

## OBEDIENT FROM THE HEART

As a pastor, I always enjoyed being welcomed into parishioners' homes. Receiving an invitation into one's personal space symbolized acceptance into a more casual, authentic aspect of family life. I remember one such visit when I was invited to sit at a parishioner's kitchen table. And, as often is the case with pastors, I was expected to represent the spiritual matters of the heart and talk about God and the Bible. Acting not as a holy man, but trying to understand the generous, hard-working businessman across the table from me, I spoke of spiritual relationships.

"Have you ever accepted Christ as your Savior?" I asked.

"You mean in my heart?" he responded.

"Yes," I replied.

"No," he answered.

As we talked, it became very clear that he wasn't ready to take this important step that day. Even some non-believers understand that faith in Christ involves more than knowledge. It is also a serious matter for the *heart*.

Jesus Christ wants to sit down with us at the "kitchen table" side of life. He doesn't want to be a guest in the formal parlor, but he desires to be involved in the common, messy places where faith can rub shoulders with the sights, sounds, and smells of everyday living.

Sin is a gritty reality. The apostle Paul thanked God that the Roman Christians had obeyed from the heart the teaching of the gospel of Christ, which is able to transform believers from slaves of sin to servants of righteousness.

— Stephen E. Abe  
District executive/minister  
West Marva District  
Church of the Brethren

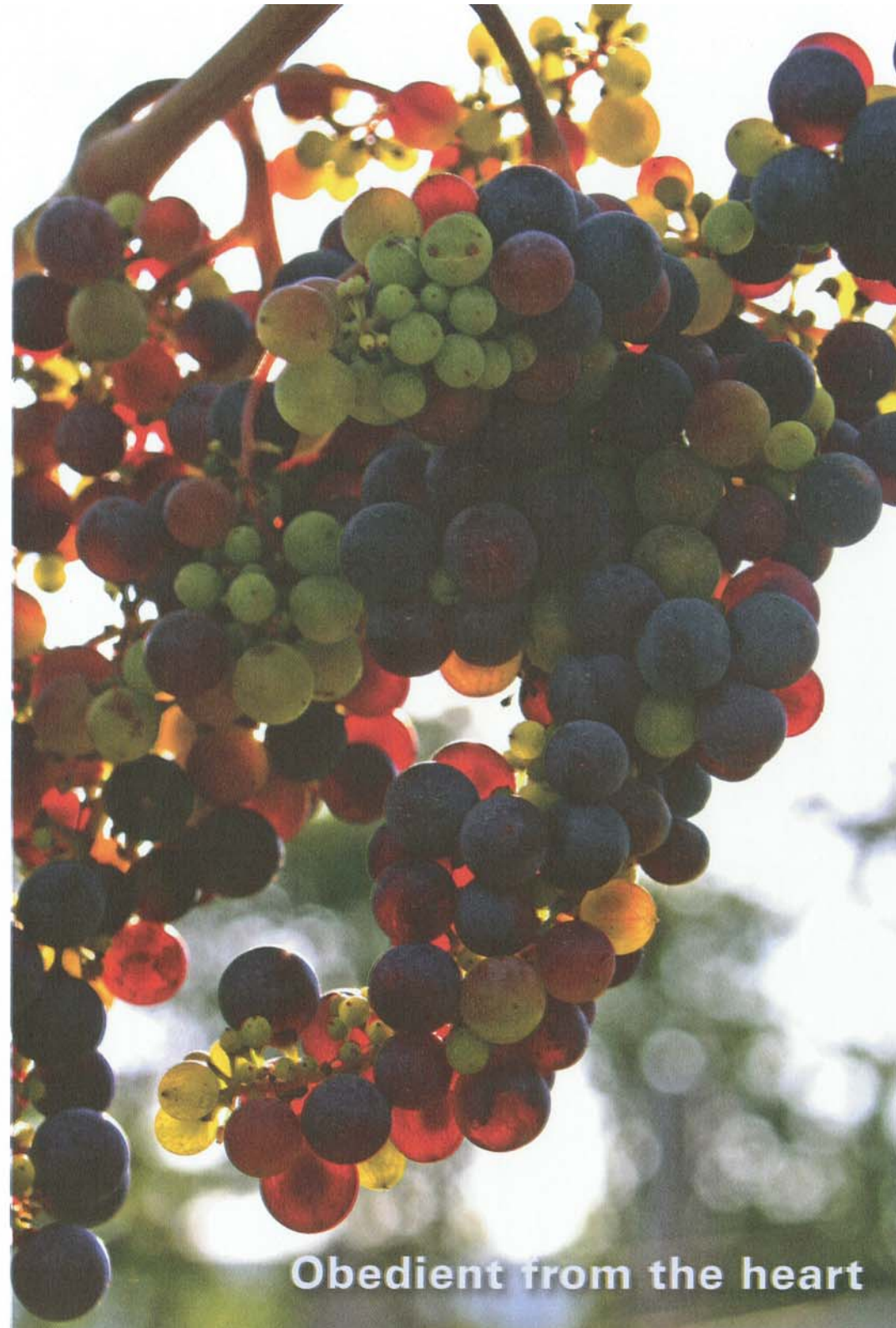
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### Text for Today

**Romans 6:12-23 (17)**

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin . . . or of obedience . . . ? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become **obedient from the heart** to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 6508



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Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 June 29, 2008  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



**NOTE:** The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP #822 (responsive reading)

\* GATHERING HYMN #41 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN #100 *Praise Him, Praise Him*

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #352 *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Des Moines, IA Stover Memorial Church  
 Praying For Us: Preston, MN Root River Church

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:40-42

MESSAGE "A Vicarious Welcome"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN #243 *Jesus Calls Us* (red hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, June 29:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Pauli Landhuis and Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	None in the summer
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, July 6:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Adult Sunday School	None in the summer
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Ann Evans	Mark Bilsland
Linda Beal	Jerry Rolston
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	Rev. Don Lenderink
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Those Serving in the Military
Reaching Out to Our Community	

## Birthdays for June

13 - Pat Dumar  
19 - Steve Dagal

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 Rev. David Loveall 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!

### **Ideas Are Needed**

Please give Linda Adams any of your suggestions as to what can be done for the 300th anniversary of the Brethren denomination and the 120th year of our church.

### **Devotional**

The July-August *Upper Room* devotionals are on the back table. Please take one for your daily devotions.

## Community

**July 3** - Independence Day Celebration - The Village grounds will again be alive with carnival booths, delicious food, live music by the Celebration Iowa singers, horse and wagon rides, Prairie Winds Zoo, kettle korn, a gigantic fireworks display and much more. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the festivities. The food stand opens at 5:30 pm with other attractions beginning at 6 pm.

**July 9 (rain date July 10)** - Sheldon's Village Northwest Unlimited invites you to a self-guided tour of five unique and beautiful yards and gardens in Sheldon from 3-8 pm. Tickets will be available from 3-6 pm on the day of the tour at Fantasia, and all proceeds will benefit people with disabilities at Village Northwest Unlimited.

## Guest Speakers

July 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Aug. 17 -
July 13 - Dyan Sterk	Aug. 24 - Lois Grove (District Moderator)
July 20 - C.J. Wurpts (NWC student)	Aug. 31 - Don Adkins
July 27 - Don Adkins	Sept. 7 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Aug. 3 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Sept. 14 -
Aug. 10 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas	Sept. 21 -

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



November 3, 2008, will mark the 120th year our congregation has worshipped at the current location.



## **Kinship**

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

## 2008 CHURCH OFFICERS

**Moderator**  
Linda Adams

**Deacon**  
Clarence & Rhelma Evans  
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

**Church Facility Trustee**  
Scott Maggert

**Church Sign**  
Mark Bilslund

**Clerk**  
Jo Rolston

**Farm Trustee**  
Ross Cox

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

**Nominating Committee**  
Linda Adams  
Steve Dagal  
Ann Maggert

**Parsonage Committee**  
Ann Maggert

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Jo Rolston

**Treasurer**  
Sandi Cox

**Ushers**  
Mark Bilslund  
Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert

## OUR CHURCH

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

Communion  
1st Sunday of Each Month

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