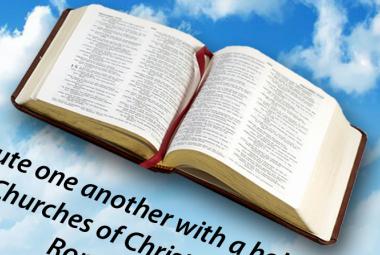


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"Salute one another with a holy kiss.  
The Churches of Christ salute you!"  
Romans 16:16

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

(reprinted from January 1975 'Minister's Minute' by Bro. Bob)

CAN YOU SLEEP WHEN THE WIND BLOWS? A young man asked a farmer for a job as a farm hand. When the farmer inquired of his qualifications, the young man answered, "I can do whatever has to be done, and I can sleep when the wind blows". Even though the farmer was mystified by the phrase, "sleep when the wind blows"; he did not press the questions, and hired the young man. Some time later the farmer awoke in the night to learn that a violent storm was brewing. He got up and tried unsuccessfully to arouse the farm hand, then with considerable annoyance he went to check things for himself. He found the barn locked, the chicken coop properly closed, a wagonload of hay covered with a tarpaulin which was secured down, and all else in a condition of safety from the elements. Then the farmer remembered the young man saying, "I can sleep when the window blows!" The farmer then realized what he meant..

That poses the question to you and me: CAN YOU SLEEP WHEN THE WIND BLOWS? Do we know what it is like to go to bed, lie down upon one's pillow and enjoy peaceful sleep without worrying about the possibility of dying and going to a devil's hell? Do we know what it is like to go to bed at night with the conscious thought burning within us that if tomorrow's sun should never shine we would be lost forever? No one can be happy under those circumstances. God never intended that we carry that kind of burden with us through life. God wants us to enjoy peace of mind and peace of soul. However, peace is not for the person who is at variance with God. That person cannot sleep when the wind blows. If he can, he is a foolish person.

If being able to sleep when the wind blows has an appeal to you, then this is what you must do. If you **are not** a Christian, the first order of business is for you to "obey the gospel", that is, become a child of God. This means you must come to believe in God and in Christ as His Son (Heb. 11:6). God requires that you turn from your sins (Luke 13:3) in humble repentance. God expects you to confess your faith before men (Matt. 10:31-32), and then submit to baptism (Acts 22:16; Mark 16:1; I Peter 3:21), so that God will save you, wash away your sins, and make you a member of His body (I Cor. 12:24). If you **are** a Christian, you must rid your life of every sin by repentance and prayer (James 5:16). But one also must involve himself in God's work and in Christian living. For only the faithful can dare "sleep when the wind blows".

As we begin a New Year, what better time than **now** to make things right between you and your Lord. Accept the Lord today as your Saviour and be faithful to Him throughout ... the rest of your life. If you do, then you can "sleep when the wind blows"!

(portions taken from "Words of Life")

# reflections..

## THE MIND OF CHRIST

Kate Wilkinson (1859-1928), who ministered to young women in west London, wrote only one hymn. "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" is a powerful message based on Philippians 2:5. "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (NRSV).

Here are a few verses, which can also serve as prayers:

**May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and power controlling  
All I do and say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his power.**

**May his beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only him.**



**September 1st** ... Dave Miller will be speaking

**September 8th** ... Wayne Kaser will be speaking

**September 15th** ... 8:00 am Board Meeting

Welcome Luncheon and 190th Anniversary Celebration

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ELKHORN

**August 30th – September 2nd** ... Family Weekend

**September 6th & 7th** ... Women's Retreat

**September 17th** ... Senior Saints Day

**November 7th - 9th** ... Making Memories Scrapbooking

You can register online at [www.elkhornvalley.com](http://www.elkhornvalley.com)



- 1 ... Rorie & Diana Reiter
- 2 ... Stephan & Tiffanie Hennard
- 4 ... Jack & Bonnie Vincent
- 22.. Bob & Marty Shinn



- 12 ... Karen Aultman
- 12 ... Star Vincent
- 16 ... Carl Merriman
- 18 ... Michael Stratton
- 18 ... Jeran Frederick
- 21 ... Lynn Phillis
- 21 ... Mitchell Phillis
- 6 ... Carol Kelly
- 9 ... Maria Bartels
- 11 ... Aaron Walling
- 12 ... Sheldon Cosma

## PRAYER LIST

Our Congregation,

Our Nation,

Our Leaders,

Lost Souls

**Mandy Fitch** (dialysis; needs kidney transplant);

**Jean Fluharty** (sister, health issues);

**Tom McKenna** (recovering from 2nd brain surgery)

**Bob Stein** (brother continues to heal);

**David Stein** (brother, health problems);

**June Toalston** (son-in-law's mother, cancer)

**Bettie Wheeler** (broken shoulder, improving)

**Amanda Price; Chris Ferguson**

**Nathaniel Davis** (immune system problems);

**Bill Wiley** (health issues);

**Elizabeth Thatcher** (health problems);

**Gladys Laughlin** (health problems);

**Steve Singer** (blood condition);

**Lynn Schmidt** (undergoing treatments);

**Marty Snyder** (continues to improve following back surgery);

**Jeanie Wiley** (home and recovering from knee replacement)

### SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

**Joe Phillis & Family**, Fort Benning, GA; **Joel Newburn & Family**, back in the USA; **Kyle Stephenson & Family**, Germany (Schmidt)

### OUR SHUT-INS:

**Pat Kalbfell**, (Essex); **Wanda Huston**, (Allay); **Ada Bailey; Nita Floor**, (Courtyard); **Nick Cosma**, (Crandall)

**OUR MISSIONS:** Canton Christian Home, Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp, Hasteen, Lifeline Christian Mission, Noah

## September Report

God is continuing to bless the congregation at Phillips Christian Church!

Thank you to Austin French, Allen Jolly, and Dave Miller for bringing the message during the month of August. Here is the schedule for September:

September 1st: Dave Miller

September 8th: Wayne Kaser

September 15th: Allen Jolly

September 22nd: Allen Jolly

September 29th: Allen Jolly

On Sunday, August 25, the congregation unanimously voted Allen Jolly as an interim, part time minister of Phillips Christian Church. Allen brings over 40 years of ministry experience to us. He will be working very closely with the leadership of the church as well as the congregation to build us up spiritually. We are very excited to work with him to pave a bright future to our church.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin September 18th at 7:00pm in the overflow of the sanctuary. Allen Jolly will be leading the study and is asking for any suggestion of topics that we want covered. Allen asks that all suggestions be written down and put in the suggestion box in the foyer.

On Sunday, September 15th, we are hosting a dinner to welcome Allen and his wife, Doretta, to Phillips. The dinner will also coincide with our 190th Anniversary celebration. In the weeks to come, please check out our "Walk Down Memory Lane" in the old Youth Minister's office. There are artifacts showcasing the history of Phillips Christian Church as we also look to the future. Our theme is "Just a Closer Walk with Thee: Where we have been and where we are going in our spiritual walk with our Lord"

Beginning in September, all Sunday School offerings will be given to our 5 missions, Hasteen International, Elkhorn Camp, Canton Christian Home, NOAH, and Lifeline. To coincide with this change, the Family FUNday School class is teaching an eight week series on Missions during the Sunday School Hour. Please join us!

We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us at Phillips Christian Church! - Cody Opsitnik

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## **SERVICES:**

### **SUNDAY**

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

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## **Labors of Love**

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, “It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.” As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer’s end but in celebrating the ways nearly all “duties and labors of life” can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they’ll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in “spiritual union with God”: cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!



We are revamping our Relator mailing list. Beginning with the October issue we would like to send as many Relators electronically as possible. If you don't want to receive your copy via e-mail or don't want to receive it at all just leave a message on the church's email address: [phillipschristianchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:phillipschristianchurch@hotmail.com). You can also read the monthly Relator on our website: [www.phillipschurch.org](http://www.phillipschurch.org).