

# FaithTalk



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## God in the Changing Seasons

Ever since grade school and throughout my adult life, I have worked with words. I mean, come on, the eighth-grade class at Laurence A. McKenny Elementary School in Detroit, in making fanciful predictions for the graduates, had me becoming editor of *The New York Times!*

Sure enough, I wound up with a college major in English, eventually becoming an English teacher, a technical writer, and an editor (but thankfully, not in New York). When given the assignment of coming up with something “seasonal” for this issue of *FaithTalk*, though, I racked my brain for something original to share with the Crossville faithful. A general idea began to germinate in my mind, and then I thought it might be instructive to visit the writings of Ellen White to pick up something on the topic. Here is what I landed on:

“The glory of God is displayed in His handiwork. Here are mysteries that the mind will become strong in searching out. Minds that have been amused and abused by reading fiction may in nature have an open book, and read truth in the works of God around them. All may find themes for study in the simple leaf of the forest tree, the spires of grass covering the earth with their green velvet carpet, the plants and flowers, the stately trees

of the forest, the lofty mountains, the granite rocks, the restless ocean, the precious gems of light studding the heavens to make the night beautiful, the exhaustless riches of the sunlight, the solemn glories of the moon, the winter’s cold, the summer’s heat, the changing, recurring seasons, in perfect order and harmony, controlled by Infinite Power; here are subjects which call for deep thought, for the stretch of the imagination.”—*Testimonies for the Church*, volume 4, page 581

After meditating on this passage, I couldn’t help but say within myself: *There is no way to better express such thoughts. How could I ever compete with that!* This little woman, who was forced to drop out of school at the tender age of nine, could not have expressed such deep thoughts so articulately without divine assistance.

I leave you to contemplate this as you observe the changing autumn colors, the cooler days, the absolute certainty of a soon-coming winter; but most of all, the *unchanging*, exhaustless love of our God. May He wrap you in His mantle and keep you close to His heart as you move through the seasons . . . and through life.

- Jerry Stevens

Prayer Meeting - every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## Annual Fall Social at the Kelloggs'

What a perfect day for the Kelloggs' Annual Fall Soup and Hayride Social!!

October 13 was sunny and only turned "crisp" as the sun went down on a wonderful Sabbath.

Many were there to appreciate the several bonfires that were warm and welcoming. I saw lots of interaction going on with groups enjoying the time we spent together. There was a scavenger hunt arranged for the younger in the group, culminating in setups for the older ones to pick out what had been depicted in their stories from the Bible. And, of course, the hayrides. I heard there were 3 trips. I know the one I was on was filled with active noises of talking, singing, and laughter. What fun ways to make "memories."

The usual musicians "Three B's and an F" this year were augmented by a mandolin and a violin, as well as vocals. The soup, hot apple cider, and hot chocolate were complemented by other food provided by those in attendance. Brennon Kirstein, our interim pastor and his family, were able to be with us; he led out in a vespers service as we closed the Sabbath together,

We truly appreciate our Social Committee for the hard work and planning that goes into making sure our church family and friends have opportunities to get together outside of time spent in worshipping together in church. It's important to plan time to spend time sharing in the fellowship and encouragement of each other.

~ Marilyn Maples

### Newsletter Suggestions Welcome!

This is your church newsletter. Let us know what you would like to see included. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

What a great way to make connections with shut-in members by visiting and sharing a copy of *FaithTalk* with them. Or commit to mailing a copy to someone you miss seeing at church.

Also, if you have items to include in future *FaithTalk* issues, please e-mail them to: [mamaples424@gmail.com](mailto:mamaples424@gmail.com).

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## Meet the Schroers



Ernie and Jackie have recently moved to Fairfield Glade and joined our church. They moved from Southern California where they lived all of their married life (52 years in December). They'd been looking for another place to live with the features of a slower pace and a place with "the four seasons." There is a brother in western Tennessee and a niece in the Nashville area. They also have a daughter who has been married to Dave and Dottie Schwab's son for the past 25 years and living in Beaumont, California.

The Schroers both enjoy hiking and being in nature. Ernie's hobby is trains, although not set up just yet, and enjoys reading. Jackie likes sewing, and most of her reading is the Bible and Mrs. White's books.

They like the friendly people they've found in Crossville. Both like our church, and they look forward to getting to know the members in their new church family. After getting settled, they look forward to visitation with members and "shut-ins."

A big welcome to both Jackie and Ernie!

~ Marilyn Maples

## Inez Wrenn School News

The evening of October 11 found the Inez Wrenn School bustling with activity. It was the night of our fall Open House. Students and teachers had eagerly cleaned and organized classrooms, prepared science projects and math games to share with guests, and lined walls with posters and artwork.

For two hours that evening, family members and friends perused the students' work, watched videos of students singing and doing gymnastics, enjoyed refreshments, and visited with each other. It was a fun evening, with 100 percent attendance by students and several of their family members.

God has richly blessed the school year thus far, and Open House was an opportunity to share those blessings with others. Thank you to all who attended, and to those who continue to pray for and support our school in various ways.

~ Wanda Moore



## Thoughts From His Word

*"Therefore He said unto them, The harvest is truly great,  
but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,  
that He would send forth laborers into His harvest"*

Luke 10:2

No matter where we go, there are souls to be saved. Many are groping in the dark because they know little of the Word of God. It is up to us to bring them light, but unfortunately the laborers are few. We need greater earnestness in the cause of Christ. Truth should be given with such earnestness that unbelievers would recognize that God is working with our efforts and that He is the Source of our strength. We should be determined to impart light to those around us. This is the commission we have all been given. But how do we do the work of an evangelist? Simply tell others what Jesus has and is doing for you. Let's make soul winning our priority. "The harvest is indeed plentiful" (Luke 10:2). Use every talent, gift, and opportunity to persuade men and women everywhere to repent, for the Lord is coming soon!

~ Faith Lyons

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*We'd love to have you come and  
worship with us this Sabbath!*

**9:15 a.m. Study & Praise**

**11:00 a.m. Worship**



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