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Jacobstown Baptist Church

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2000 Annual Business Meeting

Our 2000 Annual Business Meeting was held this past Saturday Evening.

We had a group of new people voted into the membership at Jacobstown. Our new members are: Ed Hammons, Rich & Susan Greco, and Ken & Lorraine Hartz. Praise the Lord!

The church officers elected into office for 2001 are: Jill Black as Church Clerk, Parviz Oshidar as Treasurer, Maggie Rogers as Financial Secretary and Barry Camden as Sunday School Superintendent.

Steve Hazen and Cliff Love were elected to serve as deacons.

Katy Burgess and Parviz Oshidar were elected to serve on our Missions Committee.

Bruno Isings gave a report on Missions and "Faith Promise Giving".

The Missions Committee is in the process of looking for opportunities for short term missions trips for our people. Watch for more details to be announced.

We voted to support new missionaries, Joe and Julie Walker, dependant upon Faith Promise Giving. We will begin supporting Joe and Julie when they are actually receiving 50% of their support,

together with other support and our support. This will allow them to pursue support full time and hopefully, accelerate their departure to the field.

Three new projects were presented by the deacons. The first project is to replace the existing roof on the church building. The roof will be removed down to the rafters and new plywood and shingles will be installed.

The second project is to install water treatment equipment to correct the problems with our water. A Ph Neutralizer will be installed to raise the acid level of the water. A Birm filter will be installed to remove the iron from the water.

The third project is to refurbish our kitchen and fellowship hall. \$3,000.00 has already been donated toward this project.

"Watchcare Advisory Teams" will be formed in an effort to minister more effectively and to allow individuals to use their spiritual gifts. The teams will assist the leaders of each ministry, encourage the workers, and help meet the needs of each person being ministered to. Also, one of the responsibilities of the

teams is to establish goals for each ministry.

Christian Education Team

All children and adult educational ministries.

Provision For Growth Team
Plan and provide for the future growth of our church.

Missions Team

Watchcare and addition of missionaries.

Building and Grounds Team
Excellence in maintaining our building and grounds.

Worship Team

The Sunday Morning Worship Service

Spiritual Gift Advisory Team
Assisting the congregation in the discovery of their spiritual gifts and matching those gifts with the proper ministry.

Hospitality Advisory Team
Shepherding care of our congregation and the assimilation of visitors.

If you did not receive a copy of our annual report, please be sure to get one. Inside you will find letters from our pastors and ministry leaders on what God has done through each ministry this past year. You'll find church financial information and "church growth" goals for this coming year. Extra copies have been made and placed on the table in the rear of the church. •

Bible Study Ministries

Adult Bible Fellowship: "Are Roman Catholics Going to Heaven?"

Adult Bible Fellowship: "Mom and Dad are Getting Older"

Sunday Morning Series: "Romans"

Wednesday Evening Series: "Sin"

Adult Bible Fellowship Series

"Will Roman Catholics go to Heaven"

Our Adult Bible Fellowship classes are alive and well. Jeff and Jerry have been answering the question -"Will Roman Catholics go to Heaven?" This is a great study in Scripture on what the Bible has to say about salvation.

"Mom and Dad are Getting Older"

John is finishing up his study on addictions and Ed will begin a study entitled "Mom and Dad are getting older". Does the Bible have anything to say about our role in this pressing matter?

Sunday Mornings at 9:50 AM

Sunday Morning Series: "Romans"

We will be resuming our study in the Book of Romans. The role of Israel will be our first topic but then we will move to Paul's practical applications to the great truths he has taught in chapters 1-11.

Sunday Mornings at 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Series: "Sin"

On Wednesdays we have just begun a series on those sins that easily entangle us. We are concentrating on those personality traits that have become so entrenched in who we are. Topics include: *"I must be in control, I am impatient, I am shy, I love peace, I am indecisive, I am melancholy, and I am critical."* Come learn how the Lord wants us to change every area of our life.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

Family Communion Service

Our Sunday Evening Family Communion Service is back after a brief hiatus for the holidays. This service provides an opportunity for the family to observe the Lord's Table together.

Third Sunday Evening of the month at 6:30 PM

Men In Shape

Men in Shape: 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 am, at the church. The agenda: breakfast and fellowship...Bible study and prayer. The goal is to help the men become better leaders in their families, in the church, and in their communities. They are starting a new study on "Integrity...7 Promises Men Should Keep".

Second Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM

"Abundant Life! ... Learn How to Get More Out of Life"

This growth group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church. They will meet on every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., with their next meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. Childcare is available!

Taught by John DeMarco, they will begin a study on "Abundant Life! ... Learn How to Get More Out of Life".

If you are interested in attending this growth group, please contact John DeMarco at 758-8797.

"Network —The Right People...in the Right Places...For the Right Reasons"

Our Growth Groups for this quarter are going to center around the discovery and confirmation of the gifts that God has given to you. Each of our four weekend groups will feature a series entitled "Network -- The right people...In the right places...For the right reasons." We believe that this is an excellent time for our church to emphasize a ministry such as this. We can't remember a time when our congregation has been so open to serving and "doing the work of the ministry". Every time that there has been a need, there have been volunteers to fill that need. We trust that this study will help all of us be effective ministers by helping us realize and utilize the gifts God has given to us. We want to encourage all of you to take the time to attend one of the Growth Groups.

Ken & Lorraine Hartz

9 South Colonial Drive, Bordentown, 291-9563

Taught By: Parviz Oshidar

This growth group meets at the home of Ken & Lorraine Hartz. They will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month through the end of May, at 7:00 pm. Their first meeting is on Friday, February 9th.

Steve & Molly Hazen

447 Main Street, Crosswicks, 324-1972

Taught By: Rich Greco

This growth group meets at the home of Steve & Molly Hazen. They will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month through the end of May, at 7:00 pm. Their first meeting is on Saturday, February 10th.

Bruno & Martha Isings

12 Oak Leaf Drive, New Egypt, 758-6771

Taught By: Gary Miller

This growth group meets at the home of Bruno & Martha Isings. They will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month through the end of May, at 7:00 p.m.. Their first meeting is on Friday, February 9th.

Darius & Christine Oshidar

626 Hanover Drive, North Hanover, 758-7524

Taught By: Jeff LiMato

This growth group meets at the home of Darius & Christine Oshidar. They will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month through the end of May, at 7:00 pm. Their first meeting is on Friday, February 9th.

"Keeping the Faith"

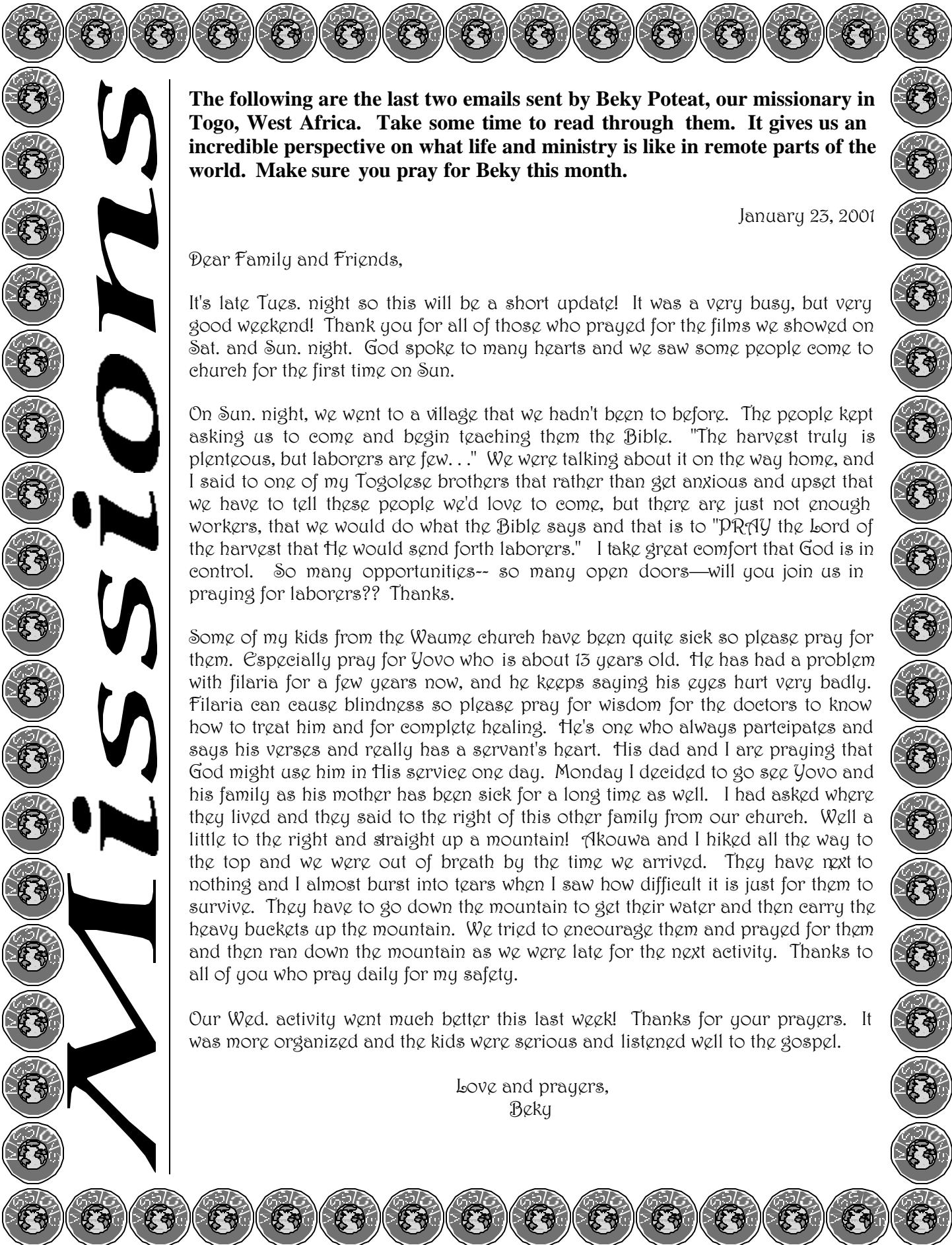
Susan Lohmann

226 Schoolhouse Road, North Hanover, 758-1683

Ladies Bible Study will be meet every Monday during the month of February, except for February 19th, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., at the home of Susan Lohmann.

Led by Susan Lohmann, the ladies will start a new study on II Timothy and Titus at the end of this month, based on a book called "Keeping the Faith", by Bryson Smith, Jensen & Payne, and Faith Walk Bible Studies. II Timothy and Titus are filled with the powerful wisdom of one who had run the good race and won. In them, Paul challenges us to persevere in our struggle to be Godly in a world that is not our home. These 12 studies reveal Paul's practical advice, helping you to run the race of faith with strength and endurance.

Growth Groups



The following are the last two emails sent by Beky Poteat, our missionary in Togo, West Africa. Take some time to read through them. It gives us an incredible perspective on what life and ministry is like in remote parts of the world. Make sure you pray for Beky this month.

January 23, 2001

Dear Family and Friends,

It's late Tues. night so this will be a short update! It was a very busy, but very good weekend! Thank you for all of those who prayed for the films we showed on Sat. and Sun. night. God spoke to many hearts and we saw some people come to church for the first time on Sun.

On Sun. night, we went to a village that we hadn't been to before. The people kept asking us to come and begin teaching them the Bible. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but laborers are few. . ." We were talking about it on the way home, and I said to one of my Togolese brothers that rather than get anxious and upset that we have to tell these people we'd love to come, but there are just not enough workers, that we would do what the Bible says and that is to "PRAY the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers." I take great comfort that God is in control. So many opportunities-- so many open doors--will you join us in praying for laborers?? Thanks.

Some of my kids from the Waume church have been quite sick so please pray for them. Especially pray for Yovo who is about 13 years old. He has had a problem with filaria for a few years now, and he keeps saying his eyes hurt very badly. Filaria can cause blindness so please pray for wisdom for the doctors to know how to treat him and for complete healing. He's one who always participates and says his verses and really has a servant's heart. His dad and I are praying that God might use him in His service one day. Monday I decided to go see Yovo and his family as his mother has been sick for a long time as well. I had asked where they lived and they said to the right of this other family from our church. Well a little to the right and straight up a mountain! Akouwa and I hiked all the way to the top and we were out of breath by the time we arrived. They have next to nothing and I almost burst into tears when I saw how difficult it is just for them to survive. They have to go down the mountain to get their water and then carry the heavy buckets up the mountain. We tried to encourage them and prayed for them and then ran down the mountain as we were late for the next activity. Thanks to all of you who pray daily for my safety.

Our Wed. activity went much better this last week! Thanks for your prayers. It was more organized and the kids were serious and listened well to the gospel.

Love and prayers,
Beky

January 29, 2001

Dear Friends and Family,

I appreciate so much your prayers for me and my ministry. Thanks for your prayers for Yovo. He told me he is feeling better, and his eyes do not hurt as badly this week. God answers prayer!

On Sun. afternoon we went out with some of the ladies to visit their unsaved friends. We had about 5 good visits; please pray that the F.S. would continue to work in their hearts and lives. (Excuse me while I go and kill a cockroach.)

We had meetings at our hospital last Wed., Thurs., and Fri. They went well and we praise the Lord that our field has agreed to begin a Christian school pilot program. We are going to try to write some Christian textbooks and train teachers to integrate the Bible in every subject. I have been asked to help with the teacher training, hoping to start in Sept. 2002. I'm glad there's a little time before jumping into this new adventure!

While we were at the hospital, a man who had been bitten by a snake came in near death. He had waited a week to come to our hospital, trying all kinds of other means to get rid of the poison. He needed 7 units of blood one day and 5 the next so many of us missionaries gave blood, and we prayed for this man to live. I'm happy to report that as of today he is alive, and he has made a profession of faith.

We've run into a bit of a roadblock with the correspondence school, but we are determined that Satan will not have the victory. Up until this time, we have been asking permission from the directors of the jr. high and high schools with no problem. Then we wanted to go the schools at Waume near our church. The director said that I had to have permission from the inspector of education. When we arrived at the inspector's, he was upset that the other schools hadn't required that we go to them first as well and even said that we needed to go to the minister of education for all of Togo. We apologized profusely and agreed to write a letter stating what we wanted to do in the schools. I spent the whole morning until noon going back and forth from my house to the inspector's as the letter had to be changed 3x before we could present it to the chief. Guess what verse I kept saying over and over again??? Like my dear mom always says, . . . but ye have need of PATIENCE. . ." Hopefully Roku will pick up the authorization tomorrow.

We cannot overlook all of the blessings of this ministry-- we have over 900 students enrolled in the program. Our printers just finished printing 30,000 lessons and if the container gets here this week with more paper and equipment, there will be more on the way! God is good to provide. As I close, I'd like to ask special prayer for a pastor I think I've mentioned before-- Pastor Boniface. His father died this weekend and there are some real difficulties with all the decisions that have to be made.

Thanks. Love and prayers,
Beky
Rom. 8:37

MISSIONS

Youth Ministries

Nursery

Childcare is provided in our nursery during all services for children, from newborn to 2 years of age.

If you are interested in serving in our Nursery ministry, please contact Nancy Hlad at 758-0425.

Toddlers

Toddlers — children ages 2 & 3 — time of devotion and singing, puppets and crafts.

If you are interested in serving in Toddlers, please contact Kim Cleary at 581-0822.

Sunday Mornings, 9:45 AM

Kid's Night Out

KNO is going well and we are excited about the new challenges we face.

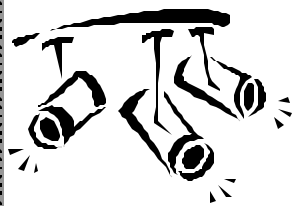
Our goal is to give the kids opportunities to use the gifts that God has given to them. They will be planning a special night of encouragement and challenge that will include drama, music, fun, and much more.



Sunday Evenings, 5:30 PM

Jacob's Town

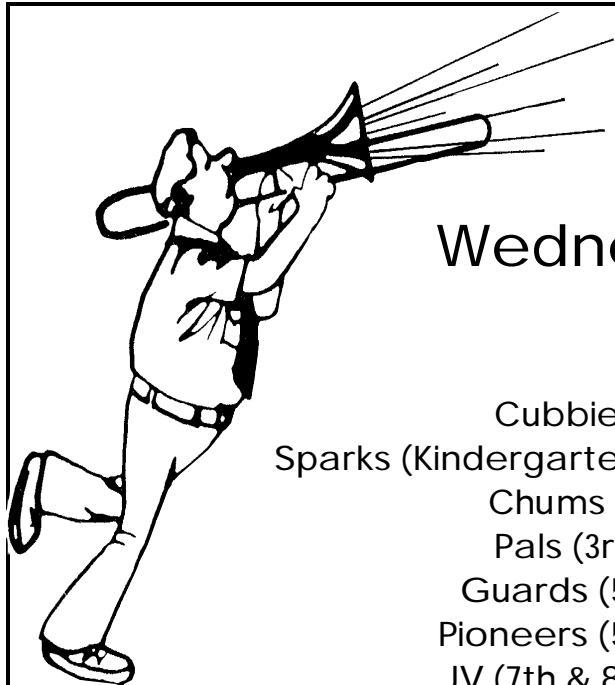
Ready...Set...Action!!!



During the month of February, the children will be taught lessons on obeying rules...prayer...helping our neighbor!

They will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 11th by making Valentine Candy Holders.

At the end of the month, the children will be making a banner.



AWANA

Wednesdays Evenings
6:30 PM

- Cubbies (Preschool boys & girls)
- Sparks (Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade boys & girls)
- Chums (3rd & 4th grade girls)
- Pals (3rd & 4th grade boys)
- Guards (5th & 6th grade girls)
- Pioneers (5th & 6th grade boys)
- JV (7th & 8th grade guys & gals)

Counsel Time...Handbook Time...Game Time!

"Another Boy and Girl for Christ!"

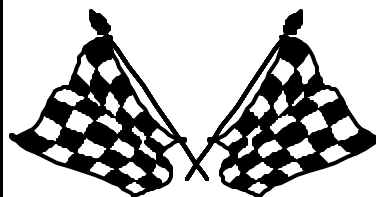
"Valentine's Night"

February 14th
6:30 PM

RED...RED...RED...RED...RED
Wear Lots of RED!
100 Shares for each red item
PLUS
CANDY...CANDY...CANDY!

Memorize verses for shares
500 shares per verse

Sparks: Leviticus 19:18; John 15:12
Chums, Pals, Guards, Pioneers:
 Proverbs 3:5; Matthew 5:8; Matthew 6:21
JV: I Corinthians 13:1; 13:2; 13:3



Don't Forget...

Grand Prix Cars

ON SALE
\$2.50
(per car)



Women's Fellowship Outreach

2001 Schedule

Meeting every 6 Weeks

At Town & Country...Mastori's...Other locations suggested by our Ladies.

6:30 PM

Monday, February 12th at Mastori's

Tuesday, March 27th

Thursday, September 13th

Thursday, May 10th

Monday, October 22nd

Monday, June 18th

Tuesday, December 4th

Tuesday, July 31st

Places for future events will be announced!

Rubber Stamping Session

Saturday, March 10th

1:00 to 4:00 pm

At the Church

Those interested in purchasing cards and envelopes for sessions or for personal use...please give \$5.00 for 50 cards & envelopes to Geri Chmiel.

If you are interested in attending any of these events,
please R.S.V.P. to Geri Chmiel at 758-7343.

Young Adult Fellowship

"Dinner...Games...Dessert"

Saturday, February 17th
5:30 PM

We will meet at a restaurant (to be announced) for dinner
and then go to Robert's house for games and dessert.
Please join us if you are single or married, out of high school
and not over 30ish!

R.S.V.P. to Jeff & Frieda LiMato at 586-8772.

Adult Fellowships

"Game Night"

Saturday, February 10th
6:30 PM

At the Camden's

Please bring a "finger food" or dessert!

R.S.V.P. to Rhonda Roberts at 723-2871

ACROSS CLUES

1. Primate.
4. Every perfect gift is from _____. (Jam. 1:17)
9. Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)
12. Another fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22)
15. _____ of the Chaldees. (Gen. 15:7)
16. South American mountains.
17. What a pregnant woman does.
19. Sacred image.
20. Poem.
21. Wesley (nickname).
22. Behold, I will do a _____ thing. (Isa. 43:19)
23. As a _____ adorneth herself with jewels. (Isa. 61:10)
25. The priest shall _____ his finger in the blood. (Lev. 4:6)
27. The _____ of knowledge. (Gen. 2:17)
28. Digging tool.
30. _____ of God. (1 John 4:7; 2 words)
33. Sarai was _____; she had no child. (Gen. 11:30)
34. Son of Shemidah. (1 Chron. 7:19)
35. In royal apparel of _____. (Es. 8:15)
36. Missing in Action (abbr.).
37. The elder unto the wellbeloved _____. (3 John 1)
39. Chlorine, caron (symbol).
42. Put off...the _____ man. (Eph. 4:22)

Crossword Puzzle

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44. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.).
45. Fire causeth the waters to _____. (Isa. 64:2)
46. The daughter of Solomon. (1 Kgs. 4:15)
48. Major artery.
49. Not (prefix).
50. Study of places.
52. Compass direction.
53. Ruth's sister-in-law. (Ruth 1:4)
54. Socioeconomic status (abbr.).

18. So Hiram gave Solomon _____ trees. (1 Kgs. 5:10)
20. Minerals.
23. _____ ye all the tithes. (Mal. 3:10)
24. His hands were hairy, as... _____ hands. (Gen. 27:23)
26. My tongue is the _____ of a ready writer. (Ps. 45:1)
27. Late-afternoon meal.
29. Before (prefix).
30. Book written by Jeremiah (abbr.).
31. Buckeyes.
32. Seven _____ full of the seven last plagues. (Rev. 21:9)
33. Cloud or confuse.
35. A _____ must be blameless. (1 Tim. 3:2)
38. Fall flower.
39. Military subdivisions.
40. Flexible.
41. Loams.
43. Decimeter (abbr.).
45. Feather scarf.
46. Ride a yellow one to school.
47. Cornelius said, Four days _____. (Acts 10:30)
48. Argon, hydrogen (symbol).
51. Peach tree state (abbr.).

DOWN CLUES

1. _____ I say, Rejoice. (Phil. 4:4)
2. British coin.
3. He shall surely _____ her to be his wife. (Ex. 22:16)
4. Einstein and Gore.
5. _____ ye transformed. (Rom. 12:2)
6. For a righteous man will _____ (Rom. 5:7; 2 words)
7. Heal me; for my bones are _____. (Ps. 6:2)
8. Extrasensory perception (abbr.).
10. Ye make clean the _____ of the cup. (Matt. 23:25)
11. Years (abbr.).
13. Red dragon, having seven heads and _____ horns. (Rev. 12:3)
14. A time to rend, and a time to _____. (Ec. 3:7)

Answers to last month's puzzle

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Family Communion Service

Sunday, February 18th
6:30 PM

This service provides an opportunity for the family to
observe the Lord's Table together.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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