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NEEDS REQUEST: Hello, I'm Sylvia Hesselbein and live in Brinkley Arkansas. I'm writing on behalf of my daughter and grandchildren who live in Cape Girardeau. My daughter Erika is a 25-year-old single mother of 4. Erika is starting over in life from scratch after leaving a very unhealthy relationship. She's trying very hard to give her 4 babies a decent, safe, loving life. She's recently started a new job and is barely making ends meet. We have helped as much as we possibly can but with times being what they are I'm afraid that help doesn't go very far. I'm writing to ask for help for her family. Erika won't be able to provide Christmas for her children. She's finding it hard to spare even enough for a tree and lights to lift up little spirits in this time of change for them. Please, if there is anyway the church could help on such short notice, we would be grateful. I'll include a list of the children below in case the church is able to provide help. Thank you and God bless.

Home Address...2030 Broadway St., Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701

Erika Cavasos (Age 25) ... Medium; Landon (Age 6)...8-9 in boys; Lola (Age 4) ... 5-6T girl
Layton (Age 3)... 4-5T boy; and Liam (6 months)... 12 months clothes boy

Please contact me if needed..Sylvia Hesselbein 870-589-3574

Thank you for your time and again God bless... Merry Christmas.



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SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

TV Programs

“In Search of the Lord’s Way” with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays on
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Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)
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From Harding University: Collegechurchofchrist.org

(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

Mountains and Beaches

I was reminded recently of Alabama’s Christmas song, *Christmas in Your Arms*, as Areva and I drove through the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina to Myrtle Beach, and then back north to Vienna, WV on the Ohio River. In response to where to spend the holidays, Alabama sang, “*We could drive up to the mountains, build a fire and watch it snow. We could sail down to the islands where the gentle breezes blow ... I don’t care where I spend Christmas as long as I spend Christmas in your arms.*” Areva and I thoroughly enjoyed the scenery of the mountains and beaches, but what we enjoyed the most was seeing them with each other. Mountains are beautiful and beaches are awesome, even in December. But let’s keep one thing crystal clear: mountains and beaches are nothing compared to being with the one I love.

Even more importantly, seeing the steep mountains, deep valleys and the expansive Atlantic stretching out from the sandy shore of Myrtle Beach reminded us of our Creator. Every mountain we crossed and every crashing wave we saw gave witness to the handiwork of our loving God. Unfortunately, not everyone who experiences the mountains and beaches believes this. What a shame! Knowing that God created these marvelous sights only makes them that much more awesome. Knowing that God maintains the seasons and the tides by His power and design only makes them more special. However, mountains and beaches are nothing apart from their testimony of their Creator. It’s so easy to take God’s creation for granted, especially where we live. Probably those who live in the mountains and near the beaches grow accustomed to their unique beauty. The same could be said about where any of us live, for everything God created has its own particular beauty that can become common to us and easily forgotten.

By the same token it’s also easy for any of us to become callous to the spiritual beauty God creates within us by His love and grace. Just as surely as God created the beauty of mountains and beaches, He creates a greater beauty within us – the beauty of His likeness. There is nothing more beautiful than what Jesus does when he transforms a sinner into holiness, than when darkness and death are born again into light and life (*John 3.5; Colossians 1.13-14; Titus 2.11-14, 3.3-8*). Yet even that can become common and forgotten.

That’s why we need to be reminded day after day of God’s love and grace in our daily devotionals and prayers. That’s why we need to regularly meet with the church for worship and Bible study. That’s why we need the weekly reminder of the cross and resurrection as we commune with each other and with the Lord.

Mountains, beaches, or wherever; it doesn’t matter where I may be. Expanding on Alabama’s song, all I really want is to be in the arms of the God I love wherever I am.

*Joe Chesser
Fruitland Church of Christ
Jackson, MO
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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know anyone for whom you’d like to request prayers, please get their names to Karen by Wednesday evenings so she can post them in the bulletin.

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY & FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Helen Coburn (LifeCare Ctr) Joan England (Life Care Ctr) David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr) Mark McAllister (glioblastoma) Carson Pitman III Pat Smart (stroke/fall) Betty Tanner (shut-in) Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Betty Allen (hospice) Donna Barnes (cancer) Tom & Mary Bollman Michele Campbell (back) Liam Clark Angie Northern Fabing Scott Hartline Karen Hubbs (brain cancer) Chris Hutson Suzanne Meert (cancer) Kevin Plemons (brain tumor) Barry Tate (stroke) Scott Taylor (cancer) Donna Thieman (cancer) Tony Wells	Sunday a.m. Worship: 36 Contributions: \$2,830.00 Budget: \$3,059.12 Please remember to leave your contribution in the tray on the table at the back of the auditorium.

CHILDREN’S HOME NEWS

Supplies requested for the January 18, 2021 pickup (**which is less than a month away**) are Dishwashing detergent (Dawn, e.g.), Non-aerosol deodorant, HE Laundry Detergent, Instant Rice, Muffin Mixes and Pickles.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The Arnold church of Christ is hosting a Creation Seminar, January 15-17. See the full schedule at <https://arnoldcoc.org/event/creation/> or check the flyer posted on the bulletin board. Attend in person or watch on Arnold’s Facebook page.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Dec. 21 – Larry Jo & Angie Holtzhouser	Dec. 27 – Wayne Barker