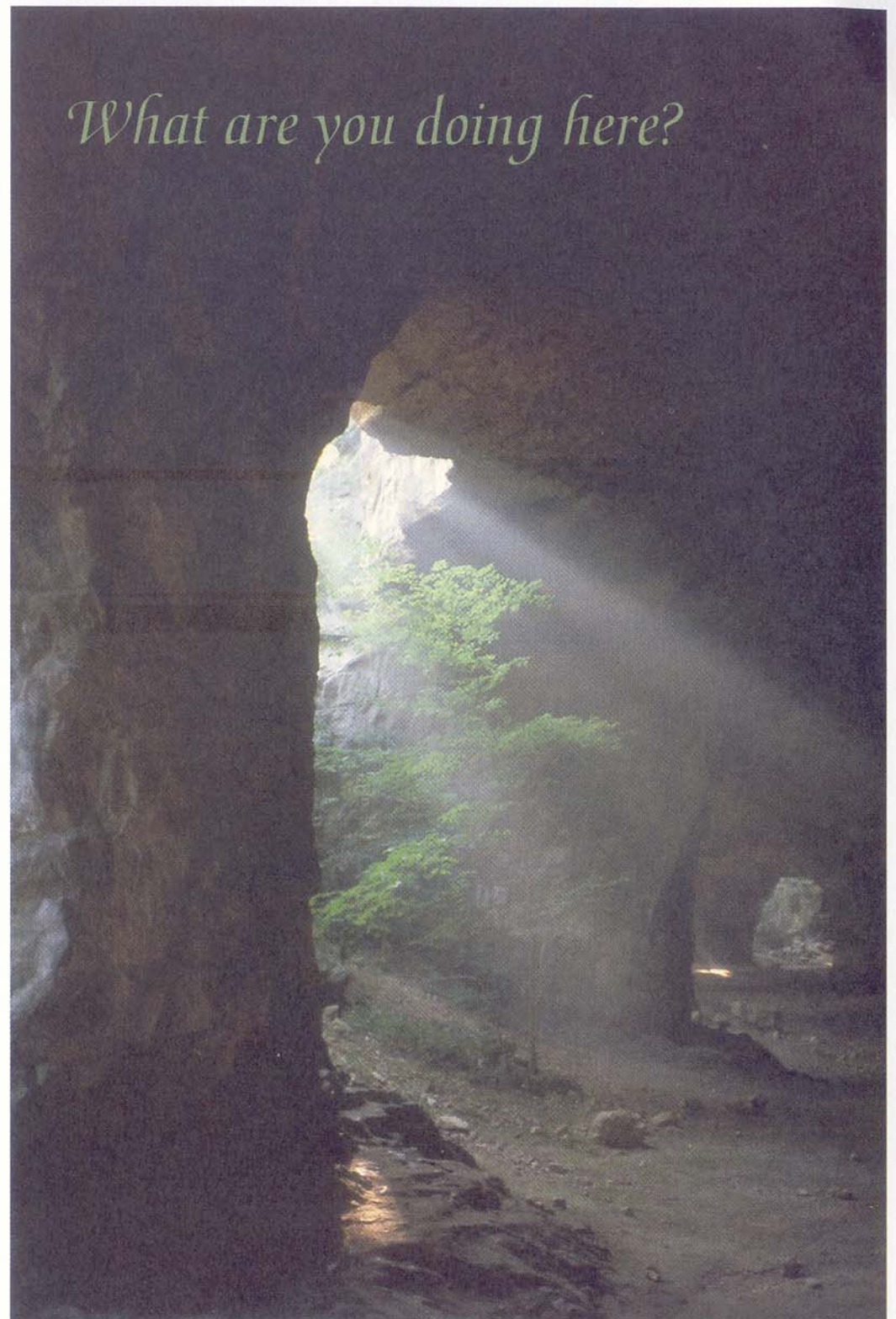
—Timothy D. Speicher, pastor
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Text for Today

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a (13)

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “**What are you doing here**, Elijah?”

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 6407





Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 July 29, 2007
 9:30 a.m. Worship



GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

LIGHT CANDLES / #623 *The Lord is in His Holy Temple* (red hymnal)

*CALL TO WORSHIP O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

* GATHERING HYMN #436 *Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine* (red hymnal)

*INVOCATION O God, author of eternal life, lead us in our worshiping this day, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, our meditations may glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAISE HYMN #434 *All the Way my Savior Leads Me* (red hymnal)

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT (in unison) Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of your increase.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison) Accept, O Lord, the gifts we lay upon thine altar, and with the gifts of substance, we would lay upon the altar of thy service our own lives to be used for thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN #469 *Take Time to be Holy* (red hymnal)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Pray For: Corning, IA Mt. Etna Church
 Praying For Us: Unionville, IA Fairview Church

SCRIPTURE Romans 3:21-31

MESSAGE "What is True Faith?"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #320 *Faith of our Fathers* (red hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

*#662 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* (red hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, July 29:

Message	Pete Aberson
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Donna Brinkman
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Adult Sunday School	Not held June-Sept 2
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Aug. 5:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Rev. David Loveall
Music	Donna Brinkman
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Not held June-Sept 2
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

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

Anniversaries and Birthdays for July

Anniversaries

27 - Steve & Molly Dagele

Birthdays

19 - Molly Dagele

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!

We welcome Pete Aberson to our worship service this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to worship; depart to serve!

Community Events

Love I.N.C.

You are invited to "The Unveiling" of the new Love I.N.C. office in the former C&H Building on Hwy 18 West, Wednesday, August 1, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. This open house is a celebration of the building's purchase, and will showcase its renovation plans. Entertainment will be "The Singing Sophomores" at 6:45. Cake and ice cream will also be served.

Guest Speakers

Aug. 5 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Sept. 9 -
Aug. 12 - Pete Aberson	Sept. 16 -
Aug. 19 - Rev. David Loveall	Sept. 23 - Don Adkins
Aug. 26 - Don Adkins	Sept. 30 -
Sept. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Oct. 7 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

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

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Scott Maggert

Clerk

Jo Rolston

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Sunday School Superintendent

Jo Rolston

Treasurer

Sandi Cox

Ushers

Mark Bilsland
Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am

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

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

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