



# LIVING THE WORD

The Newsletter of the  
Huntington Church of the Brethren

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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities.” Isaiah 53:5

We understand the power of language when we compare the meaning of two similar words. This is certainly the case when we compare the meaning of *give* and *sacrifice*. Give means to offer something to someone else without expecting anything in return. Sacrifice is defined as the surrender of something prized or desirable for the sake of something considered as having a higher purpose. What these two words have in common is the idea that we take something of our own and share it with somebody else. In both cases there is a cost on the part of the person who makes the offer. A person, for instance, may be cold and not have a winter coat. I give them one of ten I have in my closet. I now have nine coats, so it has cost me something. In a sense I have sacrificed something that belongs to me and now I have only nine coats left.

But when you consider that I can only wear one coat at a time and still have nine to choose from, I have sacrificed little. In fact, if I give them the coat I like the least, I have done myself a favor while helping someone else. Sacrifice implies sharing something that we prize or value dearly. That is the essential difference between give and sacrifice. There is a radical difference between sharing something that we have a lot of and sharing something that we may not have as much of and that we value greatly. When the earth shook violently in Haiti, some people gave and others sacrificed. Many of us *gave* some money, time, or other items that were desperately needed by people there. Others *sacrificed* by giving a few weeks of time from their job or family by going to Haiti and helping in such a pitiful situation. Both actions of giving and sacrificing had value, but sacrificing involved greater cost.

The Olympics has yielded its own powerful stories of giving and sacrificing. We admire athletes who *give* so much of themselves for the chance to compete on the world stage. But the story of Joannie Rochette, the Canadian skater is a story of *sacrifice*. Joannie’s mother died after arriving in Vancouver to watch her daughter compete. Joannie certainly had the right to withdraw from the competition and grieve her loss. Yet, she sacrificed her own personal need to grieve and courageously skated in her competition representing her country. It is a powerful story of sacrifice.

We are in the season of Lent. We can think in a shallow way that God *gave* up His son on the cross. That would be true if God had numerous sons and if the cross was anything other than a very painful way to die. The truth is God *sacrificed* His only son, allowing Christ to die the worst possible death. There was a great cost paid in that act of sacrifice. Why did God make that sacrifice? God showed us the full extent of His sacrificial love. If we can get our minds and hearts around this powerful sacrifice, we can realize in the Lenten Season just how deep God’s love is.

Pastor Barry A. Belknap

## **Worship Schedule**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. English Classes for Spanish speakers wanting to learn English  
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes

## **The church e-mail address**

office@cobhuntington.org

## **The church web site**

<http://www.cobhuntington.org>. You can view the church newsletter and the monthly calendar on this site. If you have an idea, share it with Jeff Lehman or Barry Belknap.

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## **Prayer Concerns**

...Doras Weinley, eye surgery  
...family & friends of Richard Huffman upon his recent death  
...Cook family  
...friends of Reba Beery, Linda, Sharon, & Jenny, health concerns  
...Lee Hughes cousin, upon her recent death  
....friend of Amy Beery, upon her death  
...Haiti earthquake victims  
...Glenn & Maxine Mulligan, health concerns

...Ashley Crago, knee surgery  
...Tina Crago awaiting surgery on her shoulder  
...Reba Beery's mother improving

## **Our Shut-ins**

... **Minnie Brandenburg**, Norwood Nursing Center, 3720N. Norwood Rd., Huntington, IN 46750  
... **Kate Craig**, Miller's Merry Manor, 1500 Grant St., Huntington, IN 46750  
... **Dorsan Nichols**, Miller's Merry Manor, 1500 Grant St., Huntington, IN 46750

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## **Love Unity Feast – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **(Love Inc. Fundraiser)**

The Love, Inc fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hiers Park – Heritage Hall. They are offering a choice of Roast Pork Dinner or Chicken Noodle Dinner. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, and \$4.00 age 10 or younger. Tickets are available in the church office or contact Betty Dillon 356-4135. Our church will be providing some of the desserts for this event.

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## **Pancake Breakfast – March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**What:** All you can eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

**When:** Saturday, March 20, 2010

**Time:** 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Cost:** Adults - \$6.00 Children 5-12 \$4.00 Under 5 free

The Men's Fellowship is sponsoring this event.

For additional information contact Bob Weinley, 356-5716

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## **Camp Mack deadline**

Camp Mack is a Christian camp based in Northern Indiana that is supported by the Church of the Brethren. Their summer camp program is intentionally designed to provide campers with life changing experiences that lead to the formation of personal faith within a safe Christian community.

***Camp Mack brochures are available on the table in the Narthex with camp dates and fees.*** Take \$20. off the regular price of camp by registering before March 20, 2010. For additional information see Jeff Lehman, Camp Representative or call him at 359-9990.

## **2010 Youth and Kid's Club Activities**

March March Madness (Dean Beery hosts)

April Spring Break church lock in (Bob Weinley hosts)

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### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

In his last conversation with the disciples after his resurrection, Jesus repeated the same message three times. If you love me, take care of the people I love. Jesus had given up everything to care for ordinary people. He called on his followers to now make a tangible difference in the lives of others (John 21:15-17)

When you make a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing, you actively participate in tending God's flock throughout the world. Your gift brings shelter, food, water, and medical supplies to disaster survivors. You help refugees find safe shelter and begin to build new lives. You aid impoverished communities in securing dependable sources of food and clean water. And you help provide medical care and education that strengthen bodies and minds and create brighter futures.

Live your love for the Good Shepherd. Feed Jesus' sheep with a generous, even sacrificial, gift to One Great Hour of Sharing and become part of a new miracle of sharing. ***One Great Hour of Sharing will be observed on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.***

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### **Holy Week**

#### **Palm Sunday - March 28**

The children will enter the sanctuary waving palms to help us join in this festival day.

#### **Love Feast – April 1 7:00 p.m.**

Our Brethren tradition adds significantly to the power and intimacy of Holy Week. We gather at table and share a simple meal called the Love Feast. We wash each others feet to express the sacrificial love of Christ. We share in the bread and cup to profess our faith in the Christ who gave His life for us. Join us at the church on Thursday, April 1st, at 7:00 p.m., as we gather to fellowship with Christ and each other.

#### **Easter Breakfast - April 4 8:30 a.m.**

Easter Breakfast will be held on April 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: egg casserole, potato casserole, fruit, cereal, milk, orange juice and coffee. All are invited to attend.

### **Easter Lilies**

Lilies will be available for \$9.00 each to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one fill in the information below and return to the church office by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to purchase a lily:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Food Pantry of Love, Inc.**

*Thank you for your continued support of the Huntington Community Food Pantry.* Love, INC receives donations from the community, Kroger's Warehouse and Government Commodities each month. For the month of March they are asking for *cold cereal and paper towel*, for the month of April, *spaghetti, and all purpose cleaner*. There is a box in the handicap entrance for these items.

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**Souper Bowl Sunday Update**

On Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2010 the youth collected **\$72.34** to be divided between *Habitat for Humanity and Love In The Name of Christ*.

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