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“Come and See” Invitation to Bring Visitors to Alleluia

By Dan Almeter



The work of reconciliation in the Body of Christ, which the Lord has called Alleluia to, is gaining more and more notice on an international level. This was brought home to Bob Garrett and myself during our recent trip to Rome for the Ecumenical Conversations between Catholics and the New Charismatic Churches. This work of unity that the Lord has accomplished among us is nothing we have done, but clearly the work of the Holy Spirit. Others are taking notice and

want to “Come and See” what the Spirit is doing.

During the 14–20 of June, Alleluia will be blessed with visitors who want to explore more deeply, how to facilitate unity in their churches and ministries. We want to welcome them with a big heart of hospitality. The first visitors are Pastor Arnaldo Marion and his friend, Abdala, from Brazil. Arnaldo is a young Pentecostal pastor who helped host Bob and I in Brazil. Arnaldo and Abdala will be attending a conference in Greenville, SC and then coming to visit between June 14–17. They are very excited to strengthen their relationship with Alleluia, and deepen the unity vision. They will also be talking with us about preparing groups from Brazil to come to Alleluia for special programs. Arnaldo treated us like family in Brazil. We want to reciprocate.

The second group of visitors will be arriving on June 17 and leaving June 20. Peter Poppleton (new overall coordinator of City of the Lord Community) and his wife, Sharon, will be bringing with them, Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares of

Phoenix, and Pentecostal/Evangelical Pastors Gary Kinnaman and Joe Tosini. While we are together, we will be spending significant time in prayer, intercession and discernment.

Equally important will be conversations, both formal and informal, about the paths that God is using to bring us together so that the Lord’s work of unity can move forward. In summary, their three main goals will be: get to know one another, see where we may begin to collaborate with each other, and for them to gain more clarity on what more the Lord may want “on the ground” in Phoenix. Also, while here, Sharon Poppleton will be focusing on further conversations about P&R, which she is very involved with in Phoenix. They will be attending our “youth led” prayer meeting on Thursday night, June 19.

Please be in prayer about these two groups of visitors. We want to hear the Lord clearly with them and discern what further action the Lord may have for us as well. And if/when you see them, please extend a warm Alleluia welcome.

Christian Character Award



Mr. Funsch presents senior Kevin Hatfield with the Christian Character Award for 2013-14 at the High School Honors Banquet (see page 4).

Tom Seith Had a Wealth of Wisdom

By Dan Almeter



Thomas K. Seith, our beloved Full Covenant brother, transitioned from this life into glory on May 15, 2014. Tom was only among us for eight years, moving to Alleluia with Monique in 2006. Because of his poor health, Tom was unable to attend many events. Consequently, a number of us did not know him well. So it is a real honor for me to have this opportunity to share a bit about Tom.

Tom was born in 1927 and raised in Pennsylvania. It was through some nearby Mennonites that Tom gave his life to the Lord and was baptized in the Holy Spirit. He married Virginia in the 1950s and from this union were born two sons – Courtney and Kenneth. Tom's first wife passed away from cancer when Kenneth and Courtney were ages three and four respectively. Monique was Virginia's nurse during this period.

Tom and Monique were married in 1963. Their daughter Anne was born in May, 1965. The family bought a home in Wilton, Connecticut shortly thereafter. Tom worked for IBM as a computer programmer in the European sector. During this period, Tom entered the Catholic Church. It was in the late 60's/early 70's that the family became involved in the Charismatic Renewal.

Tom was gifted with great leadership ability and was soon leading prayer meetings in Bridgeport, Connecticut (which had a regular attendance of 500), and leading Life in the Spirit seminars. The Seith family was a camping family, traveling all over in their camper. In 1973, the family spent a week in Ann Arbor visiting the Word of God Community. It coincided with Tom and Dan Almeter and Josie Desino's (later Almeter) visit to Ann Arbor. The Holy Spirit brought

the Almeters and Seiths together during that week. On their journey back to Connecticut, the Seiths spent the night at the Almeter farm outside Rochester, New York. A friendship continued to grow between the Rochester prayer group members and the Seith family.

Tom was truly a man full of wisdom, and for me, he was like a father figure. I made many trips and wrote many letters to Tom and Monique while I was in the seminary. We were trying to build community in Rochester, and Tom just seemed to have a wealth of wisdom and advice. He and Monique and their children exuded hospitality — a gift they continue to exercise so well today. Tom loved the outdoors. Their home was built in three acres of New England woods. He loved gardening and chopping wood. Tom also loved to show off his model electric trains and had a huge one set up indoors. Anyone who visited also got drawn into the family past time of putting together jigsaw puzzles.

Tom had a very deep love for the Catholic Church and received a call to the ministry as a deacon. He was ordained in 1982. His leadership, wisdom and preaching gifts were poured out in abundance during this season as he devoted himself to parish life. They frequently visited Madonna House in Canada and became Associate members of that community. Their relationship with Alleluia grew over the years through mutual visits. Then Ginny Geare (now Routhier) moved to Alleluia at the end of 1979 from his prayer group and Ken Seith went Underway for several years in the early 1980s. Then Anne moved to Alleluia in 1989 to eventually become a Full Covenant member. The Seiths

hosted Alleluia on occasions when our youth went to work in the Bronx or when the Alleluia Music Ministry made their way to Connecticut one year. When Tom's health failed him, they made the decision to move to Augusta in 2006 to be near Anne and John Paul (whom he deeply loved) and became Associate members of Alleluia.

Tom arrived in a wheel chair but his health began to improve. He and Monique began attending all Community meetings as though they had made a Full Covenant commitment. It only seemed logical to go Underway, and so they did. On February 10, 2008, they signed Covenant.

Tom became active at the Golden Life Center and began leading a Bible study there. But in recent years, his health began to fail once more. During the past two years, Tom was totally bed-ridden. Several of the brothers became his regular prayer partners/warriors, visiting with him a couple of times a week.

Even with Tom's health failing, the Seith home was a place of hospitality — the front door was always open for fellowship, prayer, etc. The celebration of Tom and Monique's 50th wedding anniversary last September was a joyous celebration in the living room where Tom could fully participate, even as he lay in bed.

We look forward to one day seeing Tom again in glory. I know he is up there waiting to greet each one of us in Alleluia as we make our journey toward union with the Lord, one day at a time, growing in our love for one another and for Him.

Elementary School Awards

Memorized the Nine Monthly Scriptures

Kindergarten

Mark Dooley
Reese Janik
Lucy Kremenz
Max Parris
Hunter Vittetoe

2nd Grade

James Dooley
Halle Janik
Sebastian Kremenz

3rd Grade

Camma Alling
Michael Almeter
Noah Ceysens
John Conkright
Elizabeth Gautreau
Mikaela Kent
Dawson Parris
Tess Samaha

4th Grade

Kailyn Cummings

John Germann
John Sterett

5th Grade

Katherine Conkright
A'Niyah DeLee
Jake Freed
Josh Freed
Rebecca Germann
Martin Kremenz
Aiden Parris
Matthew Visintainer



Perfect Attendance

Lillie Germann – Kindergarten
Jonah Alling – 1st Grade
Henry Balducci – 1st Grade
David Sterett – 2nd Grade
Rebecca Germann – 5th Grade
A'Niyah DeLee – 5th Grade



Memorized the Nine Monthly Scriptures



1st Honors

Middle School Awards

Spelling Bee

6th Grade

Juliana Lindsey – Runner up
Kolby Dolin – Winner

7th Grade

Louie Suarez – Runner up
Gracie Visintainer – Winner

8th Grade

Michaela Milligan – Runner up
Dominic Germann – Winner

Over All Winners: Dominic Germann – Winner; Juliana Lindsey – Runner up

Reading

6th Grade

Ruth Germann – 50,559 pages
Lucia Hatfield – 40,234 pages
Clare Sterett – 14,977 pages

7th Grade

Bethany Scott – 6,476 pages
Johnny Hartney – 4,945 pages
Gracie Visintainer – 4,898 pages

8th Grade

Katrina Vizintainer – 16,600 pages
Kathy Stenger – 13,748 pages
Philip Hatfield – 13,604 pages

Over All Winners: Ruth Germann – 1st place; Lucia Hatfield – 2nd place; Katrina Vizintainer – 3rd place

Math Challenge

6th Grade

Lucia Hatfield – Most Mastery
Kolbe Dolin – Most Badges
Cameron King – Most Points

8th Grade

Hannah King – Most Time Spent
Most Badges – Philip Hatfield
Most Points – Katrina Vizintainer

7th Grade

Johnny Hartney – Most Mastery
Brendan Eyrych – Most Badges
Brian Wilson – Most Points

Perfect Attendance

Augie Balducci – 6th Grade
Ruth Germann – 6th Grade
Marshall Baxter – 7th Grade
Charlie Balducci – 8th Grade



2nd Honors

High School Awards

Awards

Recipients

Will-to-Win

Basketball Kathryn Garner, James Kent
 Soccer Ethan Balducci
 Volleyball Celeste Thompson

Most Valuable Player

Basketball Bernadette Hartney, Mac McBride
 Soccer Billy Conkright
 Volleyball Bernadette Hartney

Rookie of the Year

Basketball Jenna Suarez, Ben Dresser
 Soccer Elliott Balducci
 Volleyball Julia Hazlewood

Outstanding Service to Angel Athletics

Luke Freed, Joseph Eyrich, Zachary Hebert

US Reserve Scholar Athlete

Geoffrey Sullivan

Excellence in Athletics

Geoffrey Sullivan, Bernadette Hartney

Excellence in Fine Arts

Joseph Eyrich

Excellence in Academics / Highest Cumulative Ave.

Steven Garner

Perfect Attendance

Drew Rae, Steven Milligan,
 Daniel Allison, Elliott Balducci,
 Ben Dresser, Connor Weddle,
 JP Masick, Paul Harmon,
 Ethan Balducci, James Scott

Graduation Speakers

Luke Freed, Joseph Eyrich

STAR Student & STAR Teacher

Steven Garner & Dan Funsch

Highest 9th Grade Average

Samuel Freed

Highest 10th Grade Average

Celeste Thompson

Highest 11th Grade Average

Bernadette Hartney

Highest 12th Grade Average

Luke Freed

Joe Hartley Service Award

Jan Perry

Barry Clark Award

Clare Sullivan

Dale Clark Award

James Scott

30 Years Award

Carol Pride



Will-to-Win



Most Valuable Player



Rookie of the Year



Outstanding Service



Scholar Athlete



Class of 2014 Officers

Luke Freed, President
 Geoffrey Sullivan
 Kevin Hatfield
 Steven Garner



Excellence Awards

Achievement in the Sciences

Luke Freed

Achievement in Mathematics

Kevin Hatfield

Achievement in Composition

Zachary Hebert

Achievement in the Humanities

Steven Garner

Achievement in the Practical Arts

Kevin Hatfield

Achievement in Spanish

Zachary Hebert

Special Achievement

"Plans of the Diligent lead surely to abundance" (Prov. 21:5)

Matthew Klett



Achievement Awards



Highest Grade Average



30 Years Special Award



Corrections

In the 6/2/14 Dove, the following corrections need to be made. On page 1, graduate James Scott was incorrectly named John Scott; on page 2, graduate Kevin Andrew Hatfield was incorrectly named Kevin Daniel Hatfield; on page 4, graduate Lauren Finnegan received a Masters of Occupational Therapy. We regret the errors.