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January Highlights...

OCC welcomed in the New Year with a New Year's Eve party! Not many could "Name That Root Beer"!

The men of OCC had their first Men's Breakfast of the year and the Ladies had their first LCF gathering.

OCC cancelled the first Sunday morning services since who knows when. The potluck and annual business meeting were moved to the following week.

On January 20th we welcomed Shannon Boehl, missionary to Botswana Africa. It was the second weekend of wintry nastiness, but he made the drive in from Clinton IL.

At the annual business meeting, financial reports were shared as well as a minister's report highlighting the growth trend for the last 5 years for the OCC. Copies of these reports are available in the office for those who could not attend.

Looking Forward...

Superbowl Saturday Men's Breakfast at 8:30 on the 2nd... Potluck and Chili Cook-Off on the 10th, bring a friend!... LCF meeting at 7 on the 14th... Church Leader's Conference in Lincoln on the 16th... Prairie States Men's Fellowship on the 25th...

Please continue praying this month for...

Ken Hanford (cancer), Lana Jones (Fibromyalgia), Bob Lyons (heart), Dave (transplant list), Sarah Link (family), missionaries, and for the lost in the world.

WAITING!

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Waiting is part of life. It was most difficult when we were children. Everything was new and we wanted to experience it all. We waited to be big enough to reach the pedals on that tricycle. We waited for that first bicycle. We waited for that first kiss of love. We waited for that driver's education class and that driver's license. We waited for our first car, first job, and that wedding day. As adults we still feel the effects of waiting. Even now, we are waiting patiently for spring.

Waiting is difficult for children, but it can be very difficult at times for you and me as well. When you are waiting, God wants to be with you in that time of anticipation. He wants you to remember that he is in control.

The words from Psalm 27:14 tells us to be strong as we wait. When you give your worries to the Lord, remembering that he is in control you can receive that strength in your wait. Not only will you receive strength, but also blessings and compassion.

Isaiah 30:18 "Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore, he will raise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him!"

Whatever it is you are waiting on, give your cares to God and find strength in him. We are all waiting on warmer weather as we battle the frigid temperatures, snow, and ice. Just remember to wait in him, be strong, and take heart. God is good and he is faithful. Let's just hope that Peter's words don't apply as we wait for warmer weather...

2nd Peter 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day."

Lord come quickly, and should you tarry, could we please have an early spring?



God's very best blessings...

Chuck Jones, OCC Pastor