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“... One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ...”

Luke 17:15-17

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus is on his final journey towards Jerusalem. As he travels he continues to do what he was doing all along his earthly ministry, healing and teaching people. In this story we have ten lepers, who in Jesus time were rejected by society, and had to live outside of populated areas. While Jesus is passing by they cry to him for mercy, and Jesus responds by instructing them to go show themselves to the priests. To be allowed back among the general population, a priest had to certify that they are healed. The healing miracle happens, as these lepers trust Jesus’ words and do as he says. As they go they are all healed, but only one of the ten bothers to come back and thank Jesus for healing him. Jesus rightly wonders about that (v.17).

What is interesting about this story is that the reaction to the healing is stressed more than the healing itself. It seems that the lack of response of those healed is more important than the miracle.

There are many lessons to be learned from

this story, but I will only mention two. (1) God’s love should produce thanksgiving in our lives. God has shown us mercy through His Son Jesus, who gave his life so that we might live. Instead of reacting like the one leper who came back praising and thanking Jesus, we often act like the nine and go about our busy lives without ever taking the time to thank God. (2) God’s blessings can be acknowledged or ignored. God blesses us directly or through other people. We ignore God’s graciousness and take Him for granted. Also, many times we don’t thank those whom God has used to bless us. Jesus commended the response of the one who came back to thank him.

Friends, November is thanksgiving and stewardship month at ACC. What an opportunity for us to show our thanksgiving and gratitude to God. Give to the church as an expression of your love to God. As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, let’s remember that God is constantly blessing us with His goodness and love, and His grace and mercy are ever available to us. May we also in return be grateful and thankful to Him at all time, not just in November.

Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving

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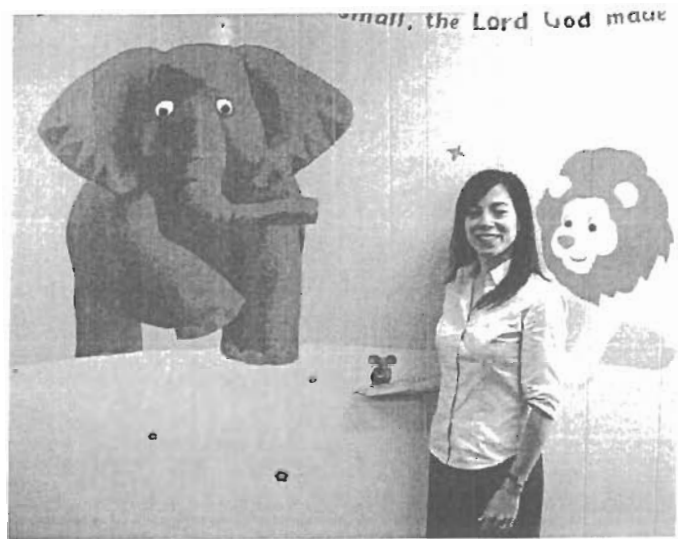
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our newly established Children's Library is already up and running. New books and other resources have been added, thanks to generous donations. The library is intended to support families by extending the learning of Christian values and character beyond our Sunday School ministry. New resources are available for children of all ages. For **preschoolers**, four high quality animated "Boz" DVDs and several board books teach essential truths about God and His love for us. A number of "Happy Day" Books designed for **early readers** include titles such as "God Made Dinosaurs" and "Tell the Truth, Tyler." Three beautifully illustrated hardcover books handle the difficult topics of faith, love and eternity, for older children. Children over age eight will enjoy CDs featuring the *Adventures in Odyssey* characters learning lessons such as honesty, perseverance, friendship and peer pressure. **Older students** may also enjoy several books about Christian heroes. Children are encouraged to browse through the library after Sunday School, and then sign-out materials to use at home for two weeks. Thanks to our willing volunteers, the library is open each Sunday!



Cathy (Jacobs) Brito (daughter of Bob and Hourig Jacobs) painted the mural for the Sunday school's Kindergarten classroom in August. The theme of the mural was based on God's creation of the Earth, and the words in the mural were from "All Things Bright and Beautiful", a song that Cathy learned when she was a student in the Sunday school. She enjoyed painting this mural because it gave her an opportunity to use her gifts in the Church.

Since graduating from Wayne State University with a degree in fine art, she has worked as a graphic designer, an art teacher, and a faux painter. Cathy is currently pursuing a career in children's book illustration, and is volunteering at a non-profit art gallery in Ann Arbor. She lives in Ann Arbor with her husband, Leonardo.

Giving Opportunity

Donations of or funds for these items will be greatly appreciated.

- * **Christian Library Books**, (Adult, youth and children).
- * **Toys and Games** for children ages 5-7
- * **Pew Bibles**
- * **Christian Education Rooms** accepting funds for redecorating completed this summer.
- * **Audiovisual Equipment** (Projector, DVD player, portable CD players), camcorder, digital camera.

Reminders!

- * Is your anniversary, birthday or graduation approaching? Why not share **your** celebration with the church family by **sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or donating flowers**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.
- * On your next trip to the store, or your own pantry, collect some **non-perishable food items** to share with the needy people of Oakland County. Please bring your contributions to the Food Bank box in the foyer.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekly

Choir Practice, Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service, Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study, Every other Wednesday
7:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study, Every other Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
Children's Library, Every Sunday 12:15 to
1:00p.m.

Monthly

Children's Message, (First Sunday of the
month. Parents bring your children into the
worship service).
ACC Women's Fellowship, (Second Sunday
of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).
ACC Men's Ministries, (Second Sunday of
the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).
Prayer & Care Group, (Second Thursday of
the month, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Women of all ages
welcome.).
Board of Trustees Meeting, (Third
Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.).
Prayer Meeting, (Third Sunday of the
month following the worship service).
Board of Deacons Meeting, (Last Sunday
of the month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

This years meeting will be held on Sunday,
November 12, 2006 following the morning
worship service. All church members are
expected to attend to approve the 2007 budget,
and to elect the new board officers.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Please join us on November 19th for a special
Thanksgiving worship service. The Sunday
School children will participate.

Advent Season

The first Sunday of Advent will be November
26th, 2006. As we start preparing for the
Christmas season, join us for special music,
Christmas carols, and advent readings.

Volunteering Opportunity

On Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. to
12:00 noon a group of A.C.C. members will be
going to Gleaners Community Food Bank in
Howell, to help pack boxes of food for the
needy families in Michigan. If you would like
to volunteer two hours of your time, please
contact Pastor Mak ASAP. Space is limited to
a group of 20; families with children of school
age are welcome.

Attention All ACC Families

The A.C.C Deacons Board members have
decided to start making occasional phone calls
for the well being of the church families. Be
advised that you might receive a phone call
from one of our deacons.

Youth Choir

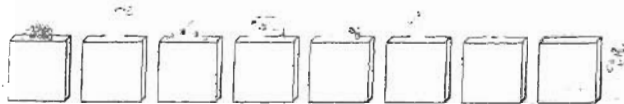
Students in 6th to 12th grade are encouraged
to practice with the adult choir on Sundays at
10:00 am. The youth will participate in the
worship service occasionally with the adult
choir.

Death

Rose Janigian the wife of John Janigian, and
the mother of Jan, Jack, Tony and Janet
Janigian, passed away on Thursday October
26, 2006. The funeral was held on Monday
October 30, at ACC.

Kaye Traub the mother of Haig and Sue
Arabian's son-in-law Rich was killed in
Philadelphia on Saturday October 22, 2006.

May the comfort and peace of our Lord be
upon the Janigian and Arabian families, and
their relatives and friends at this time of
mourning.



Please Reserve Sunday November 19, 2006

Our annual traditional Thanksgiving Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 19th, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. In addition to the delicious menu, we are planning a most entertaining program. This is your invitation to take part in this wonderful occasion. Be present and share the joy of the evening with us, and your church family, support the banquet with your contributions. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults-- \$10.00 per child 6-12 years- No charge for children under 6 years old.



I/We will attend the "Thanksgiving Banquet" Sunday, November 19, 2006 5:00 p.m.

Names(s) _____ (\$20.00
per adult -- \$10.00 per child 6-12 years. (No
charge to children under 6 years old)

In addition I would like to make a donation of
\$ _____

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