

ARE WE ENEMIES?

Two five-year-old boys, once friends, had become enemies, using words and actions to match their feelings about one another.

“I hate you! Don’t ever come to my house again.”

“You can’t play with my toys any more! I hate you too!”

What terrible words! What unkind thoughts to come from the mouths and minds of little boys!

Nations at war. Neighboring nations, once friends, are now enemies. Rhetoric of war—angry, nasty words, acts of violence and revenge—turns farms and fields into battlegrounds of war, neighbors into enemies, and brothers into spies.

An aging cousin remembered an awful childhood day when cannon fire boomed across their farm’s pond to find its mark in the little country church across the way, leaving gaping holes in wall and roof.

“If your enemies are hungry, feed them . . . for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Two little boys, reaching out to one another, with freshly-baked cookies to share. Feeding hungry enemies can turn them into friends and neighbors once again.

Battlefields, however, are not so easily transformed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, forgive our tendency to repay evil for evil. Forgive our failure to trust you to care for all your children, whether we call them enemy or friend. May we learn, by your grace, to live peaceably with all. Let your love enable us to not be overcome by evil, but rather to overcome evil with good. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

—Harriet W. Finney, retired pastor
Eel River Community Church of the Brethren
North Manchester, Indiana

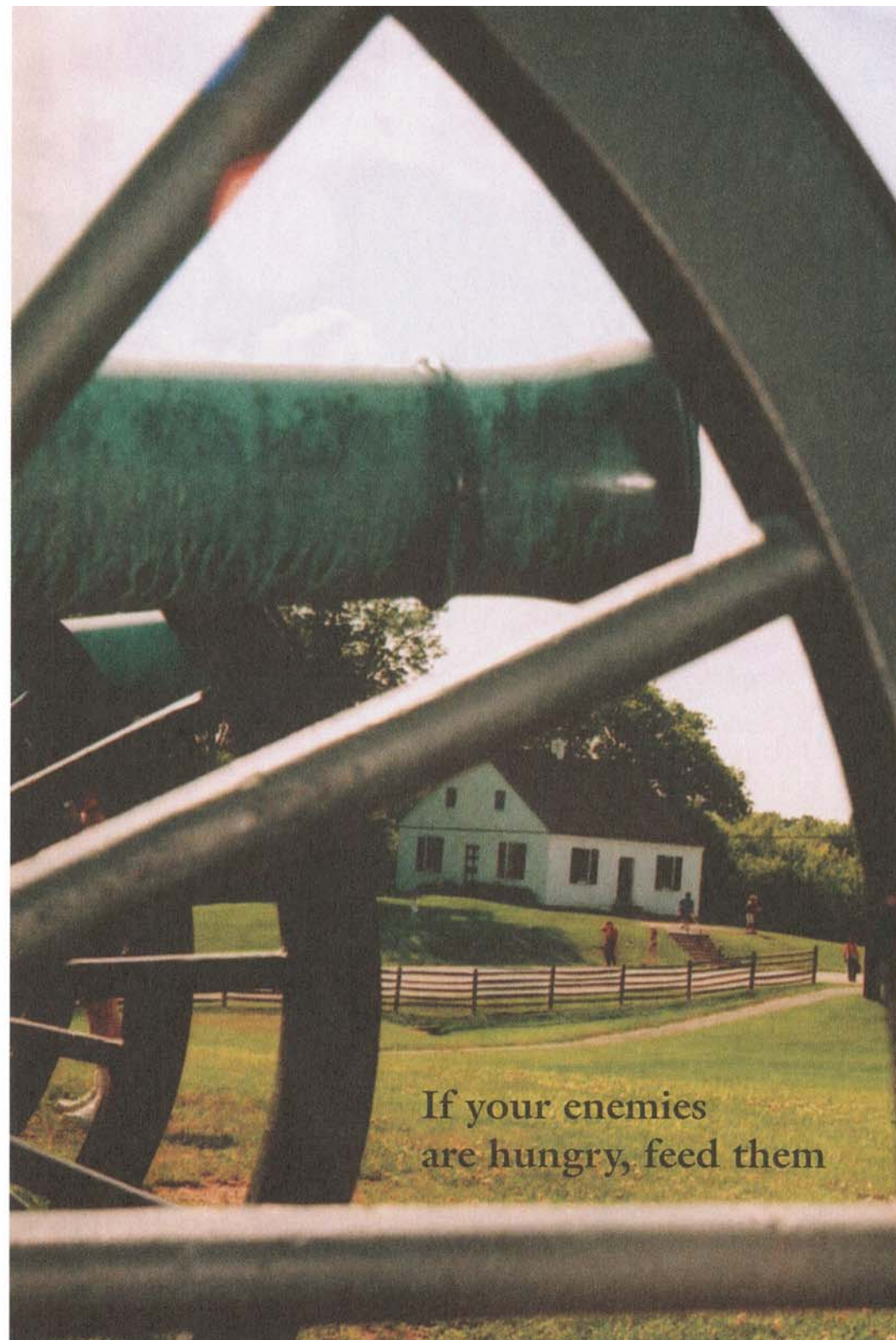
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Text for Today

Romans 12:9-21 (20)

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, **“if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS LIVING WORD BULLETIN 8508





Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 August 31, 2008
 9:30 a.m. Worship



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

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

* GATHERING HYMN #455 *More About Jesus Would I Know*

*INVOCATION (back of bulletin - in unison)

PRAISE HYMN #351 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

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

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #429 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: South English, IA English River Church

Praying For Us: Mount Etna, IA Church

SCRIPTURE II PETER 3:17-18

MESSAGE "Spiritual Growth"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* (see insert)

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, August 31:

Message	Don Adkins
Children's Message	Don Adkins
Music	Dorothy Breuer
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	None in the summer
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, September 7:

Message	Rev. Lucinda Douglas
Children's Message	Rev. Lucinda Douglas
Music	Terry Kelderman
Music Ministry	Alina Douglas
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	No SS - Organizational Meeting
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

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

Anniversaries and Birthdays for August

Anniversaries

09 - Alan & Marcene Cox
18 - Ron & Donna Brinkman
29 - Doug & Nancy Osterbuhr

15- Donna Brinkman

23 - Nancy Diers

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.

Birthdays

12 - Sandi Cox
15 - Linda Adams

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Don Adkins this morning. Also, welcome to all members and guests. You came to worship, go now to serve! You've been given the Light, go now to let it shine!

Ideas Are Needed

Sept. 7 - An organizational meeting for the 120th Anniversary (on Nov. 2) will be held after the church service. Please continue to give Alan or Marcene Cox interesting church trivia for the next 9 weeks' bulletins.

Adult Sunday School

Sept. 14 - Adult Sunday School will resume. If interested in teaching, please let Sunday School Superintendent Jo Rolston know. The topic series will be announced later.

Devotional

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

Church Trivia

Pastor Jr. Hendricks, Razz Rolston, Jo Rolston, and Rhelma Evans met with the Sioux County Board of Supervisors on May 15, 1979, to request that the county hard-surface the one mile road west to our church. Pastor Jr. Hendricks wrote a letter in 1984 to urge completion of this project before our 1988 centennial year. Another group met with the Board in the fall of 1986, when approval was given to blacktop the road. By Fall, 1987, the road was finished!

Visit <http://120.sheldonbrethren.org/mem/m-trivia.htm> to view the trivia that has already appeared in previous bulletins.

Guest Speakers

Sept. 7 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas (no communion)	Oct. 5 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Sept. 14 - Pete Aberson	Oct. 12 -
Sept. 21 - Rev. David Loveall	Oct. 19 - Gideons
Sept. 28 - Don Adkins	Oct. 26 -

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

Farm Trustee

Ross Cox

Parsonage Committee

Ann Maggert

Deacon

Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Ministerial Committee

Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Steve Dagle
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Sunday School Superintendent

Jo Rolston

Church Facility Trustee

Scott Maggert

Treasurer

Sandi Cox

Church Sign

Mark Bilslund

Nominating Committee

Linda Adams
Steve Dagle
Ann Maggert

Clerk

Jo Rolston

Ushers

Mark Bilslund
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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Just a Closer Walk with Thee

For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God.
— II Corinthians 13:4

CLOSER WALK

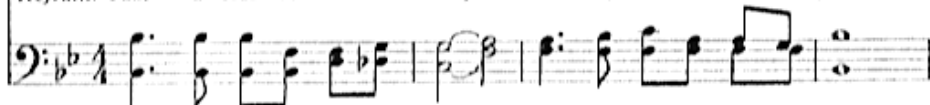
Traditional Folk Song

Unknown



- 1 I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toll and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,



D.C. for Refrain



- 1 I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
2 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
3 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain: Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

