

St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshipping God Loving People Making a Difference

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Heroes of Faith

By Edgar De Witt Jones

By faith the voyaging Mayflower embarked from Old England and found harbor off the bleak New England shores.

By faith the Pilgrim Fathers set up a government on a new continent dedicated to God and inspired by a desire to do his will on earth as it is done in heaven.

By faith Thomas Jefferson was stirred to strike a blow for political independence and wrote the thrilling document that declared that all men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights.

By faith he said, "Love your neighbor as yourself and your country more than yourself."

By faith George Washington left his spacious mansion at Mount Vernon and espoused the cause of the tax-burdened colonists.

By faith he became the President of the newly born republic and endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

By faith Alexander Hamilton established the financial credit of the nation. In the eloquent words of Daniel Webster: "He touched the corpse of public credit and it sprang into life. He smote the rock of national resources and abundant streams of revenue flowed."

By faith James Madison gave richly of his scholarly mind to form the Federal Constitution.

By faith Andrew Jackson fought the battle of the impoverished and underprivileged many against the privileged few.

By faith Abraham Lincoln bore the awful burden of four purgatorial years seeking to preserve the Federal Union.

By faith he carried a dreadful war to its conclusion without hate in his heart, saying, "I have not only suffered for the South, I have suffered with the South."

By faith Woodrow Wilson in the dreadful heartbreak of a world war dreamed a dream of war less world in which the nations should be leagued together to keep the peace.

By faith he glimpsed that promised land which, like Moses, he might not enter. And what shall I more say?

For time would fail me if I should tell that unnumbered host, the unnamed and obscure citizens who bore unimagined burdens, sacrificed in silence and endured nobly, that a government of the people, for the people, and by the people might not perish from the earth.

Amen

Thanksgiving is a season that is very much in accord with the themes and teachings of Jesus Christ. —John Clayton

-<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~homespun/tpoems.html>

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Upcoming Darball Matches

The following are the scheduled Dartball Matches for the remainder of November and December:

NOVEMBER

- November 19th - First Cumberland at St. Stephen
- November 26th - St. Stephen at Shively Baptist

DECEMBER

- December 3rd - BYE Week
- December 10th - JAMBOREE
- December 17, 24, & 31 - Christmas & New Years Holidays - No Matches

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The envelopes included in this edition of the Builder are for donations towards the Christmas Food Baskets. It is the time of year to begin thinking about the benevolent work of preparing for holiday assistance. Let us be thankful for all that we have been granted in spiritual and material goods and pass on our abundance to those who are struggling. Again this year we are asking for your generous gifts. *Baskets will be delivered on Sunday, December 16th. All contributions should be in no later than Sunday, December 9th.* We will also need volunteers on that Sunday to help pack and deliver the baskets. Let us be thankful that we have the opportunity to reach out and lend our compassionate hands. Please consider sharing your time and treasure in this worthwhile ministry.

UPCOMING SERMON THEMES

November 18, 2012

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are You Thankful For?

Psalm 100



November 25, 2012

Reign of Christ/Totenfest

A Wise Reign

John 18:33-37

December 2, 2012

First Sunday of Advent

Sign of Things to Come

Luke 21:25-36

December 9, 2012

Second Sunday of Advent

Make Ready

Luke 3:1-6

December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent

Look Forward

Luke 3:7-18

December 23, 2012

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Moving with Mary's Song

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Council Highlights

October 9, 2012

Meeting - A Congregational Meeting will be held on 10/28/12 for the sole purpose of election of CEC members and church council members.

Confirmation - The confirmation process has begun. There are three confirmands from St. Stephen who will be instructed by Rev. Harper with assistance from Rev. Burney and Jenny Elmore. They will be joined at times by a confirmand from Plymouth and her sponsor.

Anniversary - November 1st will begin Rev. Harper's 14th year with us.

Sports Medley - Rev. Burney is in the process of planning several sports activities to be held in the FLC in November and December. More details will follow soon.

Birthdays

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 1 - Michael Hill
- Dec. 2 - Rita Augenstein
- Dec. 5 - Camryn Harper, Corey Hicks
- Dec. 7 - Karen Haines, John Lannan,
Morgan Schmidt
- Dec. 9 - Marcia Cecil
- Dec. 10 - Kimberly Garvey
- Dec. 13 - Irma Waller, Amy Haines
- Dec. 14 - Sam Raderer, Blanche Baxter,
Larry Vowels, Matthew Gosling
- Dec. 15 - Peggy Schmidt, Samantha Tharp
- Dec. 16 - Ethel Tatum, Aaron Vowels,
Ashley Lehman, Michael Nolley
Jamie Gilliam
- Dec. 17 - Cole Gregory
- Dec. 19 - Linda Vogel
- Dec. 20 - Carolyn Hoback
- Dec. 21 - Carol McAllister
- Dec. 25 - Heather Jennings
- Dec. 27 - Skye Lynch
- Dec. 29 - Savannah Flaherty
- Dec. 30 - Emma Key

Time, Talent, & Treasure Pledge

Stewardship letters and Time, Talent & Treasure pledge cards were mailed out the week of November 5th. "God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." (II Corinthians 9:7 - The Message) Please pray over your personal giving and service practices and take the time to fill out and return your stewardship pledge cards.

Holiday Office Closings

- The Church Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 22nd.
- The office will also be closed the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 23rd. You may contact Rev. Harper on his cell phone if needed.

Christmas Caroling at Summerfield

We will be Christmas Caroling at Summerfield on Sunday, December 9th following worship. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Please plan to join in the fun.



HEAD USHERS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER :

Greg Schmidt

MONTH OF DECEMBER :

Jenny Elmore



CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY WORKERS

DECEMBER

- 2 - Linda Jennings
- 9 - Lisa Nolley
- 16 - Madison Harper
- 23 - Karen Haines
- 30 - Becky Flaherty

JANUARY

- 6 - Victoria Bauer
- 13 - Joyce Bray
- 20 - Anne Goble
- 27 - Nancy Skinner

PERFECT ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTH OF OCTOBER

Men's Class: Jim Harper III, Sam Raderer, Bill Kroekel

New Generation: Tina Harper, Janet Storm, Richard Storm, Gary Leitner, Frankie Williams

Middle School: Camryn Harper

High School: Madison Harper



The next Builder will be sent out December 19th. The last day to submit articles will be December 16th.
Early submissions are appreciated!

Newsletter Deadline

Christian Education

The Holiday Soiree will be held on December 2, 2012 immediately after church. Tickets will go on sale the first Sunday in November and continue the entire month. They will be sold after worship. The menu will be pulled chicken and pork, green beans, potato casserole, slaw, buns, pie, coffee, tea and lemonade. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The entertainment will be provided by a gospel group called Victory Resound.

We will be going caroling at Summerfield on December 9 immediately after worship. We will be making favors again this year. We are still working on the exact craft. We will be asking for help to make these, so watch for details and information. Last year, we made 175 favors to deliver, so the more the merrier!

We will be sponsoring the Mitten Tree again this year. The tree will be in place on 11/18. Please bring in any mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to be donated to Shively Area Ministries. Shively Area Ministries then gives these items to their clients in need.

If you have any suggestions, please see someone on the committee or put a note in the office. We are always looking for different ways to reach out to our community. We will be looking at activities for the fall and winter. If you have any ideas for entertainment for the Soiree, please let someone on the committee know. Thank you for your continued support in this area.



Youth Scavenger Hunt for Brooklawn

As many of you know, any of us can be a Santa Claus for one of the children at Brooklawn. Our Youth at St. Stephen "adopt" a couple of kids each year, and it is a very rewarding experience for them all. They meet at a mall and essentially have a scavenger hunt - we send them off to obtain the gifts that we write down for them on an index card. They put in their own money (\$25 each), and I honestly believe that they (and the adults who help) get much more out of it than they give.

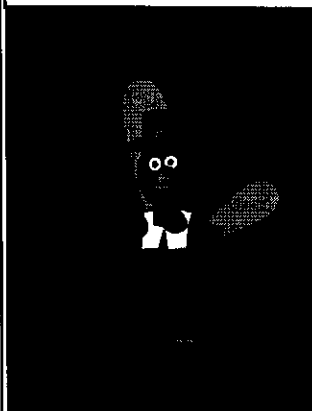
The "Hunt" this year will be on Friday, 12/7. We will meet at 6pm at the Jefferson Mall, and anyone willing to contribute \$25 is welcome to join us. If you can't participate, but would like to contribute to the gift fund, please see Jenny Elmore. Hope to see you there!!



Holiday Soiree



The Holiday Soiree is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd following worship. Tickets will be available for sale before and after Worship every Sunday in November. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years old and younger.



We would like to wish everyone a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

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Thank you notes received this month from:

- Plymouth Community Renewal Center thanking St. Stephen's Congregation for the generous contribution given in the month of October.
- Mary-Kate Poling, President/CEO of Brooklawn Child & Family Services, thanking St. Stephen for the gift given to help ensure that Brooklawn continues to help provide children with a safe home and secure community.



Friends on our Prayer List who have been hospitalized since our last issue...

Emma Jean Mosier , Jerry Mosier
Charles Baxter, Hazel Carroll, Leslie Schmidt,
Charles Waller, Sr.

Please remember those who are at home or at a care-giver facility...

Thelma Goss, Magdaline Kuchenbrod, Mary Musick,
Virginia Cahill, Dave Wright
Hubert & Jean Slusher, Michael Roney, Bill App,
Mildred Schaefflein, Larry McAllister, Ethel Tinnell,
Bill Montgomery, Charles Waller Sr., Thelma Shine,
Charles Baxter, Emma Jean Mosier, Jerry Mosier

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift was given by Vic Morris in memory of Dorothy Morris.



Condolences and prayers are offered to the following who lost a friend or family member in October or November:

Bill Montgomery on the loss of his brother, Thomas Montgomery. Please keep Bill in your prayers as he mourns the loss of his brother.

Our condolences are offered to Linda Bayens and her daughter Jennifer, on the loss of Jennifer's boyfriend, Ryan Benson. Ryan passed away on November 4th. Our prayers are with Jennifer and Linda during this difficult time.



Congratulations to Aaron Vowels and Carrie Bonhert on the birth of their son, Joshua Martin, Sunday, October 21, 2012. Baby Joshua weighed in at 8lbs, 9ozs and was 20 1/4" long. Proud Grandparents are Larry & Marsha Vowels!

Dear St. Stephen:

Thank you so very much for all the encouragement we received during the time of my mother's illness. We appreciate so much the expressions of love through calls, cards, and visits but especially through prayer. Rev. Harper: Thank you for surprising us with your visit at the hospital prior to the surgery.



Love,
Thelma Shine &
Sharon Melton

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET PACKING & DELIVERY

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH TO HELP PACK AND DELIVER THE THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS. PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR TIME IN THIS WORTHWHILE MINISTRY.

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THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Chili Fest Committee, I would like to thank the following people for donating baskets, gift certificates, or other donations for our annual 2012 Chili Fest:

Don & Kathy Bauer
Stu & Doris Bauer
Blanche Baxter
Darryl & Joyce Bray
Debbie Cahill
Cliff & Joy Ellis
Jenny & Jeff Elmore
Joe & Becky Flaherty
Ann Goble
Karen Haines

Robert Harris
Carol Hawthorne
Carol Hoback
Linda Jennings
Scott & Heather Jennings
Russ & Penny Kline
Bill Kroekel
Gary & Carleen Leitner
Angie Lowen
Phil Morrison

Emma Mosier
Mike & Lisa Nolley
Sam & Marcie Raderer
Irv & Peggy Schmidt
Nancy Skinner
Richard & Janet Storm
Beth Tanner
Ethel Voll
C.J. Wieting
Frankie Williams

We made \$2722 on the Silent Auction Baskets. We had 5 items that did not sell for at least half of their value. We will decide what to do with these items at a later time, with any monies going to General Fund.

Thank you very much for your support. You made this year a great success! We look forward to your participation next year!

Carleen Leitner



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CHILIFEST REPORT - 2012

Event	Credits	Debits	Start Up	Net Profit	2011 Net
Food	\$1,818.20	(\$633.88)	(\$140.00)	\$1,044.32	\$1,351.52
Cake Walk	\$277.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$227.00	\$352.75
Bouncy	\$81.00	(\$100.00)	(\$20.00)	(\$39.00)	(\$20.00)
Silent Auction	\$2,722.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$2,672.00	\$3,737.00
Capital Prize	\$788.00	(\$154.62)	(\$40.00)	\$593.38	\$512.00
Miscellaneous*	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$77.00
Face Painting	\$28.00	\$0.00	(\$20.00)	\$8.00	\$18.00
Baked Goods	\$80.30	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$30.30	\$215.25
Start Up Not Used	\$30.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Expenses**	\$0.00	(\$160.00)	\$0.00	(\$160.00)	(\$488.41)
General Donation	\$157.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$157.00	\$300.00
Flower Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148.00
Soiree Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.00
2012 Totals	\$5,985.50	(\$1,048.50)	(\$400.00)	\$4,537.00	\$6,230.11
2011 Net Profit (without yard sale \$)				\$6,230.11	
Net Decrease				(\$1,693.11)	

* = includes free appetizer cards

** = stamps, stickers for signs

This annual event continues to be our largest fund raiser. Profits this year were down, but we can still be very thankful that our congregation and our community came though for us as always. A lot of hard work goes into this event, and it will continue to be a strong source of income each year because of your time, talent, faith, and love. Thanks to all of you who participated!!

2012 BASKETS	DONOR	FINAL BID
1 Bengals Mini Helmet (signed)	Robert Harris	\$32.00
2 Outback G.C.	Phil Morrison	\$26.00
3 Halloween Basket	Carol Hoback	\$7.00
4 Christmas Candle Holder	Carol Hoback	\$11.00
5 Christmas Baking Basket	Carol Hoback	\$10.00
6 Romance Basket	Anne Goble/Emma Mosier	\$70.00
7 IU Basketball (signed)	Jeff & Jenny Elmore	\$85.00
8 Picture Mate Photo Lab	Jeff & Jenny Elmore	\$30.00
9 Health & Beauty Basket	Nancy Skinner	\$15.00
10 Cracker Barrel Basket	Blanche Baxter	\$50.00
11 Cracker Barrel G.C.	Frankie Williams	\$50.00
12 Cracker Barrel G.C.	Frankie Williams	\$50.00
13 Game On Basket	Russ & Penny Kline	\$16.00
14 Panasonic Fax, Copier, & Answering Mach.	Bill Kroeckel	*
15 Wine & More	Bill Kroeckel	\$80.00
16 Welcome" Doily	Joe & Becky Flaherty	\$20.00
17 Small Snack Basket	Joe & Becky Flaherty	\$15.00
18 Towel Basket	Ethel Voll	\$25.00
19 Kentucky Legend Ham	Irv & Peggy Schmidt	\$20.00
20 School Basket	Irv & Peggy Schmidt	\$20.00
21 Golf Basket	Richard & Janet Storm	\$25.00
22 Clock	Linda Jennings	\$24.00
23 Olive Garden G.C.	Linda Jennings	\$30.00
24 Manicure Basket	Beth Tanner	\$15.00
25 Talking Reindeer	Karen Haines	\$18.00
26 Meijer G.C.	Cliff & Joy Ellis	\$25.00
27 Christmas Tree/ Decorations	CJ Weiting	\$45.00
28 Christmas Tree/Decorations	CJ Weiting	\$45.00
29 Junk Food Basket	Gary & Carleen Leitner	\$36.00
30 Picnic Basket	Gary & Carleen Leitner	\$35.00
31 Large Decanter	Stu & Doris Bauer	\$30.00
32 Wine Set	Stu & Doris Bauer	\$40.00
33 Kids Halloween Basket	Carol Hawthorne	\$7.00
34 Tool Set	Scott & Heather Jennings	\$100.00
35 Harvest Blessings Basket	Joyce Bray/Debbie Cahill	\$26.00
36 Front Door Appeal Basket	Don & Kathy Bauer	\$40.00
37 Cooking & Baking Utensil Basket	Don & Kathy Bauer	\$40.00
38 UK 2012 NCAA Champ. Basketball	Don & Kathy Bauer	\$130.00
39 Fall Dinnerware	Mike & Lisa Nolley	\$40.00
40 Halloween Kitchen Basket	Sam & Marcie Raderer	\$20.00
41 Donation	Angie Lowen	\$50.00
42 Uof L Football 2012 Media Guide	U.L. Athletic Office	\$10.00
43 Jersey Boys Tickets (2)	Cox Media Group	\$160.00
44 Campus Wearhouse G.C.	Campus Wearhouse	\$15.00
45 Ideal Image G.C.	Ideal Image	*
46 Aspen Creek G.C.	Aspen Creek	\$30.00
47 Kingfish G.C.	Kingfish	\$10.00
48 Tumbleweed G.C.	Tumbleweed	\$15.00
49 Hometown Pizza G.C.	Hometown Pizza	\$25.00
50 Actors Theatre Tickets (2)	Actors Theatre	\$70.00
51 Molly Malone's G.C.	Molly Malone's	\$16.00
52 GFS G.C.	GFS	\$19.00



2012 BASKETS	DONOR	FINAL BID
53 Lou. Bats Tickets (4 field reserve seats)	Lou. Bats	\$17.00
54 Ky Derby Museum Tickets (2)	Ky. Derby Museum	\$14.00
55 Joe Huber's Restaurant G.C.	Joe Huber's	\$25.00
56 Build A Bear Workshop G.C.	Build A Bear	\$10.00
57 Urban Active 3 mo. Membership	Urban Active	*
58 Cheddar's G.C.	Greer Companies	\$21.00
59 Car Wash G.C.	Timmy's Auto Wash	\$15.00
60 Car Wash G.C.	Timmy's Auto Wash	\$16.00
61 Flower Arrangement	Dixie Florist	*
62 Graeter's G.C.	Graeter's	\$10.00
63 Keeneland (4 Reserved Grandstand seats)	Keeneland Association	\$37.00
64 Newport Aquarium Tickets (2)	Newport Aquarium	\$26.00
65 Rooster's G.C.	Rooster's	\$22.00
66 Frazier Hist. Museum Tickets (4)	Frazier History Museum	\$22.00
67 The Pub G.C.	The Pub	\$15.00
68 Panera Bread G.C.	Panera Bread	\$41.00
69 UK-Samford Football Tickets (4)	UK Athletic Asso.	\$50.00
70 Cracker Barrel G.C.	Cracker Barrel	\$25.00
71 Domino's Cooler Bag	Domino's	\$22.00
72 U of L T-Shirts (2)	Shively Sporting Goods	\$11.00
73 Hooter's T-Shirts (2)	Hooter's	\$10.00
74 Mega Cavern Tickets	Mega Cavern	*
75 Chuy's G.C.	Chuy's	\$25.00
76 Mark's Feed Store G.C.	Mark's Feed Store	\$20.00
77 Target G.C.	Target	\$20.00
78 Manhattan Grill G.C.	Manhattan Grill	\$8.00
79 TGI Friday's G.C.	TGI Friday's	\$27.00
80 Holiday World Tickets (2)	Holiday World	\$50.00
81 Indianapolis Colts Pkg.	Indianapolis Colts	\$40.00
82 Home Run Burgers G.C.	Home Run Burgers	\$5.00
83 Sun Tan City G.C.	Sun Tan City	\$15.00
84 P F Chang's G.C.	P F Chang's	\$25.00
85 P F Chang's G.C.	P F Chang's	\$25.00
86 Meijer G.C.	Meijer	\$25.00
87 Walmart G.C.	Walmart	\$25.00
88 Skil Saw	Cane Run Hardware	\$35.00
89 Texas Roadhouse Basket	Texas Roadhouse	\$25.00
90 Louisville Pizza Pub G.C.	Lou. Pizza Pub	\$15.00
91 Fantastic Sams G.C.	Fantastic Sams	\$12.00
92 Nanz & Kraft G.C.	Nanz & Kraft	\$12.00
93 Krispy Kreme G.C.	Krispy Kreme	\$21.00
94 Sports & Social Club G.C.	Sports & Social Club	\$15.00
95 Sports & Social Club G.C.	Sports & Social Club	\$15.00
96 Sports & Social Club G.C.	Sports & Social Club	\$15.00
97 Sports & Social Club G.C.	Sports & Social Club	\$15.00

* ITEMS WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT A LATER DATE

\$2,722.00

December 2012

ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Thanksgiving Prayers

One of the beautiful things about the Thanksgiving holiday is that it gives us a specific time to reflect on the wonderful blessings we all enjoy. While we may not have as many things as other people have, we can all be thankful for friends and family who love us and the life God has given us. The following Thanksgiving prayers can be shared around the dinner table this November or any time of the year. ...taken from www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com

Moravian Blessing

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
And bless these gifts
Bestowed by Thee.
And bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in Your loving care.

Help Me Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,
Help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
Help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
Help me to remember those who have no
home at all;
When I am without pain,
Help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
Help me to destroy my complacency;
Bestir my compassion,
And be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
Those who cry out for what we take for
granted.
Amen.
— *Samuel F. Pugh*

We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it all
And all other blessings.
As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as You would have us.
This we ask in the name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Father.
— *Harry Jewell*

Abundant Blessing

We thank you for the turkey,
They gravy and the dressing.
Dear Lord, this table overflows
With Thy abundant blessing.
Let us always be aware
That all gifts come from You,
And may we serve Your heavenly will
In everything we do, Amen.
— *Joanna Fuchs*



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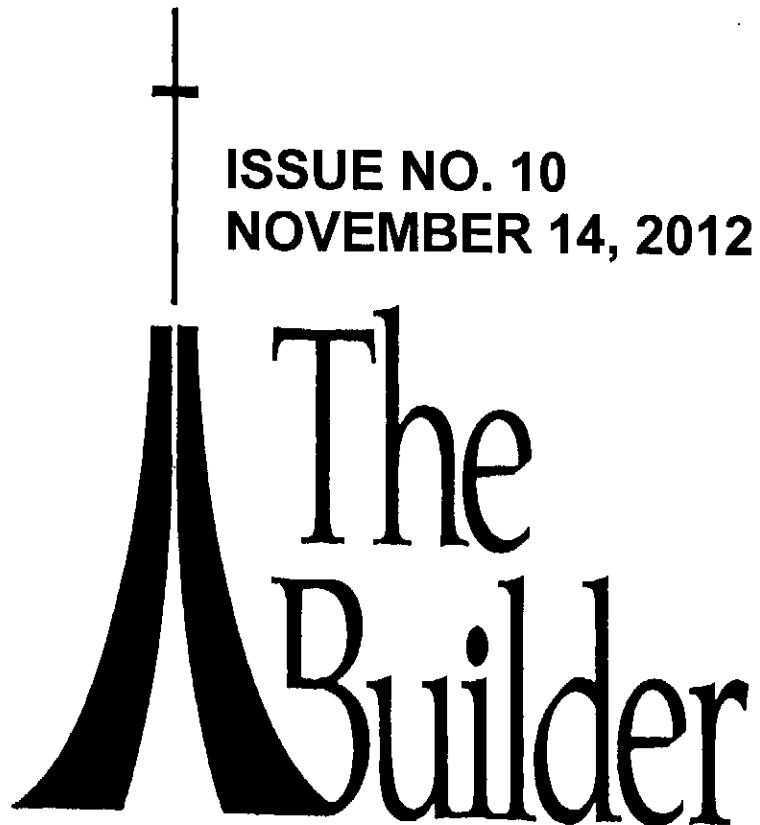
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