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### 1 Timothy 2:1-8:

<sup>1</sup>FIRST OF all, then, I admonish and urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men,

<sup>2</sup>For kings and all who are in positions of authority or high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet and undisturbed life [and inwardly] a peaceable one in all godliness and reverence and seriousness in every way.

<sup>3</sup>For such [praying] is good and right, and [it is] pleasing and acceptable to God our Savior,

<sup>4</sup>Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and correctly the [divine] Truth.

<sup>5</sup>For there [is only] one God, and [only] one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>Who gave Himself as a ransom for all [people, a fact that was] attested to at the right and proper time.

<sup>7</sup>And of this matter I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (special messenger)--I am speaking the truth in Christ, I do not falsify [when I say this]--a teacher of the Gentiles in [the realm of] faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire therefore that in every place, men should pray, without anger or quarreling or resentment or doubt [in their minds], lifting up holy hands.

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### Ephesians 6:12-18

<sup>12</sup>For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God,

<sup>15</sup>And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the <sup>a</sup>firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness <sup>b</sup>produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.<sup>(A)</sup>

<sup>16</sup>Lift up over all the [covering] shield of <sup>c</sup>saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

<sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit <sup>d</sup>wields, which is the Word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

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## Feeding our spiritual Mothers and Fathers

### By Ute Galloway

When I was sitting in the Christmas Woman's Brunch, I was listening to Linda who is the Carpenter House mom say: "Love your spiritual Mother", and she picked on Colleen for she is most obvious frontal woman we have in our Church. However, God pointed out to me that we have more than just Colleen who are our spiritual Mothers and yes we have some spiritual Fathers we need to love on as well. God dealt with me on Saturday, during the speech of Linda and I was able to go to Katie and give her the immediate love she deserved, even so, she is not someone who works in the foreground. Thank you, Katie for everything you do, which is a lot more than people see. Then of course, the next person who came to mind was Linda Bob, she is one of our pastor wife's. So we have here four pastoral wives who in their own ways are our spiritual mothers even they have not volunteered for the job. Their sacrifices they are making for the church is huge. I had never thought about that until I heard a doctored up song: 'Mama, don't let your sons grow up to be pastors.' Their life's are always on hold, waiting for the husbands and fathers to come home. Always under scrutiny if they live their life's according to the word of God. They always have to smile, be cheerful, lead a life by example, and still have to take all the abuse without flinching, because like or not, it is part of their non-volunteer status they married into. However, this is just the mothers not taking into the account the rest of the spiritual mother we have in our church. If you had someone in your life who taught you the word of God, who showed compassion, love, kindness, this article is speaking of that woman. This pretty much summons up every female in this church who has obeyed God's word.

What about our spiritual fathers; I know you know actually at least one of them? For instant Dave Strem, Doug Edwards, Theo Bob, and of course, there are many more. I know many guys who will properly screech at this point of view, who me, it cannot be! However, there are many men without realizing it they are spiritual dad in our church. They just are, maybe not to us woman, but to the guys.

What can we do to love our spiritual Mother and Father's? Tell them that you care, do not wait for someone to step forward to single one of them out, but tell them what they have done for you. They work so hard, but nobody knows about it. Take the time and tell someone thank you if they have accomplished something regardless how big or small it might have been to them it could have been huge to you and they need to know

about them. So here is my personally thank you to all of my spiritual Fathers and Mothers who have brought peace, love, and knowledge to my mind and heart. Thank you very much for everything you have done for me, and our church. You may not always see and understand what you have accomplished, however let me tell you you are awesome. Thank you also for our pastoral staff, for answering the phones when you do not want to, for leaving your home and going where you are needed even when you do not want to. Thank you for obeying God and doing what he wants of you to do. I see that our church is growing; I also see that we need to show more physical and emotional support to our leadership and family to let them know we care, and yes, we care. You are special not only to God but also to the rest of us. Thank you to our boards for sacrificing your time and efforts to do the best according to God's will. Glory to our God for picking you all and to have placed you in our church. Thank you Lord, for making it possible to have such wonderful church, and leadership we have throughout the church, and for having our church grow in spiritual health and love. We thank you for this in the name of your Son Christ Jesus.

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## The Two Wolves

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, 'My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all.

### One is Evil.

It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

### The Other is Good.

It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.

The grandson thought about it for a minute. And then asked his grandfather: 'Which wolf wins?'

The old Cherokee simply replied,

**'The one you feed . . .**

***Which one do you feed?***

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## **This is a request for prayer for YWAM missionaries and their churches in Orissa, India.**

Dear beloved sponsors and friends of Good News India,

We have never seen anything like this. We knew that Orissa was the most resistant and hostile State in India as far as the Gospel is concerned. And we brushed off the continuous threats and harassment we faced as we went about His work. But none of our staff imagined that they would see this kind of carnage.... And it seems to be totally under the radar of the Western Media.... Let me explain.... A militant Hindu priest and 4 of his attendants, who were zealously going around the villages of Orissa and re- converting people back to Hinduism, were gunned down by unknown assailant Orissa last weekend. Immediately the Christians were blamed. The cry rose up... 'Kill the Christians!' And the horror began....

In the past 4 days, we have first hand witness to hundreds of churches being blown up or burned and many, many dozens of Christian tribals have been slaughtered. For no other reason than they bear the name of Christ. Night and day I have been in touch with our Good News India Directors spread across 14 Dream Centers in Orissa... they are right in the middle of all this chaos. In Tihidi, just after the police came to offer protection, a group of 70 bloodthirsty militants came to kill our staff and destroy the home. They were not allowed to get in, but they did a lot of damage to our Dream Center by throwing rocks and bricks and smashing our gate, etc. They have promised to come back and 'finish the job'. Our kids and staff are locked inside and have stayed that way with doors and windows shut for the past 3 days. It has been a time of desperately calling on the Lord in prayer.

More police have come to offer protection. In Kalahandi, the police and some local sympathizers got to our dream center and gave our staff and kids about 3 minutes notice to vacate. No one had time to even grab a change of clothes or any personal belonging. As they fled, the bloodthirsty mob came into the building. We would have had a mass funeral there, but for His grace. In Phulbani, the mob came looking for Christian homes and missions. The local Hindu people, our neighbors turned them away by saying that there were no Christians in this area. So they left. We had favor. The same thing happened in Balasore.

All our dream centers are under lock down with the kids and staff huddled inside and police outside. The fanatics are circling outside waiting for a chance to kill. Others were not so fortunate. In a nearby Catholic orphanage, the mob allowed the kids to leave, locked up a Priest and a computer teacher in house, and burned them to death. Many believers have been killed and

hacked into pieces and left on the road.... even women and children. At another orphanage run by another organization, when this began, the Director and his wife jumped on their motorbike and simply fled, leaving all the children and staff behind. Every one of our GNI directors that I have spoken to said: 'We stay with our kids.... we live together or die together, but we will never abandon what God has called us to do.'

More than 5000 Christian families have had their homes burned or destroyed. They have fled into the jungles and are living in great fear waiting for the authorities to bring about peace. But so far, no peace is foreseen. This will continue for another 10 days....supposedly the 14-day mourning period for the slain Hindu priest. Many more Christians will die and their houses destroyed. Many more churches will be smashed down. The Federal government is trying to restore order and perhaps things will calm down. We ask for your prayers. Only the Hand of God can calm this storm. None of us knows the meaning of persecution. But now our kids and staff know what that means. So many of our kids coming from Hindu backgrounds are confused and totally bewildered at what is happening around them. So many of their guardians have fled into the jungles and are unable to come and get them during these trying times. Through all this, I am more determined than ever to continue with our goal: the transformation of a community by transforming its children. Orissa will be saved... that is our heart's cry. If we can take these thousands of throwaway children and help them to become disciples of Jesus, they will transform an entire region. It is a long-term goal, but it is strategic thinking in terms of the Great Commission.

What can you do? First, please uphold all this in fervent prayer. Second, pass this e-mail on to as many friends as you can. We must get the word out and increase our prayer base for this is spiritual warfare at its most basic meaning. We are literally fighting the devil in order to live for His Kingdom. The next 10 days are crucial. We pray for peace and calm to pervade across Orissa. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please pass it on and help us to get as many people to partner with us on this cutting edge effort to fulfill His mandate: Go and make disciples of all nations.... Prayer works!

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## Something to Think about

### When You Thought I wasn't looking

**Send in by Rosaline Bennett**

A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I was not looking I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

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## The 23rd Psalm for Busy People

**Send in by Joyce Saladin**

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush;

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness, which restores my serenity.

He leads me in the ways of efficiency through calmness of mind.

And His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,

I will not fret, for His presence is here.

His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity.

By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility my cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely, harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours.

For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house forever.

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## T'was the Night before Christmas

**Send in by my friend Harlow Middleton**

HE LIVED ALL ALONE, IN A ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE, AND TO SEE JUST WHO IN THIS HOME DID LIVE. I LOOKED ALL ABOUT A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE, NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY THE MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND, ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES OF FAR DISTANT LANDS. WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS, A SOBER THOUGHT CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS DARK AND DREARY, I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY. THE

SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE, CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER, NOT HOW I PICTURED A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST READ, CURLED UP ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT, OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY, AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY ALONE, ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE, I DROPPED TO MY KNEES AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE, "SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE; I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE, MY LIFE IS MY GOD, MY! COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP, I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL AND WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT, THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE, WHISPERED, 'CARRY ON SANTA, ITS CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE.'

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.

'MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.' \*

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## The Lord's Ballgame

### Sent to me from Marcia Graddy

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch, as a batter stepped up to the plate named 'Love.'

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because 'Love never fails.'

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch.

Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddy said, 'He sure doesn't look like much!'

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by.

He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence . . . for a home run!

The Lord's team won!

The Lord then asked Freddy if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddy answered that he didn't know why. The Lord explained, 'If your love, faith, and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith and Wisdom will get you on base but only My Grace can get you Home:

'For by Grace are you saved, it is a gift of God - not of works, lest any man should boast.' Ephesians 2:8-9

Psalm 84:11, 'For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.'

Jesus' Test

This is an easy test; you score 100 or zero. It's your choice. If you aren't ashamed to do this, please follow the directions. Jesus said, 'If you are ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of you before my Father.'

Not ashamed!! Pass this on; if you mean it., I do Love God. He is my source of existence and Savior. He keeps me functioning each and everyday, without Him, I am nothing, but with him: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Phil 4:13

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## - a word about the Food Pantry -

**From Ron Richardson**

**Thank you!** (Oh, I guess that is two words.) Your donations are on the shelves and the food pantry is open during regular office hours and on Sunday, before or after the service. You may invite friends in need to visit the pantry to make their own selections or take food to them, but we would prefer that you invite them to church and ABF. The self-service shelves are located in the room at the far end of the kitchen. Food in the long storeroom is not to be given out

**Please take note** of these guidelines when donating. **Please do not select** from the following list. Publix is supplying more than adequate amounts of: canned soup of any variety, (especially cream of mushroom,) beans of any variety, (especially green beans,) peas, fruit cocktail, canned yams, tuna, and bags of rice. **Do not choose** specialty foods such as ethnic, organic, or labeled "healthy" in any way. Health food sits on the shelf and makes no one healthy.

**Two questions** to ask yourself before you donate: **Is this** something kids will eat straight out of the can? In many families, the kids are on their own as far as meals are concerned. These are the foods that go fast; we cannot keep them on the shelves. The other question: **Is this something** I would feed my family (or eat myself)? Last year an amazing amount of donated food had to be disposed of because it was 3 or more years past its usable shelf life. Two medium sized boxes of cans went to the Methodist Church to have them decide if they needed to be thrown away. (They have had a food bank years longer than we have.) We do not want to risk making someone sick. Thank you again for your donations. Without them, we would

not have this ministry. Be sure to mark the bag "**FOOD PANTRY**" and leave it in either kitchen.

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## The Economy...how bad is it really?

**By Kathy Tucker**

It seems that the economy is all that we hear about, read about, think about, and talk about. Thanks to the media, we sleep it, eat it, make daily decisions because of it, etc. The news would rather tell us about the oodles of stores that are closing their doors and leaving many without jobs than to tell us that gas is finally below \$2 bucks a gallon. Can I get a "thank you, Jesus"? Obviously, we know what kinds of stories get the headlines and what does not. Now, if you are thinking that I have had my head stuck in a bucket for the last 12 months, rest assured, I am aware that the economy is not what it was a year ago and probably is going to get worse before it gets better. More families, including mine, have had to tighten our belts and we have had to make some different and sometimes difficult financial choices this year than we did the last 2 Christmases. Even the best of us find it difficult to keep a positive outlook when the negativity is everywhere. Without God's grace and a sense of humor (or both, preferably!) we would be questioning everything...even God's grace and find it difficult to cope on a daily basis. My hope is not for you to look at the economy with rose-colored glasses, but it is how you look at things, that matters.

Thanks to many wonderful books by John Maxwell, Zig Ziglar, Jim Rohn, Dale Carnegie, and many others, I have learned that it is not what happens to you in life, but how you deal with what happens to you that really matters. These guys are leaders in the personal growth and development world and I urge you to pick up one of their books. If any one wants to change their circumstances, all they have to do is change either the way they think, positively or negatively. Obviously, the most widely read book on personal growth and how we should live our lives, and one that teaches all of us to become more than we think we are, is the bible. Do not get me wrong, curling up with a positive book is not going to change the economy or your life. As a matter of fact, you can lie around and think positive all day long, but if you don't change your thoughts and your actions, someone will come and take your couch!

There is nothing humorous about the state of the economy, but if you choose to look at it with a different mindset, it

just might look a little more promising. It is not the circumstances that shape our lives, but it's the wonderful lessons that come out of the circumstances that really count. We teach our kids, that there usually is something good that comes out of every situation...for me it was the death of the "idiot box". A few months ago, Josie threw the T.V. control in the family room during one of her "melt downs" and broke it making it impossible to turn on the satellite dish. Now, with two teenagers in the house you can imagine the devastation that followed. I, on the other hand, was torn between scolding her and taking her out for ice cream! We do not have the money to "entertain" our kids as much as we used to, and as a result of the control, we have talked more and played more card and board games. The best part is I have not had to ask anyone 3 times to set the table before turning into a wild banshees to break the hypnotic spell! We have so many expensive gadgets available that preoccupy our time and our children's time these days. Now, I have been accused of looking at the world in a "polly-anna-kind-a-way", but as part of God's plan, this might be an opportunity to get our priorities straight and to realize what is important. When it all comes down to it, this is an opportunity for all of us, both friends in Christ and families, to rally together and make the best out of those things we can't necessarily control. What is wrong is always available. We need to rejoice and center our thought on what's right.

God has consistently humbled me lately and shown me, what is truly important in my life, and it has nothing to do with money. I have a dear friend that at the age of 51, has been battling anal cancer for 3 ½ years. As I write this, she is struggling to take her final breaths. Despite our financial problems or personal problems that seem huge at times, my friend Trish and her family would take any and all of them to have their mother and wife live long enough to see her grandchildren. If we choose to get our news from the news stations, talk radio, or internet, the negative forces that want to control our thoughts will too gobble us up. After all, we are whom we hang around and who we choose to listen to.

My plea is this...this holiday season, surround yourself with the good news of Jesus, and spread that joy around like manure! When someone asks you how things are going, tell them "GREAT!" with such a smile that they will be dying to find out why things are so good! People are searching for something, anything to be excited about this Christmas...we have the opportunity to share with them that God's love for us does not waiver with the economy and that even in bleak times, we can rejoice knowing that He is in control. We have a choice daily to

not only tell people, but also show them how God has saved us from much more terrible circumstances than what we face today. Use this time to get closer to those around you. Reach out to others less fortunate. In addition, if anyone would like Josie's services with your T.V. control, please let me know!

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## Get to know me

By Ute Galloway



Sharron McCargar

*God has pointed Sharron McCargar out to me about two weeks ago as the person he wanted me to interview for this month's issue. It took until Thanksgiving Sunday that I finally approached her. She is a very quiet person; however, God picked her because he knew what I found out. She is very special with a enormous gift of mercy and a want to be able to serve were she is needed.*

Ute: How long have you been coming to Trinity?

Sharron: I started to come here since 1996 after my second husband passed away. My sister is a pastor's wife and she comes to Florida for vacation. She told me to go and try this church first; Pastor Dave was already here at that time. I was very impressed, and loved the music. Let me tell you a little bit about my past. My first husband was the father of my three sons. He died when he was 33 years old, and I was 30. I finished my college degree and worked as a caseworker in the juvenile county court. It was very rewarding work. I oversaw foster homes, neglected children, and I worked

with in- family adoption. (That means that one spouse would adopt another's spouses' children.) I also was raising my own three sons, which were all 3 years apart

Ute: When you came here in 1991, did you get involved in any missions?

Sharron: I tried to get involved in missions, I wanted to go to Guatemala, but I have a health condition, which prevents me from going to any Third World Country.

Ute: What about local missions or ministries?

Sharron: I am looking for something I can get involved in, now that my third husband has passed away. He was Dick McCargar and had needed many assistance in the last 3 years of the year. I participated in NDY now, and I would like to do something simple, something in service. I would love to go and visit new people in our church and pray with them. I also would not mind getting involved in Hospice care. I started last year to look at the group and the class you have to take, however I could not do it since I am only here part time of the year, and I would have missed half the classes. I am going to look into it soon. It was a service that Dick had done for a number of years before his illness. He continued to serve them until his physical illness ruled it out.

Ute: You know that Rosaline Bennett works together with hospice? How long are you here for every year?

Sharron: I am in Michigan from April to October, and then in Florida from October to April. It is in Ionia, Mi where I graduated from High school and two of my three sons live close by. It is good to be close to these close time friends and family.

Ute: Do you belong to a church up North?

Sharron: Yes, I belong to a First United Methodist Church up North. It is the church of my childhood, my parents and grandparents belonged to the same church.

Ute: Are you involved in any ministries up there?

Sharron: Yes, I am involved in the UMW, the United Methodist woman's group. It is sometimes hard, just when I get involved in something and have my teeth sunk into something it is time to leave.

Ute: When did you come to Christ?

Sharron: I do not remember ever not being without Christ. I was introduced to Christ by the time I went to the church's nursery school. The one event I do remember was with a girlfriend of mine in high school. I was never really close to her, but I always

liked her. She belonged to a born again Christian church. I was over by her house one day and her mother talked to me about if I was born again. I said: "Born again what is that?" She ended up praying with me and then I went home and thought about that a lot. It was then that I verbalized acceptances of Christ as a savior.

I matured a lot when I got older and it really helped to have a sister who is a pastor's wife. I also was very blessed that all three of my husbands were Christians so when they passed away I knew that they are with God in heaven.

Ute: Do you have a favorite song?

Sharron: Not a favorite song, but I do have a favorite verse. It is a verse, which I memorized in pre-school. It is John 3:16 <sup>6</sup> "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. My biological father died when I was 4 years old, I'm sure that the impact of such a beautiful verse helped best I got much older.

Ute: Do you have any advice for a young woman?

Sharron: Life is full of surprises around the corner, which you do not expect to happen, but just trust the Lord he will work it out. Also, do not be shy to ask for help, go to your Pastor or a spiritual friend, God has an answer for everything you need.

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## **International Cuisine.**

### **Corn Casserole**

#### **Send in Rosalie Bennett**

When we had our Tuesday night last supper, Rosalie brought in this dish. It was so yummy that I decided not only to get this for my family, but also to share it with all of you!

1 can cream corn

1 can whole kernel corn, drained

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1 tsp. sugar

8 oz. sour cream at room temperature

1 stick (1/2 cup) melted butter

1 box Jiffy Cornbread mix (8 1/2 oz.)

Mix all but cornbread mix together. Add cornbread mix and stir well. Pour into greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes. (I sometimes add crushed Tostitos crumbs to top of casserole before baking for color.) Bon appetite!

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## **From the left field**

**Submitted to the Christian Joke site by Richard L. Kuhn, Jr**

A little boy, who wanted \$100.00 very badly, prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write GOD a letter requesting \$100.00. When the postal authorities received the letter to GOD, U.S.A., they decided to send it to the President. The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the boy \$5.00. Mr. President thought that this would appear to be a lot of money to the little boy. The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 and immediately sat down to write a thank you note to GOD that read: "Dear God, Thank you very much for sending me the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington, D.C., and, as usual, those devils deducted \$95.00.

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## **Favorite Verse**

### **John 14: 15 - 21**

<sup>16</sup>"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another helper, that He may be with you forever

<sup>17</sup>that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

<sup>19</sup>"After a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also.

<sup>20</sup>" In that day you will know that I am in My Father and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup>" He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

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## **Editor's Comments**

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### **Passage John 13:34:**

<sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.