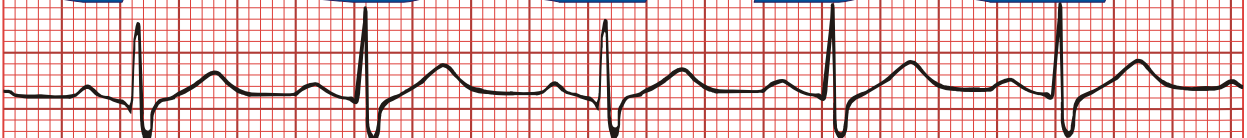
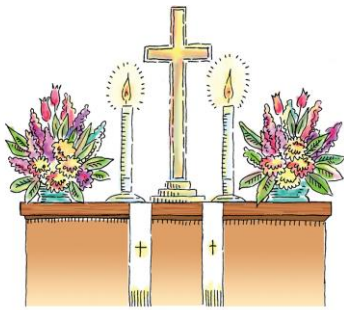


# **PULSE**



*The heartbeat of*  
**Flora Presbyterian Church**

**October, 2013**



Speaker Schedule

**October 6 – Video sermon**  
**October 13 – Louis Sandos**  
**October 20 – Mark Good**  
**October 27 – Carrie Munson**

**World Communion Sunday is  
October 6. The Carroll  
County Presbyterian  
Churches have been invited to  
the Delphi Presbyterian  
Church at 12:30 for a meal,  
communion and fellowship.**



**Oasis Fun Night  
Wednesday, October 30  
Hayride at home of  
David and Rhoda Kratz**

# THE BIRTH OF THE SONG "PRECIOUS LORD"

By Tommy Dorsey

Back in 1932 I was 32 years old and a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's Southside. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis, where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go. Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. I kissed Nettie good-bye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66.

However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, I had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back. I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling me to stay. But eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music. The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again.

When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED. People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying out. I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was "Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead." When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him any more or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well.

But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis. Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God? Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died.

From that moment on I vowed to listen more closely to Him. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially a friend, Professor Fry, who seemed to know what I needed.

On the following Saturday evening he took me up to Malone's Poro College, a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows. I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys.

Something happened to me then. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody, once into my head-they just seemed to fall into place:

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand!  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,  
Through the storm, through the night lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand, Precious Lord, Lead me home.*

The Lord gave me these words and melody. He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power.

And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home. - Tommy Dorsey

Did you know that Tommy Dorsey wrote this song? What a wonderful story of how God CAN heal the brokenhearted.

**Sunday School 9:15, Choir Practice TBA, Worship 10:15**

# *Flora Presbyterian Church*

**Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers**

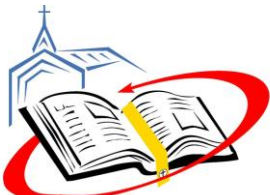
**October, 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 PM Oasis	3	4	5
6 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> <b>Maureen Parker</b> <b>Sally Schmidt</b> <b>Mark Good</b> <b>Bill Kearns</b> <b>Jay McMillin</b> Video sermon	7	8 <b>Ann Brown</b> <b>Craig McGill</b>	9 <b>Ava McGill</b> 6:00 PM Oasis	10 7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering	11	12
13 <b>Jane Kearns</b> <b>Maureen Parker</b> <b>Kris McGill</b> <b>David Kratz</b> <b>Bob &amp; Ann Brown</b> Session meets after worship Louis Sandos, Guest Speaker	14	15 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Libby Sparks hostess	16 6:00 PM Oasis	17 <b>Mary Ann</b> <b>Markley</b>	18	19
20 <b>Maureen Parker</b> <b>Barbara Wilkinson</b> <b>Kevin Clark</b> <b>Gerry &amp; Susan Hollis</b> Mark Good, Guest Speaker	21	22 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	23 <b>Mitchell Catron</b> <b>Barb Mayfield</b> 6:00 PM Oasis	24	25	26
27 <b>Maureen Parker</b> <b>Tammy Moss</b> <b>Dale Snipes</b> <b>Dale &amp; Vicky Snipes</b> Carrie Munson, Guest Speaker	28	29	30 6:00 PM Oasis Fun Night	31		

## Christian Education

by Tammy Moss

### Sunday School



Adult

### Sunday School Class

We are beginning our Fall quarter with a study of "People of Purpose" – choosing personalities of the New Testament and reflecting on the life lessons contained in God's Word. We meet in the

dining room from 9:15 to 10 AM before worship. Leading our study on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> will be Marshall McCammack. Our first person of purpose will be John. For October 6<sup>th</sup> read Luke 9:51-56.

### Junior Church and Nursery

If you are currently a volunteer, or would like to volunteer, please contact me at 765-588-7408, or [tammy.moss@thefarmersbank.com](mailto:tammy.moss@thefarmersbank.com)



JUNIOR CHURCH

### Oasis ~



We praise God for wonderful weather and a great turnout for our Oasis kick-off September 18<sup>th</sup>. More than 50 children came, including many first-timers. A big thank you to everyone who helped out!

### "The Story"

We invite you to join Oasis as we study "The Story." Each Wednesday night at Oasis every age group will be exploring the same Bible stories and learning how God's story is also our story. We invite you to join other adults and Oasis parents each week for this journey through God's Word. The adult group will watch engaging videos and discuss how the Bible relates to us today. Come alongside our Oasis families as we discover together God's plan for His people, including YOU! Join us at 6 PM for our free meal, or join the adult class at 6:40. Please come!

**Want to help out?** We are still looking for assistants to help with a couple of the groups. We also welcome adults to come for dinner to be a group buddy. If you are interested, feel free to show up on any Wednesday at 6 PM and talk to Barb Mayfield. There are so many ways you can be a part of this ministry:



1 more Greeter to be there 5:40 – 6:10 to greet children as they arrive. Mark Good is taking charge of this, but would appreciate help!

1-2 people to supervise dismissal at 8:00 PM – perfect for someone planning to participate in the adult Bible Study.

1-2 people to supervise activities before dinner This would require coming at 5:45 when we open the doors and supervising games and activities children can do before dinner at 6.

Cooks and Kitchen helpers – this can be weekly or just once in awhile. Sign up to prepare one or more meals. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

### Leader for 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys group

This is a weekly commitment and you will have an assistant leader. "The Story" resources make planning easy!

Group Helpers – Several groups need someone to assist the leader: Young children grades K-1, (mixed boys and girls), Young children grades 2-3 (mixed boys/girls), Mid-age girls (4-6),

Table buddies – Be a "buddy" along with other adults to an entire table of children. You can pick which group you would like to be a buddy for.

If you are interested in any of the above, speak to Barb Mayfield, or send her an e-mail:

[barb.mayfield@gmail.com](mailto:barb.mayfield@gmail.com)

### October Fun Night – Hayride



This year's hayride will be on Wednesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> at the home of David and Rhoda Kratz. Watch for announcements for how you can help!

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Welcome back to the Oasis group! Please come to the library on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and I will be there to introduce you to the library and the wonderful worlds you can explore in a book. The young adult section and children's section have been moved to be in a more visible area and the rest of the library is waiting to be discovered. Come and see what we have to offer!

*Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian*



## Presbyterian Women

*by Jane Bishop*



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on October 15, 2013 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 PM. Hostess will be Libby Sparks; Year Book, Terry Langston; Horizons, Lola Snaveley; Bible Study, Marlene Smith. All women are invited.

### Thrift Shop Schedule for October

Fri. Oct 4.....Laraine MacLauchlan..... sort/mark  
Fri. Oct 11.....Jane Bishop..... sort/mark  
Sat. Oct 19.....Libby Sparks ..... cashier  
Sat. Oct 26..... Laraine MacLauchlan ..... tags

The **2013 Thank Offering** will be received on November 10.

## Nominating Committee

*by Tammy Moss*



**Nominating  
COMMITTEE**

position for our church.

We continue working on the replacement of a total of 4 Session members. Please give prayerful consideration if you feel a call to fill a leadership

## Worship Committee

*by Kevin Clark*



Pulpit fill for month of October:

10/06 Video sermon, Joe Mayfield lay leader  
10/13 Louis Sandos  
10/20 Mark Good  
10/27 Carrie Munson

### We are in need of more volunteers for lay leader.

October 6th is World Communion Sunday. The Carroll County Presbyterian Churches have been invited to the Delphi Presbyterian Church at 12:30 for carry-in lunch and Communion. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Attendees may take a salad or dessert to share.



Our choir is  
**AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## Clerk of Session

*by Laurie Brower*

Next Session Meeting is October 13th. There will be a short meeting prior to the service. All session members should be there by 9:45 with the regular session meeting after the service.



*Session Meeting*



October days again are here,  
the brightest time of all the year.

The trees in all their glory stand  
Painted by the Master's hand.  
All in colors of rarest hue,  
While the sky above seems a brighter blue


Gone are summer's fairest flowers  
There's a deepening haze in the twilight hours.  
A silver frost in the early morn,  
Like soldiers on parade stand the ripened corn.

The apples in the orchard are all ripe and mellow,  
The pumpkins are all bright and yellow.  
Indiana Summer so mild and fair,  
Has cobwebs waving in her hair.

The days grow short,  
Soon the cold winds will blow  
Then Mother earth will sleep  
Under her blanket of snow.

*Poem by Charline Ferguson  
(Ruth Erisman's mother)*





# Puzzle

## Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways.  
A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

$3\frac{1}{4}$ ft.	knowledge	Savior	$3\frac{1}{8}$ ft.
$3\frac{1}{16}$ ft.	him	grace	3 ft.
$2\frac{3}{4}$ ft.	now	forever	$2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
$2\frac{1}{4}$ ft.	Lord	grow	$2\frac{1}{8}$ ft.
$2\frac{1}{16}$ ft.	glory	Jesus	
2 ft.	Amen	Christ	$1\frac{1}{4}$ ft.
1 ft.	our		

"But  $2\frac{1}{8}$  ft. in the  $3$  ft. and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  ft. of  $1$  ft.  
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 To be  $2\frac{3}{4}$  ft. both  $2\frac{3}{4}$  ft. and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft.  $2$  ft."  
 2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."  
2 Peter 3:18, NIV

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