

*A HOUSE OF PRAYER  
FOR ALL PEOPLE*

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Late winter beauty
- Pictures of activities around church
- Birthdays and Anniversaries for December
- Anniversary of fellowship hall

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## 2014 In Pictures

I thought we would just take a look back into 2014 at some of the goings on in and around the church.

Above: An early April wet snow (about 6-7 inches) made a beautiful sight for just a few hours until it warmed up and melted almost completely by noon.

Right: Liz Reed visited for prayer meeting on December 3. It was quite a surprise to see her again. She brought along Theodorick who is nine months old and crawling.

Liz said that Derek is in Washington, D.C. at Walter Reed Hospital for some training. In several months they will be moving to Fort Bliss, Texas for a tour there. Liz and Derek stay in touch by phone every night even having devotions by phone.



  
**Our Financially  
Supported Missionaries**

Dave & Ninette Cox  
 Fred & Grace Ely  
 Bob & Carol Evaul  
 Alec & Tammy Harrison  
 Dick & Sara Hart  
 Hazel Neddo

**Our Prayer Supported Missionaries**

Mark & Candy Garrett  
 David & Marcia Jones  
 Reginald Lisemby

**December Anniversaries**

December 10—Gwen and Bill Molloy  
 December 30—Karin and Jack Traylor

**December Nursery Schedule**

December 7—Melinda Evaul & Myriam Heron  
 December 14—Jim and Shari Dvorak  
 December 21—Charlotte Blake and Mark or Mo Davis  
 December 28—Raymond Weaver and Linda Lane

If you are available to help, please contact Melinda so that she can add you to the list. We will seldom have children for the nursery since Laura Hubbard and her children are going to a church in Hixson. Keith is now attending church with them at a church much closer to where they live. We will continue to post a nursery schedule in case we have the need in the future. Please check on your day to see if there is a need for your help that day.

**November and December Birthdays**

November 1—Karin Traylor  
 November 4—Mo Davis  
 November 6—Jim Shelley  
 November 7—Betty Ray  
 November 15—Elaine Jackson  
 November 29—Robert Patterson & Cathy Wright  
 December 1—Mark Davis  
 December 9—Grayson Davis  
 December 16—Phil Evaul  
 December 20—Laura Hubbard  
 December 28—Mike Metzger



At Left: Memorial Day is a time to remember our veterans and their sacrifices.

At Right: Mike Metzger talks things over with Conrad at the Easter morning brunch. Laura carries juice to her children.



# Phil's Corner — Phil Evaul

## Faith Lessons from a Chair

Across the room from me there is a chair. The chair says nothing, but it teaches me a few things about faith. Specifically, four 'levels' of faith, four stages of commitment. If that doesn't quite make sense, let me go ahead and explain.

I know that this chair is safe to sit on because:

1. I understand the principle of screws and glue holding pieces of wood together. I know that some designer has crafted a piece of furniture that is made to hold the weight of reclining people. I know that manufacturers have made glue and screws strong enough to make this designer's concept a reality.

And here's the first 'level' of faith, the first stage of commitment. My understanding of the concept of wood, glue and screws is much like my understanding of the essentials of Christianity. I know "The Four Spiritual Laws" (you don't? Well, let me explain them to you sometime!). I know "The Romans Road" (I'd love to take a walk with you along that road, too!). I know the principles of the Gospel and how salvation works.

That's all well and good, but that's only the first stage. I may know all about the chair, but I haven't yet sat in it. My commitment is only superficial. I know about the Gospel, but I'm not committed yet. Time to move on to the next stage.

2. I know the chair is safe to sit in because I have seen others -many of them larger and heavier than I- sit in this chair without catastrophe. I surmise from their experience that the chair will be safe for me to park on as well.

This is an illustration for our second 'level' of faith. I can see what faith in Christ has done for others. I can see their deep, settled joy in spite of trying circumstances. I can see their peace in times of trouble. I can see their assurance in the face of an uncertain future. In a word, I can see how their relationship with Jesus has changed them.

Could an uncommitted observer see these things in you? Has knowing Jesus made any difference in your life? If someone is thinking about committing himself to Jesus, will they see anything in you that would encourage them?

Seeing Christians live out their faith is all well and good, but that doesn't make me a Christian any more than watching good movies makes me an actor. So let's move on to the third stage.

3. I feel confident to sit on the chair because I trust that no one is sadistic enough to have tampered with the chair - loosened the screws or dissolved the glue-- just to get some kind of perverted pleasure out of watching me crash to the floor in a heap.

Now that I've planted that idea in your heads, I suspect that there may be some of you who will do just that, with a video camera ready for a juicy clip to go on UTube.

But I don't believe that God is a practical joker. I believe that generally God is reliable, that He tells the truth. God is

not deceiving me about the Gospel. He is not leading me down the wrong road concerning salvation.

So I've made some progress since that first 'level.' I've moved from ideas and principles and knowledge about objects, to a more personal knowledge. I'm thinking about Jesus as a person, not as a mere religion or philosophy. But I'm not 'there' yet, because there's a vast difference between knowing *about* Jesus, and knowing Jesus. For that, I must press on to the fourth stage.

4. Knowing the chair is strong, and seeing others sit safely on it, and trusting those who lead me to the chair, I then take the all-important action of full commitment: I actually sit down! Up till now it's just been words and ideas. Now it's time for action. Now it's time to plunk myself on the seat -and lo and behold, I find it safe, and comfortable to boot!

It's great to know about Jesus, to know how the Gospel works, to know your way around the Bible, to know those stories you heard in Sunday School. Now the time has come for you to go ahead and commit to what you have seen and known. Or rather, to *Whom* you have come to know. Be brave enough to move on from ideas and words, and throw yourself at the mercy of a God who wants only your good, not your downfall.

*"He who did not spare His own son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32)*

Right now, tell Jesus -the *person* not the concept- that you're ready to commit to Him, you're ready to follow Him and get to know Him, you're ready for Him to direct your life.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Prov. 3:5-6)*

Chloe DeRosset was all smiles at the Thanksgiving supper.



## Fellowship Hall Wing Celebrates 47 Years of Service

The fellowship hall wing of the church turned forty-seven years old on November 3, 2014. The addition has been a tremendous asset to the church over the years. Construction actually ended by the end of June, 1967 in time for Carey and Elaine Jackson's wedding in July; however, the dedication service was not held until November 3.

On that day the service was held at 3:00 PM with Pastor Dr. Irving Jensen presiding. Others who spoke that day included elders Nelson Martin, L.G. Coulter, and Addison Downey. Addison was very instrumental in the church being able to keep its property and building when it withdrew from the presbytery. Addison was an elder in 1925 when the church was built, and he reminded the presbytery that they had provided no funds whatsoever for the construction of the sanctuary and basement, and the church had secured construction money through Elder K.F. Johnson who was also president of Dayton Bank and Trust Company.

There was a very large crowd of members and former members present for the dedication service that day.

Front row: Dr. Irving L. Jensen, Pastor and Elder Addison Downey.  
Back row: George Blake, Roy McDonald, Nelson Martin, and L.G. Coulter.



At left: Bob Hay gives one of his horses exercise in their area for exercising them. Bob and Rachel have several horses in their pasture. They recently held a house warming, and many of the church family attended and saw their beautiful home.

Bottom left: Alec and Tammy Harrison recently visited the church during their furlough this year. In addition, Sarah and Dick Hart visited several weeks prior to that.

Below: Myriam Heron recently lost her brother to sudden heart attack. Pictured below are Myriam and her brother Yvon last year in the south of France when Myriam was attending Yvon's son's wedding.



# Thanksgiving Banquet Was As Good As Always



Above: Caitlynn, Shelby, and Shelby's friend, Tyler were all smiles. Below: David and Linda Lane.

Curtis and Elaine played Let Me Call You Sweetheart. Barbara Molloy had a good time. Glen played a few musical numbers



Left: Roger shares a moment with Caitlynn. Alice's sister Diane and her husband Scott Hale enjoyed the meal and entertainment.

## Church News and Prayer Requests

The parking lot remains in bad condition as negotiations continue with the insurance company for the water company. They rejected the claim even though an engineer determined that the damage was caused by the burst water main several months ago.

Jim and Shari have just returned from a trip to Iowa to visit family there. Jim had a birthday just a little before they left, and his present from Shari was a tuba which Jim looks forward to playing.

Phil and Melinda went to visit Phil's mother in North Carolina during Thanksgiving weekend. Phil reports that they had a very nice visit with his mother. She is not in the best of health.

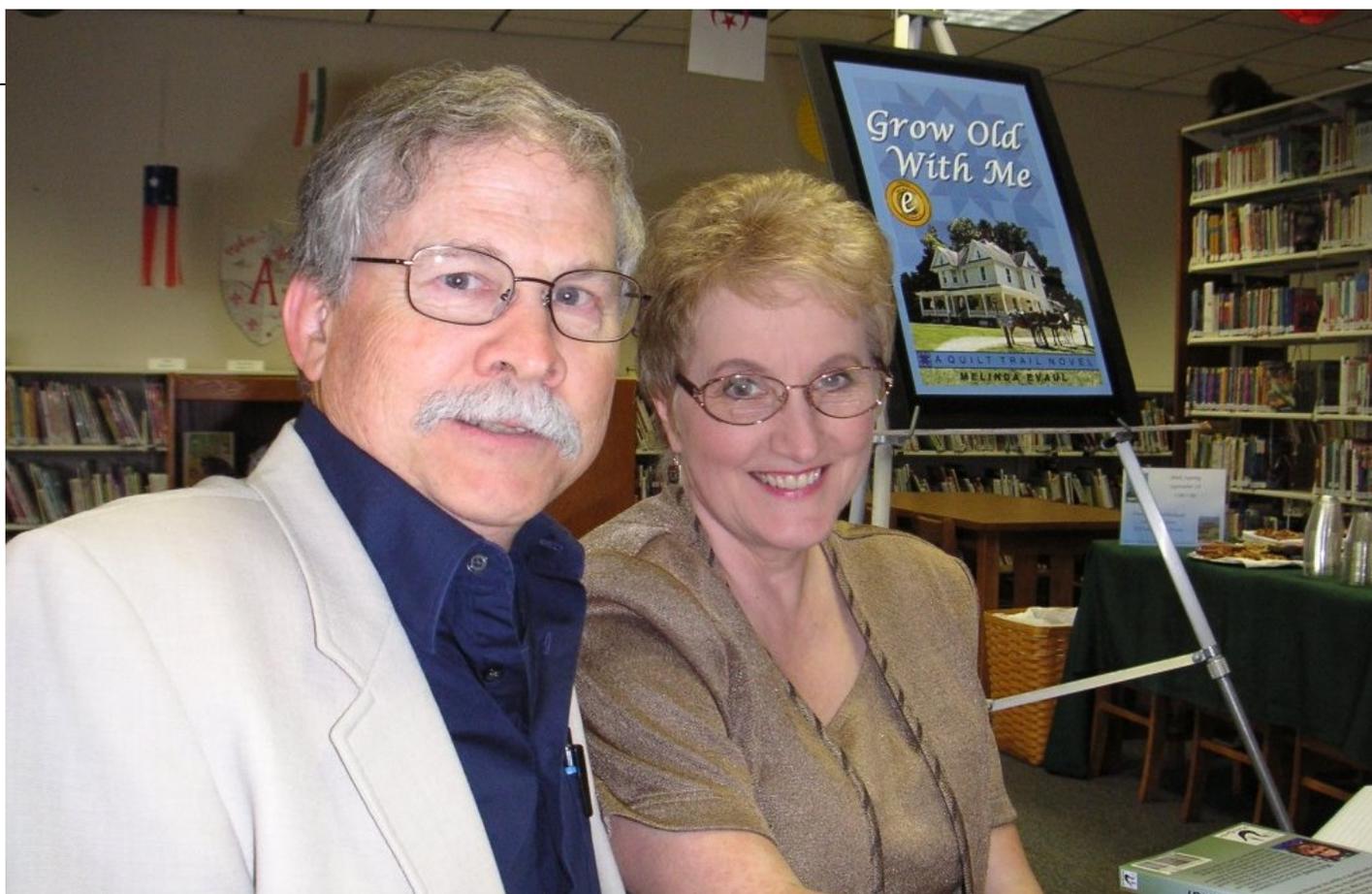
The Thanksgiving supper was a success once again. There were several people unable to attend because of health issues. Alice was not there nor was Chris and George and Charlotte. Charlotte was having back problems, and George stayed home to be with her. Alice is still having trouble with shingles which she has had now for almost two months, plus she recently had surgery on her toe as well. June, Mary, Betty, Nancy, Robert, and Marlene were not able to attend as well. Attendance was off this year; however, as always we had plenty of food and good fellowship for everyone who was there.

Roger and Chris went to Dallas, Texas this past week to visit Chris' parents who live there. They left on Wednesday and drove the whole 800 miles in one day and returned on Sunday, getting home around 9:30 PM. It was good that Chris was able to make the trip.

Plans are being made to do some renovation on the kitchen including the replacement of the stoves and the installation of a dish washer for events like the Thanksgiving supper.

Patti Iles fell in her house after tripping over an electrical cord. Please keep Patti in your prayers as she recovers from the fall.

Marlene Patterson has been back to church recently. We are glad that she is feeling better and that she and Robert are once again able to join us for church.



Phil and Melinda are pictured at a book signing that took place at the Dayton Library in September. If you have not purchased copies of their books, be sure to do so soon.

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