



The Taftsville Chapel Current

God calls us as followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a community of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to our world.

Jan Collins, Editor

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"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

John 3:8

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Our study of Romans on Sunday mornings has brought us to chapter 12, and Paul's shift of primary focus from establishing "salvation by grace through faith" to "faithful and gracious discipleship." As we move from considering what Paul says about the character of God's love to now the characteristic life of a believer, it may help to remember that:

1. It's still not about our effort. An invitation to "the obedience of faith" is an invitation to a close and vital relationship with the Holy Spirit. When you and I begin to think that discipleship must involve some kind of unnatural strain on our part, than we lose the "of faith" part of the dynamic. And, as the scripture says, without faith, it is impossible to be pleasing to God. What faithful discipleship does involve is the supernatural presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It's a relationship of joyful dependence that is irreplaceable.

2. Our motives matter. One of the realities we live with on this side of heaven is that, to some degree, our motives may always be mixed. If we wait until our motives are pure to act, then one of two things are assured: Either we will never act, or we're a bit self deluded about the actual purity of our motives. If we get hung up on our motives, then it can result in "burying our talent in the ground" and we lose the "obedience" part of the dynamic. And, as the scripture says, faith without works is dead.

3. What God calls us to do, He equips us to do. Both the faith and the motive are gifts to be freely received. Here's Paul again, this time to the Thessalonians: "We always thank our God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1Thess: 1: 2-3). Perhaps when we hear the word "obedience" we only think of the words "work", "labor", and "endurance", and we feel exhausted or pressured even before we begin. But look at what God has already provided: Faith, Love, and Hope. These, as activated by the Spirit within us, will produce, prompt and inspire the obedience of faith.

4. While our group study of Romans is on Sunday, the implications for us are daily. Perhaps the best part of the "obedience of faith" as a way of life (discipleship) is the way it deepens and sweetens our closeness with Jesus. To have an unforced and genuine intimacy with Him in the midst of the adventure of discipleship is powerfully redemptive in the world. To "work, labor and endure" in the context of the gifts of "faith, love and hope" is profoundly attractive to the world. The things that "get done" are a bonus.

It's a joyful reality for me to pray 1Thess. 1: 2-3 and put in the name "Taftsville" instead. You are, indeed, powerfully redemptive and profoundly attractive to a hurting world. As we continue on the Way, let's keep reminding each other of the truth. SHALOM! *Randy*

Announcing the Birth of Phare Margaret Deitrich

Phare Margaret was born May 28 at 5:30pm, weighing 6lb 10oz, 18.5" long. Congratulations to her parents Bekah & Toby Deitrich, and brother Noah.

**Family Camp on Upper Saranac Lake.**

Join the Cox family for a family weekend of fun at Young Life's Adirondack Great Camp - Saranac Village (www.younglife.saranacvillage.org) Families are housed together in dorm rooms and share bathrooms on the hall. Cost is \$130 for adults, \$65 for children 11& under, 2& under are free. Price includes all meals, 3 ski nautiques to tube, ski, wake board, and ride in. Sail boats, canoe breakfast one morning and a ropes course. Optional times together with babysitting available. All accommodations are in great camp style. Talk to one of the Cox's for more information. Fri 8/24-Mon 8/27

Haven Reminder

This is a reminder to remember The Haven! During the summer, when families aren't able to depend on school meal subsidies, they turn to the food shelves at the Upper Valley Haven in White River Junction. Our gifts and donations of non-perishable food items are very much appreciated this time of year. Check out the list by The Haven donation box in the Millen Room if you want to know what items are most helpful. When we fill up the donation box at Taftsville, it is delivered to the Haven, and the residents of the shelter there as well as all who visit the food shelf are sincerely grateful. Let's see how often we can deliver the box this summer!

New Library Books & CD**A Thousand and One Egyptian Nights**

An American Christians Life Among Muslims
by Jennifer Drago

Keeper of Hearts by Dianne Christner

Historical fiction with a touch of romance

Mennonite Handbook by Sarah Kehrberg

A tongue-in-cheek book of historical & theological information with some fun facts and practical information

That Amazing Junk-Man by Truman H. Brunk

The Agony and Ecstasy of a Pastor's Life

Sing the Story

Hymnal: A Worship Book Supplement II

Sing the Story CD**With Heart & Hands**

Arrangements for Piano by James E. Clemens from *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story*

Cell Phones and Ink Jets for MCC

Would you like to help Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and recycle waist from our high-tech society? MCC is working with a company called Recycle Stop to provide a way to recycle inkjet cartridges and cell phones and at the same time raise money for MCC. Recycle Stop provides about 50 cents to MCC for typical printer cartridges, with copier cartridges bringing nearly\$5. Cell phones usually raise \$1 to \$5. Pre-addressed postage-paid bags are provided for mailing the cartridges and cell phones. These mailers are available in the Millen Room by the bulletin board. Please use these mailers. (The items are not mailed to MCC.)

Note from Washington D.C.

I will be at the International Guest House in Washington, DC, until July 31. I'm helping out, as the house is short staffed at this time. I've already seen two former guests who were at the house when Nancy and I were the host couple back in 2002 to 2003. It is very warm and humid here in the nation's capitol. I hope to visit the museums and memorials here on my down time. If I bump into George, I'll give him some advice.

-Russell Pejouhy

Households of the Month for July & August

Each month we will feature a family/person along with some of their favorite Bible verses/passages or stories.
Richard Glick is the photographer and is collecting these photos to compile into a pictorial directory – coming in the future.

The McCrory Family: Mike, Judy, Calvin, Mabel & Evelyn



Calvin's Favorite story: Gideon

Mabel's Favorite story: Joseph

Both Calvin & Mabel like to celebrate baby Jesus' birthday with a cake.

Mike's favorite verses:

"For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

Ephesians 2:18-22

Judy's Favorite verses: Psalm 139 (see next page)

Amena MacShea-Reess



Amena's favorite verses:

"And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our suffering, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

Romans 5:2-5

Our blessings go with Joan Alderfer and the Beck Family as they move to Ohio this summer.

The Taftsville Chapel Family has greatly benefited from the friendship, gifts and talents that Joan, Kerry, MaryBeth, Mara, Mim, and Denver shared with us through the years. We will miss each of you.

New addresses will be posted on the bulletin board and in the next issue of the Current

Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my
lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you know it completely, O LORD.

You hem me in—behind and before;
you have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for
me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are
there; if I make my bed in the depths,
you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide
me and the light become night
around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to
you; the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's
womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know
that full well.

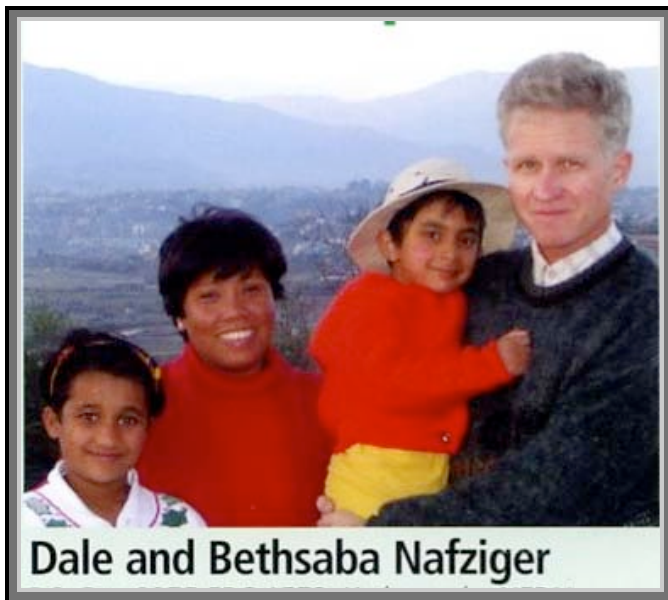
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the
depths of the earth, your eyes saw
my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your
thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them, they would
outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.

If only you would slay the wicked, O
God! Away from me, you
bloodthirsty men!
They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.
Do I not hate those who hate you, O
LORD, and abhor those who rise
up against you?
I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my
heart; test me and know my
anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in
me, and lead me in the way
everlasting.

Missionaries in Nepal



You probably never realized that you support missionaries in Nepal. A part of your Sunday offering goes to Mennonite Mission Network, which is the supporting agency for Dale and Beth Nafziger and their two children.

For as long as I (Carie) have been sorting mail at Taftsville, we have received a quarterly newsletter from the Nafzigers, telling of their fascinating ministry in Katmandu, Nepal. Dale met and married Bethsaba, a Nepalese, while doing health-related ministry in neighboring villages. Several years ago, when the government ousted all missionaries from Nepal, Dale decided to organize an organic, natural juice-making, job-creating enterprise to employ local laborers. They continue ministering unofficially the love, peace and grace of Jesus, both in the community and through their local congregation. Bethsaba serves as a nurse and counselor and Dale serves as director of manufacturing. This summer, their prayer requests include wisdom for Bethsaba as she counsels people with addictions or suicidal behavior, and for opportunities for Dale within a difficult business environment, as well as for peace in Nepal. Check out their newsletters posted on the board in the Millen Room. For more information, check out www.mennonitemission.net. -Carie Good

Schedule for July & August

Each Sunday morning: 9:30 am - Worship Service *Note: No service at Taftsville on July 8th
10:45 am - Coffee and Fellowship

July

- 1 Annual Congregational Meeting
during 2nd Hour / Picnic potluck to follow
- 7 7:00 am - Men's Breakfast / *Dana's*
- 8 10:00 am - Outdoor service Bethany Birches Camp
NO SERVICE AT TAFTSVILLE CHAPEL
- 14 7:30 am - Women's Breakfast / *Dana's*
- 16 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting/ *Church*
- 22 9:30 am - Ekklesia
- 26 Pastoral Care Meeting
- 29 9:30 am - Song Service
Leadership Team Meeting

July Birthdays

- 4 Hudson Cox
- 15 David Beidler
- 20 Allen Guntz
- 23 Carol Whitney
- 24 Elinor Shattuck
- 25 Carie Good
- 29 Hayden Cox

July Anniversaries

- 16 Bob & Amelia Cormier

July Song Leaders

- 1 Virginia Schlabach
- 8 BB CAMP
- 15 Carmeleta Beidler
- 22 Richard Glick
- 29 Omar Zook

July Childcare

- 1 Carie Good
- 8 Janet North
- 15 Nancy Pejouhy
- 22 Laura Beidler
- 29 Emily Glick

July Coffee

- 1 Mary Guntz
- 8 Ken Glick
- 15 R & R Glick
- 22 Marie Hackman
- 29 Abner Schlabach

July Cleaning

- 1 Snader
- 8 Wolfe
- 15 Wolfe
- 22 Zook
- 29 Zook

July Mowing

- 7 Wolf
- 14 Wolf
- 21 ?
- 28 ?

Mowers needed for July & August.
 Consider signing up on dates with ? mark.

August

- 5 9:30 am - Communion & Prayer Service
- 10-13 Groton camping weekend
- 12 10:00 am Outdoor Service at Groton
- 28 Deadline for September issue of
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August Birthdays

- 4 Nancy Iott
- 9 Joanna Beidler
- 15 Rebecca Beidler
- 20 Nancy Pejouhy
- 22 Noah Wilson

August Anniversaries

- 1 Aaron & Tara Kishbaugh
- 2 Brett & Marilyn Landis-Wanner
- 4 Randy & Carie Good
- 6 Nicholas & Heather Wolfe
- 12 Dale & Darlene Snader
- 17 Kerry & MaryBeth Beck

August Song Leaders

- 5 Janice Zook
- 12 Camp Groton
- 19 Allison Fletcher
- 26 Karen Cox

August Coffee

- 5 Karen Cox
- 12 Nancy Pejouhy
- 19 Marie Hackman
- 26 Ken Glick

August Cleaning

- 5 Deitrich
- 12 Deitrich
- 19 Abetti
- 26 Aloisio

August Mowing

- 4 Zook
- 11 ?
- 18 Zook
- 25 ?

Taftsville Tally		
	Attendance	Offering
May	6-----43-----	\$1,265.00
	13-----62-----	1,914.00
	20-----55-----	1,664.00
	27-----59-----	1,099.00
June	3-----50-----	2,015.10
	10-----50-----	1,375.00
	17-----45-----	1,180.00
	24-----41-----	1,395.00

Please note that these totals do not always reflect the final tally.

5th Annual
Benefit Auction

by **Bethany Birches Camp**

Sanford Alderfer, Auctioneer
September 22, 2007

at Quechee Gorge Village
Quechee, VT

Preview: 9 A.M. | Auction Begins: 10 A.M.

All proceeds benefit Bethany Birches Camp
Plymouth, Vermont

For more information call 802.672.5220.

If you are interested in donating items to be auctioned
please email allenhguntz@mac.com.
Donations due by September 1, -----

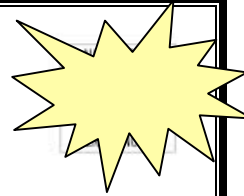
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Including:

Mennonite Quilts
Custom Furniture
Local Artwork
Wooden Toys
Pottery
Framed Photos
Activity Gift Certificates
Needlework
Theme Baskets

Plants and Produce Sold
Baked Goods Sold & Served



Items are needed for this years benefit auction.

The auction committee is hoping to have 150 items to be auctioned off during the 2007 auction. Think about how you could help by donating something you made or purchased, or a service you can provide. We are also seeking donations of merchandise or services from local businesses. *Janet North and Allen Guntz are Taftsville's auction committee members* and would be happy to answer any questions regarding possible donations for the auction. September is not that far away so think creatively about how you can help make this years auction a success.

Taftsville Tidbit Trivia

Do you remember when...

30 Years Ago This July

July 17, 1977

Doreen thanks everyone who helped with the World Vision Love Loaves and school kits. A total of \$138.00 was collected in the loaves and 33 school kits were assembled.

25 Years Ago This July

July 27, 1982

Beth Sargent and Karla Glick are nominated for the position of librarian.

20 Years Ago This July

July 22, 1987

Nelson Kraybill reports that his daughter said to him on his way out the door, "Daddy, when I grow up I want to be a man so I can go to meetings."

15 Years Ago This July

July 15, 1992

At the annual meeting, Brent Beidler is nominated and added to the slate as Senior Usher.

Send your contributions for
"The Taftsville Chapel Current" to:

Janice.g.collins@valley.net

OR 802-295-5123

OR slip a note in my church mailbox

Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship is located in the village of Taftsville, one block south of Rte. 4 on Happy Valley Rd.

Randy Good, Pastor

<http://www.taftsvillechapel.org/> (802) 457-1516

35 Years Ago This August

August 13, 1972

- It was agreed to have the parking lot leveled and stones poured for a more effective parking system
- The adult S.S. class will discontinue using the quarterlies and will use book studies from the Bible. This will decrease the S.S. expense.

30 Years Ago This August

August 10, 1977

A request was made for more special singing. Also, a reminder to bring in magazines of all kinds to share with the group.

August 29, 1977

It was decided that the Minister of Administration would now be responsible for the smooth running of the Sunday morning church service.

25 Years Ago This August

August 14, 1982

Everyone is invited to attend the 1-W reunion to be held at Singing Hills Retreat Center.

20 Years Ago This August

August 12, 1987

A special meeting of the congregation was called to discuss the issue of women in the Pastoral role.

15 Years Ago This August

August 2, 1992

The Work Project in the Northeast Kingdom is on. There is work for all skill levels. Consider giving 2 or 3 days if you can't give a week.