



# Fellowship Findings

Sully Christian Reformed Church

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## Our Mission

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO

Cultivate space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

## Our Vision

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

A family of believers experiencing personal transformation, *Romans 12* using their unique gifts, *Ephesians 4* to glorify GOD *I Corinthians 10:31* and edify others. *I Thessalonians 5:11*

## February Worship

February 4

AM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

Philippians 3:12-21—*Pressing On*

PM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

First in a series on the Ten Commandments

*God Comes First. Seek First the Kingdom of God*

February 11

AM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

Psalms 19, Romans 1:18ff

*“God Speaks Through Nature: Are We Listening”*

PM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

Commandment #2—*How We Worship*

February 18

AM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

PM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

February 25

AM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

PM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel



## Worship TIMES

Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m.



## Dates of Interest:

February 21 .....  
..... GEMS Soup Supper  
..... Cadet Car Races  
February 25 ..... Baptism

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# Search Committee

## Update...

The search committee is working to plan in person interviews with a couple prospective pastors.

Please pray for safe travels and the interview process, that we may properly represent the congregation in the questions we ask and that the pastors are able to honestly share their answers and missional calling.

As the Search Committee continues their work, we are so very thankful for Pastor Jack who is ministering to us for a time. Continue to pray that God will lead the Search team to the man of his choosing to lead us.

## God's love is for action.

It's not just something we talk about, it's something we are called to live out in our daily lives. When we experience God's love, we are compelled to take bold action to change the world and make it a better place.

So, let's be people of action. Let's be bold in our love for God and for others, and let's use that love to transform the world around us. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. "

(Colossians 3:14).

May we be united in love, and may our love be a force for good in the world.



# Council Clippings

**PLEASE NOTE:** Under the new council organizational structure, full council will no longer be meeting monthly. Council clippings will be provided through the Fellowship Findings in the months council meets.

1. Chairman Dale Van Wyk opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The needs of many in the church and community were lifted in prayer.
2. Financial information and reports were reviewed. The general fund balance is at about \$140,000 with an additional \$100,000 in an 11 month CD.
3. In December, the Discipleship Committee hosted a profession of faith question and answer session with five individuals attending.
4. The Hospitality Committee is coordinating a variety of upcoming meals and events in the coming months with information to be communicated as needed.
5. A Campaign Team has been formed to assess financial commitment towards church facility projects.
6. Pastor Jack and Karen Vanden Heuvel will be with us from late January to the end of April. We look forward to their leadership and fellowship during this time.
7. We will hold an Easter Sunrise Service again in 2024. More details will be provided as we get closer to the service.
8. Nominations for Administrative Council Members, Shepherding Elders and Shepherding Deacons were made.
9. We plan to hold our annual Congregational Meeting on Monday, March 25. All necessary documents will be provided to the congregation in mid-March.
10. Nolan Vos closed in prayer following the singing of "Make Me a Servant."

# BUDGET REPORT



January Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$23,238.12	\$247,058.91	\$248,912.16
Missions	\$ 1,614.01	\$ 16,966.93	\$ 15,666.64
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,867.87	\$ 20,873.98	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,720.00</b>	<b>\$284,899.82</b>	<b>\$284,578.80</b>

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
January 7	Lake View Camp	\$1,994.00
January 14	<del>Sully Christian School</del> —church canceled	-
January 21	Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa	\$2,708.00
January 28	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,464.00

## **February Offering Schedule**

- February 4**      Sully Christian School with Envelope Offering
- February 11**    The Well
- February 18**    Therefore Go Ministries (formerly Youth Unlimited)
- February 25**    Christian Education Encouragement Fund

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7

# IN MEMORIAM... *Gladys Stravers*

On October 12, 1942, a baby daughter entered the home of Arie and Johanna Lanser. They named their little girl Gladys, and they had her baptized in the Sully Christian Reformed Church where she made her public Profession of Faith as a teen-ager.

Gladys received her grade school education in the Sully Christian School, and she graduated from Pella Christian High School. She completed her education at Marshalltown Community College.

Gladys was united in marriage with Russell Stravers at the Sully CRC on Feb. 3, 1962. They were blessed with three sons and two daughters. Gladys' career was varied; and it included time as a custodian at Sully Christian School, serving lunches there, being a bank teller and administrative assistant, along with a time of being a stay at home mom. She enjoyed her work but also had a list of favorite hobbies. These included traveling, reading, sewing, gardening and bird-watching. Russ and Gladys were a part of one of our Sunday evening Bible study groups. We knew there would be a very fine dessert following our discussion time. Russ was very faithful helping Gladys serve at this time.

And we can't forget that Gladys loved following grand-kids' activities. These young ones let us know that she always had plenty of treats around. Another activity for Gladys was running the sound system for the Sounds of Praise Quartet and our church. What a lot of activities for one person!!!

Those left to cherish her memory are her five children: Jeff (Jody), Brenda (Mark) McKay, Lynn Nichols, Greg (Marcy), and Phil (Amy) and her grand-children and great-grand children, along with other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Sully Christian Reformed Church on Oct. 31, 2023. Wesley Life Chaplain Elaine Jones officiated. Special music was provided by Drew Stravers and Noah and Bella Nichols. Grandsons were casket bearers. Honorary bearers were great-grandchildren. Memorials were designated for Wesley Life Hospice.

As a congregation, we express our sympathy to this family, and we remember all Russ and Gladys did in using their talents in our midst.

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## THANK YOU...

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughtfulness in the passing of my sister Wilma Ryken. They mean so much! God is good! I feel blessed to be part of a caring church and community.  
Thank you!, Jerri Jansen and family

Gary and I would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, gifts of food, cards, visits through JoAnn's heart surgery and after as I recuperated.. Special thanks to Roger and Carolyn Zylstra for all their calls, visits and support.  
Gary and JoAnn Fynaardt

Coffee Servers		Nursery	
February 4	Howard and Marilyn Vander Griend	Feb. 4	Melanie Van Maanen
	Kevin and Brenda Van Kooten		Erika Van Maanen
February 11	Dwight and Glenda Vander Leest		Feb. 11
	Roger and Marlene Bruxvoort	Brooke Dunsbergen	
February 18	Frank and Karen Van Soelen	Feb. 18	
	Ron De Nooy & Clint Vos		Adri Vos
February 25	Scott and Vicki Nikkel		Feb. 25
	Wes Van Wyk & Arlyn Van Zante	Trevor De Berg	
March 3	GEMS	Feb. 25	
			Angela Veenstra
March 10	Clarence and Judy Van Zee		March 3 GEMS Sunday
	Kevin and Jared Laverman	Abbie De Berg	
March 17	Kevin and Melanie Van Maanen	March 10	
	Loren and Shawna Fopma		Bethany Kramer
March 24	Ed and Joyce Dieleman		March 17
	6th Grade Catechism Clss	Elly Van Zee	
March 31	Dan and Sharla Dunsbergen	March 24	
	Jud and Pam Vos		Alayna Van Kooten
<p>NOTE: Make juice on Saturday so that it has time to chill. Meet in the church basement before the service to set up. Instructions are in the kitchen. If unable to serve, please trade with someone</p>			March 17
		Aspen Kramer	
		Noelle Van Zante	
<p>“May our gratitude find expression in our prayers and our service for others, and in our commitment to live wholly for Christ.”</p> <p><i>Billy Graham</i></p>		March 24	Norma Beerends
			Harlan Beerends
			Alli Pleima
<p>“May our gratitude find expression in our prayers and our service for others, and in our commitment to live wholly for Christ.”</p> <p><i>Billy Graham</i></p>		March 29 Good Friday	Jentri Van Wyngarden
			Aaron Van Wyngarden
<p>“May our gratitude find expression in our prayers and our service for others, and in our commitment to live wholly for Christ.”</p> <p><i>Billy Graham</i></p>		March 31 Easter	Laura Fynaardt
			Alicia Fynaardt
			Hayden Lowry

If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.

# Celebrating...



## February BIRTHDAYS

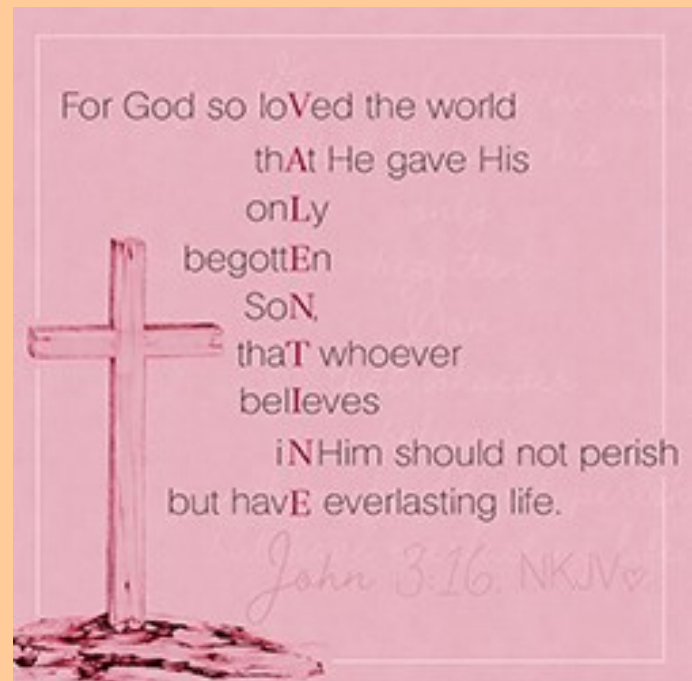
### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Marilyn Jansen (85)
February 2	Jared Laverman
February 3	Mary Arkema
February 7	Verlan Van Wyk
February 8	Craig Zylstra Stanley Fopma
February 9	Kody Jansen Alyza Van Wyngarden
February 11	Barb Hoogeveen
February 12	Mike Van Soelen Matthew Van Maanen Natasha Thaden Tyler Van Soelen
February 13	Melvin Jansen (85) Linda Zylstra
February 14	Daryl Menninga
February 15	Jennifer Lowry Jackson Plowman Emma Plowman
February 16	Roger Zylstra Doug Van Zee Derek Van Soelen Trevor De Berg
February 17	Clarence Van Zee Pamela Vos
February 18	Jaron Vos
February 19	Brian Beyer
February 21	Marlene Bruxvoort Brenda De Nooy Blake Veenstra Zeke Vander Leest
February 23	Mary Fopma
February 24	Jordon Van Zante Jaden Vos Alexa Dunsbergen
February 25	Lynnette Christensen
February 27	Ed Van Kooten Denise Arkema
February 28	Frank Van Soelen

## And Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 11	Roger & Marlene Bruxvoort
February 13	Ron & Nancy Swank
February 18	Duane & Mary Arkema
February 20	Ron & Judy Beyer
February 21	Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen (60)
February 25	Norm & Betty Schuring



# Celebrating...



March  
BIRTHDAYS

And Anniversaries

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Sue Pastoor
March 3	Kevin Veenstra Karla Vos Emily Van Soelen
March 6	Lillian Nikkel
March 8	Marty Vander Molen Bailey Vos
March 9	Amy Hoogeveen Alexa Van Zante
March 11	Nellie Zylstra
March 12	Brennan Veenstra Chloe Vos
March 14	Jason Lowry
March 15	Carolyn Zylstra Steve Van Sant
March 17	Judy Van Kooten
March 19	Sierra Pleima Katherine Ann Zylstra Hadilyn Faith Lowry
March 20	Marcille Jansen
March 21	Alicia Van Kooten
March 22	Staci Jansen
March 25	Karson Van Maanen
March 26	Jeff Pastoor Dan Dunsbergen Shelby Veenstra Nile Vos
March 27	Jamie Van Kooten
March 28	Colton Jochems

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 5	Scott & Rebecca Jochems
March 7	Kevin & June Veenstra
March 8	Kevin & Jan Laverman
March 12	Scott & Vicki Nikkel
March 24	Daryl & Linda Menninga Kevin and Melanie Van Maanen
March 25	Monte and Dorian Goodyk
March 26	Marvin & Myrna Goodyk (60)
March 27	Mike & Marlene Van Soelen
March 30	John and Jacie Kramer
March 31	Lauren & Julie Van Wyk



## FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Dear Service Men,

Already three weeks of the New Year have gone and again it's time to write that letter for the Chimes and as some of you say, "There just isn't a thing to write about." But it has to be done anyway. It's a year ago this month that this project was started. We will try to do a little reminiscing. Someone brought up the idea of putting out a soldiers paper to keep contact among the boys as close as possible. We wanted to do it, but could we? We decided to try, so a committee was appointed. They organized and each one received some task for which they were responsible. A name had to be chosen, price lists of paper etc., had to be compared and many more things had to be done. Sometimes it seemed as if it was more than we would be able to carry out, but somehow we managed to get the first copy out. We truly believe it was much appreciated.

At that time there were eighteen of you boys in the service. Now our flag has thirty-one stars; this includes four discharged emblems. We hope to have several more of these in the near future.

Next month Nelson Arkema has to be inducted, and last week several of our boys had to have their pre-induction physical examination. Before long they too will have to go, and so it will go on. Some must leave and say goodbye—and others can be greeted with. "Welcome Home". Unless we know of the sorrow in parting we cannot appreciate the joy of meeting again—we will look forward to that happy time for each of you, D.V.

John Huyser must leave for Korea after his furlough is spent at home. How we hate to see our boys go there, but we know that God is not confined to time nor place, and He will care for His own, whether they are in Korea, Japan, Europe, in Camps in the US, at home, or anywhere else.

It seems as if our boys are pretty well scattered all over the world. We wonder what difference it will make in your lives. Will God use some of you to work in His vineyard in a special way, as a result of the experiences you are having? We hope so.

### The Typists

Miss Mary Lou Zylstra  
Miss Revena Zylstra  
Mrs. William Nikkel

### The Committee

Mrs. Reink Zylstra  
Mrs. John H. Jansen  
Mrs. Dick Vos  
Mrs. Louis Van Wyk  
Miss Doris Jansen  
Miss Erma Vos  
Miss Bertha Zylstra



Nelson Geels writes from Camp Smith, Giessen, Germany

Dear Chimes Readers,

Hello and greetings from Germany. Best wishes for the New Year.

Permit me to go back a little and I'll tell you how we spent the holidays. Thanksgiving we spent at Grafenwolks. They have ranges up there and we fixed our weapons and ran sound problems. We were there for a good week. Christmas and New Year were both spent here at Smith Camp. On each of these holidays we had turkey and just a lot of good things to eat. We had services both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

At present the snow is all gone. It's a little colder out now than it has been.

This past month I had the happy experience of meeting someone from back home, namely, Edwin Van Kampen. I saw him for a few minutes here in Giessen and then the following Sunday I looked him up in Frankfurt. We had a swell time. The last time I saw him before this was at Camp Crowder, MO.

Practically all of December was spent in Giessen. This month (January) we're supposed to go to Wildflecan for about seven days for some winter training. Then in February we're supposed to have "Operation River Crossing". And that's just what it is — crossing a river. Can't say I look forward to that such a whole lot.

Four successive days sometime before Christmas we fed and gave some German orphans a good time in Mess Hall no. 1. Four and five bus loads a day. They collected for it one payday. It sure was a pleasure to see those happy faces of the children. Good-will such as that was expressed throughout Germany as well as elsewhere.

That's about it for this time. Once more may I wish you all a Blessed New Year. So-long.

Sincerely,

Nel

Jokes

Joyce Van Rees— "Mother, it bothers me for Chuck to spend so much money on me when he takes me out. How can I stop him?"

Mother—"Marry him."

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Boss—"What are you doing here? Didn't you read the letter I sent you?"

Office Boy—"Yes Sir, I read it inside and outside. On the inside it said, "You are fired", and on the outside it said, "Return in five days", so here I am."



# Days of the Harvest

*Equipping Labourers in God's Vineyard*

**RYAN & JODY FABER | ZAMBIA | JANUARY 2024**



## PRAYER POINTS

- There is a cholera outbreak in Zambia. Lusaka is an epicentre of the epidemic. Please pray for people's health and safety.
- The first term of the 2024 academic year at Justo Mwale has begun. Please pray for lecturers and students in their teaching and learning.
- We are looking forward to Re-Connect (home service) in July and August. Please pray for our plans and preparations.

As we enter a new year, we remember God's faithfulness in 2023. Our family enjoyed a retreat with Resonate colleagues in the Drakensburg Mountains in South Africa in March. In May we spent a long-weekend at Lake Kariba, the world's largest man-made lake, before Evan and Graeme's departure in June (pictured above). Evan is now living and working in Pella, Iowa. Graeme spent the summer with Jody's parent, working on a farm. In July, Ryan's parents and a brother and his family came to visit. Their stay included a short safari in Botswana and a visit to Victoria Falls. Jody made a quick trip to North America in August to see family, pick up homeschool materials, and fly back to Zambia with Graeme. In late November/early December, Jody's parents visited. Their visit included a safari at South Luangwa National Park in Zambia and a visit to Victoria Falls.

In between, Ryan taught three terms at Justo Mwale University, attended an Africa Society for Evangelical Theology conference, participated in the Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa's general assembly, and visited the Reformed Family Forum's annual meeting, focused on theological education.

Jody educated our children and kept our family clothed and well-fed. She enjoyed a much deserved retreat for women in missions in South Africa in October with Thrive Ministries.

I (we) would like to support Ryan and Jody Faber (802339)

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In December we hosted a mission team from the University of the Free State (South Africa). The team worked alongside JMU students to refinish desks, update a classroom, and repair the campus play park equipment.



Rev. Bright Ngulube, whose senior research Ryan supervised, received his degree in October. Rev. Ngulube now pastors a Presbyterian church in Zambia.



In December 2023, fourth-year students from the Reformed Church in Zambia were ordained. All are now serving congregations throughout the country.

In 2024, we are looking forward to Evan joining us for a retreat with Resonate colleagues in Egypt in March, a reunion with Jody's family to celebrate her parents' 50th anniversary in June, and reconnecting with family, friends, churches, and supporters in July and August. Along the way, Ryan will continue to teach at Justo Mwale University and work to equip African pastors and scholars for service in God's harvest field in southern Africa.

**Thank you for your faithful prayers and support,**

*Ryan & Jody, Evan, Graeme, Torin,  
Bronwyn, Gwennyth, Saeryn, and Norah*

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# CARY CONNECTION

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;  
make known His deeds among the peoples!*

It is officially the time of harvesting and giving here in the Mississippi Delta, and oh what a harvest it is! Each year, we in the "Delta" expect to endure slowed traffic on the two-lane roads and extra layers of dust in our homes. It is a vital part of the farming community, and serves as a reminder to be thankful for the bounty of the fields. But may I tell you that this year is special! The community survived a major disaster in March that destroyed homes, businesses and lives. God is healing the area, and our hearts delight in witnessing the progress of therebuild. So many new homes and businesses are emerging, and families are beginning to return home. At Cary Christian Center, we must be sure to make known to you just how grateful we are. In the midst of despair, God's glory is shown faithful!

About 52 years ago, this ministry started with Dr. Peter Boelen's vision to provide health care to an impoverished rural area in Mississippi. Most of you may know the story. Though great enough in itself, what developed from that vision was the opportunity to plant seeds of God's love that would change thousands of lives for years to come.

The ministry is respected as a trail blazer in reducing the infant mortality rate in the state of Mississippi, as well as improving the health and well-being of citizens for whom quality provision was not afforded. Cary grew to provide dental services, and people from around the world were given an opportunity to partner in this great work by sharing their time, money, and supplies. But what just may be God's greatest gift of all through Cary Christian Center is the extension of His loving hand investing into His people's lives for decades to follow. You see, the ongoing work of this ministry is carried out as hearts are touched...one volunteer, donor, community or staff member at a time. As many are led to give of their time and resources to the work, those who are helped receive what is needed, and are also led to share. In thankfulness for the impact these partnerships have on them, many are excited to give back....



*Cary Christian Center volunteers  
Edith, Christine, Rose, and Stella*



Among those who say "thank you!" are four ladies I was blessed to speak with while they volunteered at the Center. Edith, Christine, Rosie, and Stella are local residents who express their appreciation for the work done by the Cary ministry by helping around the campus. They clean apartments in preparation for upcoming volunteers, sort clothes donated to the thrift store, and assist staff wherever they are needed. Stella shared her fond memories of working alongside of past volunteers from all over to deliver fruit and gifts to elderly people in the community. "I was thrilled to meet so many people who came to help, and their arms are always open to you... I love it!", she said. "It is just a blessing to pass on to someone else what you have been given. It feels good to know you're helping!"

These are just a few of many lives that proclaim the "good deeds" of the Lord through Cary Christian Center. I, myself, began as a mother in Cary's

parenting classes in 1983. I later joined the staff in 1990 for what I thought was a "job" close to home; only to be loved, molded, and equipped over the next 15 years to grow and share my love for God's people. The staff and volunteers were wonderful examples for me of real ministry in the Name of Jesus Christ. It was uplifting to learn from former Development Manager, Nickie Parker, how she was impacted in very much the same way by her years of work in the ministry and the people she encountered.

When asked what he is thankful for at this time of the year, Cary Christian Center's CEO, Carl Watley expressed his gratitude for donations and fall volunteers who do so much of the needed work at the campus and thrift store. He praised God for sending a couple who are now permanent residents on one of Cary's RV pads. In addition to renting a space, the family saves the ministry thousands of dollars

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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



### Through Shelby Giving Online:

Online contributions can be made from ShelbyNext Giving portal by credit card, Debit card, Google Pay or ACH Bank Account. We also have a ShelbyNext Giving that can be downloaded to your mobile device or you can use ShelbyText Giving by texting "Give" to 662-863-3343. Please click on the drop-down arrow in the fund box to choose what ministry you would like your donation applied to.



### Our Paypal Portal:

Online Contributions can be made from a PayPal Account or Major Credit Card Account. Please include in the "Purpose" field which ministry you would like your donation applied to: General, Parent-Child Ministry, Volunteer Ministry, The Village (Children and Youth), or Thrift Store.



### Donating Goods to our Thrift Store:

You can send new or used goods to be sold in our thrift store.



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by maintaining the grounds and volunteering in the Village children's program.

Carl is a native of Cary who, as a child came through the Cadet/Little Brothers program at CCC. He has a tremendous heart for ministry and love for people and the community. He believes that, "like the church, Cary Christian Center is also a place where people go for healing and restoration." Carl is most grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the beginning of the lives of the children who attend the Bible classes and afterschool tutoring. He recalled for me several times when the lives of family members were impacted for Christ through building relationships with the children and adults participating in the ministry. "I am here to serve!", Carl excitedly told me as he described himself as an "introvert who loves people!" He feels called to serve and be a resource to others with the many gifts God has given him. As a result, many in the community are comfortable to approach Carl, giving him the opportunity to assist with meeting their needs whether through goods and services, offering words of comfort, or simply being an ear for those needing to talk.

In his work as CEO of the ministry, Carl quickly noted that it is not a job for him, but rather a chance for him to labor alongside of others in Community Outreach ministry work. "Sharing and making a difference in people's lives without being perfect is what Christ would want us to be doing!"

Although Carl received drafting technology training in college, he recently received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and is interested in Christian Counseling. For now, he is right where God intended. Being drawn to service since a youth at Cary Christian Center, CEO Carl Watley is giving back by pouring into the lives of others in a major way!

We praise God for His faithfulness to His ongoing work in the lower Mississippi Delta! We thank you for your prayers and support for the Cary ministry and the people we serve. Your partnership with us helps to give voice to our joyful proclamation of God's wonderful works!

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF CCC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, MISTY BONDS



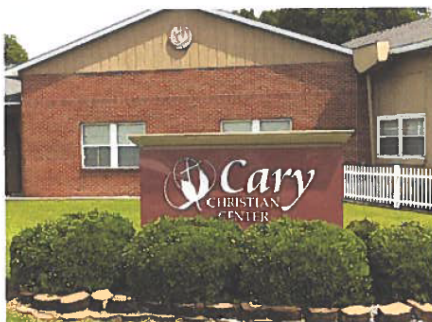
*The staff of Cary Christian Center mourned the loss of Misty Bonds as we honored her during a Tree Planting memorial on the Cary campus. Misty was part of the Development team at Cary Christian Center, and passed away suddenly in her home on August.*

*She was one of our staff survivors the F4 tornado in March when her home was totally destroyed. Misty graced our last newsletter with her testimony of praise that, "I still have it all—my family, dogs, and the grace and endless love of Jesus Christ."*

*A previous CCC development director, and former Bunge Corporation employee, Misty rejoined our team to lead fundraising efforts in February, 2023. Our hearts and prayers are with her family as we remember Misty L. Bonds.*

## SPECIAL MINISTRY NEEDS REQUEST:

Cary Christian Center is in need of a used mini van for the Parent Child Ministry and a Baler truck for the Thrift Store Ministry. Those with information or interested in donating towards these needs can do so through the Center's online giving or by contacting Carl Watley directly.



*The Mission of Cary Christian Center is to actively proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to enable individuals to reach their full potential in Christ.*

—Ephesians 4:12, 13

*The Vision of Cary Christian Center is to break the cycle of poverty through relationships one person at a time.*

—Romans 12:2 & Jeremiah 29:11-13

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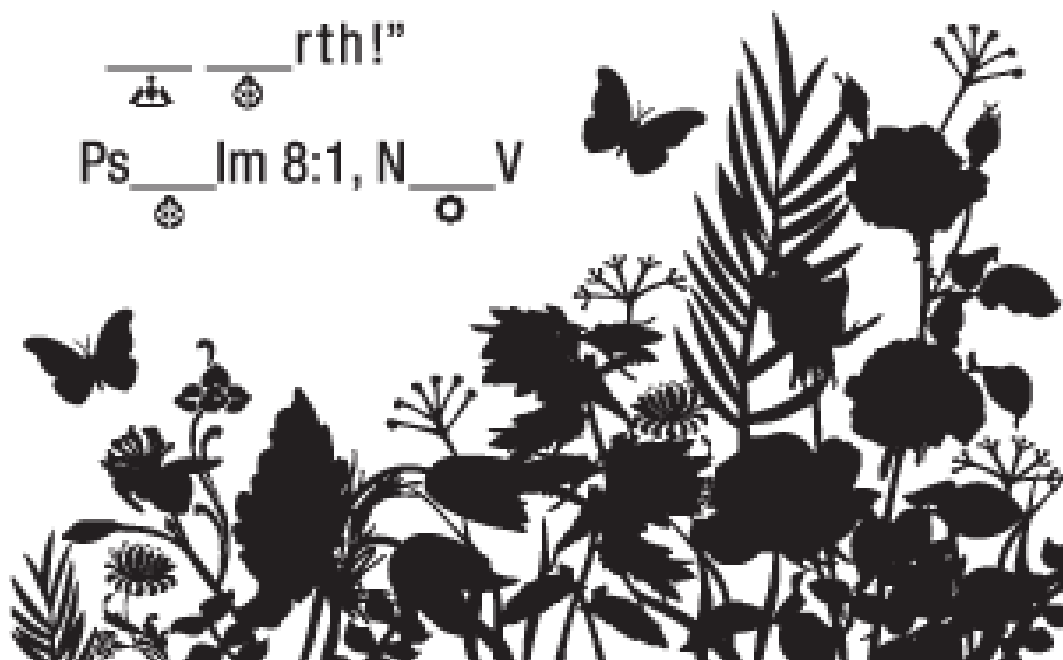
# Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

*Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV*

A = E = I = O = U =

"L RD, r L rd, h w  
 m j st c s y r  
 n m n ll th   
 rth!"  
 Ps lm 8:1, N v



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"  
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

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## You Are God's Workmanship

What a compliment Paul gives here to your value in God!  
To be God's workmanship means that He took qualities of His own and imparted them—through Christ—into you! Does that give you chills?!  
He did this because He has work for you to do—His work.  
He has prepared you, equipped you, and gifted you to accomplish His will for your life and for His kingdom. What an honor to wear a badge of holiness and to be used for His glory.  
Praise Jesus!

For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith is dead.  
James 2:26 HCSB

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable... for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.  
II Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

Lord God, I want to complete the work You would have me do! By Your Spirit within me, show me, lead me to the place, the time, and the people You would have me serve.

100 days of Bible Promises" Shanna Noel