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The New Providence Heritage Festival was well attended and very successful. Thanks to **all** that helped make it memorable!

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Friend To Friend

Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church

October 2011

The Question Behind the Question

by Justin Weber

QBQ is the acronym of a phrase coined by John Miller in his book, *The Question Behind the Question!* This short book is a great reminder that instead of pointing fingers we should all be lending a hand. Miller humorously points out, that often we ask the wrong questions which begin with “Who,” “Why,” or “When.”

“Who left the fellowship hall a mess?”
“Why are we not growing?”
“When will they get a new vision for our church?”

Questions which begin with “Why,” “When,” or “Who” and followed by a “they”, “them”, “we,” or “you” are not the best questions. These are questions about blaming, complaining and procrastination. They are also questions placing the needed action upon others allowing us to escape personal response-ability.

Miller suggests that better questions begin with “What” or “How” and are followed with the personal pronoun “I” and focus on action.

“What can I do to be a better Christian?”

“How can I make my church a more gracious fellowship?”

“How can I pray for you?”

“What can I do to reach out to lost people?”

“How can I help the pastor?”

“What is in my heart Lord, which needs your healing touch?”

These types of questions lead us to maturity as we take personal response-ability for ourselves, our Christian fellowship, our family, and even our workplace! Asking better questions helps us make better choices. Better choices make us much more productive in the kingdom. Jesus was a master at asking the right questions,

“Do you want to be well?” (John 5:6)
Or would you rather wallow in self-pity and play the victim?

“For who is greater, the one seated at a table or the one who serves?” (Luke 22:27) Spiritual consumer waiting to be spoon fed, or a servant?

“Do you love me? (John 21:16)
Or another?

“What are you looking for?” (John 1:38) Set your gaze on Christ, or disappointment will surely follow.

On January 20, 1961, John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address challenged our country by saying: “And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.” To put a paraphrase to Kennedy’s challenge: “And so my fellow believers: ask not what your church can do for you—ask what you can do for your church.”

Still learning to ask the right questions,

Pastor Justin



October is: Pastor Appreciation Month

“Justin has been such a special addition to our church. I really appreciate the ease at which you can talk with Justin and how he makes you feel so loved no matter what the situation is.”

“We are so thankful to have Justin and his family in our community! We appreciate his diligence in ministering and serving the people here and his devotion to the Lord. It is obvious in his messages and in his life that he is humbly seeking God’s direction and obediently carrying it out to challenge and inspire us. We especially are thankful for his challenges in God’s Word, which pervades all he does and says. Our family is challenged to meet the needs of people around us in part because we have a great leader’s example to follow. Happy Pastor Appreciation, Webers!”

“Thank you for your lovely family coming to Iowa! So appreciate your sermons!! Keep up the wonderful work!!!”

“Justin has been a tremendous blessing to us and many others in the wider community. We appreciate his ministry mindset and loving ways.”

“Justin, we appreciate you so much for your love and encouragement you share with us. Thank you for all your prayers and guidance. God has given you a beautiful voice, thank you for sharing. God Bless you and your family.”

-HCNP Congregation

Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week November 14-21



Demonstrating God’s love to hurting children in a tangible way by partnering with churches worldwide to deliver gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- 1** Use an empty shoe box (standard size). You can wrap the box (lid separately).
- 2** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child’s age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
- 3** Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

Suggestions:

School supplies, small toys, hygiene items, other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, watches, flashlights.

- 4** Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.
- 5** Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off at the church office.

Contact Evelyn Cook with questions.

Pack a shoe box with love, send it with prayer.

USFW

Be Still and Know

Thursday, October 6

1:30 p.m. in the HCNP Fellowship Hall

Program leader: Linda Garrison

Hostess: Alice Hadley

All women are invited to attend!

Remembering 9/11

Exactly ten years ago I was sitting at station #2 watching the events when our Captain told us something was going down in New York City. We were glued to the TV the rest of the day. When the towers fell I said aloud, “Does anyone have any idea how many firefighters just died?”

343 NYCFD members died that day which is also my badge number. So I have a real good reason to never forget the personnel that died that day.

Thank you for taking time to remember those who gave their lives on that fateful day.

Stacy Howell

Prayer and Praise

- Alan McDonald, w/ Peace Corps in Panama
- Those serving our country: Emely Shore and Wes Burnham
- Dan Whitehead family w/ MAF
- Providential Homes
- Quakerdale
- Family/friends in care facilities
- The ongoing Financial Peace classes
- Overseas missionaries
- Alex Boggess
- Safety for our farmers during harvest
- Ethel Martin
- State / Federal government leaders
- Life-altering decisions for Christ
- Struggling people blessed by the Love Fund
- For physical, emotional and spiritual healing
- Justin and family as they minister among us

October Nursery Schedule

- Oct. 2**
Jenn and Daniel Talbot
- Oct. 9**
Terry and Jane Beare
- Oct. 16**
Les and Kay Clampitt
- Oct. 23**
Ken and Evelyn Cook
- Oct. 30**
No supervised nursery



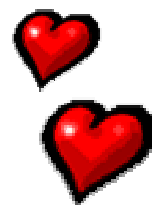
Book Club

The book club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 12 in the Fireside Room at 6:00 pm. Mary Humrichouse and Julie Burkett will be leading the discussion on this month's selection, *Caleb's Crossing*, by Geraldine Brooks. The book is available at local libraries, or used copies at Amazon.com. Six people attended our organizational meeting. We welcome anyone who loves reading and would like to become a part of our club. It's not too late to join!

H.O.M.E.

Hearts of Mothers Encouraged

We warmly invite you to join us for a mom's morning out!! Our format is fellowship and Bible study. 'Spiritual Simplicity' is our study this year.



We meet from 9:00—11:00 a.m. at Honey Creek New Providence Friends Church in New Providence. Feel free to invite a friend and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship.

Please call Mindy Hadley (641) 497-5239 with any questions and reservations for childcare.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Schedule:

Oct. 13	Dec. 8	Feb. 9	March 22
Oct. 27	Jan. 12	Feb. 23	April 12
Nov. 10	Jan. 26	March 8	April 26

The Bread of Life

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35


Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

Isaiah 55:2

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Missions Sunday 9:00 am Breakfast 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	6:30-9:30 am Community Breakfast	7:45 am Mothers of Adult Children Prayer 6:30 pm Financial Peace University Calvin Cook 	9:00 am Prayer w/ Justin 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Dillon Gast 	1:30 pm USFW		
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Friendly Fellowship

Tuesday, October 18

10:00 a.m.

This month we will gather at the Eldora United Methodist Church to learn the background and details of their beautiful wall sculpture. Spanning two of the walls in their east foyer, this inspirational work of art was created by Tom Moberg and depicts the story of Jesus Christ from the New Testament.

Tom Moberg was born in Austin, Texas. He grew up in the Midwest and attended Des Moines Technical High School. He began taking commercial art classes and was destined to work with his hands.

“I consider myself a landscape sculptor, possibly the only one in the world considering the uniqueness of the medium and the tools used. Never did I think that I would have an opportunity to express my natural art talent in such a great way.”



Plan to meet at the Methodist Church that morning for a time of reflection, as we visually follow Jesus from His birth to His resurrection. (Please use the east parking and entrance.)



God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the center,
feed us, equip us and having provided for us look to a different harvest,
a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others.

God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us
that our lives might bring glory to you.



Honey Creek Homecoming

Sunday, October 9, 11:00 a.m. Honey Creek Meeting House

Guest Speaker: Carl Kurtz

Carl is a master photographer, naturalist and prairie re-constructionist and has a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology. He taught natural history photography at Iowa State University for 14 years and has conducted numerous photography workshops throughout Iowa. Carl and his wife Linda live on their farm near St. Anthony. He is the author of *Iowa's Wild Places*.

Special music is being prepared as well as the traditional treat of sharing the abundant and delicious carry-in basket dinner to which everyone is invited. If you are unable to attend, there will be a time in the morning service when any correspondences are read. Please send any greetings or memories to the address below.

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 **Just for KIDS**

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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Pumpkin Prayer

The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (see Proverbs 1:7)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16)

