

# JACKSON Good News!

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“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” - Jesus

## Answering a greater call

**Nathan and Cori Baumann are both successful in business. They are also respected, well-liked and fully entrenched in the community. But in August, they will be leaving Jackson County to show ‘simple acts of love’ to orphans and elderly in Mexico.**



The Baumann family, Brooklyn, will be leaving for missions work in Mexico this fall. Photo, courtesy Tia Allen, Simply Things Photography.



This is the home in Progreso, Yucatan, where the family will be staying for two to three years. Photos above and bottom right courtesy Cori Baumann.



Left: Cori (left) and a fellow missionary pray over a man during a recent mission trip to Mexico. Right: A mission group presents a Spanish Bible to one of the residents of Casa de Abuelos, or House of Grandparents, in Mexico.

**By Linda Hass**

Cori Baumann has loved her life in Brooklyn, from hosting dance parties for her three young children to capturing memories for the customers of her photography studio. Her husband, Nathan Baumann, owns a thriving business that provides sandblasting, painting and welding services, and the family is comfortably nestled in a quaint farmhouse.

It's not that they want to leave all that behind, it's just that they want something more—to be the hands and feet of Christ for the hurting in Mexico. So this August, the Baumann's plan to pack their bags and head for Progreso, Yucatan, to serve as missionaries at least two to three years.

“Nathan and I have so much to be thankful for: two energetic boys who make us laugh daily, a sweet 2-year-old girl, and more than enough love to go around. We feel called to share that love with others who need it desperately. Jesus told us to help the widows and orphans, and that's what we plan to do,” said Cori.

The full-time mom and part-time photographer sat at her

kitchen table with Nathan to talk about the path that led the family to Mexico. A plaque hanging on the wall behind her seemed to sum the family's bold decision succinctly: “Trust God in Everything.”

If all goes well, the family will be settled in their new home by this September. Shortly afterwards, they hope to hit the ground running as mission's administrators for a non-profit organization that provides lodging and food for about 30 elderly residents. They also plan to provide sponsorship support for a nearby orphanage that cares for 15 children ages 5-15 years.

“For the past 11 years, I've sought to showcase the essence of my subjects through my camera lens,” said Cori, founder and owner of Cori B Photography. “Now I have a greater calling, to share photos of widows and orphans with potential sponsors.”

The outcome would be similar to the sponsorship packets available through World Vision, except sponsors will be paired

with needy Mexican children or seniors through the Baumann's and will receive photos, videos, letters and updates on a regular basis for a personal connection.

The Baumann's Mexican connections are based on relationships they have built over the last nine years with close

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friends, both here and in Mexico. A local business owner and friend of Nathan's had purchased a large home in Progreso for the purpose of using it to house mission teams and groups that would come to Mexico to serve and minister to the local community, Nathan said.

“My friend was looking for a family that was willing to live in the home and be a host to those groups coming through, as well as a catalyst for other service

opportunities; it seemed like a perfect fit for our family,” Nathan added.

The trip south of the border will mean a complete lifestyle change for the couple, who is in the process of setting up a non-profit organization called “Amor Mas Grande,” which means “greater love,” to help fund their initiative. Both also are making arrangements to take temporary pauses from their occupations. In addition, Cori said while in Mexico she plans to home school their three children: Judah, 8; Benjamin, 6; and Abigail, 2.

The couple welcomes these challenges, noting the mission trip brings several blessings. Nathan, who graduated from Huntington University with a bachelor's degree in youth ministry, is looking forward to using his ministerial training as well as business and managerial expertise. Cori, who has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the same school, will oversee social media and photos.

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simple acts of love mean so much,” said Nathan.

The inspiration for the couple's decision was sparked by a “God moment” one Sunday when a pastor mentioned helping the poor in Mexico. “It was as if a finger pressed in my chest, pointing to me,” Nathan said. Unknown to him, Cori heard a whisper in her soul saying, “This message is for you.”

“When we compared impressions, we found we felt the same thing at the same time,” she said. They prayed for God to open and close doors, and from that point on, it was full-steam ahead for Mexico.

The couple has two church sponsors for their mission trip so far: Crosspointe Church and Heart O' the Lakes United Brethren Church, both in Brooklyn, as well as pledges from a few individuals. Until they establish their non-profit organization, interested persons can make donations in their name to Crosspointe Church and can stay connected with them via facebook at: [www.facebook.com/GreaterLoveMinistryBaumanns](http://www.facebook.com/GreaterLoveMinistryBaumanns).

*Stream in the Desert flows to the thirsty*



Rev. Harold Dunkel pastors Stream in the Desert Church, Jackson, on Sunday mornings, and faithful gathered at Countryside Retirement Community, Jackson, on Sunday afternoons.

**By Linda Hass**

The kitchen staff of Countryside Retirement Community in Jackson walk in and out of the dining hall wearing hair nets and black aprons on this Sunday afternoon.

Menus on tables proclaim: "Lunch Special: Veal Parmesan."

Dozens of seniors line their wheelchairs in a semicircle in one corner of the hall, many with blankets over their laps.

It may not be your typical church setting, but clearly, church can happen anywhere.

"Do you know how long it's been since I've seen you?" asks Pastor Harold Dunkel, who stands in the center of the semicircle. "It's been a year! The last time I saw you was in 2016 and it is 2017 already – did you miss me?"

His silver-haired congregants laugh; others shout: "We missed you!"

Dunkel's blue eyes twinkle as he smiles. "Good! I missed you too. Now let's turn to page 3 and

start this New Year right with "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," says Dunkel, opening a hymnal. In the pause before the song began, one senior leans toward another and whispers: "That song is one of my favorites."

Dunkel, who pastors his own church, Stream in the Desert in Jackson, visits Countryside two to three times per month to conduct a worship service for residents who long to attend church, but for various reasons can't travel off-campus. He's joined by his wife, Sandy Dunkel, who plays the piano. Together, the tag-team is a church on wheels, traveling across town to shower music

and inspiration on thirsty souls. "I feel a special sense of ministry for seniors; after all, I am one myself!" said Dunkel, 74, before the service.

"As I look at our youth-oriented society, it seems older citizens tend to get overlooked or disregarded. I want to remind them how important they are; to greet each one personally; and convey the good news of the gospel," he said, adding that those in their sunset years often have a special need for such encouragement.

That encouragement came through loud and clear on this Sunday, Jan. 1, setting the New Year off on a good note. "It's a new day, and a new year," Dunkel told the assembled. "The Lord has led us through trials in 2016, but he has

a wonderful way of causing all things to work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

"This is an opportune time to look back, see what things we could have done to draw closer to him, and put them into practice going forward so we can lay hold of the promise in John 10:10. After all, Jesus came so that we could have life, and have it to the full," he said.

"By the time 2017 ends, may you see great progress in drawing closer to Jesus. If you look for God in your life, you will find him!" added Dunkel. "Can I hear an amen?"

"Amen!" shouted several congregants, including David Meerman. "This is my church," said Meerman after the service. "It's where we all come together in the Lord's name. I always look forward to it. Pastor Dunkel has a nice way of explaining things. He makes the gospel very understandable. And the music is nice, too," Meerman added.

Sandy Dunkel, the other half

of the church on wheels, is a crucial part of the music component.

"When I was a kid taking piano lessons, I didn't know I was going to marry a pastor and provide music for him, but God must have known it," she said with a smile, emerging from behind the piano.

"Music brings a lot to the worship experience," she added. "Many of the hymns are songs seniors grew up with, wonderful favorites that bring back memories. I'm glad to contribute that to experience."

Judging from congregants' response, that goal was accomplished, proving that church can indeed happen anywhere.

"I'm grateful for Pastor Dunkel's willingness to do double duty on Sunday," said Countryside resident Ann Braun. "To all the pastors who bring Sunday worship to seniors I say 'thank you.'"



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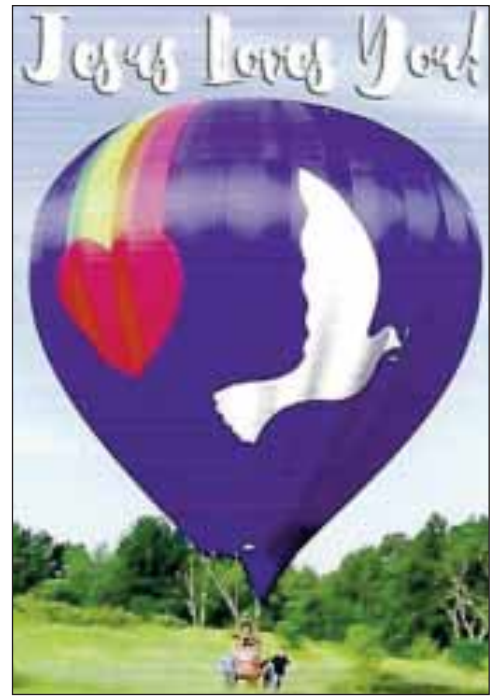




“God willing, Napoleon Feed Mill will continue to grow.”

# Faithful In Business

*Christian principles guide Napoleon business*



Jackson residents readily recognize the “Jesus Loves You balloon that is flown by the Heselschwerdts.



The Heselschwerdt family have owned the mill for three generations.



Cheryl and Denny Heselschwerdt, owners of Napoleon Feed Mill, say their business decisions are based on their Christian faith.

**By Linda Hass**  
Sales at Napoleon Feed Mill are soaring like the trademark hot air balloon it operates. Customers rave about the service. The product offering makes the independent agricultural business among the most diverse in the state, and employees are fiercely loyal to owners Denny and Cheryl Heselschwerdt.  
But the real story behind Napoleon Feed Mill's growth has nothing to do with merchandise, loyalty or customer service. The primary driver behind the business' success is the family's abiding Christian faith, which guides their ethics and decisions, they said.  
“In the late 1990s, we decided to follow God's lead, whether we continued in this business or did something else,” said Cheryl, adding that the business had been hard hit by high interest

rates and a general downturn in the agricultural industry.  
“Either way, we wanted God to be in charge. He wasn't going to be a side course, he was going to be the main course,” she said, as she and Denny sat in their office at the end of this Saturday workday. The store, tucked away on a side street, sits among a cluster of mills and warehouses just north of the M-50, Austin Road intersection.  
Since the couple's pivotal decision to make God their CEO, the business has blossomed as abundantly as the plants its fertilizer feeds. “Business keeps growing – about five percent per year,” said Denny, adding the family-owned business and independent dealer averages about 150 customers per day from a ten-county radius.  
Unsurprisingly, one of the keys to replicating this level of service hinges on the selection of

employees. “Our goal is to assemble a team that works as a unit and inspires others to be their best, regardless of obstacles,” said Cheryl.  
Scott Maurer, who has worked for Napoleon Feed Mill for 35 years, said the owners' faith does inspire employees to overcome obstacles and aspire to their best. “It sets the tone and creates an atmosphere of honesty, integrity and dedication that ripples out to staff and customers,” he said.  
Part of that “ripple” has involved paying greater attention to customers' requests, said Cheryl. “Customers told us they wanted more specialized services, so we send our staff to be trained in the latest techniques for feed, chemicals and fertilizers,” she said, adding this service has become very popular.  
Scott Lantis of Napoleon is one of many grateful customers. “Napoleon Feed Mill spreads my fertilizer and sprays my herbicides, plus I can get just about any product I need for my farm there – they have it all,” said Lantis, who owns a crop farm and beef herd on about 850 acres in and around Napoleon.  
Product diversity is another key to the business' success. “Most traditional mills only supply feed. We offer so

much more, including a growing agronomy division,” said Denny. Products and services include feed and supplies for livestock and pets; related agricultural services such as custom application of spraying and spreading fields; and chemicals, supplies, and equipment for lawns, gardens and farms, including fertilizers and pesticides.  
Agriculture represents more than a retail interest for the Heselschwerdts. The couple, both 61, farm about 1,600 acres of corn, soy, and wheat in Napoleon Township and feed 1,000 steer. This experiential knowledge also has played a role in helping the business grow beyond the simple store that Orin Heselschwerdt founded in 1939.  
Orin, a child of the Great Depression, originally trucked livestock for a living, traveling to Detroit with cattle. While there, he bought leftover salt from livestock places and sold it to farmers back home. Later, the entrepreneur also transported fertilizer.  
Success enabled him to buy a train station located where the current business is today. In time, he had supplies brought by rail. In 1939, Orin transformed the depot into Napoleon Feed

Mill, which boasted two employees and sold a limited number of supplies. “Orin was an entrepreneur and strong Christian who originally wanted to be a preacher,” said Denny, of his grandfather.  
Those qualities helped build a strong foundation for the family. Today, the business has 35 full- and part-time employees and encompasses 10 buildings, including warehouses and mills. It also sponsors a hot air balloon with a red heart and dove on one side, and the message “Jesus Loves You!” on the other.  
Napoleon Feed Mill remains a family affair, with son DJ Heselschwerdt working full time and specializing in accounting and employee management; and daughter Amber Smith working part-time and her husband, David Smith, working full time specializing in technology and customer service.  
Son Troy Heselschwerdt originally worked full time, but left for Thailand with his wife and family a couple years ago to do missions work.  
“The youngsters push us, bringing in new ideas and helping us meet the needs of the next generation,” said Denny. “God willing, Napoleon Feed Mill will continue to grow.”

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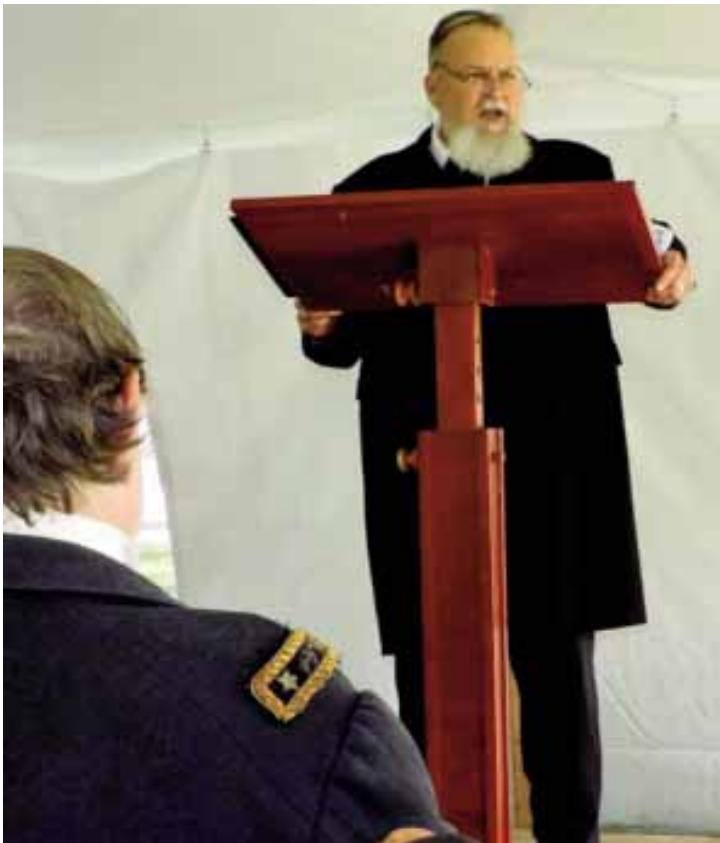
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*Be still and know  
 that I am God*

Psalm 46:10

### Our history

# Rev. William Sullivan spoke out against slavery



Circuit preachers delivered sermons in various locations. The photo is of Chaplain Alan Farley, taken with his permission. He is a Civil War re-enactor who portrays circuit preachers at public events.

By Linda Hass

Rev. William Sullivan had no idea, when he moved to Michigan in 1832, that he would one day harbor fugitive slaves in his Jackson home. Nor did he suspect that would that he would the founder of one of Michigan's first anti-slavery newspapers. And he certainly couldn't have predicted that an angry mob would try to lynch him. But those milestones did await the fiery preacher, who hated everything about slavery.

Rev. Sullivan was one of many Jacksonians who assisted fugitives in the secret enterprise known as the Underground Railroad. He was born in Virginia, a slave-holding state, in 1811; but his family later moved to Ohio because of their opposition to slavery.

Rev. Sullivan's move to Jackson was set in motion when

community leaders decided the village needed a newspaper and offered an incentive for a printer to set up shop in 1837. The committee extended an offer to Rev. Sullivan's brother, Nicholas Sullivan, a printer in Vermont.

Not only did the preacher convey the offer and financial incentive to his brother, he ended up moving to Jacksonburg with his family and assisting Nicholas in the venture. Together, the duo produced Jackson first newspaper, the *Jacksonburg Sentinel*, in honor of the town's original name.

The anti-slavery bias of this paper was evident from the beginning. The sixth issue, printed April 22, 1837, carried on its front page an article stating: "THE SLAVE TRADE: Notwithstanding the efforts that have been made to put down this diabolical traffic, it is still

actively carried on. The day of retribution will come before long."

Not only did the preacher's religious sentiments spill over into newspaper accounts, he was often invited to deliver lectures in public, including the crowd that assembled in the Jackson Court House to hear him talk one evening in 1839. His topic must have been fiery! According to newspaper accounts, the audience listened politely . . . at first. But when Rev. Sullivan began to expound on the evils of slavery, many bristled.

Though most Jacksonians opposed slavery on principle, opinion on what to do about it was varied. Some favored radical solutions; others embraced a "live and let live" attitude. Still others opposed slavery, but not if it involved armed conflict against their countrymen, according to Ken Wyatt, a retired editor for the Jackson Citizen Patriot and a local historian.

Whatever Rev. Sullivan might have said, one thing is certain – his message rubbed listeners the wrong way. Some audience members shouted objections; others rushed the podium. The scene degenerated into pandemonium, as the words "hang him" were shouted.

According to one newspaper account, "an effort was made to mob him in Jackson, and the design was to hang him for his abolition sentiments, but he managed to elude his pursuers."

No mob could still his spirit, however. Sullivan decided to launch a new publication solely devoted to abolition. Together, the Sullivan brothers published one of Michigan's first anti-slavery publications, the *American Freeman*.

Rev. Sullivan's contributions extended beyond words—printed or spoken. One of the fugitives he harbored in his home was Lewis Hill, a runaway slave who had trekked 1,000 miles



The *Jacksonburg Sentinel*, Jackson's first newspaper, was printed by Nicholas Sullivan, with assistance from his brother, Rev. William Sullivan.

through five states from a plantation in Augusta, Ga., in search of freedom in the North.

The Sullivan-Lewis connection is documented in letters preserved in the Bently Historical Museum, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in the Dr. Nathan Thomas file. Dr. Thomas was a station master in Schoolcraft, Mich., who not only corresponded with Rev. Sullivan, he directed the fugitive to stay at Sullivan's house on his journey to Canada.

Written accounts of Hill's reaction upon arriving at Rev. Sullivan's home are not available, but Henry Bibb, a former enslaved man, describes how he felt upon entering the home of an Underground Railroad agent. Bibb wrote: "I had found a friend in the time of need among strangers, and nothing could be more cheering in the day of trouble than this."

In 1840, Rev. Sullivan switched to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, which he felt took a stronger stand against slavery. He was given a circuit, serving members in Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee counties. His work was so exemplary, five years later Wesleyan Methodist leaders asked him to form an educational institution in Leoni. To pursue the task, he moved to

Leoni in 1835. The fruit of his labors, Michigan Union College, later moved to Adrian and ultimately paved the way for Adrian College.

On May 18, the preacher whose efforts helped to found Adrian College, who launched one of Michigan's first anti-slavery publications, and who strove to correct the ills of slavery, died of typhoid fever in the Leoni Township home. He lived long enough to see the end of slavery become a reality before he closed his eyes one last time. The 61-year-old preacher was buried in Leoni Cemetery.

His obituary stated: "Mr. Sullivan, with his little band of abolitionists, carried on the work of agitation for which they were proscribed . . . He was an exemplary citizen, and was one of the few men who loved principle and honor above all things."

*This is one of many stories told in the book, MICHIGAN'S CROSSROADS TO FREEDOM: The Underground Railroad in Jackson County. The book is available online via Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and locally at the Ella Sharp Museum Gift Shop and Anna's Gifts & Home Décor, Jackson.*



## Getting to know God - what do I do?

**If you know you are a sinner...**  
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"

**...and sinners deserve death...**  
"For the wages of sin is death..."

**God has made a way for you.**  
"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

**Repent, or "turn your life around"**  
"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

**Then call on His name!**  
"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." The name above all names is Yahshua (Jesus, or "Salvation is of God"):

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Believe and be baptized; your salvation is already accomplished!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

**Find a Bible-believing church!**  
"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

**Learn the Bible, and defend it.**  
"Exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

**Learn to love more fully**  
"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."  
"Love thy neighbor as thyself."

**Live your new life in Christ!**  
"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

# Oh taste and see that the Lord is good!

## Recipe Ideas

THE GOOD NEWS First Fruits Recipes By: Gabby Cooper and Mary Wood

What you can do with ten pounds (lbs) of Frozen Chicken Legs!?!?



### Teriyaki Chicken

- 2-3 lb. skinless chicken pieces
- 20 oz. can pineapple chunks
- Dash of ground ginger
- 1 C. teriyaki sauce

Directions: Place chicken in a slow cooker and pour remaining ingredients over. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or high for 4-6 hours. Until the internal temperature of the chicken reads 165\* F.

### Chicken Marinade

- 2-3 lb. Chicken
- 1/2 C. Garlic
- 1/4 C. Olive oil
- 2-3 T. Italian seasoning
- 1 t. Salt
- 1 1/2 t. Pepper

Blend garlic, oil, and seasonings in a blender or food processor. Place the chicken and the garlic mixture in a gallon size Ziploc bag and store in refrigerator or freezer until ready to use.

### German Potato Salad



- 4 to 6 C. sliced potatoes
- 1/2 C. onions, chopped
- 1/2 C. celery, sliced
- 1/4 C. green peppers, diced
- 1/4 C. vinegar
- 2 T. sugar
- 1/4 C. oil

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- 1 green pepper
- 1 pound carrots
- 1 bunch celery
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- 2 tomatoes
- 1 pound broccoli
- 2 sweet potatoes
- \* 1 head lettuce

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Chopped parsley

Sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled

Directions: Combine all ingredients except parsley and bacon. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir and cook for 5-7 hours in slow cooker. Garnish with bacon and parsley.

### Throw together short ribs



- 1/2 C. water
- 1/4 C. tomato paste
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 1 T. prepared mustard
- 2 t. seasoned salt
- 2 t. Cider vinegar
- 1 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 t. Beef bouillon granules
- 2 lbs. Beef short ribs
- 1 small tomato, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 T. cornstarch
- 1 T. cold water

Directions: In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine the first eight ingredients. Add the ribs, tomato and onion. Cover and cook on low for 4-5 hours or until meat is tender. Remove meat and let rest on a platter. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth; gradually stir into cooking juices. Put meat back into the cooker. Cover and cook for 10-15 minutes or until juices are thickened.

### Tomato delight



- Ingredients:
- 1 medium tomato sliced into 6 slices
  - Oregano
  - Mayonnaise
  - 4 slices crumbled bacon, cooked
  - 2 ounces sliced cheese of your choice (fresh mozzarella)
- Preset oven to broil.

Directions: Place tomatoes on a baking sheet. Spread with a thin layer of mayonnaise, sprinkle with oregano and bacon. Cover with cheese. Broil in hot oven 3 minutes.

### Ma Tripp's Waldorf Salad



- 1 apple
  - 2 stalks of celery
  - 1/4 of a head of iceberg lettuce
  - 1 banana
  - 1/2 cup walnuts
  - Raisins or mini marshmallows, optional
- Chop and combine all ingredients.

#### Dressing

- 3/4 cup mayo
- 1/4 t. lemon
- 1/4 t. orange juice
- 2 heaping T. sugar

Whisk all the ingredients together until all the sugar is dissolved. Serve over salad.

1/2 C. water

1/2-1 C. sugar or red hot candies

Combine all ingredients in slow cooker. Cook on low for 8-10 hours or high for 3-4 hours.

### Meatloaf



- 2 eggs
- 3/4 C. milk
- 3/2 C. seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 t. Dried minced onion
- 1 t. Salt
- 1/2 t. Rubbed sage
- 1 1/2 lbs. Ground beef
- 1/4 C. ketchup
- 2 T. brown sugar
- 1 t. Ground mustard
- 1/2 t. Worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 350°F

In a large bowl, combine the first six ingredients. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well (mixture will be moist). Place in a lightly greased 5x9 inch loaf pan.

In a separate bowl combine the ketchup, brown sugar, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over the meatloaf.

Bake at 350°F for one hour or until no pink remains and a thermometer reads 160°F.

### Chunky applesauce

- 8 apples, peeled, cored, and cut into chunks or slices
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The Most Rev. Earl Boyea, Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing, blesses the Catholic Charities building during a ceremony Feb. 10.

## Bishop blesses building

Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties held an open house on Feb. 10 at its new location in Jackson. The consolidation from two older facilities into one new location at 3425 Francis St., Jackson, has allowed the organization to expand its human services to area clients, including on-site foster care and adoption services.

Prior to the public open house, a private service including blessing of the new location was conducted by the Most Rev. Earl Boyea, Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing.

The Bishop read from the book of Mark and said a few words about the organization. He explained that man's mind is always fighting the need to help others versus adopting the "what is in it for me" mentality.

"We become our best selves when we give ourselves away," Bishop Boyea said. "For those who believe, this is our way to become Jesus Christ to others."

## Jesus Loves You!

# ASK anything!



Ravi Zacharias

By Linda Hass

What's our purpose? Is God selfish for requiring worship? What happens to people who don't believe in God?

These are among questions Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias answered at the Breslin Center, East Lansing, before a packed crowd Thursday evening.

The event, "Ask Anything: A Post Mortem on the Post Truth Culture," drew about 7,000 people, including Michigan State University students, seniors, teenagers and people across the state. Zacharias, a renowned Indian-born, Canadian-American, was at his eloquent best defending the Christian faith.

"We are facing a crisis of critical thought among today's youth. Our secular culture increasingly favors a multiculturalism that affirms tolerance of all word views, while simultaneously opposing commitment to any one belief," Zacharias said. "Many young people believe that all religions are basically the same. Consequently, they cannot articulate their own faith."

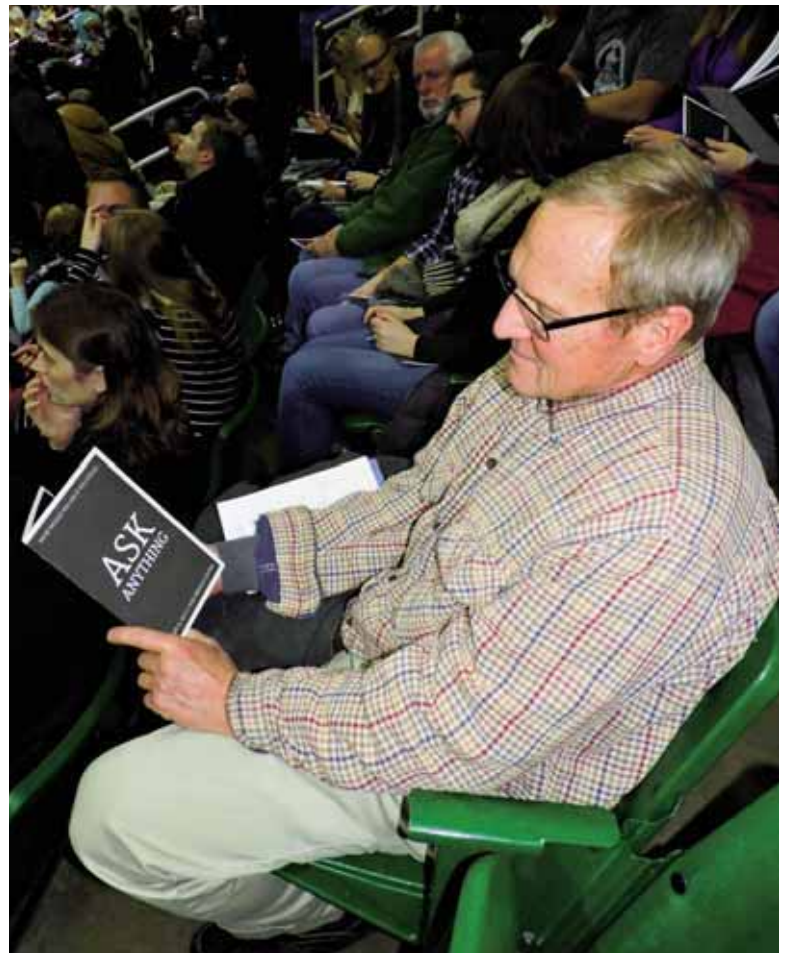
Abdu Murray, the North American director of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, opened the event by describing the hallmarks of what he called our "post truth" culture.

"We are living in post truth culture that has elevated personal preferences and feelings over truth. In the absence of fixed reference points, confusion abounds as differing preferences clash," said Murray, the author of two books, including *Grand Central Question-Answering the Critical Concerns of the Major Worldviews*.

"We have become a law unto ourselves, with each person creating their own sense of right and wrong. It's no longer a question of justice, but of 'just us,' as we exert our own separate prerogatives over absolute truths," added Murray, who earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School.

One result of this post truth culture is chaos and hostility, since those with strong but differing views often vilify each other. Another result for many caught in the crossfire is a de-emphasis of absolute truth in an attempt to avoid vilification. But sacrificing truth for convenience has a price tag, Zacharias said.

"When you sacrifice truth, you not only lose a fixed reference point, you lose your sense of purpose in relation to the only thing that lasts beyond this transitory life," he said. "Jesus, on



Dennis Huscio of Vandercook Lake was among the 7,000 who attended the event.

the other hand, offered fixed reference points through his actions and words. This is what Jesus meant when he said, 'If you abide in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" (John 15:7.)

After giving brief talks, Zacharias and Murray invited listeners to come forward with questions. About 30 responded, forming two lines in front of the

ally rise again,' because no one could disprove something they can't see.

"But Jesus *did* provide tangible proof—a physical resurrection seen by eye witnesses who wrote about it in the Bible, as well as an empty tomb witnessed by detractors," Zacharias said.

A student who identified himself as an atheist asked Murray why anyone would think the purpose of life transcends a mere evolutionary drive to live.

"Humankind is endowed with curiosity about things that have no evolutionary value. We wonder things like what the rings of Saturn are made of. What's the evolutionary value of that? It's clear we're hard-wired with a restless yearning that looks above and beyond what is merely needed to survive. God made our hearts restless, so we would seek him out," Murray said.

Dennis Huscio, Vandercook Lake, said the event left him inspired and with plenty of food for thought. Charles Sartorius, an Okemos resident who works in Jackson, described Zacharias as one of the smartest men he's ever heard. "He has a compelling way of explaining complex issues," said Sartorius.

Zacharias, 70, is a noted author and speaker who has been invited to present the claims of the Judeo-Christian worldview on university campuses, in halls of government, and numerous forums around the world for 44 years. He is the author of more than 20 books spanning the fields of theology, apologetics, comparative religions and philosophy. He hosts the international radio programs Let My People Think and Just Thinking and is the founder and president of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries.

## "We are facing a crisis of critical thought among today's youth."

stage. "Doesn't it seem like God is narcissistic in demanding our worship?" asked a student.

Murray challenged the student to consider the full meaning of the word "worship." "God created us not because he wants slaves to placate him, but because in worship we can commune with our creator in love. He wants a relationship, and that's something that benefits us more than it benefits God," said Murray.

Another student who said he was born into a Muslim family asked Zacharias how God views people who recognize their need for a higher power, but haven't quite come to believe in the God of the Bible.

Zacharias responded by pointing out many "extraordinary proofs" that Jesus provided to give our rational minds something to believe in, including the fulfillment of enough prophecies to exceed mere probability.

"But Jesus also left us with enough mystery that we would still need faith. For example, he claimed before he died that he would have a bodily resurrection and that his tomb would be empty. If Jesus were a charlatan, he could easily have said, 'Put me on the cross and I will spiritu-

# Thoughts from childhood



**By Mary Wood**

When I was a child growing up we didn't have a stove. My mother cooked our meals with electric skillets, and pans, during the cooler months she used the fireplace. This method worked well~ she never complained, however, the problem was- we had limited baked goods, unless... they were bought from the bakery.

Growing up on Parnall road, we had lots of mothers, women who nurtured us; some with the wonderful ovens they used as

bakeries. Mrs. Van Woert was one of our pantry mothers. She had a little retail business going on in her kitchen- selling baked goods to the neighborhood children, they were the best tasting cupcakes, cookies and pies we ever tasted. As a child we walked to her house weekly for cupcakes, soda, anything that satisfied the longing for sweets~ she gladly supplied.

Recently, one of the last of the mothers from our childhood passed away, Naida was our second mom. After her funeral; a bunch of the neighborhood children sat together to share a meal. United we reminisced about growing up in the 50's, 60's and 70's on Parnall road. Everyone spoke of the love and care given and how each of our neighborhood mothers had a calling all their own, something they specialized in and yet each had the uncanny way of holding us accountable for our actions. Providing the best source of encouragement known as accountability, teaching us we would not get away with anything- it was as if moms had eyes in the backs of their heads. Our mothers knew how to communicate, and this is what they did best. (more on that another time) Our mothers communicated- they had a network; and we were better for it.

Mrs. Van Woert- was the baker, we loved her cupcakes. I spoke with her daughter at the dinner - asking if she had her moms recipe for chocolate cupcakes; she was unsure, but promised to take a look. We said our goodbyes and talked about having a Parnall Rd reunion this next summer. We really should.

A few weeks after Naida's funeral, a letter arrived from Jackie with the recipes. I was so happy, and could not wait to try them once again.

Perhaps you want to start some traditions for your family or the neighborhood kids. To find the recipes of ours you will have to get a copy of the Good News Newspaper in the Spring/Summer edition.

## Parents

Need help getting your teen motivated and ready to learn?



"My teacher says little girls can grow up to be anything they choose! Why did you choose to be an old lady?"



### Parent Support Group

Begins Thursday April 20, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

WAY East Jackson @ 345 N Dettman Rd.

Are you tired of fighting with your teen and not sure where to turn for help?

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fear before him, all the earth.  
*Psalms 96:9 (KJV)*

