

THE AGAPIAN

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The Lord among the gods

One of my favorite chorus/praise songs comes from Exodus, chapter 15, verse 11: "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord among the gods? Who is like unto Thee, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

I pondered that verse: Why would Moses include other gods with God? Are other gods real? Who are the other gods? Other gods are real, but they are not the God, the Creator. They are not God, the First Cause. I love the study of theology because in my opinion, it alone explains the origin of the universe. Something has to be eternal. Something has to have no beginning. Humans believe that it is either God or matter. But logically, matter could not have simply snapped into being. Something greater than matter, something with the power of God, something above the natural elements, something *supernatural* had to have started all of this. To me, it is easier to believe in eternal God than it is to believe in eternal matter. And nature itself bears witness to this with the science of the big bang theory. We can trace a beginning of our universe to a fixed point in time. But what was before that? Did it just start on its own? Or did God create it?

Logic tells me that something greater than matter must be the first cause.

And I love this chorus because it directs me toward the worship of God. There is none like God. God is perfect, just and loving. I spent last week on vacation at

the ocean. Every time I witnessed the changing tides, I remembered that God set the boundaries of the seas. When I gazed at the night sky and saw the stars, I remembered that God calls every one of them by name. When I tried to get the ever present sand off my feet and off of my hotel floor, I remembered that God knows just exactly how much sand there is. More than anything, as I sat in the early morning sun doing my devotions, I was constantly reminded of God's unconditional love for me.

Who is like God? No one! And God loves us!

-Pastor Phil

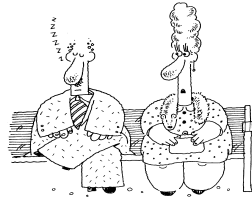


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Senior Moments

The next Senior Moments meeting is on **Wednesday, September 3rd** at **12:00 noon**. Bring a covered dish to share! Also, please bring a small old/antique item to our noon gathering. This could be something you or a family member used.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks to those who support Agape's Sunday School program by their leadership and attendance each week. The following people were faithful in attending 10 of the 12 weeks (special speaker from Bethany on May 4) from April - June. TJ Musser, Daniel Musser, Joyce Musser, Joan Sievers, Dean Musser, Jack Green, Gene Wort, Chuck Morris, and Becky Morris. Attending 8-9 weeks during the spring quarter were: Beth Green, Kathy Reynolds, Mary Jo Wort, Phil Reynolds, and Dave Shipe.

The children and youth will be starting a new curriculum by Brethren Press called "SHINE, Living in God's Light" in September. Leadership for this group is needed if you are interested in working with this multi-age group, and helpers are always welcome. See Becky M if you would like to help in any way with the children's program. Thanks to Joyce for faithfully leading the children through the summer months!

DIAPERS FOR BABY HALE

Ladies and young girls, join us September 28 for a diaper shower for Lauren Hale. Invitations have been put in your mailbox but if you were missed, let Judy or Beth know. A salad luncheon will be provided in the fellowship hall after worship service. Please sign up in the narthex your intentions to be there.

Lauren requests no Newborn size diapers. (Colton weighed 10 pounds.) If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, a table will be provided in the narthex beginning September 21 for your gift.

We would also like for you to provide us with your baby picture before September 21. Please be sure to identify the baby; photos can be snapshots or professionally done. It will be fun to try to identify each baby.



The Stewards will be hosting a work morning at the church on **September 5** following the men's breakfast.



Celebrating Grandparents

By: Joyce Musser

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Read more at:

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Sept. 7 is National Grandparent's Day. It began in the U.S., now it's an international holiday! 2014 is the 36th year to honor all the irreplaceable loving grandparents around the world. This special day always falls on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

"While we try to teach our grandchildren about life, our grandchildren teach us what life is all about." Dale and Shirley Anderson have six grandchildren, ages 20 – 26. The cousins love to hear stories of when Dale and Shirley were kids. Having lived through the rationing of foods, gas, and leather (for shoes) during WW II, Shirley recalled a neighbor, Mrs. Moon, whose son was a soldier. When it was announced the war was over, Mrs. Moon ordered 9 yr. old Shirley to run up and down the street ringing a cow bell and yelling the war had ended! The Andersons try to stress the value of family TRADITIONS. They are grateful to have the whole gang gather every Sunday night at their home for "snackies" like popcorn and apples, or cheese and crackers, and always a yummy dessert made with LOVE by Grandma!

"The most precious jewels you'll ever have around your neck are the arms of your grandchildren." Ron and Diana Spurgeon have three granddaughters; ages 3, 2, & 20 months. Diana's parents were not close by when their three children were growing up, so it is a real treat for the Spurgeons to spend EXTRA TIME cuddling with these three little girls. Even Ron can often be caught dancing or playing princess with Evelyn, Noa, and Olivia! Diana enjoys unhurried trips to the zoo and having time to read extra books or play tag. She feels

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most grandparents seem to have more free time and have more PATIENCE with their precious grandbabies.

“Without grandchildren, my house would be clean and my wallet would be fuller, but my heart would be empty.” Janis Burroughs has 9 grandkids and 8 great grands. Family is the #1 PRIORITY for Janis. She looks forward to visits from those special folks and they definitely look forward to spending time together SHARING special meals made by the hands of a special Grandma.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the grandparents for being dependable anchors in this ever changing world! WE HONOR YOU!!!

A grandmother was preparing pancakes for her grandsons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their grandmother saw this as an opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus was sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.’” Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus.”

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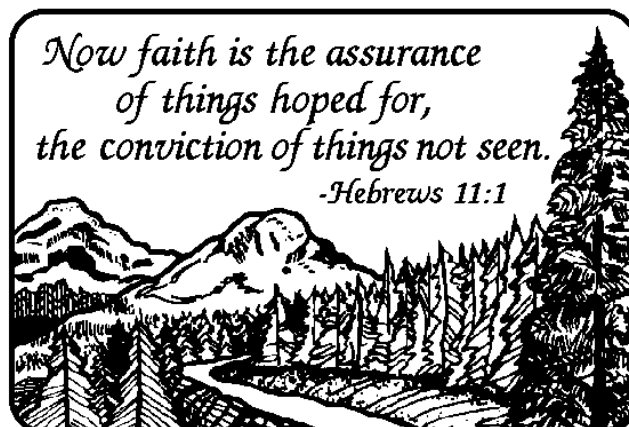
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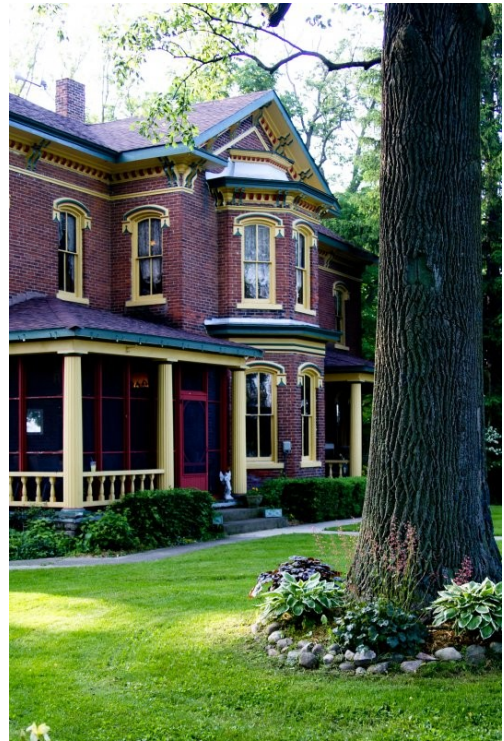
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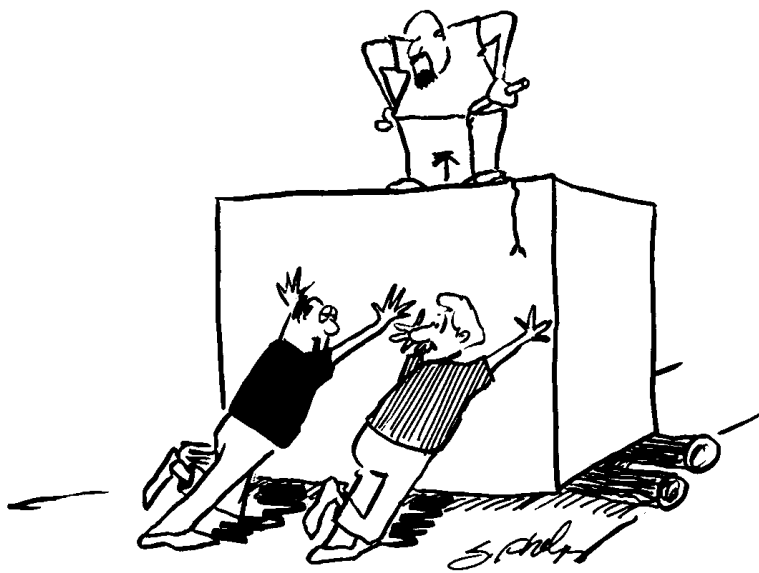
Attention: AGAPE WOMEN
You are Invited to a TEA PARTY
Where: Kimmell House Inn
1397 N. US 33
Kimmell, Indiana
When: October 4, 2014 @ 12:30 p.m.

Come to enjoy a lovely lunch at a historical elegant Victorian Bed & Breakfast. The cost for the Tea Party will be \$14.95 plus tax. If you would like to invite a guest to the Tea Party, you are welcome to do so. A sign up sheet will be posted on the white board in the Narthex. If you have any questions or would like to carpool, see Vicki Welch or Becky Morris.

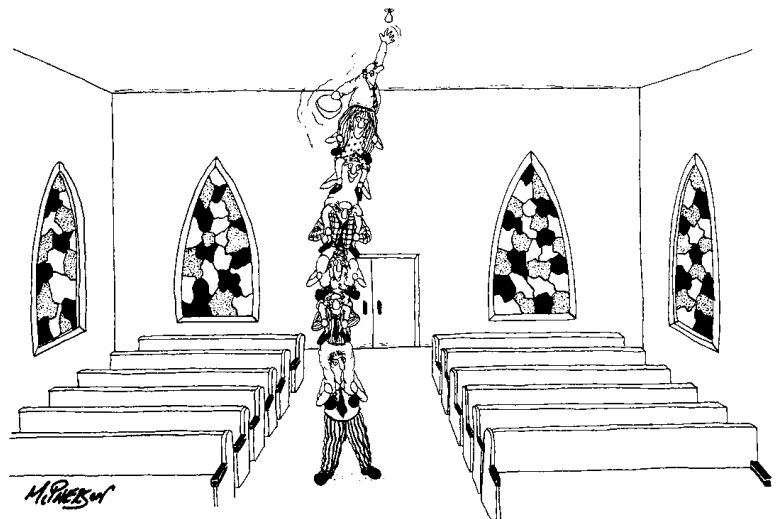


The BVS-ers made it!





"This is the last time I volunteer to serve on the building committee!"



Changing that pesky light in the sanctuary required a team effort by members of the congregation.

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Calendar coming soon



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**GOD IS SPEAKING TO ALL OF US ALL THE TIME.
THE QUESTION IS NOT, TO WHOM DOES GOD TALK?
THE QUESTION IS, WHO LISTENS?**

**Don't think of the things you didn't get
after PRAYING.
Think of the countless blessings God gave
you without ASKING.**

**When you feel down,
look up. GOD IS THERE!**