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## Magician/Comedian Jim Barron Set to Appear



There are magicians who amaze and comedians who make you laugh but few combine the two art forms like magician/comedian Jim Barron who will bring his unique show to Corunna United Brethren on **Sunday, October 28 at 7:00 PM.**

Barron became interested in magic at the age of 10 and while in the 5th and 6th grades often performed magic shows for classmates at Hamilton Elementary in Hamilton Indiana. "There weren't as many outlets for learning magic back then as there are today so I read and re-read every book on magic in the school library. After I'd read all those, I visited the library in Edon, Ohio which was just across the state line from my home in Alvarado and read all theirs too," said Barron.

Today, Jim Barron performs for corporate events, festivals, fundraisers and even schools. Following his show, it's not unusual to hear comments like, "I haven't had that much fun in a long time" and "I've seen magic acts before but they never made me laugh like this!" "This show is really unique!" Unusual and notable performances by Barron include escaping from a regulation straight jacket before nine thousand people during halftime at the first Ft. Wayne Freedom football game. He also successfully predicted the final

score of a Ft. Wayne Wizards baseball game before a record, sold out crowd.

Barron cites magicians Doug Henning and Harry Blackstone Jr. as major influences. "One of my favorite memories is performing with my family before an audience that included Blackstone himself Following the show we all got to meet him and he told me how much he enjoyed our performance. It's a thrill I'll never forget!" says Barron.

Upon graduation from Vincennes University with a degree in Broadcasting Technology, he started a career in radio all the while perfecting the speaking and comedic skills he employs in his live comedy magic performance. Today, when he's not appearing with his magic act, he's part of the award winning morning team at WBCL radio in Ft. Wayne.

A few of his other radio credits include stints at WOWO Radio and WAJI. Barron and his fellow performers Phil Reaser and Larry Bower were recently awarded the Spectrum Award by the Indiana Association of Broadcasters for "Best Morning Show in Indiana."

*Plan to attend and be sure to invite friends and family!*



October 12: Fish Fry at Corunna  
Town Hall

Oct 20: 6:00 PM  
Ladies' Spa Night at home  
of Sharon McDonald

Oct 26: Fish Fry at Corunna  
Town Hall

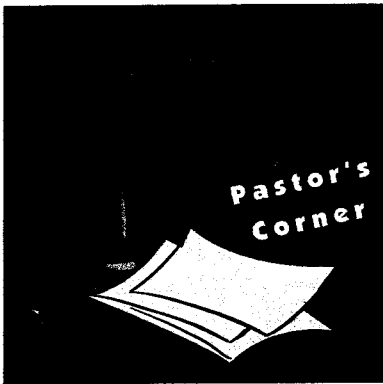
Oct 28: 7:00 PM - Christian  
Illusionist/Comedian Jim Barron

Nov 9: Fish Fry at Corunna  
Town Hall

Nov 18: 9:AM - Faith Promise  
"Seed Harvest" Service - Randy  
& Toni Fennig, special speakers

Dec 14: Fish Fry at Corunna  
Town Hall

Dec 16: 7:00 PM - Christmas  
Musical - "Joy to You & Me"



### Pastor's Corner

October 4, 2007

There are telltale signs that the summer season is coming to an end. We have already had one near frost at our house and in many areas an actual frost. Just recently was the DeKalb County Free Fair, one of the last in the state. And my birthday has come and gone, which was on the first day of Fall. Usually my birthday is just after the beginning of Fall.

Birthdays are bittersweet. It is nice to have one because the alternative means that we are no longer around to serve God in this life and enjoy His gift of physical life. Each birthday also reminds us that we are getting older and not quite as full of energy as we once were. I have also found that with each succeeding year comes a more pensive mood. In reviewing life, there are always things that a person wishes he had been able to do and also things he wished he had avoided. There is the "what might have been," and the "those things we wish had not

been." What is most important however is to devote our life to the glory of the Lord and seek to serve Him in the best way we can.

God has been good to me and given me a great family. I have a wonderful wife and also wonderful children and sons-in-law and grandchildren. The Lord has allowed me to serve Him as a pastor for many years and it has been a joy to proclaim His Word from Sunday to Sunday as well as help people grow in His grace. I was again reminded of God's grace when my mother recently died at the age of 91. She had a great deal of influence in my life which I realize and appreciate more as time goes on. She loved the Lord and is now with Him along with my father.

All of this to say that the goal of life is to serve God, to glorify Him and our Savior Jesus Christ until one day we will gather around the throne to praise and worship Him forever. We cannot begin to realize how wonderful it will be to have all sin gone and God's Christ-like character fully produced in us. As our quartet, "Sing His Glory" likes to sing at the end of each of our nursing home services, *What a Day That Will Be!*

*Pastor Kollopeter*

Faith Promise  
"Seed Harvest"  
November 28, 2007



Has your "seed money" been growing these past few months? The harvest from that "seed" will be held on Sunday, November 28. Our special guest speakers will be Randy and Toni Fennig, who hope to be leaving in January for Sierra Leone.

During the worship service, you will have the opportunity to bring your harvest to the altar. This offering will be used for missions work around the world.

Following the worship service, a "Threshers Meal" will be held in the church basement. Everyone is invited to stay and share in our fellowship meal.



*Sowing in the sunshine,  
sowing in the shadows,*

*Fearing neither clouds nor  
winter's chilling breeze;*

*By and by the harvest,  
and the labor ended,*

*We shall come rejoicing,  
bringing in the sheaves.*

## NEWS FROM THE REVOLUTION

I just wanted to give everyone an update as to what Revolution is going to be up to this coming year. We will be having our monthly events throughout the year which include an overnight lock-in, laser tag, bowling, a service project in Auburn, as well as many others. Our large summer events will be an overseas mission trip to Poland, an outing to Cedar Point, and another mission trip down to Big Laurel, Kentucky.

I want to thank everyone for your support through your prayers. It is really felt as we minister from week to week. We have a great group of kids already, but we are praying that we will have the opportunity to increase the scope of our outreach. Thank-you again and keep an eye out for more news from the revolution.

-*Matt Sayles* Youth Pastor



Laurel Mission - August 2007

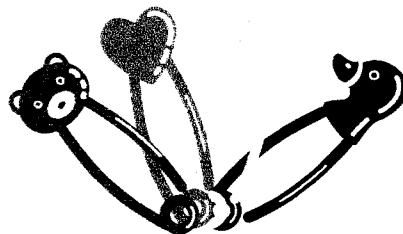
## New Beginnings

### New Nursery Ministry

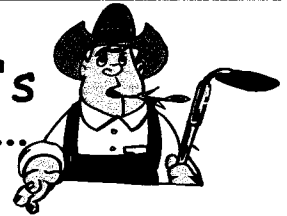
Beginning Sunday, October 7, 2007, Corunna UB will have a new nursery set up. We will now have a nursery for 0-2 year olds, where parents can go to care for their children. The nursery is located in the room behind the sanctuary. This room will be open and available any time the church has services and events.

We will also have a preschool nursery Sunday mornings during the worship service for children 3-5 years of age, located in the far southeast classroom. Parents may drop their child off before services and pick them up afterward so they are able to listen to and enjoy the service. Children over 5 years of age may attend Junior Church in the basement during the sermon.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about our new nursery ministry, please contact the Nursery Coordinators, Matt and Michelle Sayles at 260-541-0208 or 260-897-2780.



## An Old Farmer's Advice....



--Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

--It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

--Every path has a few puddles.

--When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

--When you find yourself in a hole, the first thing you do is stop diggin'.

--Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

--You cannot unsay a cruel word.

--A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

--Don't judge folks by their relatives.

--Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.

--Always drink upstream from the herd.



## "Down On My Knees...."

Ah, my favorite season of the year has just arrived—at least on the calendar. Yesterday we set an all time record high - 92 degrees in late September! The weatherman went on to inform us that this summer we've had twice as many days in the 90's than usual. Whew! It certainly has been a long HOT summer! Global warming?? Well, I don't know about that but we all have to admit that it has been an unusual summer. One thing for sure is that we all got a lot of good exercise dragging the hose around watering all our plants during the long dry spell. And since the rains came, our exercise has consisted of swatting mosquitoes. All that extra twisting and turning and especially the running from the house to the car to avoid the little critters really is great exercise!



While we sometimes wonder why mosquitoes "bug" us so much, they are one of God's creatures and as such have a purpose. One of their purposes is to provide a meal or at least an appetizer for my friend, Mattie. This morning, Mattie was guarding our back door looking for her breakfast - either the mosquitoes that hover nearby or the spider that has a web under the eaves. Mattie is a praying mantis and right now she is very hungry as she prepares to lay her eggs.

Mattie the Praying Mantis is one of God's truly remarkable creatures. Her appearance is quite striking and her habits are very curious! If you've ever been "nose to nose" with a Praying Mantis, you'll agree that they can be a bit intimidating as well.

Mattie and her fellow mantids are

beneficial insects that are most commonly seen in late September and early October either resting on a plant or "fluttering" through the air. They are sometimes mistaken for a hummingbird. Some appear to resemble leaves or flowers in shape and color.

The common name comes from the manner in which they hold up the forepart of the body, with its enormous front legs, as though in an attitude of prayer. They might also be called "preying mantis" for they are carnivorous, eating other insects. The body is elongate with the front legs modified into prominent grasping organs that catch and hold prey. They have a "neck" that allows the head to rotate 180 degrees while waiting for a meal to wander by. The wings are well developed, but mantids commonly remain quiet in one place until another insect comes into reach. However, they sometimes cautiously stalk their prey. Prey are held securely between the serrated, spiny forelegs.



Mantids range in size from 2 to 6 inches with the female being the larger of the two. One very curious habit of mantids is that during and/or after mating, the female will eat the male mantis.

After mating, the female will lay groups of up to 400 eggs in a frothy liquid that turns into a hard protective shell. The egg case is "glued" to tree twigs, plant stems and other objects. This is how the insects survive the winter. After egg laying, mantid death usually occurs a few weeks later.

One generation develops each season. Tiny nymphs emerge from the egg mass in the spring or early

summer. Often, their first meal is a sibling. It takes an entire summer or growing season for mantids to mature into adulthood.

Mantids are good examples of insects that have a gradual metamorphosis. As they grow, the wings develop on their backs. With each molt the wing buds increase in size. When the wings are fully developed, the mantid has become an adult like Mattie.

The praying mantis is certainly one of God's special and unique creatures. The Bible says, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31:a).

That includes you and me! Scripture tell us that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) and that "we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). We were created to "glorify God and to enjoy him forever". Consider the following lyrics to a song by Matt Redman based on Psalm 139.

*You gave me this breath,  
and you gave me this strength,  
and everyday I love to obey you.*

*With all of my heart,  
with all of my soul,  
let every breath I'm breathing  
display You, God.*

*—Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*

*—Matt and Beth Redman*

*—2006 Thank You Music*

*With Love,  
The "Merry Gardener"*



## a poem about responsibility

There was a most important job that needed to be done,  
And no reason not to do it, there was absolutely none.  
But in vital matters such as this, the thing you have to ask  
Is who exactly will it be who'll carry out the task?

Anybody could have told you that Everybody knew  
That this was something Somebody would surely have to do.  
Nobody was unwilling; Anybody had the ability.  
But Nobody believed that it was their responsibility.

It seemed to be a job that Anybody could have done,  
If Anybody thought he was supposed to be the one.  
But since Everybody recognized that Anybody could,  
Everybody took for granted that Somebody would.

But Nobody told Anybody that we are aware of,  
That he would be in charge of seeing it was taken care of.  
And Nobody took it on himself to follow through,  
And do what Everybody thought that Somebody would do.

When what Everybody needed so did not get done at all,  
Everybody was complaining that Somebody dropped the ball.  
Anybody then could see it was an awful crying shame,  
And Everybody looked around for Somebody to blame.

Somebody should have done the job  
And Everybody should have,  
But in the end Nobody did  
What Anybody could have.



--Charles Osgood

"So is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

--Isaiah 55:11

## 'Joy to You & Me'

Practices for this year's Christmas musical will begin September 30, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the church. Children and youth ages 4 and up are invited to participate in this year's musical. The musical will be presented on Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

As the title indicates, this year's musical is full of JOY! If children are anything, they are joyful! Joy radiates from their faces and their eyes, from their cute questions and especially from their exuberant singing. What better match, then, but to give them an opportunity to sing a musical that is all about joy! And what better season than Christmas!

This musical is bound to raise the joy-consciousness of everyone who hears it. And it can't help but draw the listener's heart closer to the Christ Child. What JOY indeed!

Please be in prayer as the children and youth begin practices. And please pray specifically that the joy of Jesus may live in each heart as they prepare for this presentation.

MAY THE SEASON BRING YOU MUCH JOY!



Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in!

## **My Covenant with God, One Another and Our Pastor(s)**

**1. I pray specifically and consistently for our pastor(s).**

*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (I Timothy 2:1-2)*

**2. I give freely of my time, talents and spiritual gifts so that our pastor(s) can direct the affairs of the church—rather than the pastor(s) doing the entire ministry alone.**

*The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor... (I Timothy 5:17)*

**3. I give cheerfully and liberally to God to provide for the physical and material needs of our pastor's family.**

*The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." (I Timothy 5:17-18)*

**4. I refuse to listen to or spread gossip about our pastor(s).**

*Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. (I Timothy 5:19, bold added. See also Proverbs 17:4)*

**5. I lovingly and privately correct our pastor(s) when there is sin and offer grace on issues of style and preference.**

*If a brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. (Matthew 18:15)*

**6. I do everything in my power to make sure our pastor(s) flourishes in family relationships (spouse and children).**

*If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church? (I Timothy 3:5)*

**7. I obey and submit to the leadership and oversight of our pastors/elders.**

*Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_