

Billy Hall Heading to Spain

Billy Hall is a participant in the Indiana University Honors program Foreign Languages. He was chosen from among 600 applicants for the program, which offers foreign language study in France, Germany, Spain and Mexico. Billy will spend part of June and July in Ciudad Real, Spain, immersed in the language and culture living with a no-English policy. We wish Billy a safe passage and enjoyable experience.

Sending Out for Ministry

Nettle Creek has the privilege of sending out one of our licensed ministers, Bill House. Bill has been called as pastor to Marion Church of the Brethren, Marion, Indiana. Bill graduated from Bethany Theological Seminary last May. He has pastored some other churches before coming to worship with us and awaiting another call. So it is with mixed emotions that we send Bill and Sue out to the Marion congregation. Bill will begin June 1, and they will move sometime in July. We wish them both well as they make the transition and begin ministry at Marion. This is not farewell but “until we meet again.” Blessings on the journey to Bill and Sue.



It takes all kinds of men and women, all kinds of churches and ministries, all kinds of circumstances to get God's message into our world.

-Wes Roberts and Glenn Marshall

South Central Indiana Women's Camp June 9-11

If you would still like to go to Women's Camp at Camp Mack, see **Kathy Denney**. The theme is “Which Path Do I Take?” Key leader is Sara St. Clair.

Brethren Press

Brethren Press has their new 2005 Spring Book and Gift Catalog out. Check out the bulletin board for some nifty gifts including books, music, clothing and jewelry, gifts for moms, dads, and grads, and gifts for children and family. You can also go to www.brethrenpress.com for items.

Annual Conference Briefing

June 26 is the briefing for Annual Conference at Kokomo Church of the Brethren at 2:30 p.m.

Annual Conference July 2-5

Annual Conference is in **Peoria, Illinois** this year. The theme is *Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus*, Hebrews 12:1-4. The Church has always been in need of a call to remember Jesus. Sometimes the need came about because of persecution; sometimes there was heresy; sometimes there were distractions; always there was/is the temptation to focus on ourselves. It is not uncommon to hear the question, “What would Jesus do?” Or among the Brethren, “What is the mind of Christ?” Those are very legitimate questions.

Artist's Statement About Logo

I wanted Jesus to be central to this logo—both conceptually and graphically. I chose light as the symbol which illustrates where we should fix our eyes: in a dark place (no matter how large) we look to light (no matter how small) as if our lives depend on it. Our Christian lives depend on being able to see the Light in the darkness. But this is not just any light, and it is not just for Christians; it breaks the bounds of darkness and goes out into the world in the form of the cross. The barbed wire has several levels of meaning: when used as a fence for animals, its purpose is to hinder and entangle—like the sins and distractions which Paul calls us to throw off. When barbed wire is used for people, its purpose is to restrict and exclude—it becomes a symbol of injustice and oppression. Finally, the form of the barbed wire suggests the crown of thorns—when used on Jesus its purpose was to wound and shame. It is this shame that Jesus scorned so that he could take a seat at the right hand of the throne of God. The Light overcomes sin, injustice, and shame, and by grace transforms them for the glory of

