

## “What can you do?”

Paul Smith (1921-2007) dug deep to summon incredible gifts of creativity and perseverance. Born with severe cerebral palsy, he started making art at age 11 on an old typewriter. Steadying one hand with the other so he could use one finger to make one deliberate keystroke at a time, he typed symbols, such as # and @, using a black or colored ribbon. In this painstaking way, he “painted” stunningly detailed pictures.

In a TV report from 2004 (search “Typewriter Artist” on YouTube), a friend says Smith found joy in being

creative, and saw that as his life’s purpose. When someone would say, “I could never do that,” the artist would answer, “What can you do?”

Whatever our challenges, God has given us all gifts to share with the world. Perhaps you can’t “paint” pictures with a typewriter . . . But what can you do? Do it!

(You may also search “Paul Smith typewriter art” on the internet to find numerous masterpieces by Smith.)



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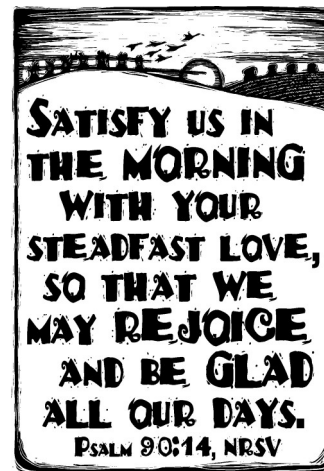
**Sunday February 22, 2015 @ 6pm**

Bring your family, neighbors, & friends!

The DVD is about 2 hours long.

Coming Sun, March 29, 6pm:

**Oak Grove Quartet  
in Concert**



### Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly  
Average as of 1/18/15 (3 wks):  
**\$4,130.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,437.**  
**PTL!** As of 1/18/15 we are over  
budget: **\$2,078.**

Average morning worship  
attendance 1/4—1/18/15:  
**91.**

# The Lamplighter

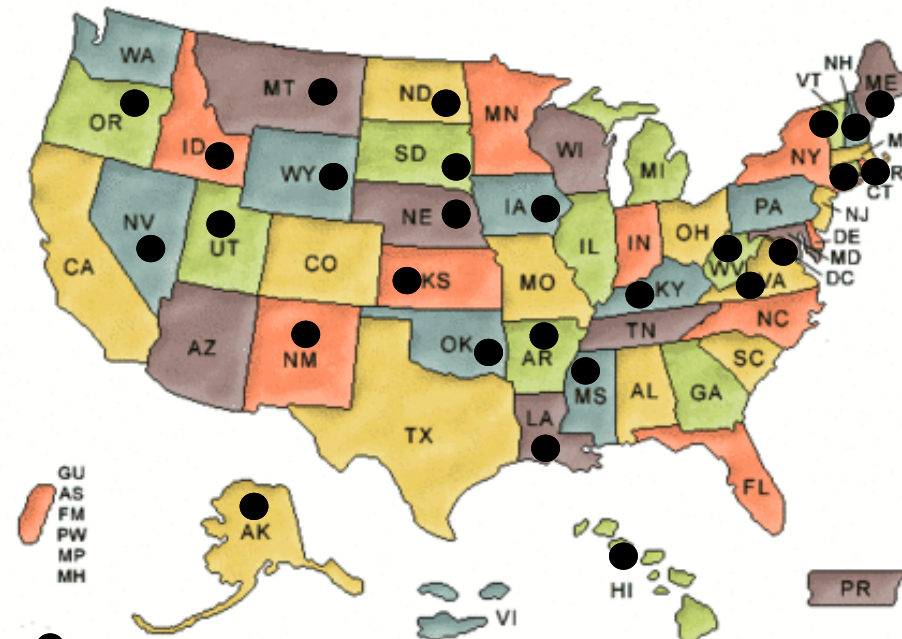
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## Population of 26 states & Washington D.C. sacrificed!



Since abortion became legal in 1973 we have sacrificed the equivalent of the entire population of Wyoming, Vermont, District of Columbia, North Dakota, Alaska, South Dakota, Delaware, Montana, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Hawaii, Idaho, West Virginia, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Utah, Arkansas, Mississippi, Iowa, Connecticut, Oklahoma, Oregon, Kentucky, and Louisiana!

And when you consider that many abortions are not reported, you can add a few more states to the above list! Why have we done this? What have we gained from sacrificing over 56 million of our most precious? Population control advocates say we cannot afford to take care of the higher population numbers.

Consider what God says, “. . . I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command

### Offering concludes SOON!

Will you give to help our missionaries and to help reach our goal?



2014 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Church Goal: **\$2,777**

**Received to date: \$1,865**

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Dear church family,

**G**reetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to 2015. We are in the middle of a

wonderful time in the life of our church. We are enjoying the blessing of the Lord in many different ways. Two of our young people were recently baptized—Sarah Veasey and Steve Rousell and another is ready to be baptized. Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center has over 70 children enrolled, nearly the maximum we are allowed. There are only a few open spots. Also, we ended the year in great shape financially! After a difficult struggle for most of the year, we actually finished with a balance of \$4,600 (over budget)! Praise the Lord! As promised, we are going to distribute those dollars to missions and ministries.

The church in the January business meeting delegated the responsibility of the half for missions to the Missions Committee, and the half for ministries is to be decided by the Finance Committee. What a blessing this will be, especially to our missionaries. We are asking the various leaders in our church to make requests for the ministry dollars. This portion of the budget surplus money may be available throughout this year, as needed.

On a different note, our youth pastor, Joe Cain tendered his resignation in December. Pastor Joe has been with us for 2 ½ years. Many youth trusted Christ as their Savior under his enthusiastic ministry. We will

miss him. Chrissy Jackson, Amy Hall and I are keeping the youth ministry going. Pray for us. I am also teaching the youth Sunday School class. I am having a lot of fun. The kids are so full of energy and questions.

The youth will be helping out in our service at the Calvert Manor Healthcare Center this week. Next week we will have a Super Bowl Party at Sam and Amy Hall's townhome. The youth keep us hopping.

I should also let you all know that my son Ben and his wife Jenny have become the guardians of my nieces, Anna and Lydia Hokuf. Anna and Lydia were orphaned in October when their mother Valerie died. Please keep them all in your prayers. It has been a difficult few months sorting through all the concerns of the various parties without a will in place, but the decision has been made, and now the hard work begins. We are excited, pleased, and praising God. I know Ben and Jenny will be great parents, they already are!

Your brother in Christ,

*Pastor Steve*

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf

P.S. On January 1, 2015, Rev. Don Criswell died. Rev. Criswell was our second pastor from 1966-1969. I sensed my call to the gospel ministry while he was here. I will always have a special place in my heart for him and his fiery gospel preaching in my pre-teen years. He was 80 years old, but I will remember him as thirty-something. Betty Jackson has written an article about him on page 3. I encourage you to read it.



**We have sacrificed . . .**

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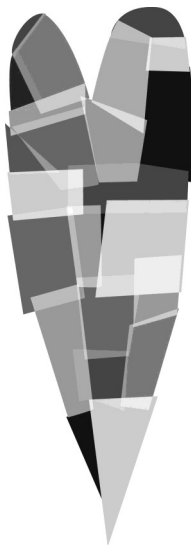
you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase and the Lord your God will bless you in the land . . . (Deuteronomy 30:15-16). According to the verse the answer is found within the numbers. If we choose "life".

For in choosing "life" God promises He will bless us with quality leaders among other things. And, notice what the result is from choosing "life". It is "prosperity". That is not what we are told by abortionists.

When an abortion occurs not only are we sacrificing a precious, innocent life but, we are sacrificing a portion of our own peace, as well as we are sacrificing a portion of our national blessing and security. This national decline is already staring us in the face. It is one of the consequences of our choices.

January 18<sup>th</sup> was Sanctity of Life Sunday. It's a good time of the year to get things right with the life-giver. Pray Christians. Pray like your very life depends on it.

Pastor Dan Mohler



I PRAY  
THAT YOU  
MAY... KNOW  
THE LOVE  
OF CHRIST  
THAT  
SURPASSES  
KNOWLEDGE.

EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV



**birthdays**

- 1 Joe Kennard
- 2 Matthew Jones  
Danita Walker
- 3 Sonny Ewing  
Aidan Parsons
- 4 Jane Brandenburg
- 5 Heather Bibey  
Kari Gill  
Lonnie Watson (L.J.), Jr.
- 8 Cheyenne Ewing
- 10 Rachael Jackson  
Matthew Jackson  
Donna Lee
- 11 Garrett Preisch  
Alesha Walker
- 12 Heather Sprout
- 13 Gladys Handy  
Felicia Walsh
- 14 Dylan Parsons
- 15 Kate Galyen  
Brad Grant  
Ron Gray
- 17 Ginny Helsel  
Julianna Rose Musser
- 18 Joshua Ewing  
Emma Short
- 19 Nancy (Carpenter) Carr
- 20 Zed Barton  
Natalie Marvel
- 22 Clint Blithe
- 23 Jenny Hokuf
- 24 Amanda (Leffew) Smith  
Alexandria Walker
- 25 Chuck Ewing  
Riley Hudler  
Laura McGuigan
- 26 Arlee Brown  
Shelly Preisch
- 27 Judy Clemons  
Dusty McKinney  
Sarah Ann Veasey
- 28 Larry Thornton

**anniversaries**

- 9 Danny & Judy Clemons
- 11 Nathan & Esther Porch
- 14 Roy & Jane Crouse—15th
- Ken & Vickie Henry
- 15 Chris & Laura (Hokuf) Moyer

**YOUTH Super Bowl Party  
Sun, Feb 1, 6pm**

The youth Super Bowl party will be @ Sam & Amy Hall's home. Snacks will be provided; but, feel free to bring your favorites and/or sodas to share. Please dress to support your favorite team (even if they aren't playing). TRANSPORTATION will be provided before/after the game. Contact Miss Chrissy by 1pm that day if you'd like to ride the van. **IF** you need to be home early (as the game will end rather late), please make your own transportation arrangements accordingly.



**Just for KIDS**

**LOVE**

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. LUKE 10:27

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Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."