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## Monthly Newsletter

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### Annual Business Meeting

**Congratulations to Our New Board Members!** For the Deacon Board Lowell McClure, John Morrissey and Bob Smith were elected. For the Trustee Board Larry Gooden and Shirley Walker were elected. A big thank you to Teri Jacob, Steve Thompson, Chuck Wiggins, and Robert Jay for running.

### Valentine Banquet

Sat., Feb. 11  
6 PM  
Hotel Ottumwa  
Tickets: \$10  
(See Robin Luke.)



## Wood Personally Requests Release of Iranian Pastors, Church Members



In letters recently sent to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Islamic Republic Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, Assemblies of God General Superintendent George O. Wood has personally requested the release of several Christians currently being held by the Iranian government.

In the letters, Wood greets each leader with respect and dignity, while also introducing himself as the leader of the Assemblies of God in the United States and chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, combining to represent 64 million members. "I pray often for your nation," Wood writes.

After paying respect to the country of Iran through recognizing its prominent reference in the Bible, Wood states his letter is born out of concern for followers of Jesus who are being detained for reasons that violate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that Iran has signed. He then requests the release of Rev. Farhad Sabok Rouh; his wife, Shahnaz Jizani; and two other members of the Assembly of God in Ahvaz, Iran, who were arrested on December 23, 2011. Wood follows this request by asking for the release of Rev. Youcef Nardarkhani, who has been held since October 2009 and faces execution.

"We have been encouraged by those knowledgeable of the situation in Iran to make this request," Wood explains. "We've been told that the more the world is made aware of this issue and the more the world voices its objection to Iranian leaders, the more likely Iran is to release these prisoners. So, we have prayerfully and respectfully fulfilled that request."

Wood says that the letters don't take the place of prayer, but he believes the letters can work in cooperation with prayer. "Please pray with me that God would use these letters to make such a difference that it results in the soon release of our brothers and sister," he says.

"We also need to lift up the persecuted church around the world," Wood continues, urging churches to expand their prayers. "Few Americans, if any, have first-hand experience with the extreme persecution these men, women and children are facing on a daily basis."

AG News, Dan Van Veen

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

Want to help us keep the **1st Pen Post Monthly Newsletter** interesting? Then submit relevant church related news, photos, events and ministries from the past month or upcoming month along with your contact information to:

newsletter@fpagoi.org

**Please Note:** We reserve the right to add, edit or not include submissions.

### Monthly Newsletter Deadline:

15th of each month.

# Once Lost Now Found Report

## Captives Set Free

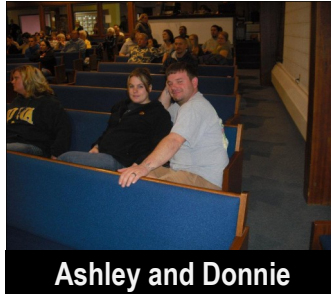


"This band is awesome!

### Praise Report!

We have an older couple that regularly attends OLNf and I imagine it was a little louder than they are used too; but when the call was given at the end one of the men that came forward was his son....the father said he had been waiting 22 years for that!!!! Praise God!!! God is still on the throne!!! I guess that's what they mean when they say "God will Bless you for it"

Article by Teri Jacob



Ashley and Donnie



Martin Hager



A great crowd showed up to watch the group "Captives Set Free."



Teri Jacob says:

"Angie's the only one I allow to cozy up with my man!! She thinks a lot like him (i don't know if that's a good or bad thing) but she has sure been there for me when I needed help understanding him!"

## Junior Bible Quiz




"Ideas are like children. No matter how much you like other people's, you can't help thinking your own are best."

"A Christian is not necessarily a person who is better than someone else, but one who is better than he would be if he were not a Christian."



**News about the Thordeson children:** Left picture Brandon Thordeson waiting to go on stage at his dancing recital last spring. Right picture Taylor is waiting in line for her recital.

Brandon got 3rd place at his wrestling at cardinal. AND he pinned the last guy he wrestled! 2 pins for him now. 2 second place and 2 third place for the tournaments that he has done! Pretty awesome :)

**BGMC Offering**  
 Sunday, February 9 

**Benevolence Offering**  
 Sunday, February 19

Helping  
 those  
 in need

**The girls during Medieval times, used to eat strange food items, as it was believed that by doing so, they would dream of their future spouse or lover.**



## Question People Ask?

**“Why do people take the Lord’s name in vain rather than Satan’s name?”**

**A:** This is positive proof that there is a Satan who hates his Adversary, the Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, Satan causes those who serve him to revile Christ and not himself, the one causing all their misery. He is called the deceiver. (Taken from C.M. Ward’s book, “Common Sense Answers to personal and Bible questions.)

**Editor’s Comment:** So, then, why do we hear “Christians” use God’s name in vain? Is it they don’t realize what they are doing and have never been told; or, is it they do not reverend and respect the name of our Lord and Savior?

The Golden Rule says not to use the Lord Thy God’s name in vain. Those who are unbelievers will not recognize it as a praise when one is expressing it as anger or as a slang. His praise should always be on our lips as glorifying Him and not as a swear word.

## From the Anecdotes of D.L. Moody

The *London Times* some years ago told the story of a petition that was being circulated for signatures. It was a time of great excitement, and this petition was intended to have great influence in the House of Lords; but there was one word left out. Instead of reading, “*We humbly beseech thee,*” it read, “*We beseech thee.*” So it was ruled out. My friends, if we want to make an appeal to the God of heaven, we must humble ourselves; and if we do humble ourselves before the Lord, we shall not be disappointed.

## When a Christian Grows

Doctor Bonar once remarked that he could tell when a Christian was growing. In proportion to his growth in grace he would elevate his Master, talk less of what he was doing, and become smaller and smaller in his own esteem, until, like the morning star, he faded away before the rising sun. Jonathan was willing to decrease that David might increase; and John the Baptist showed the same spirit of humility.



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**HELLO!**  
 My name is

**Why it is important to have a name tag? Two reasons:**

- 1) To keep on top of who is missing from our congregation and who is falling through the cracks. 2) It is very hard to keep up with people and this is our solution. Your cooperation is much appreciated; and for others to get to know you. Thank you!



## How Arthur Made Valentines

by May G. Moorar

Arthur had a box of paints given him for Christmas, and he had learned to color pictures very prettily; so just as he was finishing the dress of a gorgeous Japanese lady such a happy thought came to him that he nearly spilled some yellow paint all over Miss Matsuki's gay pink dress, in his haste to find mother and tell her about it.

"I want to make my valentines all myself this year," he exclaimed excitedly as soon as the yellow paint was safely back in the box, "for now I can paint. Why can't I paint some valentines, same's Aunt Frances did last year?"

"Why, I think you could, dear," mother answered.

"Course I don't mean I could make quite such lovely flowers as she did," Arthur went on, "but I think it would be lots more fun to do it myself than to buy them."

"So do I, Arthur," mother said, "and I think if you look through those papers in the lower drawer you'll find some pictures to cut out that would make pretty valentines. Then you could color them with your paints and paste them on a

sheet of note paper."

"But, mother, don't valentines have some verses written on them besides the pictures? Aunt Frances' did. Where can I get those?"

"Perhaps I could write those for you," mother laughed, "if I tried real hard."

"Could you really write verses?" Arthur asked in round-eyed wonder. "Then we'll have some lovely valentines, won't we? I'll make one for you, and one for father, and Alice and John and Clifton and Barbara and oh, lots of folks."

"Well, I guess you better get to work right away, if you've such a lot to do," advised mother, "and I had better begin on the poetry."

It was fun to find the pictures, for there were such a lot to select from, and by supper time Arthur had a nice pile all ready to paint next morning.

Two days before Valentine's day they were all done—prettily colored and pasted on note paper with a little verse that mother had written, printed in Arthur's very best writing.

"Aren't they bee-u-ti-ful," he exclaimed as he laid them in a row on the dining-room table.

"They are very nice, dear," mother said, "and which do you think are the prettiest ones?"

Arthur looked a long time at the row of little

valentines and then he said, "These two." One had a little curly-haired child carrying a big bunch of flowers in her hand, and the verse read:

"This bunch of roses I'm bringing,  
Is a valentine for you,  
To show that in storm or in sunshine  
My love is always true."

And the other valentine had a picture of two little boys carrying a big basket between them, and this was the little verse:

"What do you s'pose our basket holds?  
Give guess one and two.  
You'll never think, so I must tell:  
It's full of love for you."

"And to whom are you going to give the two prettiest ones?" asked mother.

An earnest look came into Arthur's eyes.

"I fought I'd send the little-girl one to that lame boy at the corner. I don't know him very well, but he looks kind of lonely, you said, mother. Don't you s'pose he'd like it?"

Mother nodded. "And who is to have the other?" A little hand stole into mother's, and two brown eyes full of love were lifted to mother's face.

"That is for you," he said.

## Pastoral Staff & Some of Our Many Ministry Helpers



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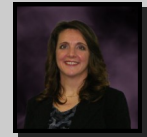
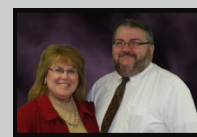


**Women's Ministry**  
Robin Luke



**Van Driver**  
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## Worship Teams



**Worship Team Leaders**  
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(Thank you to each person in the church who faithfully work as ministry helpers each week without you it wouldn't get done.)



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- 9:30 AM—Sunday School  
- 10:30 AM—Morning Worship  
- 6:00 PM—Evening Worship

**Wednesday—7:00 PM**  
- Adult Small Group Bible Studies  
- Royal Rangers & Girls Ministries  
- "Ignite" Jr. High Student Ministry

**Thursday—6:30 PM**  
- Once Lost, Now Found  
- Children's Ministry

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3) Call church during normal business hours.

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