



Chapel Call

September/October 2012

The Pastor's Corner

The Spirit Runs Deep at the Chapel

Dear Friends,

I sat across the desk from my Pastor, H. Edwin Pickard almost 40 years ago. I had come to talk to him about what I believed was God's call to ministry. In that visit, he questioned me, rejoiced with me, advised me about the next steps I would need to take, and then sent me on my way with a quote I've always remembered. "The ministry is a glorious calling," he said, pausing, then adding, "and a hell of a job."

I believe I have the best job in the whole wide world. True to Ed Pickard's promise, there have been hellish times. But for me, the shining glory of ministry has quickly dried up its tears.

You, of course, are part of that glory. To work beside you and with you for the Kingdom of God is an amazing privilege. As one of the new Bethel candidates said to me on Sunday, "The Spirit runs deep at the Chapel."

The marvel of that Spirit's work was brought home to me again by

this letter I found on my desk on Sunday:

Hi Pastor Bob,

You don't know me and I don't attend your church (which I'm sure is wonderful in reading your church newsletter). I sort the company mail here where I work, and a former employee is on your mailing list, so I enjoy reading your newsletter. I noticed you are having a fundraiser for Nancy Brown who lost her son, and I was touched by that (God spoke to my heart) and I would like to donate \$15.00 to help with the expenses. I really hope that Nancy is finding peace during this time.

Thank you and God bless your church community. ☺

All my love,

I'll leave out the name and city, for privacy's sake.

I laid the letter down after reading it twice and thought of the wonder of it, and of the God who can speak through a church newsletter sent to a person who is no longer

there to receive it. "God spoke to my heart," she says. The amazing wonder of it.



Frederick Buechner writes, "If we keep our hearts and minds open as well as our ears, if we listen with patience and hope, if we remember at all deeply and honestly, then I think we come to recognize, beyond all doubt, that, however faintly, we may hear (God). He is indeed speaking to us, and that, however little we may understand of it, his word to each of us is both recoverable and precious beyond telling."

I praise God for that preciousness, and for the joy of listening along with you and the writer of this letter to the amazing Voice.

Warmly,

Bob



Chapel Still Alive with Sound of Music *By Jeff Quinto*

I apologize, but this may be the last time for awhile that I can end a sentence with “the Chapel on the Hill is alive with the Sound of Music.” What a beautiful production of a wonderful play! Everyone who participated in the Sound of Music can be very proud to have been part of an amazing show. Denise Olson proposed we do the Sound of Music when we decided on our schedule, last year. Most of us thought it would be an excellent production, but few of us, other than Denise and Producer Cindy Odden, knew that the stage version was a much more soulful and meaningful depiction of the story of Maria and the Van Trapp family. Congratulations to everyone who was part of this important production.

The Christian Arts Centre needs you! –

The Christian Arts Centre (CAC) is committed to providing quality, family-oriented entertainment at a very fair price. We want to continue our \$10 per ticket price so that more people can afford to come to the CAC and bring their families. However, in order to hold our ticket prices at a low level and still provide this level of entertainment while maintaining and improving the CAC facility, we need help from those of you reading this who can afford to do so.

You can help the Christian Arts Centre fulfill its mission in one of the following three ways.

I. Become a member of the Christian

Arts Centre – You can become a contributing member of the CAC in one of our four categories:

Saints – Donations of \$500 or more, include four season tickets, preferential seating and name recognition in the playbill.

Archangels - Donation of \$250-\$499, includes two season tickets, preferential seating and name recognition in the playbill.

Angels - Donations of \$100-\$249, include a season ticket, preferential seating and name recognition in the playbill.

Cherubs - Donations of \$1-\$99, include name recognition in the playbill.



- 2. Buy season tickets** – For only \$40, you can buy season tickets to our four-show theatrical season, plus the Singing Men of Oakbrook. Five shows for \$40 saves you \$10 off the per-ticket price and supports the CAC. Our five-show season, tentatively, includes:

Curious Vigil – Sept. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23

The Singing Men of Oak Brook – October 5

Jonah's Druthers - October 13 & 14

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – December 7, 8 & 9

Annie - July 26, 27 & 28 and August 2, 3 & 4

- 3. Advertise in our playbill** – Build your business and advance the important work of the Christian Arts Centre by advertising in our playbill. Your advertisement will be making a statement about you and your business in our playbill that is bound to be noticed and appreciated by hundreds of potential customers.

What to do next? – Contact the Chapel on the Hill office at 262-245-9122 or me, Jeff Quinto (262-245-9997), Pete Thompson (262-949-0851) or Mark Badtke (262-581-6730) for further information on any of the exciting ways to help the Christian Arts Centre fulfill its mission to provide quality, family-friendly entertainment at a reasonable price in our beautiful facility.

We have a wonderful season coming to the CAC. I hope that you will be a part of it.

See you at the show.



Dear Chapel family,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your generosity. The Chapel's financial gift will provide us peace of mind as we make the transition into our four-year stay in Dubuque. We pray that it will be seamless and that we can find sustaining employment in short order, but your amazing gift gives us the assurance that our basic living expenses will be met until then.

We also would like to thank you for the incredible support and encouragement that we have received in our preparation for this new vocation. We are sure to be challenged in every way imaginable, but with your continued prayers and affirmation, along with God's grace and guiding light, we are confident that our work for God's kingdom can be fulfilled.

We praise God for the place and people that are Chapel on the Hill, and we look forward to continuing to serve this church, and the church universal, in whatever way pleases Him. Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts.

We love good, old-fashioned letters, if anyone would like to get in touch. Our new address is:

91A Collins Street

Dubuque, IA 52001

God's blessings and Christ's love,

Sean, Colleen, Elena, and Benjamin Walker



Where No Chapel Has Gone Before *By Sally Bardin*

Are you old enough to remember the opening lines from the original Star Trek series? Close your eyes and you can hear the soundtrack and then Captain Kirk's voice comes on and says: "Space, the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Her five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations to boldly go where no man has gone before."



It turns out that the last line of that memorable speech over four decades ago came from a White House document produced in 1958 to help calm post-Sputnik hysteria. At that time the world was locked in the deep freeze of the cold war. The Soviets were the first to put a satellite into orbit and America was worried about being overtaken by the dogma of Communism.

The 21st century, 50 years after Sputnik, is still an uncertain and dangerous world at times. College graduates in 2012 enter a world with nearly double-digit unemployment, a sagging worldwide economy, trillions of dollars in

debt, terrorism, threats to marriage, Twitter, iPad4s and Lady Gaga. What a mix!

If you were entering college today, what would you be thinking?

What values would you hold? What beliefs would you be certain of? What fears would trouble you? Like the days of the cold war, today's college student feels the weight of our global problems.

Into that frightful mix, God has called the Chapel to take the gospel to a new generation and "boldly go where no man has gone before." This fall, the

Chapel enters into a new chapter of ministry to the next generation. We dream of our children living and working in ministries that call them to intelligently and fervently follow Christ. Our part in that vision kicks off Sunday, September 9 as our Sunday school classes begin for the new year. We will start classes at the preschool level and offer learning opportunities for every generation. I am so grateful for a committed group of individuals who have answered the call to lead our children and adults.

Please be a part of this vision by either joining the leadership team or participating in one of our classes. The Bible tells us that God is faithful to all generations. In Psalm 45:17 we find our hearts echoed: "I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever." As our classes get rolling, I'm trusting our faithful God for the coming generation. I ask you to join me in praying over this next chapter in the Chapel on the Hill's history. The next generation awaits!





Don't Miss Fall Sunday School Classes *By Ruth St. Clair*

The Chapel on the Hill Sunday School Fall Session starts on September 9 at 9 a.m. in our new education wing. Mark your calendars and make your plans to take advantage of Sunday School classes being offered to both children and adults...

Children, pre-schoolers to 8th grade, will be taught using Faith Alive's *Walk With Me* curriculum. This curriculum will provide a strong biblical foundation, using kid-friendly activities that will appeal to different learning styles. Our children will learn to care for others, encourage each other, and learn together.



Our high school youth will be using relevant media-based programs that promote biblical values needed in today's world.

Our adults are given the choice of classes based on Christian books, (the first one will be Billy Graham's *Nearing Home ... Life, Faith and Finishing Well*) or simply gathering to read the Bible aloud together.

Please do not take your Christian education opportunities lightly, placing them low on your priority list, thinking there is plenty of time for that ... later.

For your children, the time is now – their hearts are open to hear God's Word. "Let the children come unto me..." Jesus loves them so. Jesus loves you too! Be still and listen for His voice. Is he gently calling you to spend time with Christian friends to hear and discuss His truth?

To laugh, to search, to pray?

Remember, "What's done today will soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."

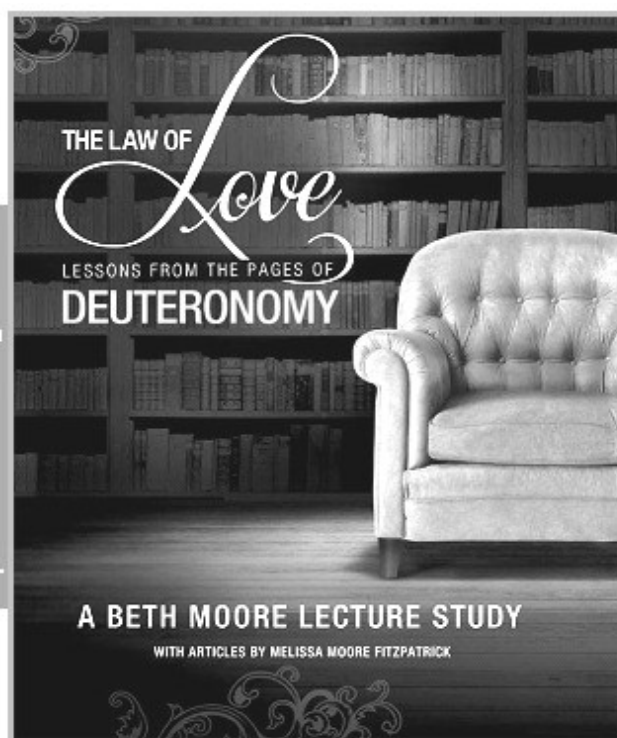


WANDERING FOR YOUR OWN PROMISED LAND?

Deuteronomy 6:23 reminds us that, "He brought us from there..... to lead us in."

The newest Bible study from Beth Moore offers an overview of the Book of Deuteronomy through six DVD teaching lessons by Moore. It also includes six supplemental articles written by her daughter Melissa Moore-Fitzpatrick. Along the way, you'll not only explore Deuteronomy, but you'll also find yourself looking at passages in Numbers, Joshua, 2 Kings, Psalms, Isaiah, Nehemiah, Matthew, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, 2 Timothy, and Revelation.

Thursdays @ 10:00 am, beginning on
October 4th in the conference room
Call the Chapel office to register.



Help God's People Who Are in Need *By Kerry Lemuell*

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ecently I wrote a letter to our food pantry volunteers. I

opened with: "We are a Christ-based emergency food pantry in Walworth County. It is our mission to serve those in need to the best of our ability" I closed with: "Let me take this opportunity to remind you that the best things we can provide are free. Every person should be blessed by our smiles, our compassion, and our non-judgmental way of giving. We very well may be their only contact with a Christian. This is what makes our pantry stand apart from the others in the area. Please, let's do our best to represent Christ's giving spirit."

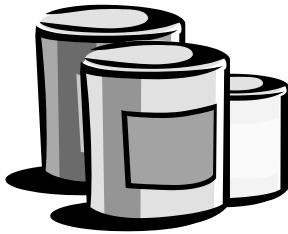
Romans 12:12,13 says: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. *share with God's people who are in need.* Practice hospitality." Our Chapel on the Hill Food Pantry does just that ... shares with God's people who are in need.

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this ministry. We are currently in need of volunteers to staff the pantry on Tuesdays either from 9-10:30, or 10:30-12. You will be amazed at how you will be blessed to be a blessing.



Once again I will make the plea for non-perishable food donations. If all of you could bring just one thing, our pantry would be much better equipped to provide quality staples to those in need. I understand the pantry is out of sight, out of mind for many of you, but this is so important. Let's all pray to keep the pantry forefront in our minds. As always, I welcome any fundraising ideas you may have.

I'm proud of the faithful service the Chapel food pantry provides to all God's people who are in need. Christ Jesus must be smiling on the Chapel on the Hill. Thank you to everyone who makes this ministry possible.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

- 2 Art Dumdey
Sydney Joe Pease
- 4 Noah Barr
Mike Carr
- 5 Ashlie Brown
Jeremy Brown
- 8 Lois Griffith
- 9 Dee McBride
Mark Noel
Nathaniel Nordentoft
- 11 Christine Blagg
- 12 Joshua Brown
Toni Quinto
- 13 Sue Olson
- 14 Dagny Lindstrom
Joshua Olson
- 15 Dick Genz
- 15 Barbara Larson



- Joshua Turner
- 16 Rachel Nordentoft
- 17 Sharon Barnhart
John Dunford
Danielle Kaczor
Samantha Pease
- 18 Dan Westberg
- 18 Gwen Odden
Veronica Odden
- 19 Audra Ferguson
- 20 Victoria Bouras
- 23 Dale Johnson
Valerie Knight
- 24 Cindy Odden
- 25 Tim Leonard
Troy Olson
- 26 Carolyn Perry
- 28 Lindsey Badtke
Damian Daniels
- 29 Rachel Vecitis
- 30 Sharon Venum

October

- 1 Donna Kueter
- 3 Katrina Barr
- 4 Samantha Barr
- 6 Sherry Erdmann
- 8 Bill Hodge
Alex Steen
- 9 Scott Badtke
- 11 Heather Lahr
- 12 Jacob Blagg
- 13 Matt Lindstrom
- 14 Jamie Kahle
Kerry Lemuelle
- 15 Karen Bainbridge
- 16 Audrey Wunderlin-Hersko
Luke Nettekoven
- 27 Sue Corpus
- 28 Jerry Braam
- 29 Larry Mayer
Jeremy Stephens
- 30 Jim Kennedy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September

- 4 Dale & Janice Johnson
- 6 Bea & Ralph Dale
Dennis & Bridget Faltis
- 11 Matt & Kelly Lindstrom
Larry & Judy Mayer
- 13 Greg & Janet Nettekoven
- 14 Jeff & Jule Muth
Troy & Sue Olson
- 15 Ken & Jodi Heisz
- 18 George & Mary Hach
Dan & Janet O'Connell
- 21 Marty & Ami Weckerle
Mark & Barb Hess
- 30 Bruce & Mary Ann Beck
Bryan & Denise Olson



October

- 3 Richard & Sharon Venum
- 8 Billy & Veronica Johnson
- 15 Karen & James Lego
- 16 Jesse & Denise Basile
- 18 Bill & Lisa Noel
- 20 Faith & Mr. Heyll
- 31 Dan & Natalie Long

You Took My Place

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place!"

- Submitted by Cynthia Hoffman



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Thursday, Oct. 25: 2:00 – 9:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 26: 12 noon – 7:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 27: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Watch the church bulletin for more information on how to sign up.

Questions? Call the Chapel office: (262) 245-9122



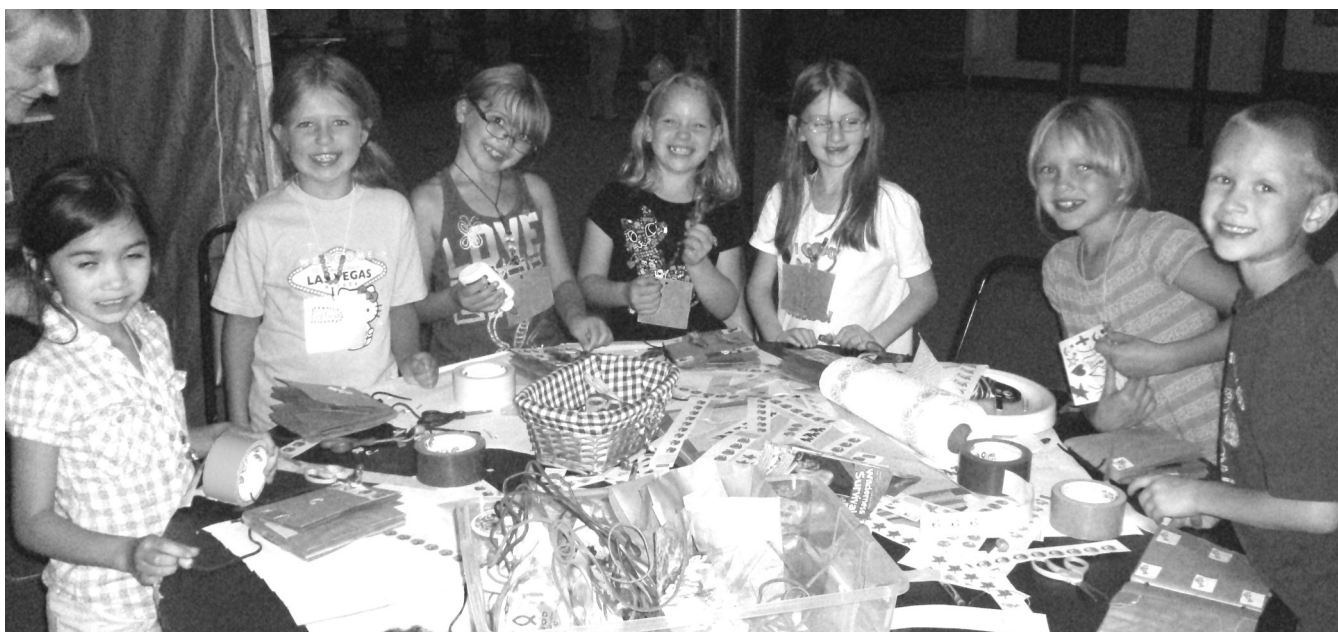
National Park VBS a Big Hit *By Anastasia Bouras*

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ho would have thought that we could fit an entire national park into our very own Parish Hall?

During the week of August 6-10, Sonrise National Park Vacation Bible School took place at the Chapel. The week could of not been more successful. As the director, I got to move around from class to class and listen in on what the children were learning.

Jesus was definitely present at all times, and was working through the actions and words of the children. Every night at the closing campfire, each class would stand up and recite their Bible verse, which they had practiced throughout the night. Watching 12 little 4 and 5-year olds reciting verses that they had recently learned was touching. The verses revolved around five themes: peace, riches, power, love and hope. I believe that by the end of the week, each child took a special memory away that they may possibly cherish forever.





I Want to Be an Extension Cord *By Eileen Altenburg*

Some people have dreams or wishes of being famous or at least getting their “15 minutes of fame.” They want to be the bright, flashing light of celebrity. They want to be the center of attention, for at least a short period of time.

Rather than being the attention-getting, bright, flashing light, I’d like to be an extension cord. An extension cord is used to connect an electric device with the power source when they’re separated by a distance.

I found some extension cord role models in the Bible:

1. In John 1, the Disciple Andrew met Jesus and then brought his brother Simon (Peter) to meet Jesus. Andrew was an extension cord, connecting Peter to Jesus.
2. Also in John 1, the Disciple Philip found Nathanael and brought him to Jesus. Philip was an extension cord, connecting Nathanael to Jesus.
3. In Mark 2, Jesus was preaching in a home in Capernaum when four men brought their paralyzed friend to be healed by Jesus. The house was so crowded; they had to lower their friend through the roof to get him close to Jesus. The friends were extension cords, connecting the paralytic man to Jesus.
4. In John 4, a Samaritan Woman was awed by Jesus’ teaching; she brought many of her townspeople to meet Him. Many believed in Him because of her testimony. She was an extension cord, connecting her townspeople to Jesus.

5. In John 6, Jesus wanted to feed a crowd, and Andrew found a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fishes. By Jesus’ power, that small amount fed more than 5000 people. Andrew was an extension cord, connecting the hungry people to Jesus.

An extension cord isn’t glamorous, but it is available, operative, and effective. I see people at the Chapel being “extension cords” for God;

do you see them too? They extend themselves to bring God’s love to others. The volunteers at the Homeless Shelter are extension cords, connecting needy people with God’s love. The volunteers, and contributors, to the Food Pantry are extension



cords, connecting needy people with God’s love. Deacons, small group members, and other regular folk, take time to show they truly care about others; they’re acting as extension cords. The Sunday School and VBS teachers extend God’s Word to their students.

Among my favorite Chapel “extension cords” are the friends who kept inviting me to the Chapel until I decided to accept their invitation. The Chapel became my church home, where I felt connected to my heavenly Father. Then I extended the invitation to my best friend; she accepted the invitation to the Chapel quicker than I did.

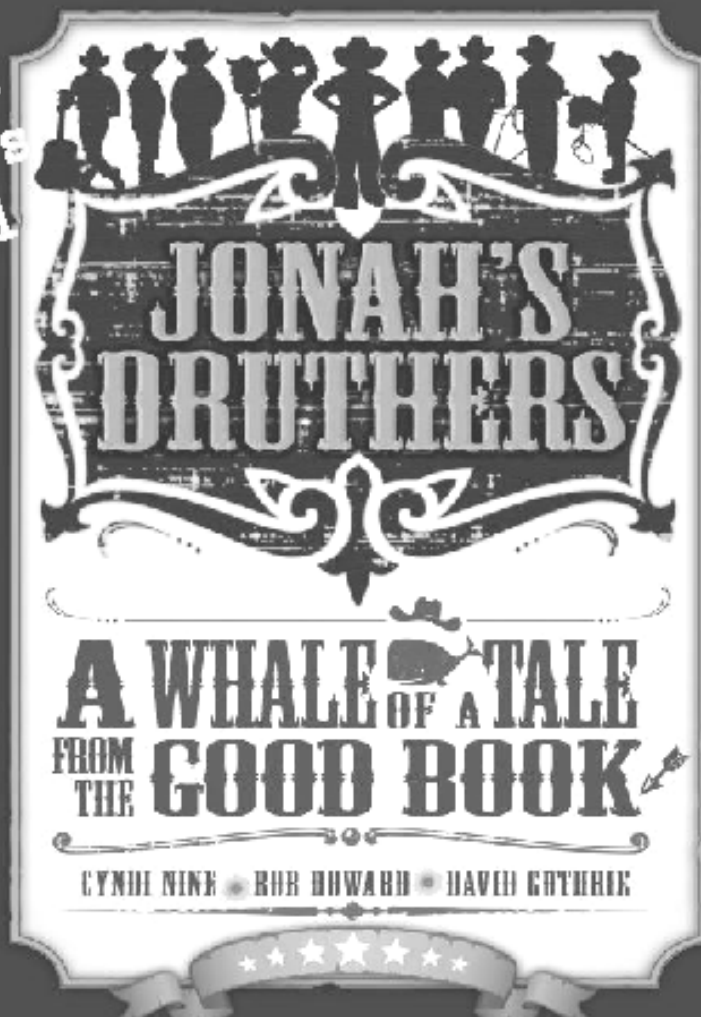
In Matthew 28, Jesus gave the Great Commission, “Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.” I think He was saying, be an extension cord and connect them to Me.



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Noel**

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