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The CIM team on the South Side of Indianapolis hosted an outdoor neighborhood prayer meeting under a brightly colored tent September 25. Eighty to 85 people had the chance to pray, sing, hear preaching and testimonies and be prayed with.

Jerry Wind
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Andy Bowar took this picture of David Gruber recreating his spontaneous selfie with the branch during the Servant Branch covenant ceremony on September 11.

BACK COVER
Liz Loughran (South Bend) took this photo of old farm equipment this past August in the Palouse, an area of rolling hills in the northwestern U.S. which has some of the best dry land farming in the world.

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The community has released a new personal prayer app with easy to follow instructions to lead you step by step through meditations on Scripture passages about Jesus’ life. The app, called “Emmaus: Meditations on the Life of Jesus,” is free and can be used on your iPhone, your iPad or your Android smartphone or tablet.

The app includes the relevant Scripture passages from the English Standard Version, so you don’t need anything other than your phone to pray. Even if you’ve never done a meditation before and don’t know anything about it, you can follow the app’s simple instructions to use this method of prayer.

The app contains the full text of the scriptural meditations developed by Craig Lent in 2008. In fact, Craig was the visionary and the driving force behind the creation of the app, which was requested and funded by the People of Praise and developed by oneten communications. You don’t need anything other than the app to begin praying this way, but if you’d like more information and instruction on doing meditations you can watch or listen to Craig’s talks from the 2009 PTI. To find them, visit the online File Library at www.peopleofpraise.org/file-library/44 and log in.

Debbie Mixell (South Bend) tried out the app during the testing phase, and still uses it once a week or more. “I didn’t expect to like it as much as I do,” she says. “I thought taking my phone to prayer might be an invitation to distractions, but the features of the app actually help me focus.” She adds, “I’m comfortable with technology, but I’m definitely not a native speaker. For me, the app is self-explanatory and using it is pretty intuitive.”

Craig explains his hopes for the Emmaus app. “In the community we’ve been hearing the Lord say ‘get ready’ for more that he has for us. That has meant many things: understanding the love of God, renewing our understanding of baptism in the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts, the story of the Bible, the gift of our ecumenical character, what it means to be a community, and, of course, growing closer in our personal friendship with Jesus. We grow in friendship by experiencing our...
friend through his words and actions. The meditations are one way in which we can grow in friendship with the Lord. My hope is simply that the app will make it easier to do."

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On a recent Tuesday in a gas station parking lot between my office and an evening headship meeting, I pulled in under a tree, rolled down the windows and swiped my phone on. I set a timer, read a Scripture passage and spent an hour placing myself in the scene as Jesus called Matthew the tax collector to follow him. I imagined servants pouring wine into the cups of partying guests at Matthew’s home as Jesus ate with Matthew’s friends, the town’s sinners and tax collectors. Then I had a conversation with the Lord about how he walked right into Matthew’s life, and how I might engage with the lives of the people I meet at work. I hadn’t planned to do a meditation that day, and I didn’t have my Bible with me. All I needed was my phone.

The first thing I noticed when I opened the app was the set of options it offers for choosing a meditation. You can choose “Next Meditation”—the app will keep track of the last meditation you did, and suggest the next one sequentially. There’s also a “Meditation of the Week,” which loosely corresponds to the liturgical season and will be the same for every user. This could come in handy for doing a meditation with your men’s or women’s group. You can also choose “Random Meditation.” Then just shake your phone, and the app will spontaneously select a meditation for you.

There are plenty of other flexible settings in the app that allow you to personalize your experience, which was what I liked the best about it. Although the instructions provide suggested times for each step, you can set the timer for any number of minutes, and the app will use your device’s notification settings to let you know when the time is up. I always have my phone notifications set to vibrate so that it doesn’t make noise every time I get an email, and I found that helpful. For me, a vibration is subtle enough to be aware of, but I can choose to ignore it if I want to stay with a particular point a bit longer. There are also options for formatting the text of the meditation and instructions. You can look at one point at a time, see the whole meditation on one screen or choose an option in-between.

David Salmon (South Bend), who led one:ten’s development of the app, adds, “Since the app is available to the general public, we hope that it can spread this method of prayer to others beyond the community and thus help more people to grow in their friendship with the Lord.”

You can download the free Emmaus app from Apple’s App Store or the Google Play Store. Visit peopleofpraise.org/apps for more information and direct links to install the app on your device.
MEET THE BOARD

John Zwerneman

by Chris Meehan

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ohn Zwerneman was 21 when his parents, Jim and Nancy, and three of his four siblings moved from New Mexico to South Bend to join the People of Praise.

“I fell in love with community immediately,” he remembers. “There was so much joy, common purpose, intense and fantastic relationships, brotherhood and the love of God. I was thrilled.”

The Zwernemans forged strong relationships quickly, and had to lean on them when Nancy died of cancer less than a year later.

John moved to North Carolina for medical school, and then on to Phoenix for a residency in internal medicine. There he met Amy Gilloon through the People of Joy community. John and Amy married in 1983 and they have five children: James, 31, Peter, 29, Mary, 27, Johnny, 25, and Annie Kadeli, 23 (northern Virginia).

After medical school, the People of Praise sent John and Amy on assignment to Israel for one year to assist the People of Joy community in their new mission in Jerusalem. John volunteered at a children’s health clinic and made house calls in the Muslim quarter. John, Amy and James lived in the Old City, where John enjoyed shopping for food in the street markets.

After Jerusalem, the community asked them to move to Grenada. The Zwernemans spent six years on the island, with John serving as the mission branch leader while practicing medicine at a small clinic. The family lived on four acres planted with nutmeg, cocoa and bananas. John raised chickens and traded the meat and eggs with neighbors for pork and vegetables. Three of their children were born in Grenada.

The Zwernemans returned to the US in 1992, moving to Phoenix, where John began a second residency in psychiatry. After John finished his residency, they moved back to South Bend. John was appointed as an area coordinator, and in 2002 was appointed to the first of two six-year terms as principal branch coordinator.

During that time, John was “an energetic and remarkably effective leader, all the while maintaining a full-time job as a psychiatrist,” says Craig Lent. “He was busy, yet available. He did an amazing job and was much beloved in the branch.”

At one branch meeting, he illustrated the abundant and overflowing love of God by pouring a bottle of red wine into a glass until it overflowed, delighting many in the branch. “He is a gifted and great communicator,” said Rich Was, who followed John as PBC.

Molly Barrett, who works at the South Bend branch office, says John was not only a good manager but a faithful brother in the Lord. “His parents were old friends of my parents, Gene and Jo Geissler. After John’s parents died, he treated my parents with similar affection and loyalty. He was such a source of comfort to them, and they trusted his advice. If I happened to mention at work any difficulties either of my parents was having, John would be sure to squeeze in a visit to them at his earliest opportunity.”

John was elected to the board of governors in 2014. He loves cooking and has put his love for food on display at the board’s annual retreats. With Amy and his children, he started a small publishing house, Wiggins Press, to publish a children’s book series called The Adventures of Ta and Boddington, written and illustrated by his son James, which many community children have enjoyed.

In the summer of 2016, John and Amy began traveling to the Rockford and Appleton branches on behalf of Kevin Ranaghan and the branch relations team. “Serving the community is our delight,” he says.
Nick Holovaty was well prepared for a missionary calling by the example of his parents and grandparents.

His mother’s side includes Presbyterian missionaries sent to Brazil and to the Belgian Congo. His paternal grandfather fled Stalin’s invasion of Ukraine and was eventually ordained a Ukrainian Catholic priest in Canada.

In 1990, when Nick was 10, his parents, Orest and Susan (Evansville), took Nick and his sister Claire from Wheaton, IL, to Moscow, Russia. There, Orest worked for a Christian foundation, supporting churches and missions across the Soviet Union.

“My parents’ example showed me that it is worth taking great risks so people have the opportunity to hear the gospel,” Nick says. He remembers the evangelists who came to the Holovaty’s home for lunch. “It was in talking to these fervent men from all over the former Soviet Union, many of whom had spent time in Communist prisons on account of their faith, that my desire to serve the Lord through evangelism took root.”

In 1999, Nick enrolled in St. John’s College in Annapolis, MD, where he began to search for a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit and Christian community. Fluent in Russian, he had explored a call to the missions in Russia through an internship with a group of charismatic Russian Orthodox Christians. But he ultimately found what he was looking for in South Bend, where the rest of the family had established a stateside home so Claire could attend Trinity School. “When I moved to South Bend, the South Bend branch found me a place to live, a job and a role playing guitar at the Campus Fellowship meetings. I was amazed to find men who were both spiritual and practical, and I realized I wanted to be like them.”

He enrolled at Notre Dame, was baptized in the Spirit and joined the community in February, 2001.

The next two years were pivotal. Nick took a break from school and began working for the community, absorbing our way of thinking from Paul DeCelles. He later returned to Notre Dame and graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA. In February, 2002, following the 2001 High Country Adventure, Paul sent Nick, Sean Connolly and J-T Kelly on a three-week road trip to seek out a location where high school students could develop a summer camp. They eventually found Allendale, which became the site of the first Action summer later that year.

Nick soon became a leader in the movement of young people who were working to contribute to the community through city-building. He helped lead the first household of single men and women in Allendale in 2004, before moving to the Twin Cities to help with the campus division in Dinkytown. He led and helped found the Company, a group of young men who commit themselves to being trained and deployed for the mission work of the community.

In 2007, Craig Lent appointed Nick as the community’s Mission program coordinator, and Nick became a founding member of a new group of People of Praise missionaries, the Missionary Company, who live together in households and embrace poverty for the sake of the gospel. Nick moved to Indianapolis and later to Evansville, helping to launch new starts in both locations. In 2011, he made a commitment to be single for the Lord for the sake of the community’s mission work. He was elected to the board of governors in 2014.

Nick plays the guitar and banjo and enjoys writing songs, from playful ditties about the small towns he’s encountered on his travels to hymn lyrics for the missionary choir.

“Nick’s missionary background and fervor for evangelism, his deep understanding of household life and his experience building Christian community are all tremendous assets for our life,” Craig says. “He is also an excellent musician.”

Paul DeCelles adds, “Nick, together with his companions, has taken the community to a new frontier, the gospel to the poor.”
MEET THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Craig Lent (South Bend), second term
Craig offers glimpses of the moon and the planets with his telescope to shoppers at a local store.

Mike Zusi (South Bend), second term
Mike was one of the community’s first missionaries, sent to Grenada in 1984.

Mike Coney (New Orleans), second term
Mike has baptized all 26 of his grandchildren.

Phil Monaco (Corvallis), second term
Phil climbed a 235-foot-tall conifer during a research project on the canopies of trees.

Nick Holovaty (Mission division, Evansville), first term
Nick learned to windsurf off the coast of Kenya.

Joel Kibler (Vancouver-Portland), second term
Joel has traveled to 36 countries.

Sean Connolly (South Bend), first term
Sean has completed six marathons.

Bob McDonough (South Bend), first term
Bob solves sudoku puzzles in ink.

Jim Mysliwiec (northern Virginia), second term
Jim was the quarterback and captain of his high school football team, and was, briefly, a walk-on quarterback at Notre Dame.

John Zwerneman (South Bend), first term
John attended New Mexico State University on a full-ride drama scholarship and played John Dickinson in the musical 1776.

Pat Murphy (Servant Branch), first term
Pat has smuggled Bibles into Bulgaria and competed in a wrestling match in Tehran.

PHOTOS: LEFT: MARY TIMLER; RIGHT: MARGARET ANDERSON.
IN MEMORIAM
Our Great Cloud of Witnesses

“THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1).

October 15, 2016, marks the 45th anniversary of the covenant of the People of Praise. In light of this anniversary, we want to honor our covenant by publishing this list of the members of the People of Praise who have died while covenanted. When you look at each name, you’ll see two dates. Unlike a gravestone, which lists birth and death dates, we’ve listed the date each brother or sister made the covenant along with the date of his or her death. The branch listed is the member’s branch at the time of death.

We honor these brothers and sisters here with their names, but perhaps a deeper honoring will come from those of you who knew them: in the stories you tell in your households, in your men’s and women’s groups, and to your children. We hope that, in remembering these heroes and saints who have gone before us in our life together, you will be blessed and inspired by their example and encouraged to follow the Lord more closely.

Kathryn “Kay” Amenda
Rockford c. 9/21/1991 d. 6/9/2013

John Asselin
Servant Branch c. 4/14/1985 d. 6/22/2005

Mary Asselin
Northern Virginia c. 4/14/1985 d. 7/28/2016

Kathleen Benoit
Vancouver c. 9/5/1987 d. 11/8/2001

Richard “Dick” Berg

Ray Besch
Servant Branch c. 4/14/1985 d. 7/3/1993

Marilyn Boydstun
South Bend c. 9/24/1977 d. 10/16/2011

Kevin Brown
Mobile c. 11/21/1988 d. 12/19/2004

Herbert “Herb” Bruber
Servant Branch c. 4/14/1985 d. 7/30/2008

Florence Burek
Buffalo c. 4/7/1991 d. 9/27/2006

William “Bill” Burns

Della “Dell” Burns
Rockford c. 9/21/1991 d. 10/13/2011

Shirley Butler
Servant Branch c. 4/7/1996 d. 8/19/2010

Tom Canefi, Sr.
Servant Branch c. 3/31/1991 d. 8/9/2012

Hannah Carroll
South Bend c. 6/7/1981 d. 3/9/1992

We covenant ourselves to live our lives together in Christ our Lord, by the power of his Spirit. We agree to become a Christian community, to find within our fellowship the essential core of our life in the Spirit:

Cliff Baker
Oahu c. 10/14/1990 d. 10/27/2003

Catherine Bella
South Bend c. 9/24/1977 d. 8/13/1995

John Benito
Tampa c. 10/1/1997 d. 4/8/2002

Karl Benkeser
Muncie c. 4/20/1986 d. 5/17/2009

Leonard Beskar

Mary Bilby
Muncie c. 6/10/2000 d. 11/21/2015

A. James “Jim” Bittner
Servant Branch c. 1/27/1985 d. 1/9/2012

Alan Blake
Mobile c. 11/21/1988 d. 12/1/1994

Rosalie “Rosie” Cedergren
Northern Virginia c. 1/28/1979 d. 2/17/2013

Elizabeth “Betty” Cerrentano
Rockford c. 3/30/1996 d. 10/16/2010

Ethel Chalk
South Bend c. 9/22/1991 d. 7/2/2009

Margaret Jean Chambers
South Bend c. 9/24/1977 d. 8/22/2010
in worship and the sacraments, spiritual and moral guidance, service and apostolic activity. We accept the order of this community which the Lord is establishing

with all the ministry gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially with the foundational ministry gifts of apostles, pastors, prophets, teachers and evangelists.

Virginia “Gini” Chaput
Tampa c. 10/15/1982 d. 2/18/2013

John Childers
Shreveport c. 10/7/1999 d. 8/5/2005

Patricia “Patty” Chukinas
South Bend c. 6/7/1974 d. 2/3/2007

Alice Cochran
South Bend c. 11/9/1974 d. 2/16/1990

Priscilla Collins

Debbie Conlon
Muncie c. 11/13/1994 d. 11/20/2009

Dennis Correa
Oahu c. 12/9/1984 d. 3/13/2000

Dale Cotter
South Bend c. 9/24/1977 d. 4/10/2004

John Curran
Oahu c. 9/24/1977 d. 8/12/1984

Carol Cwikla
Servant Branch c. 1/27/1985 d. 1/15/2012

Sylvia David

Jeanne DeCelles
South Bend c. 10/15/1971 d. 4/17/2015

Barnadine “Bonnie” Dereschuk
Servant Branch c. 4/14/1985 d. 6/22/2004

Celina DeRoche
New Orleans c. 9/26/1986 d. 10/14/1993

Vickie DeSanto
Servant Branch c. 4/3/1988 d. 9/21/2004

Albert Desmarais
Saskatoon c. 4/20/2003 d. 7/30/2009

Elizabeth “Betty” Diffley

James “Jim” Diffley
South Bend c. 9/16/1990 d. 3/5/2013

Ronald “Ron” Folvarcik
Tampa c. 1/14/2007 d. 1/6/2016

Tom Fragas
Oahu c. 12/8/1985 d. 5/13/2013

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We agree to obey the direction of the Holy Spirit manifested in and through these ministries in full harmony with the church.

We recognize in the covenant a unique relationship one to another and between the individual and the community. We accept the responsibility for mutual care, concern and ministry among ourselves.
We will serve one another and the community as a whole in all needs: spiritual, material, financial. We agree that the weekly meeting of the community is primary among our commitments and that we will not be absent except for a serious reason.
“Jambalaya, and a crawfish pie and filé gumbo,” as the Hank Williams song recounts, are staples of Louisiana home cooking. Many community members from other locations remember getting treated by their Shreveport branch hosts to a hot bowl of gumbo while on an Action trip in the Allendale neighborhood.
“It is a pretty much go-to thing for a crowd,” Mary Frances Parker (Shreveport) says, “and you really can’t mess it up unless you don’t season it enough.”

As Linda Coney (New Orleans) notes, many people in Louisiana don’t use written recipes for gumbo. Mary Frances Parker’s commentary is included with her own recipe here. Additional tips and alternate methods are included, and if you want more you could call up just about any member of the New Orleans or Shreveport branches!

Jackie Vaughan (Shreveport) adds, “If it’s good, then be sure to tell the cook, ‘Ca c’est bon!’ That means it’s good in Cajun French and it’s quite a compliment in South Louisiana.”

CHICKEN AND SMOKED SAUSAGE GUMBO
As Explained by Mary Frances Parker
SERVES: 15 HEARTY APPETITES.
It’s ALWAYS better the second night, so you want to make enough that you have leftovers.

Ingredients
All estimated. If you’ve got beef, turkey, gravy, throw it in!
1/2 cup baking fat (bacon grease, Crisco or vegetable oil)
1 cup flour
1 onion, diced
1 pepper, diced
1 pound bag of frozen sliced okra (or use diced celery)
1 pound andouille or other smoked sausage, precooked
4 pounds chicken breast or 1 whole chicken, cubed
Creole/Cajun spice blend like Tony Chachere’s
3 quarts water (or broth or stock, without using chicken base)
1 rounded tablespoon chicken base
2-3 bay leaves
Parsley flakes, fresh or dried
1-2 tablespoons minced garlic

Directions
1. First you make a roux. Heat your baking fat on medium heat in a heavy frying pan. Add maybe a cup of flour so that the mixture becomes pasty, not loose. You have to stir the roux, turn it over until it turns a dark chocolate brown. That takes at least 20-30 minutes. Just don’t answer the phone while you’re making that roux, because it’s going to burn.
2. As soon as the roux is a Hershey’s chocolate brown, turn the burner down low and toss in what is called the “trinity” of Cajun cooking: onions, bell pepper and celery . . . but I don’t use celery. I also toss in the sliced okra. The vegetables make the roux stop cooking. Sauté until the onions are clear. It will be pasty, a big clump of stuff.
3. Season the cubed chicken real good with Tony’s, then put it in a stockpot and brown it. Remove it and put it in a bowl. You have to cover it, because everyone who walks by is going to eat a piece.
4. Now put the roux and vegetables in the pot and add the water. Throw in a bay leaf or two, minced garlic and parsley. I also add chicken base—it makes the gumbo richer. That stuff is salty so not too much. I cook that together. Add more water or stock if it’s too thick, or let it boil off if it’s too watery. (Frances Gauthier adds, “You don’t want it to be gravy thick, but not too soupy either.”) I slice up the sausage and put that in, but don’t put the chicken in yet. Bring it to a boil, then simmer maybe an hour, stirring every so often.
5. Wait to put the chicken in until 20-30 minutes before you serve it, or it can get mushy. Then taste to see if it needs any other seasoning. Now, don’t taste it before you have added the chicken back in and let it simmer, because that has all the Tony’s.
Serve over rice.

INGREDIENT VARIATIONS:
Mary Frances: “Some people like to put green onions on top when you serve it. A lot of people serve potato salad with it and put it in the gumbo. People in New Orleans put tomatoes in their gumbo. Seafood gumbo is great, but expensive.”

John and Frances Gauthier (Shreveport): “Some people will put some file powder in it, which gives it a different flavor, but don’t put that in while it’s cooking. As you serve it, people can stir it in individually. It makes gumbo a little thicker in a different way—coarser.”

Kathy Mehaffey (New Orleans): “Okra is one of those things that people either like or don’t . . . it’s slimy.” (Okra acts as an additional thickening agent, so if you don’t use it you may want to decrease the amount of water or increase the amount of roux.)

Mary Childers (Shreveport) recommends: “You can’t rush roux. If you do it fast it’ll have a burnt taste, bitter.” Mary also stops cooking her roux earlier than Mary Frances would, when it is the color of a dark copper penny.

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ROUX:
Making a roux could take up to an hour, depending on how dark you dare to go or how high your heat is. This website, http://acadianatable.com/first-you-make-a-roux/ has some helpful photographs of the roux-making process. Note that the roux pictured starts with a 1-to-1 ratio of fat to flour instead of 1-to-2, making for a more liquidy roux.

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TIMELINE:
Mary Frances: “I have done this: I make the roux, add all the vegetables, let that cool off and put it in a Ziploc bag in the freezer. If I make gumbo in the morning, I let it simmer a couple hours and then turn it off with lid on, then turn it back on maybe an hour before I serve it.”
TRIBUTES

BILL SHOULFER
By Tom Noe

George Cramer honored Bill as “a giant of a man” when branch members gathered to pay tribute to our dear brother’s life and legacy. For a basically quiet man, Bill had a huge impact. No one ever heard him raise his voice, but once you got to know him you were always alert to whatever he said, because he spoke directly, personally, from hard-won experience, and he spoke the truth. His kids remember him teaching them: “Always tell the truth.”

On their 80-acre farm in Oregon, Bill and Kathy raised dairy heifers, sheep, chickens, rabbits and goats. Practical affairs and working with his hands seemed to come naturally to Bill, and he could repair or rejuvenate just about anything, and do it calmly. He would be whistling or humming as he worked. His primary career was in plumbing, but he was in demand for many other skills, and always seemed to be available. His uncountable hours of labor in our branch center and the LaSalle Building helped to support all our branch events.

He lived for 35 years after losing a lung to cancer. Maybe that’s one reason he was always so determined and heart-strong, encouraging his brothers in the community and elsewhere, helping them move forward in the Lord’s path. In 2008, Bill was having multiple TIAs and Kathy quit work to look after him. After major strokes started in 2013, Bill went forward with determination and grit. Geoff Kelleher recalls, “In suffering he was dignified and resolute. He got up every day and did what he could. I loved being around him.” So did we all.

facts
- Bill Shoufler was born July 31, 1938, in Moline, IL, and grew up in Long Beach, CA. He died May 5, 2016, in South Bend.
- He and Kathy Bauers were married April 30, 1966. They farmed in Oregon from 1969 until 1980, when they moved to South Bend to join the community.
- They were baptized in the Spirit in a small prayer meeting in Oregon. After that, Bill served in a local prison ministry, sharing the Lord with others.
- He became a covenanted member of the People of Praise October 15, 1982.

JIM KELLEN
By Jerry Wind

The symptoms of polio appeared suddenly, during a high school football game. Jim was told that he would spend the rest of his life in a hospital bed, so he turned his paralyzed body as well as his mind and heart to the Lord, his Catholic faith and education. He didn’t stay in that hospital bed. With much assistance from others, Jim worked his way into a wheelchair and lived life to its fullest.

He was in charge of acquisitions and cataloging at the St. Thomas library, and through his efforts the school has acquired a highly respected rare manuscript collection. Over the years, thousands of university students and educators became aware of Jim’s cheerful faith, his dependence on God and his humble life in Christ.

I knew Jim as my father Joe’s best friend and as part of our family for about 17 years. Jim attended all our Wind family Christmas, birthday and other celebrations from 1988 to 2005.

Jim loved the People of Praise, and was loved by all of us in Servant Branch. His special van was like community property, because brothers from all areas took turns getting him to meetings and events. He was a treasure, with his great sense of humor and a really strong collection of jokes. We all looked up to him. Ed Schwab, an especially close friend, was with Jim as he died, and said Jim’s last words were, “It’s so great to be free!”

facts
- James Dale Kellen was born March 27, 1932, in Woodstock, MN, and died May 9, 2016, in Minneapolis.
- Jim was unable to walk or use his right arm. He had the use of only three fingers.
- He earned degrees in English, education, library science and theology.
- In 1958 he began a 40-year career as a librarian at the University of St. Thomas.
- Jim received the St. Thomas Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1989, a papal award in 1995, the Luxembourg National Order of Merit in 1998 and the Rose and Jay Phillips Award for the Handicapped.
- Jim made the covenant of the People of Praise March 26, 1989.
Covenant
Congratulations to these brothers and sister who recently made the covenant of the People of Praise:
Servant Branch, September 11:
David Gruber, Alicia McShane, James McShane

Births
Welcome to our youngest brothers and sisters in the community:
Theodore (Teddy) Paul, born September 2 to David and Laura Mattingly (South Bend).
Rohan André Gokulakrishnan, born September 6 to Therese Fossen (Servant Branch).
Gianna Arielle, born September 7 to Justin and Katie Lokke (northern Virginia).
Fiona Therese, born September 12 to John and Claire Kurdelak (South Bend).

Anniversaries
Congratulations to these brothers and sisters, who have celebrated major anniversaries this year:
Tom and Brigid Altman (Servant Branch), 30 years on January 4.
Brian and Beth Weber (New Orleans), 25 years on February 8.
Bud and Marilyn Northway (Buffalo), 50 years on February 19.
David and Joan Sier (Appleton), 45 years on February 27.
Mark and Theresa Lambrecht (Servant Branch), 30 years on March 8.
Pat and LeeAnn Murphy (Servant Branch), 40 years on June 5.
Tony and Celeste Dal Pra (Rockford), 35 years on June 6.
Jim and Nadine Reinhardt (Servant Branch), 30 years on June 20.
Chuck and Bernadette Fossen (Servant Branch), 30 years on July 6.
Shane and Diane Drefcinski (Servant Branch), 25 years on July 8.
Mike and Rita Kottkamp (South Bend) 50 years on July 23.
Terry and Connie Hackenbruck (Corvallis), 45 years on August 13.
Kevin and Dorothy Ranaghan (South Bend), 50 years on August 6.
Jim and Rozann Schenkel (Muncie), 50 years on August 13.
Norm and Kathy Hippert (Appleton), 50 years on August 13.
Jim and Pat Kaiser (South Bend), 50 years on August 14.
John and Mary Lou Carey (Corvallis), 30 years on August 24.
Whit and Dorothy Au (Oahu), 50 years on September 23.
Jim and Gina Kadera (Vancouver-Portland), 50 years on September 5.
Dawn (Servant Branch) and Mark Whittenburg, 25 years on September 7.
John and Anna Shackelton (Corvallis), 45 years on September 25.
Mick and Kathy Coleman (Servant Branch), 40 years on September 11.
Louis and Nancy Grams (Servant Branch), 45 years on September 11.
Bob and Dianne Krause (Servant Branch), 50 years on October 1.

Work and Achievements
Congratulations to Cheryl Imes (Muncie), who recently retired from her 51-year career as a nurse.
Congratulations to Tom McNichol (northern Virginia) who retired last May after 49 years in education.
On July 1 Fr. Chuck Wood (Vancouver-Portland) was assigned as the new pastor of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, about 15 miles northwest of Portland.

Deaths
We’ve received word of the deaths of these members of the People of Praise. We pray for their family and friends in this time of loss. Tribute articles will follow in an upcoming issue.
Astrid Kramer (Mobile) died April 14, 2016.
Roman Schmitt (Corvallis) died September 30, 2016.
Karen Mazanowski (Indianapolis) died October 5, 2016.

Executive Office Announcements
Joe Gleason (South Bend) has been assigned to Austin, Texas, for the year beginning October 1, where he will be assisting in editing a feature film.
Tampa:
Michael Solomon was released from the covenant of the People of Praise on September 29, 2016.
Vancouver-Portland:
Pat Clark’s term as a nonvoting coordinator for purposes of training has been extended for a second year, from December 15, 2016, to December 15, 2017.
“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field” (Dt. 28:3).