



The Olive Branch

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!

On July 2nd, Linda Hutchens joined the Olive Branch family. She resettled from her Manasses, Virginia church.

Thirsty Lives

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring." Isaiah 44:3

We are now in the heart of summer, when rain is scarce and the ground is dry. You know it is dry when the sound you hear when walking through the yard is a crunching sound, like walking on dry straw. That is how my yard sounds! It is crying out for rain. It is, as Isaiah puts it, a thirsty land.

There are times in my spiritual journey when I feel like I am walking through a thirsty land, and no water can be found to quench my thirst. Something just seems to be amiss. The best of my well laid plans seem to come to naught, as I stumble along a path that increasingly becomes difficult and toilsome. For some reason, I forgot to drink. Somewhere on my journey I strayed away from the source of life, from the life-giving water that Jesus promised to the Samaritan woman by the well: "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

Vance Havner said, "Revival is the Church falling in love with Jesus all over again." To revive my dry life, I need to make sure that I do not stray from the living water. I need to stay in relationship with

Christ, and fall in love with him once more. I think we all know when we have fallen out of love with Christ. Our frustration increases, our words are less kind, and forgiveness becomes as scarce as rain on a thirsty land. But when we are in Christ, we display the fruits of the Spirit the Apostle Paul listed in Galatians 5: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Is your spiritual life dry? Pray for rain, the spiritual rain that nourishes and blesses your life. After all, who wants to live dried up and crusty lives? Especially when rain clouds are heading our way?

Blessings,
~Pastor Richard



The Word of the Lord Comes to Us

The very first time that the phrase, word of the Lord, is used in the Bible is in Genesis. On that occasion, it came to Abram in a vision. The phrase, **the word of the Lord came to**, is all over the Hebrew scripture. It is mentioned numerous times. Jesus stood in the midst of God's utterances throughout time and was The Word, The Word made flesh. Others who received God's utterances are found in Hebrews 11: there was:

Able, whose sacrifice to God "received approval as righteousness and he still speaks;"

Enoch, who "pleased God before he was taken away;"

Noah who became "an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith;"

Abraham who obeyed when he was called to set out for another place, "not knowing where he was going..." and it was accounted unto him as righteousness;

By faith, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, the Hebrews in Egypt, Rahab, Gideon, Sampson, David, Samuel and the prophets: "All these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised..."

Without faith it is not possible to please God. Faith is expressed with trust and loyalty. The word of the Lord is like a hammer on a rock, reverberating throughout the ages with endless readings, endless telling and re-telling, endless remembrances. From age to age each verse is newly uttered, newly acted upon.

When the word of God comes to us, we will be like each one named in the great cloud of witnesses. It will come unexpectedly, and God who sends it will be different than we expect. Our spiritual forebears lived the earlier chapters of one continuous documentary in which the last chapter is yet to be written but is not separated from all that precedes it. And, we like them may not receive what was promised.

Pray that the word of the Lord will come to us, personally and as a community of faith asking for no promises other than for the presence of the Lord and for his word to come to us.

Take Care,
~Fred



CWF NEWS

CHANGE IN FALL FESTIVAL DATE! We have reset the date for our Fall Festival to Saturday, October 28th. Please plan to come and enjoy food, baked goods sale, silent auction and more. There will be a hay ride, bounce house, and pumpkin decorating for young and young-at-heart. The event runs from 10 AM – 3 PM. Sheila Yeatts will appreciate your help with set up and especially clean up. Contact her to find out what is most needed.

CWF BLESSING BOXES will be available by the time you read this article. Read more about Blessing Boxes in this newsletter.

Blessing Box Collection Sunday is September 10th.

God Bless!

~Kay Ainsworth, CWF Director



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

I missed seeing everyone in July and hope everyone is having a nice summer, despite the heat and humidity.

Looking forward to seeing you at Tuesday Circle.

See you on August 8, at Interlude at 11:45. Join us.

~Donna Haulsee



MONDAY CWF WILL MEET

on August 21st. Please join us then and on the 3rd Monday of each month as we meet in Andy's Sunday School room at 7:00 pm.

~Carole Kerr



We made it home!!!! What a week we had serving Leech Lake Minnesota. Bryant, Lauren, Harold and I were blessed beyond words. We heard scripture about the good life that God wants us to have. And we were challenged to go and see that good life at work here in Leech Lake, and at home.

We got to meet and work with a wonderful lady named Karen. We were able to replace one side of her garage paneling, scrap and paint the trim on her house, and finish weed whacking her fence line and around her front porch. She has lived in her house for 52 years and can no longer keep up with the maintenance. She shared some stories with us, and made us some brownies. We got to pray with her at the end of our work days.

Then the next two days we did kids club. Kids club is held outside at a public playground. There is only one small tree that offers shade. The kids at kids club are standoffish, to those helping. We got them

to open up to our teens. It was hard to say goodbye to those smiling faces.

We had two travel days. Upon arrival, we drove to Duluth and spent the night around Lake Superior. When we finished on Friday, we stayed in Bloomington and went to the Mall of America. Talk about big! Harold, Lauren, and Bryant raced go-carts on the 4th floor. Then Lauren and Bryant dashed off to the amusement park inside the mall.

To finish up this incredible journey, Bryant and Lauren gave the sermon on 7/16, followed by lunch and a slide show. What a powerful testimony! They both were able to bring back messages to share that touch their hearts. If you missed it, make sure you listen to it on the website.

Thank you to everyone that supports us! We are so blessed by our Church.

~Abby Matschke



AFTERNOON DELIGHT

The next meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 1st at the Barber home. Pastor Richard will teach (and eat with you too!).

Hope to see you!

~Dick & Betty Barber



Church Family: Pat Allred, Vicki Anderson, Betty Barber, Charles & Betty Boy, Duie Brantley, Gertie Duke, John Hill Gardner, Lucy Hall, Lena Jeffries, Ruby Jones, Bob Key, Jeanne Lawrence, David Love, Val Mason, Joann Mitchell, Bob & June Phillips, Ellen Sullivan, Jim Thacker, Richard Thiel, Sarah Waid, Dennis Williams, David Wolverton

Family and Friends: The professional and volunteer women and men who protect and defend us, our nation, Charles Friend (Emily Friend's brother), Debbie Griffith (Nancy Griffith's daughter-in-law), Tiena Griffith (Nancy Griffith's daughter-in-law), Amy Gustafson (Irma's granddaughter), Carroll Hall Family (Norm Hall's brother), David Hunt (Jim Hunt's brother), Tish & Finn Jensen (Skip Jensen's parents), Barbara Johnson (Robin Moscatti's mother), Lisa Johnson (daughter-in-law of Gene/Cheryl Johnson), Janet Marshall Family (sister

of Robin Moscatti), Vince Mason (Judy Eley's brother), Becky Mullins (Stacey Mullins' Aunt), Bryson Phenicie (Dallas & Joann Mitchell's nephew), June Shipley (mother of Farm Fresh Manager), Shannon Starmer (Donald White's daughter), CR Sullivan (Roy & Ellen Sullivan's son), Krista Thomas (Gene & Cheryl Johnson's infant niece), Jamie VanCleave (Jerry VanCleave's granddaughter), Vivian VanHolten, John Warhol & Family (Linda Hutchens' son-in-law), Bob Williams (Linda Williams' husband), Marolyn (Carolyn Hunt's twin sister), Drs. Anil & Teresa Henry, the students and the staff at Christian Hospital Mungeli



Worship and Wonder (Ages 3-8)

August 6	Missy Harbour
August 13	Linda Williams, Carolyn Hunt
August 20	Patty Barker & Harold Barker
August 27	Ann Bradshaw



SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS

The following scriptures will be used during the Sunday worship services this month.

The underlined passages are the primary passages for Pastor Richard's sermons.

August 6
August 13
August 20
August 27



August 6	Karen Marrow
August 13	Emily Dill
August 20	Dave & Diana Love
August 27	OPEN



SERVING THIS MONTH

Elders

- August 6 Joyce Allen, Skip Jensen
- August 13 Landa Simmons, Robbie Robertson
- August 20 Donna Perger, Judy Eley
- August 27 Landa Simmons, Diana Love

Deacons

- August 6 Abby Matschke, Boyce Mason,
Danny Pitts, Elna Pitts
- August 13 Cindy Robertson, Lewis Williams,
Harold Barker, Patty Barker
- August 20 Will Hatcher, Jane Hatcher,
Mel Watson, Kaye Watson
- August 27 Janet Neal, Kevin Waid,
Phyllis Taylor, Harold McKeel

Deaconess

Karen Barrow



GUEST PREACHING: A special thanks for preaching to Fred Rothermel on July 9th, Bryant Walker & Lauren Morse on July 16th, and Tyler Hutton on July 30th!



- 04 Bruce & Carole Kerr
- 05 Skip & Christy Jensen
- 10 David & Bonnie Willard
- 14 John & Sarah Savage
- 23 Susan Fournier & Dave Cunningham
- 29 Norm & Lucy Hall



HERE'S HOPING!!



- 01 Scott Boyd
- 04 Peggy (Mrs. Scott) Boyd
- 04 Christopher Gordineer
- 04 Martha (Jeanne) Lawrence
- 06 Eliza Morse
- 07 Cindy Robertson
- 10 Sarah Howard
- 11 Ellen Waite
- 13 Loretta (Mrs. Michael) Garrett
- 13 Madison Williams
- 15 Ryan Matschke
- 16 Judy (Mrs. Jimmy) Biggs
- 17 Christopher Lambert
- 18 Macy Morse
- 20 Roy Sullivan
- 21 Todd Meadows, Jr
- 21 Brandon Starkes
- 22 Caleb Brickhouse
- 23 Kim Riffle
- 24 Michael Heslink
- 25 Lena Jeffries
- 25 Bruce Kerr
- 28 Arayna Lambert
- 28 David Willard
- 30 Harold McKeel
- 31 Kylie Rutherford



FOOD SHARING PROGRAM UPDATE

Summer is a challenging time for many families in our community. Please remember them with your food donations. For some, your support is all they have.

Thankful,
~Jane & Will Hatcher



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ THE MAKER FUN FACTORY:

Watch for news and reports on how this week has gone. As this newsletter goes to press and mail, the week is in full swing.

~Abby Matschke, Coordinator



VBS VEGGIES & FRUITS:

Thanks to everyone who provided the vital ingredients for a healthful eating week at Vacation Bible School.

In His Name & Blessing
~Sheila Yeatts



Andy Bell Entertaining



Craft Time



OUR DAY OUT

Andy Bell set the tone for our gathering in July with his patriotic music as we gathered at the tables for morning goodies. Marney had the tables appropriately dressed for celebrating the 4th. After our opening exercises (prayer, pledge of Allegiance, songs led by Andy), Barb Schmidt shared information about our Declaration of Independence and some trivia about the founding fathers.

Val Mason shared information and brochures about Faith in Action for the benefit of those in our group who might be able to use this valuable service. (A brochure was placed on the bulletin board in the NFH or contact me if you could use one.) And while you're in that corner of the NFH, check out our new bulletin board installed by Steve Perger and decorated by Donna Perger. Added to that corner is a Memory Wall to remind us of those who were a part of our Program.

During lunch we celebrated Paula Thacker's birthday, but all the birthday guys--Pastor Richard, Lauren "Mac" McWilliams, and Bob Lawrence--were away and missed out. Sorry, Fellas! Check out the picture to learn of Paula's best gift! Lucy lady!

We had our usual fun and prizes BINGO with Larry Smith and patriotic card stamping with Donna Perger. There were plenty of things to take home as we departed.

Next month we are looking forward to a wonderful time, sharing our day with the young folks in our church. We will have BINGO, corn hole competition led by Robin Moscati, a pizza lunch attended to by Sheila, and conclude with a multi-generational mural, planned and overseen by Donna Perger and Jane Hatcher. Want to come? Call me...206-1960.

Special thanks to Susan Fournier who helped me fashion the In Memorium plaque and the Invitations

for our August meeting. Our service to others was our theme for the meeting, and we are truly blessed at OBCC to having so many willing hands and hearts available.

In Christ's love,
Louise Smith, Coordinator



REVIVAL ON JULY 30

Pastor Richard and the Olive Branch Choir travelled to the Holly Grove Christian Church in 2 full vans and some cars to join their Revival on Sunday, July 30th. Blue Grass and Gospel music was followed by an incredible meal. The Revival service completed the evening.



WORLD OUTREACH NEWS



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

IS COMING ON SEPTEMBER 10TH!

Boxes, tags, and instructions will be laid out for you to pick up on that day. We have 100 boxes, so get ready to stuff one.

COLLECTION DAY CELEBRATION: Sunday, October 21st. Bring your packed boxes that day. Make the pile huge! Make the smiles big across the world!

Samaritan's Purse is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid organization that provides aid to people in physical need as a key part of Christian missionary work.

In His Name & Blessing
~Sheila Yeatts



OBCC AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Josh Fulgham, Kelsey Creech, Elaine Henk, Irma Gustafson, Joyce Allen, Andrew Pfister, and Robin Moscati made the trip to Indianapolis for the 2017 session. Here is Kelsey's report:

I've been a member of Olive Branch my entire life. I was dedicated here as an infant, baptized here as a teenager, and discerned many things about God's plan for my life here as a young adult. Somehow, despite being so involved in our church, I completely neglected to consider The Church at large – The Church I saw at the General Assembly two weeks ago.

When Pastor Cline suggested I attend the Assembly, I eagerly agreed and was excited to meet other disciples from all over the country. When we arrived in Indianapolis, I went directly to the Convention Center for a dance rehearsal, and I

was surprised by the size of the hall we were to worship in. It was easily thirty times the size of Olive Branch, and the next night, when we filled it for the first worship service, it felt sixty times the size. Enjoying worship and communion with thousands of God's people all together was a beautiful experience, one that every believer should have. The number of people was staggering, but even more amazing was the diversity.

Sunday Evening, we participated in the vote that made her the first african American woman to ever be president of a main-line Christian denomination. It was an incredible movement to be a part of, but more incredible to me was the way our church blossomed in all the diversity present. During worship services, we sang hymns, spanish songs, and gospel music, people read scriptures in English, Spanish, French, and even Hawaiian. The people were a beautiful array of colors, statuses, and political views, yet they came together in that room to worship God. And that's what the Assembly was really about, being One.

The scripture for the week was John 17:20-23, which is the scripture where Jesus prays for our unity as a Church. We spent the Assembly working towards that goal, finding the common among us in things as simple as a favorite milkshake flavor and as profound as God's calling for our life. I left the Assembly feeling at One with the people whom I had met there, knowing that despite being from different places and having very different backgrounds, we are all God's people, and together we make up The Church.

I am incredibly thankful to all of you for sending me to the Convention. It's difficult to explain in a short article the lasting impact it has had on me, but I hope this has given you a taste of what I learned and saw while we were out there. God is doing wonderful things through our denomination. We are making history, and I am proud to have grown up as a disciple.



NEW DIRECTORIES ON AUGUST 6

Look for piles of new and improved directories in the New Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. Drafts were posted in July for review. Thanks for your help in making the directory (and new database) as up-to-date as possible. Please be sure to let the church office know of all future changes.

~Susan Campbell Fournier, Office Secretary



IT'S THE SEASON OF STORMS & HEAT

A basic emergency supply kit should include the following recommended items:

- Water, 1 gallon per person per day for at least three days---for drinking and sanitation
- Food--at least 3-day supply, non-perishable
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio & NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Extra batteries
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
- Plastic sheeting, duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers (inverter or solar)

Check out www.ready.gov for lots more information about many kinds of weather issues.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The adult Sunday School class meeting upstairs in the Education Building will begin a study of the Gospel of Luke on the first Sunday in August. Whether you are new to Bible study or have been doing it all your life, you will enjoy the fellowship, the discussion and the teaching accompanied by artwork and photographs on the large video screens. If you don't currently attend Sunday School, it's a perfect time to start.



Blessing Box Offering...What is it?

Living with Gratitude

For 60 years, the women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have had a special way to express their gratitude to God for the blessings they have received – the Blessing Box. The Blessing Box was created in 1953, the result of a dream of the women who founded Christian Women's Fellowship. Jessie Trout, who was CWF's co-founder and first executive secretary, developed the idea as an over – and – above way to help fund the wider mission of the church. Since that time, Blessing Boxes have been kept in the homes and offices of women across the church to enable them to express their gratitude for everyday blessings by giving to others.

Thanks is given for a sunny day, a birth, a reconciling experience, a welcome phone call, a child's smile, a beautiful snow fall, a flower in full bloom, relief from pain, a good book, a safe journey, and many other things.

It is a way of saying *"Thank you God, for your world and especially for people."*



For those who participate, it is a spiritual discipline even more than a financial one. It helps keep a focus on gratitude to God and on the responsibility to share blessings with others. The amount put in may be a dime, a quarter or more. The amount is not nearly as important as the discipline of regularly remembering God's goodness through the acts of dropping in coins and praying prayers of thanksgiving.

OBCC's **Blessing Boxes are available** at church in the Narthex or the table in the back of the New Fellowship Hall. Please take one and fill it as you reflect on God's blessings every day. OBCC will **collect the boxes on September 10th** (and present them at the regional SPA Day on September 16th).



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NFH=New Fellowship Hall
 OFH=Old Fellowship Hall
 EB=Education Building
 SANC=Sanctuary

August 2017

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM TOPS (OFH) 2:00 PM Small Group Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (OFH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 AM Disciples Men Bible Study (EB)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00 PM Backstage Productions (EB)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Comfort Ministry (SS Room)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship & Wonder Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Group (EB)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 AM TOPS (OFH) 11:45 AM CWF Tuesday Morning Circle (All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share. (Interlude-5395 Riverview Rd)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM -2:00 PM Our Day Out (NFH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 AM Disciples Men Bible Study (EB)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 PM Backstage Productions (EB)</p>	<p>12</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship & Wonder Church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Group (EB) 7:00 PM CWF Monday Evening Circle (EB)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 AM TOPS (OFH)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30 AM Disciples Men Bible Study (EB) 11:00 AM Naomi's Lunch Bunch (Jimmy's)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00 PM Backstage Productions (EB)</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Dominion Village 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship & Wonder Church 12:30 PM Ice Cream Social/Cornhole Tournament (NFH)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Group (EB) 6:30 PM Elders Meeting (OFH)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM TOPS (OFH)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30 AM Disciples Men Bible Study (EB)</p>		



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Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Daniel & the Lions Anagram



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ilnos _____

adepry _____

cdelos _____

aegln _____

cdeersu _____

Daniel came to Babylon with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and each king that came and went liked these men because they were honest and hard workers. They were always given the most important jobs which made the other workers of the king jealous.

This time the king's name was Darius and he also liked Daniel. He knew that Daniel was a good worker so he decided to put Daniel in charge of the whole country. The other servants of the king were very jealous of Daniel and they tried to find something that would get Daniel in trouble. They were trying to get him fired, but Daniel obeyed God so they couldn't find anything.

Finally these men said to each other, "We can't find any reason for the king to fire Daniel. The only way we could get him to disobey the king is if we made a law against his god." So they went to king Darius and said, "O great king, you are so wonderful that no one should pray to anyone but you."

The king said, "That sounds like a great idea!" Then the men continued, "All of your workers have agreed that this should be done and that anyone that prays to any other god should be thrown into the lions den."

The workers lied and said that everyone who worked for the king agreed, but of course they never talked to Daniel because they knew he wouldn't agree. The king didn't know this, so he made the law and it couldn't be changed.

When Daniel heard about the new law he did what he always did. He went home to a room upstairs and opened the windows that looked out over the city. Three times that day he went down on his knees and prayed to God just like he always had.

These men went as a group to Daniel's house & found him praying, asking God for help. They ran straight to the king and told him, "Your worker Daniel is ignoring your command. We have seen him praying to his God 3 times today."

When the king heard this he was sad. He really liked Daniel. He didn't want him to die. He tried to get the law changed to stop Daniel from being thrown in the lions' den, but the men came to him & reminded him that the law could not be changed. Daniel would have to be punished.

So at the end of the day the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "I hope your God who you serve and pray to will rescue you!"

A large, heavy stone was rolled in front of the den and the king went back to his palace with tears in his eyes. That night King Darius couldn't eat or sleep he was so worried for Daniel.

The next day, as soon as the sun came up the king got up and ran to the lions' den. As he got closer he shouted, "Daniel, has your God, who you serve and pray to, rescued you from the lions?" The king waited quietly for a response.

Then all of a sudden Daniel said, "O king, live forever! My God sent an angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me because I have done nothing wrong."

The king jumped with joy & immediately ordered that Daniel be removed from the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, there wasn't even a scratch on him because he trusted in God.

The king knew that the men had tricked him into punishing Daniel so he punished them.

After that the king made a new law and he said, "Daniel's God is great, and I order that everyone in

my kingdom must respect the Lord God, who rescued Daniel from the hungry lions."

Daniel 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke, and said unto Daniel, Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.



NATURE HAS A SCHEDULE TO KEEP

It's BEEN A LONG, HOT SUMMER
WITH MORE HEAT ON THE WAY.
THE TEMPERATURE KEEPS ON RISING
A FEW DEGREES EACH DAY.

WE NEED SOME RAIN TO COOL THINGS OFF -
BUT NOT A HURRICANE!
WHATEVER NATURE THROWS AT US,
SOMEBODY WILL COMPLAIN.

WE EAT MOUNTAINS OF ICE CREAM
ON SUMMER DAYS LIKE THESE.
WE COVET ICED TEA AND LEMONADE
AND SEARCH FOR A BREEZE.
SOME VISIT MOUNTAINS, SOME SEASHORES,
BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN.
DESPITE THE HEAT, THERE'S LOTS TO DO
ON SCALES OF ONE TO TEN.

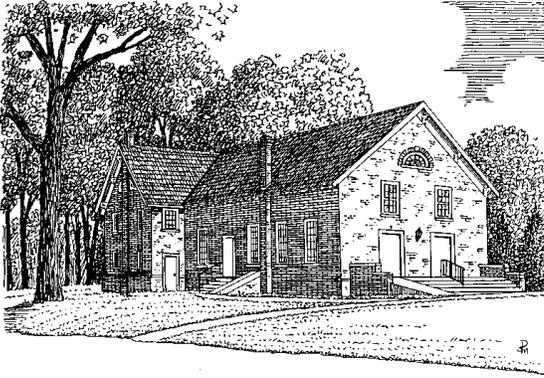
AS AUGUST DAYS FADE AWAY,
SIGNS OF AUTUMN WILL APPEAR.
YOU CAN SEE MORE COLOR IN THE TREES
AS SEPTEMBER DAYS DRAW NEAR.
NATURE HAS A SCHEDULE TO KEEP -
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.
It's ONE WAY GOD REASSURES US
HE'S STILL ALIVE TODAY!

Way Harrison
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