

The
Fellowship News

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Celebrating Marriage
This month ... years ago

The following couples celebrate the gift of marriage this month by observing their wedding anniversary. We salute these who have committed their lives to each other and the Lord.

Thirty-nine years ago
August 6 ... Rodney & Jeanie Berg

Six years ago
August 8 ... Gary & Rachel Moscript

Fifty years ago
August 14 ... Paul & Marilyn Miller

Fifty-six years ago
August 17 ... Erby & Esther Buller

Thirty years ago
August 18 ... Deryll & Jan Amstutz

Thirty-one years ago
August 18 ... Harold & Margaret Hermstein

Thirty years ago
August 18 ... Tom & Bev Hoskins

Thirty-one years ago
August 18 ... Bob & Cheryl Tschudin

Thirty-eight years ago
August 20 ... Dale & Vernelle Koehn

Thirty-five years ago
August 23 ... Mark & Lillian Claassen

Twenty-eight years ago
August 26 ... Phil & Jane Litwiller

Celebrating Birthdays
Blessings to each of these persons On their special day!

August

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| 1 | Phil Litwiller Matthew Schmidt | 19 | Christina Garcia Ben Histan |
| 6 | Tom Reimer Rebecca Heddin | 21 | Lois Goering |
| 12 | Paula Hayen | 22 | Vicki Mester |
| 15 | Haley Strubhar | 23 | Tilmar Kaufman |
| 16 | Martha Hiebert Paul Miller | 25 | Annie Eklov |
| 17 | Lana Schill Justin Mueller | 27 | Paul Strausz |
| 18 | Vernon Regier | 29 | Scott Steinert |
| | | 31 | LeRoy Reimer Dale Koehn Jeanine Stahly |

Mexico Mission Update

Several large projects have been undertaken this spring and summer ... bookstore addition, construction at the school, and construction of the Roberts' house.

The Bookstore ... we are doubling the size of the bookstore downtown. We were able to enlarge the office in the rear of the store, which included installing electricity, a phone line and a computer network cable between the computer in the office and the one at the check out desk in front of the store. We have a larger section for music, a couple of tables with chairs where the customers can sit and look through books, and a TV with a carpet in front of it where kids can sit and watch videos. The new section is now in service, though there are still a number of details we are working on.

The School ... we were finally able to make arrangements with a Christian architect to oversee the construction of four second story classrooms at the school. We've been waiting for this for over two years, so it's amazing that it's finally happening. The walls are up and the roof will be put on soon. Fortunately, this is one construction project we can watch without having to be actively involved in all the details.

New House ... we grew out of our current house a long time ago. Our house completely fills up the lot of about 1200 square feet, leaving us no room for trees, garden or yard. That's a big negative when you have five kids. A few years ago we were able to purchase a piece of property that is outside the city but only about 15 minutes from school. (Where we live now is 25 minutes from school). Last spring we were able to get a couple of months worth of construction done on the house until it was interrupted

by our summer activities and by the construction of a bypass highway that goes near our lot. This made it difficult for us to get there for a few months. Everything came together to make it possible for us to resume the construction in April. We're anxious to move, but it's still going to be awhile.

The Church ... From March to May I taught through the book of James on Sunday mornings, and recently we began the study of Galatians. On Wednesday nights we are going through the Psalms. There's nothing quite as rewarding as digging into God's Word!

Our Family ... On May 27 we celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. We're still thankful that God brought us together, has kept us together, blessed us with five wonderful children, and has showered down many other wonderful blessings on us.

Thanks to you all for your prayers; we appreciate and need them very much.

In Christ,
David & Cristy Roberts & family
Mexican Mission Ministries

The Single-Minded Apostle

Some unknown wit suggested that we consider the purpose of a postage stamp. "Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it completes its mission."

St. Paul, if he lived today, would appreciate that little statement. Why? Well, Paul stuck to one thing until he completed his mission. Paul was a single-minded apostle who had only one real passion: *to know Christ and to make Christ known.*

It was he who wrote to the Philippians and said, "This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind" (Philippians 3:13:13-15 NRSV).

It is certainly a plus to be single-minded Christians. Double-mindedness can lead to confusion and lethargy. May God give us the will and the power to "press on toward the goal."

Children's Ministry

As summer is nearing a close, we celebrate the goodness of the Lord that we have seen through the summer months – a blessed wheat harvest, the joy of children playing and God's beauty all around us. I am eagerly anticipating another new year of children's and youth activities here at Hesston Inter-Mennonite.

Children's Ministry Interest forms have been put in mailboxes. If you feel the desire or have it laid on your heart to be involved with our children and youth, please fill out this form and return it to my mailbox as soon as possible. There are many opportunities for you to use your God-given talents. Right now we are experiencing a need for additional people to become involved in nursery help, Kids Church and Kids Club. If you did not receive an interest form and would like to fill one out, there are extras available underneath the mailboxes in the foyer. I was touched a couple of Sundays ago when we were blessed with a visit from Daniel and Nicole from Lifeline. A verse that they shared burns in my heart for what is to come for our kids and who is to lead them – *“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me, but the one who sent me.”* Mark 9:37

Kids Club and JYF will begin on Wednesday, September 1st. All children ages 2 – 8th grade are invited to attend. All children and youth attending should have a registration form filled out by parents or guardians. Watch your mailbox for these forms or you can find extras underneath the mailboxes in the foyer. I'd love to see a lot of new faces this year! ☐

As I begin thinking about what is to come this year for our kids, the phrase, *“Taste and see that the Lord is good!”* keeps coming to mind. GOD IS GOOD – ALL THE TIME!! His goodness endures forever!!
- Brenda Jaso

We give to grow strong

When the world is at its worst, it needs the church at its best – a strong church. We strengthen the church by giving. We give because we care deeply for Christ and his kingdom, and for the hurting humanity of our time. We give our time, our money, our energy and our talent. We give to promote and develop programs, resources, leadership, family life, evangelism and more. We give guidance, encouragement and help to those in need. We give to establish new churches, new ministries and new missions. We give so the kingdom can grow – grow strong.

“When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced; live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.” - Cherokee proverbs