

# News from the Brick

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Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

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## Carol's Comments

### "Searching for a Home"

*Matthew 6: 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

House hunting. What a chore that can be. Our youngest son, Paul, recently got a job in computer engineering after a long wait. He wanted to look for a house, so Mom and Dad took three days of vacation to help him look around the area. His brother, Philip, had bought a house after college, and so I tracked down his realtor to help us with Paul. Since Paul's job is in Ft. Wayne, we started out looking around that area. We scoped out the area. We searched on the internet and then went out to see where these "dream" homes were located. We must have been up and down about every road around Ft. Wayne. We also scoped out the Columbia City area. Some houses were immediately eliminated because they were just too big—too much house and price. Others were eliminated because the area wasn't appealing. Still others were too far from work or needed too much fixing up. We searched and searched on the internet, driving through subdivisions, driving in the country and through the towns. Even our dog, Schnickelfritz, would look up at me with his head on my arm with a, "Aren't we done yet?" look because it was a long process.



Finally, after deciding on some possibilities, our realtor set up the showings. I lost count, but I think it was at least ten houses that we went through. There are so many things to consider when house hunting. Paul finally had a couple that piqued his interest and decided to "sleep on it." He is pursuing one house and will know by the time the newsletter goes to print what the outcome of his search will be.

Searching. We all are searching for something whether it be a house, a car, a job, a new red hat, or just hunting for our car keys. Searching is something we all do. We have a certain criteria that we use depending on what it is that needs to be found. Today many our searching for meaning in their lives though they may not think they are. We try all sorts of things to bring meaning to our lives. We try to fill a void that we just don't understand or realize is there. Some try to find meaning in the wrong places i.e. wild living. Some try to find it in drugs or alcohol. Some try to find it in keeping busy or stuffing themselves with food or buying everything under the sun such as cars, boats, jewelry, clothes, gadgets.

God put this "hunger" for him inside us. It's as if a computer chip were implanted in us. We are connected to God because we have his very breath in us—his imprint is upon us. We are searching for something to make us feel accepted, whole, loved, appreciated, worthwhile, of use to humankind. Though we don't say so, in so many words, our actions demonstrate that we are "in search." We're hunting a place to come home to—the house of God.

What I notice today is that people are still searching for a true home not just a house. Sometimes I think that we get so busy "searching" that we don't really see what is there all along. We don't see that God has really been searching for us from the very beginning. In Christ we come home to God. Isn't it interesting that WE think that we're searching for God when it is God who is drawing us toward him? His "homing" device