

SPECIAL EDITION



Shoes or No Shoes?

Exodus 3:5 Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground

Acts 7:33 Then said the Lord to him, put off thy shoes from thy feet; for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

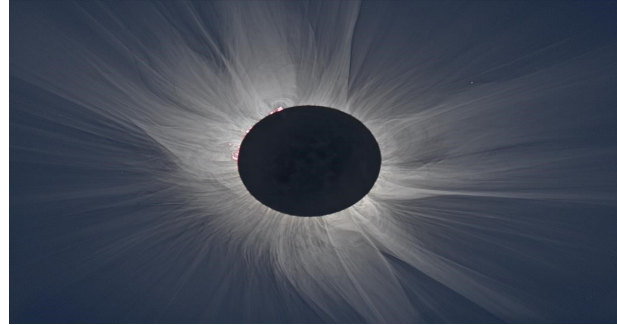
The essence of this command has to do with more than being reverent to God. It calls us to this understanding: step out of the workings of what man can make and onto the grounds of what only God can create! God's call to take off our shoes is a summons to us -- a call to that same "barefooted" stance of child-like dependence that Moses and Joshua reveal. God who created us, is able to deliver us and He who appoints His purpose in us is able to accomplish it through us.

***PRAISE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD by Jack Hayford
Thomas Nelson Publisher, ISBN: 1-56292-231-9***

I love shoes! Ask anyone who knows me will tell you just how many pairs of shoes are in my closet. But now that I've retired, I can't wear as many of them as much as I did. I had a pair of shoes to match every outfit, every occasion and every whim. But today I almost never wear shoes if I can help it! There is something liberating about not wearing shoes. I never thought of bare feet being a stance to God. So, if being barefoot means I'm working harder for God, then I'll leave my shoes in the closet.

"Although shoes were worn in ancient Samaria and Egypt, historians believe most people went barefoot. Shoes were worn only by the rich and influential and when they went barefoot this was taken as significant. According to the Holy Scriptures barefoot walking intimated one of three states: the lack of social status, humility, or reference to the Divine". (Unknown)

Around this Mission Center



Eclipse Trip: About a year ago, my mother and I started talking about traveling to somewhere in the April 2024 eclipse zone of totality to see that phenomenon. We learned that Middletown, Ohio, where we had lived in the 1960s, was in that zone. So we booked an Airbnb on a street my parents and older brother had lived on in Middletown just before I was born. As we shared our plans with extended family, more and more relatives decided to join in.

Just 3 weeks before our trip, we found out that the Airbnb was--no kidding--the very house my mother had lived in! Yes, the very same one! And it was just a block away from the Community of Christ congregation we had all attended. We checked online to see if the congregation was still there. It was! So of course we attended. This was emotional and wonderful.

Though cloudy skies had been forecast, the day of the eclipse was cloudless and warm. Our extended family gathered in the backyard of my mother's old house to eat, visit, and watch the eclipse, which by this time was really just the icing on the cake. What a remarkable and memorable experience. By Betty Collins



Take me out to the ball game! Cedar Rapids had a day at the Ballpark to watch the Kernels play and Reed Hoke sing the National Anthem! 50 congregation members and friends joined together to support Reed and enjoy the afternoon together.



Sing a new song unto the Lord * * *

Speaking of singing Cedar Rapids hosted an invitation to the community to join them June 2at 4:00 for an evening of music at their first "Why We Sing" event. All are welcome!

Sue and Lee Wakefield will take an Amtrak train trip to Colorado on June 17 so that we can ride another train. There is a daylong train ride to Durango, CO. If the weather is nice, we may have a nice travel adventure...but who knows? I'll share if it turns out interesting.



BABY BOY

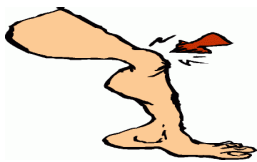
Brenda Mitchel is going to be a great-grandma for the first time in August! Her Dutch grandson and his fiancée will be parents of a baby boy around August 27. She is beyond excited.



After more than 40 years, Doug and Susan McFarlane have sold their house in Oelwein, Iowa (closing on May 31). They have purchased a home in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After many weeks of packing, moving a little bit at a time, and getting professional movers and friends to help, they are getting settled into their new place..



The church property in Cedar Falls is now on the market. There are approximately 13 acres to be sold, including farmland and church buildings. The congregation has been investigating other options for places to gather for worship and to continue outreach projects.



Hugh Ferguson will have knee replacement surgery May 22. Please keep him in your prayers.

Campground happenings ~



Hugh and Tonya are looking forward to working canteen at Nauvoo Reunion . Please send treat requests to tonyaleeferguson49@gmail.com

Gaelane Rosinski & Pam Tisdale are looking forward to opening a canteen at CVG. Treat requests may be sent to cedarvalleygrove@gmail.com



Congratulations Graduates!

Ian Burnett from Burlington Notre Dame High School

Audrey Tucker from Mount Vernon High School

Kelly Morgan from Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School

Paige Morgan from Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School

Shannon Morgan from Iowa State University

Dalen Elliott, Grandson of Fred and Myra Elliott from Graceland University.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude

Jennifer Phillips from Cedar Rapids Kennedy

Harlan Emanuel Mitchell, Jr. from Rowva High School, Oneida, IL

Emma Hartman, Granddaughter of John and Charleen Saur, daughter of
Lindsay Hartman, from Tipton High School, Tipton, Iowa

What a feeling of excitement and accomplishment a graduation brings! You studied for years, through confidence and fears, but you did it! Be proud of the person you are and will become. Believe ~

Reminder, Reminder Reminder

The Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation
Church History Tour of Italy

October 4-14, 2024

(800) 247-0017 ext. 500

or by email at: eo@travelwithus.com

CVG WORK DAY !!

3rd Saturday of each month

Please bring your own tools

Camp Nauvoo Workday

Reminder!!

Come for an hour or overnight!

Please let Dawn know you are coming.

**Please consider your generous
donations to “Needs” list aka
“Grocery List” for each
camp ground**

People People People

There were 12 people from around the Mission Center who met at “The Pizza Ranch” in Iowa City for dinner on May 11. The food and fellowship was wonderful.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

**So we can properly prepare,
register for reunions, camps, retreats and trips ASAP so we can
plan for activities and food. Thank you**

Cedar Valley Nauvoo Mission Center
Events!

Note: ONE Reunion this summer
(Nauvoo)

June 15 - 21

“Family Camp” at CVG July 4 - 6 noon

SUMMER CAMPING EVENTS 2024

*Reunion @ Camp Nauvoo: June 15-21

[Click here to register online](#)

[Click here to download a paper registration form](#)

[Click here for additional information](#)

*Jr Camp @ Camp Nauvoo: June 22-26

*Jr Camp @ Cedar Valley Grove:

June 30-July 3

*Family Camp” @ Cedar Valley Grove:

July 4–6 noon

*Jr High Camp @ Cedar Valley Grove:

July 7-11

*SPEC @ Graceland University:

July 13-20

*Sr High Camp @ Cedar Valley Grove:

July 28-Aug 3



Paint your Heart Out CVG 2
May 3,4,5, 2024



Our Paint your Heart Out weekend was a beautiful weekend full of activities, laughs, food, fellowship, and love for all. Friday night we had a campfire with smores, Saturday we spent painting a self-expression, a Tree of Life or Four Seasons, and the Fishers of Men boat scene. Darla Gelande helped the kids with art pictures and Saturday night we had another “Chats by the fire”. We closed our weekend with a Sunday morning worship service, followed by a Potluck lunch.



Thank you everyone who helped put our weekend together. Pat Reaves helped prepare for the weekend, Chris Rosinski and Randy Reaves prepared and served our food, Carol Kasowski lead us in painting a beautiful “Fishers of Men” scene. Sunday morning service was held with Scott Gelande Presiding and Josh Goff speaking with Reed Hoke providing beautiful music in our communion service. And, thank you to everyone who joined our weekend! Watch for another special “Paint your Heart Out CVG” later this year.



Iowa City:

Iowa City hosts a group of 36 - 40 women who come once a month to play bridge. We provide snacks. They each pay a \$10 fee. We have been able to donate over \$2,000 back to our community by giving to the food banks and the annual warm clothing distribution.

The City Circle Theatre uses our building for rehearsal space. The production of "Catch Me If You Can" will be rehearsed this summer.

The next edition of “Shout the News” will be out July 15, 2024. If you have anything to add, please contact Gaelane Rosinski at grosinski1125@gmail.com

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

