

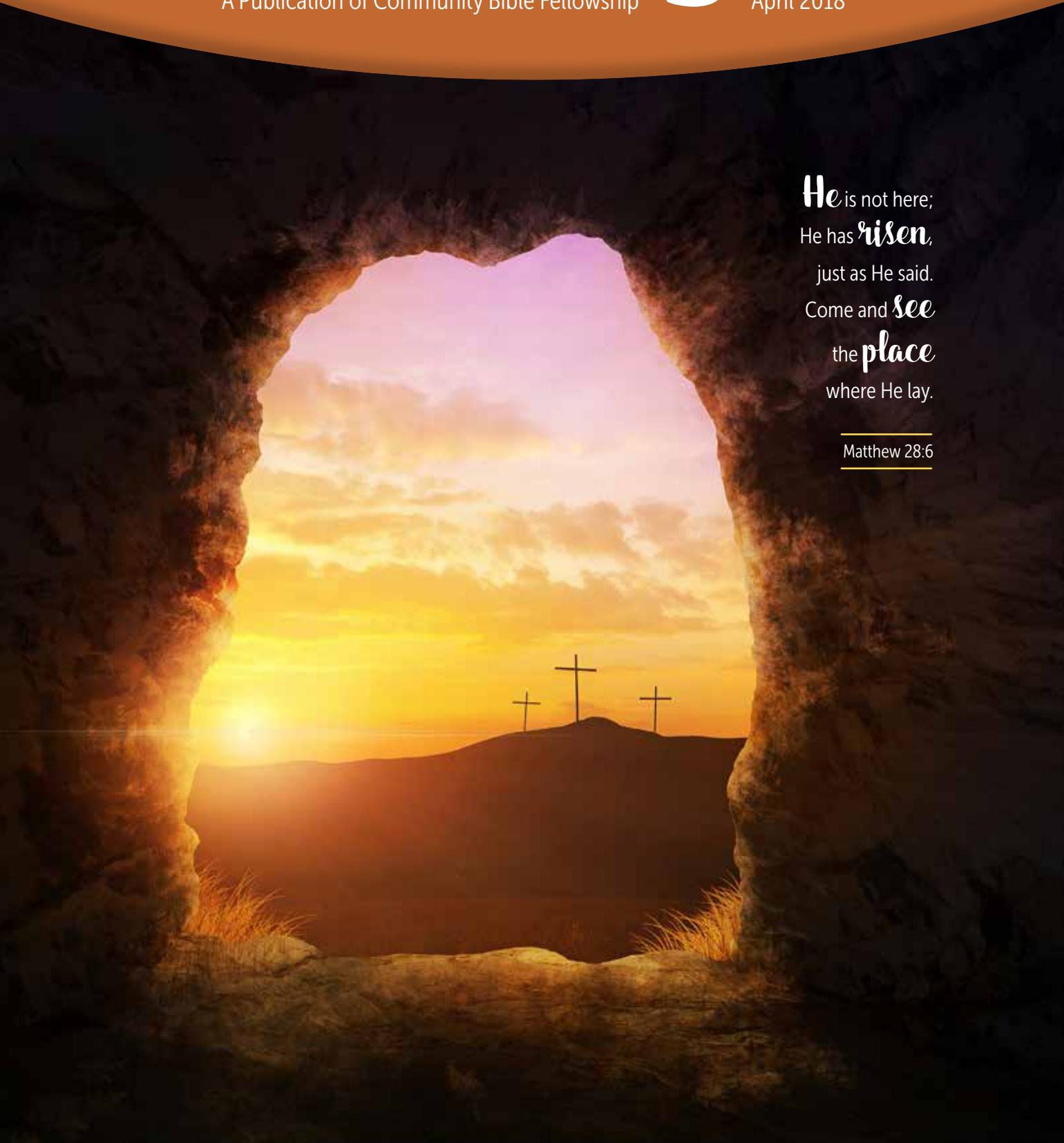
The Messenger

A Publication of Community Bible Fellowship

April 2018

He is not here;
He has *risen*,
just as He said.
Come and *see*
the *place*
where He lay.

Matthew 28:6



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



RESURRECTION BREAKFAST

April 1

Be sure to join us Sunday, April 1st, as we celebrate our risen Savior! The Hospitality Team will be serving a continental breakfast at 9:00 AM in the chapel. Sunday school is cancelled that morning so that all may enjoy the Resurrection Breakfast.

NEW SERMON SERIES

"Missions & Evangelism"

Sunday, April 8th, brings our next sermon series. Be sure to join us each Sunday morning as Pastor Pauley shares more lessons gleaned from the book of Acts. Sermon titles in April include "Showing and Growing" (based on Acts 1:8), "The World's Judgment Day" (based on Acts 1:11) and "Why Do We Need a Savior?" (based on Acts 4:12).

"BE THE CHANGE" MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Ongoing

The "Be the Change" collection jar will continue to be available each Sunday morning until the end of May. Our goal is to raise at least \$5000. Although this won't fully fund these missions, it will

tremendously help! Thank you very much for all the donations we've received to date!

"3RD WEDNESDAY"

April 18

Be sure to join us on April 18th for our final "3rd Wednesday" evening of the academic year. Supper is offered at 6 PM in the sanctuary. This meal is provided by the church with a donation basket to help with costs. The menu for the evening includes spaghetti and meatballs, green beans and garlic bread. At 7 PM, we offer three great learning opportunities: Bible Improv, a question-answer time with Pastor Pauley in the chapel; "The Book of Daniel Bible Study" with Bob Hoffman in room N2, and "Kids' Bible Study" for youngsters ages 3 – 12 in the activity room with Mark Barnhouse and Mandi Andresen. Don't miss out on these wonderful fellowship opportunities!

"INTRODUCTION TO SEWING" CLASS

April 21, 28 & May 5, 12

Would you like to learn the basics of sewing? Eileen Sipes

will be leading a four-week "Introduction to Sewing" class on Saturdays, beginning on April 21st and running through May 12th. Participants will learn what tools are needed in a sewing box, how to read a pattern, how to pick fabrics, and sew a simple project. Men and women are welcome to attend. Be sure to watch for more details to come.

CBF CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

April 28

Let's spruce up God's house! Please join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 28th, for a church clean-up day. We'll be tidying things up both inside and outside so be sure to bring your rags and rakes. For more information, please see Roy Langley.

PRAISE & WORSHIP SUNDAY & POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 29th, brings our first Praise and Worship Service of the year. If you'd like to share a praise with our church family during this special service, please contact Lynn Pauley. (For more details, please see the article on page 5). Following our time of worship, please stay and fellowship with us

at our potluck luncheon. Be sure to bring a dish or two to share!

YARD MAINTENANCE

Seasonal ~ Rotation

With the warmer weather drawing near, we're beginning to think of our grass...and the need to keep it snipped! Again this year, we'd like to put together a rotation of volunteers to mow and weed-eat. If you'd like to serve on this seasonal rotation, please contact Roy Langley or Eric Kelly.

Coming In May...

ADULT EVENING OUT

May 4

Are you 18 or older and would like some adult fellowship? The evening of May 4 has been planned just for you!

"Going Dutch Dinner" @ 6 PM

A room has been reserved at Welcome Inn Restaurant and Lounge (118 10th Avenue West, Milan - across from HyVee) for those who'd like to begin their evening with dinner. Please remember this is a "dutch-style" dinner with everyone paying for themselves. To get an idea of numbers for the restaurant, an RSVP sheet will be available beginning April 15th for this part of the evening.

Dance @ CBF from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Do you like to dance? Join us in the sanctuary later that evening for some moving and grooving. You don't have to participate in the "Going Dutch Dinner" to be included in the dance; just put

your dance shoes on and join the group at the church.

So that they may have a chance to participate in this fun evening, the Hospitality Team will not be on duty for this event. However, drinks and light snacks will be available during the dance portion of the evening. Please see Angie Rourke for more information.

CBF RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION

Does your house need more space? Then, why not empty it a little? Be looking for those gently-used items you'd like to donate. The CBF Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 1 and 2, again during Aledo's Rhubarb

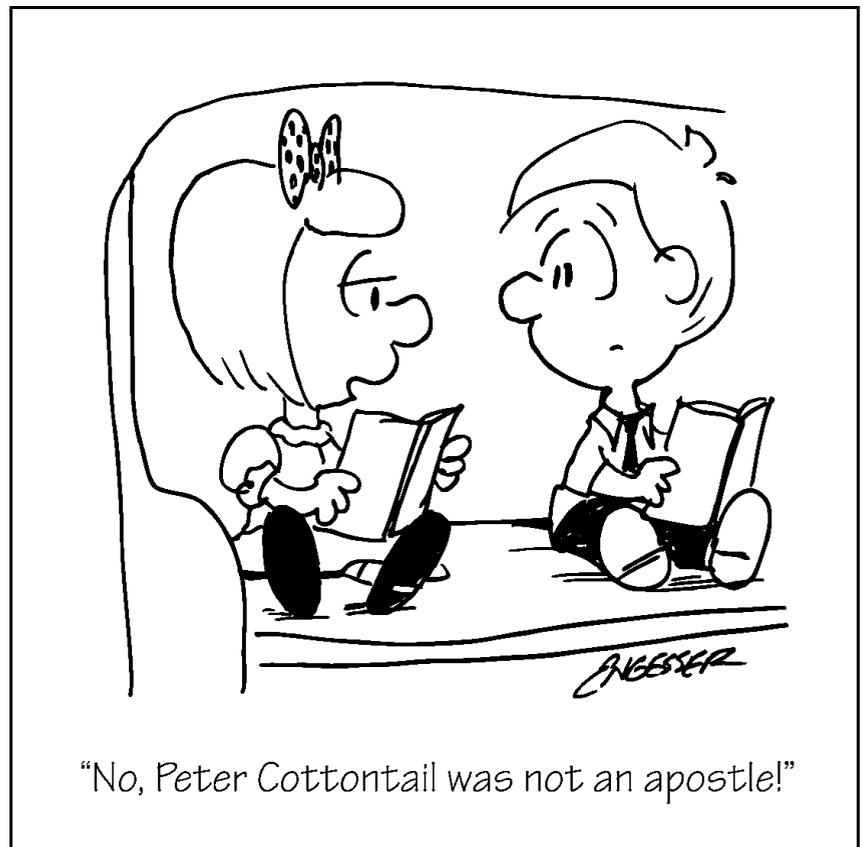
Fest. Planning for the sale is in the works, and we'll be ready to take your items at the end of next month! We're also in need of volunteers for the sale. If you'd like to help set up, tear down or work at the sale, please contact Angie Rourke.

Scheduled Item Drop Off:

Wednesday & Thursday, May 30 & 31, 5 - 8 PM, Chapel

RHUBARB/PIES

We will be selling rhubarb pies again this year at our annual CBF Rummage Sale. See Shannon VanZummeren if you'd like to help in some way.





Downsides of Social Media

by Elsa Vulliamy (11 March 2016ⁱ) - Submitted by Cajun Pauley

Using Facebook and Snapchat makes you 'cognitively and morally shallow,' according to psychologists. A study finds that people who text and use social media often are more attracted to hedonism than morality.

Research shows people who frequently text or use social media were less likely to engage in "reflective thought" and "placed less importance on moral life goals."

Tech writer Nicholas G. Carr, in his Pulitzer nominated book *The Shallows*, discussed the possibility that the internet is changing "the way we think, read and remember." Specifically, Carr speculated that the internet was causing a decline in reflective thought. The reason for this is largely the fast-paced nature of internet communication, which usually involves short texts, tweets, comments and messages that don't take long to process.

The 'shallowness hypothesis' predicts that "always-connected internet access, always-on portable entertainment media,

and always-in-touch electronic social media have led to a dramatic decline in ordinary daily reflective thought."

The idea is that as we get more used to short and fast communication, we also get used to similarly short and fast thinking. This will cause a decline in reflective thought, which contributes to a decline in importance placed on morality and an increase in importance placed on hedonism and image.

A 2013 study from the University of Wisconsinⁱⁱ found that, of the 2314 students they tested, the ones that texted more frequently also had "traits, goals and attitudes that were characteristic of individuals with low interest and engagement in reflective thought."

Participants who texted more were less likely to give a positive response to statements like "I want to live an ethical, principled life" and "I want to live my life with genuine integrity."

A recent studyⁱⁱⁱ sought to further test the hypothesis that texting and social media is causing moral and/or cognitive decline. This assessed participant's texting and social media habits and measured how reflective they were, as well as analyzing their attitudes towards certain moral or hedonistic life goals.

The study found that "texting frequency was negatively associated with life goals in the morality domain" and positively correlated with the "image and hedonism goal domains." In other words, the more participants texted, the less likely they were to place importance on moral life goals and more likely to view hedonistic and image-based goals as important.

The study also found that people who used more social media were less likely to be reflective than people who used it less.

ⁱ <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/using-facebook-and-snapchat-makes-you-cognitively-and-morally-shallow-according-to-psychologists-a6925941.html>

ⁱⁱ Texting frequency and the moral shallowing hypothesis by Paul Trapnell and Lisa Sinclair, Dept. of Psychology, the University of Winnipeg

ⁱⁱⁱ Social media, texting, and personality: a test of the shallowing hypothesis by Logan E. Anisette, Kathryn D. Lafreniere

YOUR VICTORY IS IN YOUR PRAISE

Praise & Worship Sunday

April 29

THE SOURCE OF YOUR VICTORY IS YOUR
STANDARD OF PRAISE

Psalm 22:3 says the Lord is enthroned on the praises of His people. Over and over again, the scriptures command to praise the Lord - let everything that breathes praise the Lord. So often, we trudge through our days experiencing more defeat than victory, more doubts than faith, and more despair than confidence. Yet, this is not the life we are called to live. We are to rise above the muck of this world, and the only way we can do that is by praising, rejoicing and believing that our King is still Lord of all. He will make everything right in His time, so why not rejoice?

On April 29, we will focus on praising the Lord. If you have a praise that you would like to share with the church family, please let me know (lynnpauley@gmail.com or text: 309.331.3784). We'd love to have several participate so plan to keep your time of sharing to 3-4 minutes, please.

When the Saviour Came My Way

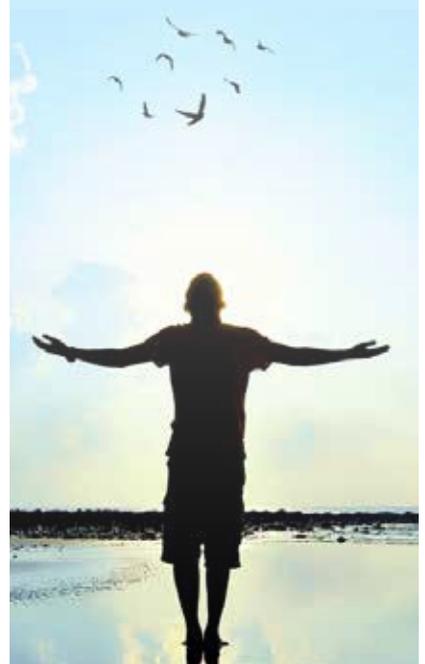
You ask me why I love the Lord.
Well, friend, just let me say
Life was not worth living
'Till the Saviour came my way.

You say I lose so much in life.
Yes, friend, PRAISE GOD, I do.
I lose the sin and sorrow
Which was all I ever knew.

I lose the days spent seeking joy,
The long nights full of tears;
I lose the heavy burdens,
Which I carried through the years.

But, friend, I would not have
them back
For all that you could pay.
My life was not worth living
'Till the Saviour came my way.

-Author Unknown





Carew's News...From under the Guava Tree MARCH 2018

Acts 17:11 KJV

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

When we talk to people in the States, the northern States that is, they tell us that spring is on the way and they are looking forward to warmer temperatures. If you really want warmer temps, we know where you can go! Many days when we check the thermometer on the inside of our window facing the sun, it reads between 100° and 120°. Of course, we have fans running all the time, and we spend a lot of time sitting in front of them, but sometimes it is better to sit out in the shade if there is a good breeze. Most of the nationals here sleep outside at night to try to stay cooler. We haven't gone that route yet! Praise the Lord for one working air conditioner!

We have made two overnight trips to the refugee area near Maro. We leave early on Monday mornings and teach that morning and afternoon. Then we stay overnight in a hut they prepared for us so we can teach Tuesday morning, eat lunch with them, and then drive back to Sarh. The meals they've prepared have been good, usually either chicken and rice or chicken and noodles of some sort. By the way, don't you have roasted or stewed chicken with rice or noodles for breakfast too?! At night they often give us boule (of manioc, corn, or millet) with some meat and sauce.

We have had a little over 100 individuals coming for the course we're teaching. Most of them are men, but it's good to see a good number of women also. As we don't see many of the women with Bibles, we wonder how many of them are able to read well, if at all. They are being faithful to coming though, even though they must sit for several hours at a time on a mat on the ground or on a log pew. It's not the most comfortable church furniture, and there is no electricity for fans here! We think we'll have to make these trips for at least 3 more weeks to complete the teaching of the course.

At break time, the two of us become "the animals in the zoo!" Dozens of kids come around to watch us, even when we're not doing anything. They stand and peer through the woven grass or bamboo fences to see what we're doing or to try to hear our conversations, usually hoping too that Carol has more candy to distribute to some them. If we walk anywhere, they crowd around us and want to shake our hands, and then they look at their own hand to see if any of the white came off! They crowd around so much that sometimes it's even difficult to take a step, but they are a lot of fun to be around.

There is one special little boy, about nine years of age, who has a disfiguring ailment causing him to be severely handicapped. His lower legs are very deformed, and his feet are nearly unrecognizable as such. One of his hands is also disfigured, but he has fingers on it that are usable. It is truly disheartening to watch as he crawls around on his hands and knees to go anywhere, especially now when the ground is so dreadfully hot. Carol has contacted an organization in the States for people with this ailment to see if they can help him, but we were told they don't have the necessary funds. We would like to see him be able to receive one of the tricycle wheelchairs they use out here. We are checking into cost for one to see what we can do. Please keep this little one in your thoughts and prayers.

Last week when we went, we took a couple of games with us. One was a "Ladder Ball" game we had made. You each throw three sets of two balls that are attached with a short rope and try to wrap them around one of the rungs of the ladder. The top rung is 3 points, the middle is 2, and the bottom is 1. That was a huge hit! Crowd control was a challenge for the ones that were helping as the kids crowded around yelling, "Mbi, mbi, mbi" (me, me, me) for their chance to have a turn. It was a glimpse of what may be to come as we have begun planning a VBS type event for the kids here. We're sure the numbers of them will be immense considering the event will be announced in advance. We have come to realize that we live in a 'glass house' here. We heard just the other day that it was on the local radio in southern Chad that Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries have been going to teach at the refugee camp on Mondays and Tuesdays. So much for keeping a low profile regarding travel!

Speaking of travel, we received a blessing yesterday. After we were refused to receive a paper of permission for the sugar factory road, we decided to make an extra trip to the factory itself to see if we could speak to someone in person about it. We were spurred on by the fact that the public road in places is pitted with huge 'craters' that you have to go very slowly around, and near the villages the best place for them to dump all their trash is in the road to fill the holes! Last week after we arrived at the church (really a chapel, or church plant), a tire on the rear of the truck went flat, and after arriving home on Tuesday night, a front tire went flat. We had to purchase a new tire to replace one that had a rip in the sidewall (about \$165). One of our workers took the bad tire and wheel to have them put the new one on for us. When he returned with it and upon inspection, Les noticed that there was mud and plastic wrap between the tire and the rim of the wheel. The new tire had a misshapen bead from sitting in the heat so they put the mud and plastic around the bead to "help it" seal. Two hours later we had a soft tire—time for a 'tubed' tubeless tire! Anyway, the blessing is that we did make contact with administrators at the sugar factory, and we have now received permission to use their road. They told us they officially stopped giving papers of permission because of the reckless manner of travel and driving of the nationals. Often their trucks are overflowing with people, and they drive too fast and carelessly for the conditions and do not watch out for the large factory trucks and heavy equipment used in the fields when they come onto the road. Last year there were several deaths on the road due to these factors. We made good contacts at the factory with a couple of the French men and invited them and the other several French people there to come for dinner soon. Carol was thrilled because they gave her two, large bottles of molasses. It is a by-product of the sugar making process, but they do not process it for sale. They spray it on their road to keep the dust down! It makes the road almost like a pavement.

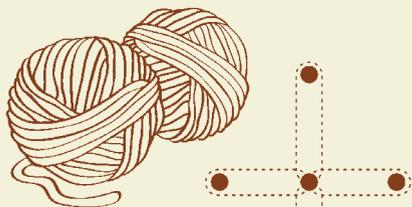
We leave tomorrow morning (Monday) for the refugee area again, teaching Monday and Tuesday there. Tuesday afternoon we drive back to Sarh. The time should be reduced to about 2 to 2.5 hours each way now. Wednesday is catch up day for whatever happened while we were gone, get any needed supplies, and to try to rest up. On Thursday, Carol has English class for some nationals. Friday is laundry day (with the old Maytag wringer-washer). Les checks the solar system and batteries to make sure they are charging efficiently enough and runs the generator for a while if they need a boost. Saturday is English Club, and of course Sunday is church, which is usually a 3-5 hour event. Then we are back to Monday!

We recently had a conversation with one of the men who is in national leadership for the Sunday School programs in Chad. He indicated that they want us to begin teaching our course in one-week seminars in different parts of the country. We would begin here in Sarh at the largest Baptist church, teaching for 4.5 hours each morning for a 5-6 day seminar. After that course, they would like us to expand it to Koumra, Kyabe, other major villages, and even to Ndjamena, the capital, so this is a huge prayer request. Please keep us in mind for your prayer lists!

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CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/1	Deanna Richardson	4/24	Anthony Dixon
4/2	Rod Link	4/24	Michelle McDaniel
4/3	Josh Dilts	4/24	Brittney Mills
4/4	Jake Ewing	4/25	Natalie Dowd
4/10	Josh Sissel	4/25	Andrew Hudson
4/14	Randy & Connie Dixon	4/26	George Ewing
4/20	Angela Rourke	4/28	David & Shannon VanZummeren
4/22	Jude Pauley	4/30	Annika Seidel
4/23	John & Marcy Chapman		

Mark Your Calendar

*Mondays & Thursdays: HIIT workout, led by Brittany Dowd; Sanctuary; 6:15 – 7 PM

- 4/01 Resurrection Breakfast; Chapel; 9 AM
 4/04 "The Book of Daniel" Bible Study, led by Bob Hoffman; Room N2; 7 PM
 4/08 High School Youth Group; Activity Room; 4 – 5:30 PM
 4/11 "The Book of Daniel" Bible Study, led by Bob Hoffman; Room N2; 7 PM
 4/14 CBF Youth Event
 4/14 Youth Movie Night @ CBF; Room TBD; 6 – 8:30 PM
 4/15 YA Bible Study, led by Jeanette & Nathan; Sipes' Residence; 2 PM
 4/18 "3rd Wednesday Supper;" Sanctuary; 6 PM
 4/18 "3rd Wednesday" Bible Improv; Chapel; 7 PM
 4/18 "3rd Wednesday" Kids' Bible Study; Activity Room; 7 PM
 4/18 "The Book of Daniel" Bible Study, led by Bob Hoffman; Room N2; 7 PM
 4/21 Women with a Purpose Group, led by Connie Dixon; Room S3; 8 AM
 4/21 "Introduction to Sewing" Class, led by Eileen Sipes; Room TBD; 10 AM
 4/22 Jr. High Youth Group; Activity Room; 5 – 6 PM
 4/25 "The Book of Daniel" Bible Study, led by Bob Hoffman; Room N2; 7 PM
 4/28 CBF Church Clean-up Day; 9 AM
 4/28 "Introduction to Sewing" Class, led by Eileen Sipes; Room TBD; 10 AM
 4/29 Potluck Luncheon; Sanctuary; 11:30 AM
 4/29 YA Bible Study, led by Jeanette & Nathan; Sipes' Residence; 2 PM

CBF Financial Report - February

	Monthly	Year To Date
Total Income	\$17,079.48	\$30,862.57
Total Expense	\$18,341.74	\$33,048.29
Net Operating Income	\$(1,262.26)	\$(2,185.72)



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