



Expecting More Great Things to Happen . . . “Always Looking Up”

The title printed above comes from a recent book by Michael J. Fox. I've been reading this intriguing autobiography of this gifted actor, devoted father and Parkinson's patient. I recommend this excellent book to you for a look into the life of one who has experienced the highs and lows of life.

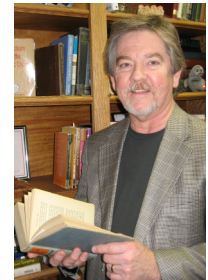
“Always Looking Up” is, in some respects, a parallel thought to the title of *this monthly article*. In no way will I, nor can I, compare my journey of life to that of a ‘Michael J. Fox’. However, there *are* a couple of similarities.

First, there is Michael's *sense of humor*. While watching Michael on television and the silver screen, one comes away with the gift of laughter. He can turn a question or mere statement into a political platform or an introspective view of life (hence, “Back to the Future”, Part I, II, & III).

Laughter is that sublime gift that breaks down all kinds of barriers, and propels us into a world of joy and release of pent up emotions. Laughter triggers the child-like-ness in us. We are free to ‘be’ in the moment.

Secondly, “Always Looking Up” *expands our thinking*. In other words, there is so much more to experience than just the *now*. Michael J. Fox has taken a difficult situation (Parkinson's Disease) and come to terms with his physical limitations, only to realize there is more to his existence than just PD. His journey has brought more meaning to his life and for others.

I Timothy 6:17 says: “*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*” We are on a spiritual journey, so enjoy the experience.



Paul

We welcome our newest members



Bobby and Faye Bethea transferred their membership to Highland on Sunday, May 29th. The Betheas have been worshipping with us and attending Sunday School since February. They come to us from the Calvary Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas. Bobby and Faye live at 8 Hillington Circle and can be contacted at 876-8892. The Betheas also bring with them their three-year-old grandson, Tony. Please help make Bobby, Faye and Tony welcome in the Highland Church Family.

“Jesus promised His disciples three things: they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.”

G. K. Chesterton

Check out the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall to read the article written by Stephanie Hole who is serving in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Korea.

Stephanie certainly “blooms where she is planted.” We are proud of Stephanie who is a wonderful example of Christianity at work!

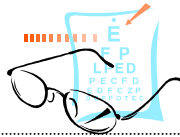
Disciples Women

The Spring Fling this year will be Saturday June 11, 11:30am at Bella Vista Country Club. All ladies of the church are invited.

Disciples Women's summer retreat this year will be July 22-24 at Subiaco. Retreats are always spiritually uplifting and refreshing. Our baskets are ready! Please sign up to go — the more the merrier!. Scholarships are available too. See or call Carolyn Walker for forms.

Bella Vista Lions Club could use your clean egg cartons. Please leave in the kitchen for pick up on Sunday or Monday. Your used eye glasses would also be appreciated.

Thanks, Charles Beam, Merrell Denning.



OUTREACH REPORT

We are being offered the opportunity to become a Global Mission Church and to have direct contact with a missionary in a foreign country. We could choose a family or be assigned one in the country of our choice.

This would mean getting all groups in our church family involved, including the men's group, women's group, the singles group, the Sunday School classes, and even individuals who might be interested to keep in contact with the missionary as often as they wished. We would also send them the VISION and any general letters to the church family. And we would let our missionary family know that they would be remembered in prayer every day.

If you would like our church family to have this special relationship with a missionary family, let one of the Church Board members know. The Church Board would have to start the action before it comes to the congregation,

Your Outreach Ministry

Address Changes:

Lorna Lewis—322 Concordia Dr., Mayfair Bldg.
Bella Vista, AR 72715
Wendall & Lou Tull—Buckner Villas Apt. 328,
1110 Tom Adams Dr., Austin, TX 78753

Flag Day

Flag Retirement Ceremony

At the beautiful Bella Vista Veterans Wall of Honor

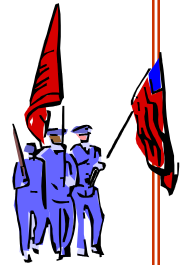
TIME: 6:00 Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Patriotic Music provided by the 106th U.S. Army Band

The Veterans Honor Guard of Bella Vista will present the Colors and fire three volleys. Event is free to all.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 341 of Bella Vista.

If you have an American Flag and would like to retire it, please bring it along.



CHURCH AT PRAYER

Are we a praying Church? Every other Wednesday morning beginning at 9am, John Robertson leads us in an up-to-date prayer session. We need more members to pray with us. It's a most meaningful experience to know that there are those of us who meet together to pray for our needy church members, for family and friends of our members, for our service-men/women, and situations in our world. Come join us on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 at 9am.

Congratulations —Pat Waynick has announced her marriage! Following their June 18 ceremony in Illinois, she and Jerry will make their home here in the Village.

Patricia Ann Waynick and Gerald Damon Loch invite you to share in the joy when they exchange marriage vows and begin their new life together on Saturday, the eighteenth of June Two thousand and eleven at two o'clock in the afternoon Minooka United Methodist Church 205 Church St. Minooka, Illinois 60447

No Gifts Please

Happy Wedding

Quotes from Our Daily Bread:

"Those who love and serve God on earth will be right at home in heaven."

"Be a bridge of encouragement to someone today."

"Jesus has invited you to spend eternity in the New Jerusalem. Have you made your reservation?"

David Jeremiah

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Church Family:

Harriet Strickler; Ardeth Ticknor; David Tropansky; Rex Tolle; Bessie Brown; Walt Shearer; Joe & Lorene Beggs; Sue Ronald; Howard Eliason; Jerry Smith; Mary Middleton

Extended Family & Friends:

Bill Green (Lila Hole's nephew); Mark & Cheyenne Hoefler (Middleton's son & granddaughter); Dennis Wingness (ALS, Magaard's son-in-law); Donna Ahrens; April (Pat Waynick's niece); George Longnecker (brother of Jerry); Chase Close (MD, Hudson's nephew); Cliff Kuhn (heart, neighbor of Jerry & Rose Smith); Angie (Carolyn Walker's daughter-in-law and family); Susie Dupil (Bergin's daughter); Seth Carlson (Judy Smith's son); Dan Peniston (Lila Hole's brother); Andrew Welch (Alice Rose's grandson).

Fighting Cancer:

Ruth Waller (Hole); Wylie Norred (Nottingham); Mary Wegert (Seal); Bob Magaard (Bill's brother); Roy Ticknor (Ray's brother); Karel Bane (Jerry Johnson's sister); Elton Pennington, (Blake's brother); Kim (Jim Durant's niece); Jared Rose (Ellen Halbrook's grandson); George Geinzer (Middleton's nephew); Jack McCarthy (Middleton); Mike Kerutis (friend of Jay & Sue Nottingham); Faye Bethea's sister; Randolyn Haley (Tessmer's granddaughter).

Others:

Beth Van Becelaere, (RSDS—L. Hole's niece); Randy Wilson (L. Hole's nephew); Katrina Robisch (RSDS); Wilda Seaman (Walker); Evelyn Key (Meadows in Bentonville).

Serving our Country:

Stephanie Hole—US Air Force, Okinawa (Brian & Tracy Hole's daughter); Brad Undiano—Army Afghanistan (Walt Shearer's grandson); Robert Mantell, Jr.—US Coastguard (Lorna Lewis' grandson); and Rodney Boyum—US Navy, Afghanistan (Robertson's son-in-law).

I'M LOST—HELP!

A lovely silver ring with a very light blue stone was left in the Women's restroom at our early service on Easter morning. It needs its owner.

IS IT YOU? Check it out in the church office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need several people to sign up as occasional nursery attendants (see Judy Smith) and Sunday School teachers (see Carolyn Walker).

Our children need you!

Free - Fit and Fun Fair - 6/4/11 (9-1) Presentations, Exhibitors, Drawings, Kid's Activities, Snacks and more!!

"The best is yet to be." John Wesley

June Calendar

- June 1 Prayer Group—9:00am
- June 1 Choir at 6:30 — MEN ONLY
- June 4 "Fit & Fun" - Fellowship Hall 9:00am to 1:00pm
- June 4 Helping Hands— noon to 4:00pm
- June 8 Bible study — 10:00am
- June 11 Disciples Women Spring Fling—Country Club 11:30
- June 12 Elders meet at 8:15am
- June 12 **Pentecost Sunday**
- June 13 Board meets at 6:00pm
- June 14 Flag Retirement BV Veterans Wall of Honor—6:00pm
- June 15 Prayer Group meets at 9:00am
- June 19 Father's Day Picnic at Metfield—noon
- June 20 Brown Bag lunch at noon
- June 21 First Day of Summer
- June 22 Bible Study at 10:00am
- June 26 Elders meet at 8:15am
- June 28 Christian Singles meet at 5:30pm



Note: Only male choir members meet June 1, 8, 15
NO CHOIR REHEARSAL ON THE 22ND.
ALL CHOIR MEMBERS THE 29TH

Game Day - First & Third Thursdays at 1:00 pm
Choir Practice - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Bible Study - Alternate Wednesdays (June 8 & 22)) at 10:00am
Prayer Group - Alternate Wednesdays (June 1, 15, 29) 9:00 am
Golf on Fridays - Schedule posted in Disciples Hall

God, give me the discernment to care about hearts and souls rather than stereotypes and appearances."
Joshua Sundquist

May Average Attendance

Sanctuary Worship	93
Church School	49
Children's Worship	4

May Income (Preliminary)

General Fund Offerings (Includes Church School)	.....\$13,220
Special Offerings (Easter & Wk of Compassion)	.....200
Building Fund (includes principal)	.....2,284
Other Income (Includes Memorials & In-kind Gifts)	.....335
Total May Income as of	.....\$16,039

May Expense (Preliminary)

Operations (includes personnel)	.....\$10,504
Building Mortgage (principal & interest)	.....2,305
Building Expenses (including quarterly insurance)	.....1,350
Outreach (Includes Church School)	.....2,267
Total May Expense	.....\$16,426

Pastor—Paul Seal
 Music Director—John Robertson
 Pastor Emeritus—Bill Keller
 Sunday Church School—9:00 am
 Worship Service—10:30 am



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RECYCLING - TAKE NOTE



PLEASE RINSE OUT your aluminum cans before bringing them to church. **AND** they should be placed outside the fence at the rear of the children's play area — not in the kitchen!



Pat Vance, Church custodian, opened a bag with "soda cans," and was greeted by hundreds of ANTS. The ants were even crawling up the wall! Imagine what the kitchen would be like if Pat had not found them. Remember, the church RECYCLES ONLY aluminum cans! Newspapers, office paper, magazines, etc. should be taken to the BV Recycling Center. Thanks for helping keep our kitchen clean and for sharing with our Disciples' Men & Women Groups.

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MUSICAL NOTES FROM JOHN

Thanks to all who participated in the Memorial Day weekend salute to our veterans. Thanks to Forrest Strickler who coordinates the troops, always provides the special service flags, and "Taps."

Earlier in May, twelve members of our Choir participated in the National Day of Prayer service—a special thank you to all of them for their participation in special rehearsals and the actual service.

Thanks to Pastor Paul for arranging this year's service held at the Community Church. The Choir members enjoyed dessert at our last rehearsal on May 25th.

We are now entering our Summer Choir season (June 12th). When you (members of the congregation) are asked to "sing" with us on Sunday mornings, please say "yes!"

Until next time, John



Sermon Titles for June 2011

Series for June: "The Meaning of Advocacy"

- June 5 **"Christ Paid Our Debt"**
I John 2: 1-7
- June 12 **"Christ Turns Darkness to Light"**
I John 2: 8-11
- June 19 **"Listen, Fathers to Your Instructions"**
I John 2: 12-17
- June 26 **"Children, You Have an Advocate in Christ"**
I John 2: 18-29

We Welcome Our Visitors

May 1st—Bella Vista: Bob & Carolyn Hodges; Norvil & Joann Lantz; Herb & Bab Thomas; Les & Janice Bland; Tom & Alice Carroll; Smithville, MO: Donice Ratliff.
 May 8th—Bella Vista: Jean Anderson; Les & Janice Bland; Tony Martinez; Bob & Carolyn Hodges; Lees Summit, MO: Carl &

Helen Favre; Paron, AR: Leslie & Wyatt Mosley; Benton, AR: Amos Steele; North Little Rock, AR: Terra Silverman; Colorado Springs, CO: Lynnette Stout; Chesterton, MD: Dianne Thrasher.
 May 15th—Bella Vista: Herb & Babs Thomas; Les & Janice Bland; Tony Martinez; Norvil & Joann Lantz; Sonny Wright; Nebraska: Jim & Lois Hough.

May 22nd—Bella Vista: Les & Janice Bland; Tony Martinez; Bob & Carolyn Hodges; Norvil & Joann Lantz.
 May 29th—Bella Vista: Bob & Jean Raines; Herb & Babs Thomas; Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Hine; Peg Corcoran; Joe Sartorius; Bob & Nancy Bumgardner; Les & Janice Bland; Baytown, TX: John F. Thomas; Seabrook, TX: Elizabeth Reaves