

Our Vision Statement:

Following Christ through intentional prayer, unconditional love, compassionate service and sacrificial giving.



The Shepherd's Staff

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A Pledge to Good Shepherd's Financial Future

Albright and Albright, Attorneys at Law

The United Methodist Foundation of Indiana maintains a blog and recently shared the following story with its readers:

A beautiful soul named Emily has been giving the church \$2,000 per year for several years. Her pastor comes to her and says, "Emily, you have been so faithful in giving, and we appreciate it. Would you like to continue making your pledge from now until Jesus comes back? As you consider your estate, if you would bequest an endowed gift of \$50,000 to our church that would translate into roughly \$2,000 per year for eternity. Just think, 100 years from now your gift will still be a living part of our family's ministry.

We have written articles in the past on just this topic. Estate planning is not only a way to provide for your loved ones after you pass, but also those charitable organizations that are near and dear to your heart. By sitting down with an attorney to analyze your estate, you can determine if you could support Good Shepherd even after your death. A few saints who have already passed did consider the needs of this congregation in their estate plans, and it has truly been a blessing for mission projects, church maintenance, and most recently, as our church has experienced some financial struggles.

To plan a charitable gift, inform your attorney of your wishes and ask for advice regarding the best form for your gift. A simple provision or amendment prepared by your attorney at the time you make or update your will or trust is all that is necessary. Our legal name is **Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of Indianapolis, Inc.** You can have your attorney contact our office to obtain our tax ID number.

Please consider pledging to Good Shepherd's financial future. A gift to Good Shepherd through your estate plan could advance our mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world for years to come.



Mission Moments



2019 Theme: If Not Us, Then Who?

Mac N Cheese Church: THANK YOU! Good Shepherd UMC has partnered with Fletcher Place Community Center to provide 150 boxes of macaroni and cheese **each month** for their food pantry. Because of your generosity, we have also been able to provide 50-75 boxes each month to God's Bounty food pantry that serves Franklin Township out of a Wanamaker location. This is an **ongoing project**, so keep that in mind while grocery shopping. Watch for the specials and stock up. There is a marked container in the Lobby. Any questions, ask Dick Nye.

Fletcher Place Community Center: Hope. Compassion. Renewal, 1637 Prospect St., Indianapolis, IN 46203, 317-636-3466. Volunteers are always welcome. www.fletcherplacecc.org

Old Bethel Food Pantry: Opportunities to volunteer. If interested, contact Dick Nye.

Servant's Heart: Good Shepherd is scheduled to help on the 4th Thursday of each month. Now that clients can visit twice a month (instead of once), the need for volunteers is even greater. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. www.servantsheartofindy.org

Mission Committee Members: Jessica Albright (chairperson), Dick Nye, Sue Nye, Bob Gregory, Tina Mercer, Rebecca Conger, Larry Sweany, Marge Sweany, Jim Jones and Judy Jones (treasurer). All members are active and contribute so much.

LOVE IN ACTION!

I John 3:18 "Let us not love with words" or "tongue but with action and in truth"

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 17, 2018

The meeting of the Administrative Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kent Conger. Dick Nye led us in Prayer and devotions.

The Agenda was amended to add under "Old Business," Item D, 2019 Planning. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Agenda as amended.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the January 27, 2019, Minutes as provided.

Financial Report: Marilu Propps reported that the 2018 Financial Books had been closed and final statements were e-mailed to Board Members. She pointed out that last year we spent \$4,721.45 over the offerings that we had received. She said that our current General Fund Checking balance as of February 15, was \$45,434.93, however we have a payroll due Monday of \$6,377.64 plus payables due of \$4,484.24. Marilu said that the January Financial Statements showed that our expenses exceeded our income by \$1,117.25. She said that our payroll taxes and reports are all current. She asked for any financial questions. After some discussion regarding our Loan payments, it was moved, seconded and passed that for the next 6 months our loan payment would be paid out of Designated Checking Account #80259, Heating System. It was also recommended that we look again on August 1st as to whether we should start paying our apportionments. There being no further discussion, the January 2019 Financial Statements will be filed for audit.

Director Family Ministries: Susan Nyquist reported that the Confirmation class is underway and is an awesome group of 4 youth and 4 adults. She said that the VBS plans continue and several adults and youth have already volunteered to help. Susan said that the spaghetti dinner will be held next Sunday, February 24th and that they have already sold over 60 tickets. Profit from this dinner will be used to take the youth to the Winter Jam Concert of Christian music on March 29th. Susan said that she met with the Families of Faith Sunday school class last week. The group discussed possibilities around different Bible study plans and learning opportunities. Susan said that the discipleship team discussed opportunities for spiritual growth as well as outreach ideas. She passed out sample invitations with candy attached for members to use to invite people to upcoming events at Good Shepherd.

Committee Reports:

Education: Ron Specht read Debbie Specht's report stating that Sunday, March 3rd, is our first intergenerational Lenten Celebration, which will be in Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m. It is hoped that this event will encourage everyone to begin their Lenten spiritual journey as a church family. The Youth Group will present a skit on the meaning of Lent. Stations will be set up for individuals and families to explore different aspects of Lent. Our hope is that many will take this opportunity to plan their individual or family activities to bring the true meaning of Easter to their hearts and home.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Ron Specht handed out a paper containing charts and graphs comparing 2018 to 2017 in various areas of Good Shepherd, i.e. General Offering, Expenses. He also showed graphs showing the average Sunday school attendance (both adults and children). Everyone felt that these were very helpful and suggestions were made as to what other comparisons could be charted.

Mission Committee: Mission Committee Chairperson, Jessica Albright, reported that they were looking for a Faith Promise weekend where they could have the food packing on a Saturday and a speaker from Gennesaret on Sunday. Their theme for this year is "Do Something - If Not Us, Then Who?" The Faith Promise goal for this year is \$45,000. She also said that the Love Banks would go out on September 8th and would be returned on November 10th. She said that they have already started asking who would like to go on the Henderson Mission Trip this year.

Old Business: Motion was made, seconded and passed to change Susan Nyquist's title to Director of Family Ministries.

Marilu said that she had heard from Life Line Screening and they would pay \$250 for the use of our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 18th. She read Life Line's requirements for using our Fellowship Hall. Motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with scheduling this event. Motion was made, seconded and passed to use the funds received from Life Line for our outreach supplies. It was decided that there be a sign-up sheet for one hour shifts for one man and one woman to be present during this event and to also hand out invitations to visitors to events being held at Good Shepherd. This sign-up sheet will be sent to our Sunday school classes.

Hog Roast: Jessica Albright announced that there would be a Hog Roast here at Good Shepherd on September 21, 5-8 p.m. She also said that the Families of Faith had scheduled several events for their Sunday school class - fishing, camping, movie night and service project.

Marilu reported that she has received several committee schedules and that the only conflict so far was that Trustees had scheduled a cleaning day for Saturday, May 18th, which is when Life Line will be here. Bill Nelson said that the Trustees would reschedule that cleaning day. He also added that they were taking suggestions of what needed to be cleaned around the church. They planned to put these chores on 3x5 cards so that people could select which project they would like to do on the cleaning day. It was mentioned

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The Awesome Way That God Works!

Children, laughter, walking in the woods, shopping at Goodwill, Diet Coke, chocolate.... Off the top of my head, I can name a quick list for things of which I am awfully fond. (Notice how neither dark spaces nor rodents are on that list.) Thus, when my friend, Margie, reminded me about the sign the church always used to promote Vacation Bible School, I was admittedly less than enthusiastic about getting it. It wasn't that I didn't want to tell the world about our upcoming program; rather, I didn't care to venture into the dark recesses of our storage shed in order to pull out that sign. Not only was it incredibly heavy, (made of two old, wooden doors), there were mice in that shed! Yet, Margie was positive that we needed that sign and so into the scary shed I went. Once we dragged it into place in front of the church, I didn't think much more about it.

VBS came and went. A good time was had by all. Although that sign sat out by the main thoroughfare, we didn't have a dramatic spike in attendance, and I confess that I was already plotting how to avoid that old sign the following year!

When school started again, a young man named Bobby, who had participated in VBS, began coming to Youth Group. He lived with his grandmother a few miles away from the church, and often rode his bike. Winter came, and Bobby was there faithfully every Sunday. One evening, our youth got to talking about what motivated them to come to church and to participate. Bobby mentioned how he'd been just wandering along the streets of our community and noticed the sign advertising VBS. He didn't know what it was, however, he didn't have anything better to do so he came and checked it out. Although he was one of the oldest kids there, something about the adults he met and the experience he had compelled him to keep coming to the church, even after VBS week ended. Bobby ended up becoming part of the church community. After several years, his grandma even came to our church, to see for herself what was so attractive to Bobby.

During the Sunday School hour, the youth at GSUMC have been exploring what Jesus said during the Sermon on the Mount. Discussing what it meant to be known by our "fruit", we considered how there are times when we will see the fruit of our efforts as well as times when we may be planting seeds of whose growth we may never understand this side of Heaven. It made me think about my experience with Bobby. If Margie hadn't felt convicted about bringing out that old, cumbersome sign, Bobby may not have come to VBS. He may not have joined the Youth Group or the church. His grandma may have continued to stay at home.

That was nearly 20 years ago, and I still marvel at the awesome way that God works and how utterly amazing it feels when we are blessed to be used by Him.

Good Shepherd UMC will be holding our own Vacation Bible School in several months. You have an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child, and in doing so, a family, for Jesus. May God find, in each of us, a willing heart, ready to serve and share His love.

Susan Nyquist



The youth would like to thank all of those who supported the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. It was awesome to have so many people come out and enjoy an evening together! Let's do it again soon!

Funds that were raised by this event will be used to take the Youth Group to the Winter Jam Christian concert held at Banker's Life Fieldhouse on March 29th. Youth will be leaving the church at 5pm and the concert starts at 7pm. Performers include Mandisa, Rend Collective, Danny Gokey, and Newsboys. Adults who would like to attend and sit with the Youth Group may get in touch with Susan Nyquist at "susanbjoyful247@gmail.com" or call the church office.

There will be a Youth Movie Night on Friday, March 15th from 6:30 to 8:45pm. We will be watching a Christian comedy, "Bringing Up Bobby."

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that Covenant Keepers always clean the tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall.

New Business: It was announced that Covenant Keepers would not be doing an Easter Breakfast and that there would be no Sunrise Service this year.

Kent announced that the next Ad Council meeting would be on Sunday, March 17th, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, it was duly moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by Susan giving the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Marilu Propps

Attendees: Ginny Ransom, Sue Nye, Richard Nye, Kent Conger, Jess Albright, Jon Albright, Pastor Randy, Doug Bullard, Julie Bullard, Bill Nelson, Kathy Steward, Steve Peters, Susan Nyquist, Ron Specht, and Marilu Propps

If Not Us, Then Who?

Jess Albright

Matthew West, a contemporary Christian artist, wrote a song in 2012 called "Do Something." The story behind the song is incredible.

Andrea, a college student at the University of Colorado, studied micro-financing abroad in Uganda. While she was there, she found abused and neglected orphans in an orphanage, and she refused to leave the country until those kids were taken care of. She and her sister convinced the government to shut down the orphanage but the kids needed somewhere to go. Suddenly, she had 40 kids to take care of but she rose to the challenge. Now, the orphanage she helped create has over 100 kids, and it is more than a place for children to grow and learn, but a support system for the entire community, providing education scholarships, workshops, medical assistance, microloans - all in an effort to bring the community out of poverty into self-sustainability. Andrea didn't go to Uganda, see an injustice, and return to the US saying that someone needed to fix that someday. She did something - there and then!

Andrea's story inspired West to write this song. He mentions in the song seeing the world in trouble - people in poverty, children in slavery, pain and suffering - and says he is disgusted. Then he says "So,

I shook my fist at Heaven, I said, God, why don't you do something?" And do you know God's response? "I did...I created you." West calls Christians to stop talking about being God's hands and feet and do something. West says, "If not us, then who? If not me and you? Right now. Well, it's time for us to do something."

If Not Us, Then Who? That's the theme of not only Faith Promise this year, but also for the Missions Committee this year, and we hope you join us in this call to action. We hope this year that you listen to God tugging on your heart when you see an opportunity to step up and serve someone else. We hope to see you pack meals for Lifeline, work at Gennesarat this spring, volunteer at Servant's Heart to help stock shelves or help a client shop for food, mentor the kids at Lowell, or take the annual missions trip to Henderson. And there are mission projects all over Central Indiana you can participate in on a weekly or monthly basis. It is so easy to say, "somebody else will do something." But, we are all members of one body of Christ, and we have different functions and gifts which we are expected to use for His glory (Romans 12:3-8). We pray you join us in service this year. If not us, then who?

Featured Missionary of the Month: Servant's Heart

Each month, we would like to highlight a missionary that is being used by God to change the lives of His people. This story comes from Servant's Heart...

Several weeks ago, I was returning to the pantry on a Saturday night about eleven o'clock with our weekly Chick-Fil-A donation. I heard some noise coming from our dumpster. As I wandered over there to check it out, I found a young man coming out of the dumpster. I asked what he was doing. He replied, "I am looking for scrap metal and food to feed my family." You see, Ricky and Jasmine are having a difficult time stretching his \$700/month disability check to provide a roof over their heads and food for his kids. They have five kids. I invited them in to shop at the pantry to get some food. Nothing like having a pantry shopper at 11:30 at night. They were so thankful. They even found some winter coats for themselves. You just never know where God is going to place us to share the light and love of his Son with folks.

Bill Boone

News from Little Lambs

We celebrated Valentine's Day in February by sharing Cards and each child making their own pizza! The children also had a special visitor teach them about dental health. We closed out February with a week-long celebration in honor of Dr. Seuss, where the children enjoyed various theme days!

Golden Shepherds



Fun for Seniors

The Golden Shepherds will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 4th in Fellowship Hall. **Everyone 55 and over is wel-**

LENT CELEBRATION

**Join us for the Beginning of Lent
on Sunday, March 3,
at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Lent is a time set aside to help us prepare our hearts for Easter through prayer, repentance, sharing and sacrifice. This year the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 21st. When not counting Sundays, this equals 40 days. The forty days of Lent represent the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11).

Our Intergenerational Celebration will have a short skit presented by our youth group followed by interactive stations for all ages. Our goal is to help everyone have a new understanding and appreciation of the greatest gift God gave us, Jesus, His sacrifice, resurrection and eternal friendship! This program will replace our normal Children's Sunday School classes and all adult classes are welcomed to join this celebration as well.

Make this Easter the most meaningful one you have ever celebrated! Join us in preparing our hearts for Lent together as the Body of Christ and family of Good Shepherd.

Plans are underway for VBS 2019!

You are encouraged to mark your calendar now with the days and times of 2019 Vacation Bible School. VBS will be a 3-day program in the evening the week of Tuesday, June 18th, Wednesday, June 19th, and Thursday, June 20th. The theme this year is "CSI," which stands for "Christ Says It." Children will investigate The Truth, explore God's Word, and discover God's love as presented through Jesus' parables of the lost.

We need volunteers to lead various stations (i.e. Games, Music, Missions, and Science), as well as those who would like to shepherd groups of children as they make their way throughout the stations each evening. If you feel called to one of these important roles, please connect with Susan Nyquist at susanbjoyful247@gmail.com or the church office.

WITH **GOD**
*All Things ARE
POSSIBLE*

Matthew 19:26

Opportunities for Service and Growth in our Church

Our Jr. Church program allows our youth to have an age appropriate worship experience on the Sundays when communion is not served. Deborah Baker prepares a program including music, Bible stories and activities to help prepare our children to embrace the worship experience that adults enjoy in the sanctuary when they enter 6th grade. Deborah is in need of an extra pair of hands each Sunday to help with passing out activities and supplies, watching over children who need to leave to get a drink or use the restroom. She has done all the preparation and presentation but just needs support. Can you be that support for one Sunday a month or on occasion? Please contact Deborah Baker at 317-322-0249 or 317-379-9865 or email her at dbaker6409@gmail.com if you can assist her and let her know what dates you are available. Jr. Church is offered all but the first Sunday of the month.

We are also hoping to expand our Jr. Church program by offering a more individualized program for our younger children ages 3 through Kindergarten. We are looking for teachers and assistants to start this new program in order to provide all of our youth an optimal learning experience in Jr. Church. Please contact Debbie Specht at d_a_specht@yahoo.com or 317-439-4055 if you would have an interest in helping with this program for our younger children. Remember Jesus said "Let the little children come to me" and we want to welcome them with Christ's love and open arms! Be a part of this exciting ministry!

Ladies, Would you like to truly experience the Love of God?

Please join us for a brand new Monday Night Ladies' Bible Study beginning Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

This 12-week Women of Faith Bible Study is called **Experiencing the Love of God**.

We see love everywhere. It binds husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, and close friends. But all the love we experience in this world pales by comparison to the love God has shown to us. This was a love so profound that He "gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish" (John 3:16).

In **Experiencing the Love of God**, you will look at key passages in Scripture that talk about the divine love that God has for you. You will see how the Bible is really a love story, for God—your Hero—was so determined to be with you that He went to incredible lengths to save you. One day, He will return for you and take you to the home He has prepared! God's love is truly unparalleled, and all He asks is that you receive it!

We hope you can join us! For Books (\$5) or Questions, please see Tina Mercer or Penny Bond.

Steel Cut Oatmeal in the Crock Pot

Ingredients: 1 cup steel cut oats
4 cups water
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp cinnamon
Sweetener

Instructions:
Mix first 4 ingredients in a small crock pot (2 quarts) or double recipe

Cook on low heat for 7-8 hours

Stir & serve with toppings (fresh or dried fruits, nuts, seeds) and sweetener of choice



HEALTH NOTES

BY JUDY JONES



3John2: Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you,

Know your medicines: Medicines are chemicals or compounds used to cure, halt or prevent disease, ease symptoms; or help in the diagnosis of illnesses. Advances in medicines have enabled doctors to cure many diseases and save lives. But Medicines can also cause harmful reactions, if not used correctly. Medication non-compliance, the failure to take drugs appropriately as prescribed, is as dangerous and costly as many illnesses. Studies show that non-compliance causes 125,000 deaths annually in the U.S. and about 50% of prescription drugs are not taken correctly.

You can help prevent errors by: 1) **Know your medicines** - keep a list of the names of your meds, how much you take, when and why you take them. Include Over the Counter (OTC) medicines, vitamins, supplements and herbs. Keep a copy in your wallet and take it to all doctor appointments. 2) Know your medication allergies and always share this info with any health care interaction. 3) Read medicine labels and follow the directions. 4) Know the expiration date. 5) Don't take medications prescribed for someone else. 6) If you have a problem or any questions, call your provider or pharmacist. 7) Use only one drugstore or pharmacy, if possible.

Drug side effects: A side effect is usually regarded as an undesirable secondary effect, which occurs in addition to the desired therapeutic effect of a drug or medication. Side effects may vary for each individual depending on the person's disease state, age, weight, gender, ethnicity and general health. Side effects may also lead to non-compliance with prescribed treatment. When side effects are severe, the dosage may be adjusted or a different medication may be prescribed. **Lifestyle or dietary changes** may also help minimize side effects.

Vitamins, mineral & herbal supplements: Tell your doctor and other health professionals about any supplements you are taking. Many herbal preparations are as powerful as pharmaceutical drugs and may cause side effects on their own or if used in combination in certain conditions. Taking "mega dose" of vitamins or minerals can be hazardous. Only use the recommended dose.

Taking the correct amount of the prescribed medicine, at the proper time may keep your disease under control and keep you out of the hospital.

March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Don't forget your MAG 'n CHEESE</i> <i>for Fletcher Place</i></p> 					1 10:00A Ladies Bible Study	2
3 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School 10:15A Lent Celebration 4:30P Confirmation Class	4 6:00A Men's Bible Study 9:30A Golden Shepherds 6:30P Ladies Bible Study 7:00P Trustees	5 9:00A Sewing Ladies 7:00P Cub Scouts	6 1:00P Euchre & Dominos	7	8 10:00A Ladies Bible Study	9
10 Daylight Savings Begins 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School 4:30P Confirmation Class	11 6:00A Men's Bible Study 6:00P Gideon's Cabinet Mtg. 6:30P Ladies Bible Study	12 9:00A Sewing Ladies 6:30P Pastor's Book Study 7:00P Cub Scouts	13	14	15 10:00A Ladies Bible Study 6:30P Youth Group Movie	16
17 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School 11:15A Education Comm. 6:00P Ad Council	18 6:00A Men's Bible Study 6:30P Ladies Bible Study	19 9:00A Sewing Ladies 6:30P Pastor's Book Study 7:00P Cub Scouts	20	21	22 10:00A Ladies Bible Study	23
24 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School	25 6:00A Men's Bible Study 6:30P Ladies Bible Study	26 9:00A Sewing Ladies 6:30P Pastor's Book Study 7:00P Cub Scouts	27	28 6:30P Servant's Heart	29 10:00A Ladies Bible Study	30
31 9:00A Worship Service 10:15A Sunday School 4:30P Confirmation Class	<p>MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Please have your information into the church office by Friday, March 15th.</p>					



March Celebrations

Birthday blessings to:

Lee Ransom.....	3/3	Landon Masters	3/23
Emilia Simon.....	3/3	Judy Dilk	3/27
Randy Collins	3/9	Evan Melling	3/27
Dan Norris	3/11	Dolores Hull.....	3/28
Richard Nye.....	3/13	Marge Sweany.....	3/28
Roger Hill.....	3/16	Abby Hyde.....	3/29
Emma Masters	3/18	Grace Cooning	3/30
Marlene Cox.....	3/20	Michele Orman	3/30
Diane Simon	3/20	Virginia Ransom.....	3/30
Bob Gregory.....	3/23	Melanie Eubanks.....	3/31



Garry & Debbie Colledge 3/5



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Worship Schedule

Traditional Worship Service 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study - Monday 6:00 AM
Ladies Bible Study - Monday 6:30 PM
Pastor's Book Study - Tuesday 6:30 PM
Ladies Bible Study - Friday 10:00 AM

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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March Worship Services

- March 3** "Say What???" Scripture: **Luke 9:28-36**
There are times when we are in the presence of the Divine that is best to say nothing.
- March 10** "Oh So Famished" Scripture: **Luke 4:1-13**
Jesus was so hungry he could have eaten most anything but he didn't. The world tempts us, like Jesus, when we are at our lowest point and literally starving for nourishment. We too can starve to death even in our world of abundance, when we only look to the food of the world and neglect the people and the Word of God.
- March 17** "Imitation Christian" Scripture: **Philippians 3:17-4:1**
The scripture calls us to be imitators of Christ and even more to become imitators of those in whom we see Christ. I have seen a few who have changed my life and, I believe, so have you.
- March 24** "Don't Put Your Head In the Sand" Scripture: **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**
We are warned to not become complacent about our faith. Trials will come to us as they do to everyone. It is really a question of our pride. Just when we think we are all squared away we find we have fallen into the sin of pride.
- March 31** "New Creation; Brand New" Scripture: **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**
Do you feel new? I mean brand spanking new? In Jesus Christ all that is behind us is gone and we are brand spanking new.