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APPRECIATING OUR YOUTH

By: Jodi Robinson



Obadiah (Obie) Geiser (16) was born at the family farm in Kidron, Ohio and has lived there his entire life. He has 3 older brothers, Reuben, Simeon and Jethro and an older sister, Elizabeth. They have a dog and a bunch of barn cats. He helps with providing food and water for the animals.

His family hales from Switzerland in the Juri mountains region along the French-Swiss border. His favorite thing to do with his family is celebrating Thanksgiving when his Dad's extended family gathers including 2 Aunts and an uncle who come from Texas; and celebrating Christmas with his Mom's side of the family. His favorite color is turquoise blue, and he likes chicken, steak and pasta.

Obie is homeschooled and is in 10th grade. His favorite subject is History, of all kinds. He especially enjoyed a World History book series called "Mystery of History". He has been thinking about

learning Spanish because he has a special aunt who is from Mexico. [Obie's aunt Lupé went home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 1, 2024. He still has an uncle living in Mexico and cousins from there.]

He likes reading, drawing and photographing birds at the farm. He also helps his Mom in the garden and his Dad in the shed making and repairing things, and moving furniture so they could put in a phone line.

He likes to make things especially knives and wooden spoons. He uses special carving knives on the wooden spoons. Making the knives requires a circular saw blade, an angle grinder and a hacksaw. He also uses a band saw, drill press and a mitre saw. The holes in the knife handles and the knife blade have to line up perfectly so they will fit. This requires a lot of measuring.

Obie has worked at the Kidron Heritage Center as a Greeter and giving tours and also at Lehman's Hardware assisting his mother in making butter with a crank churn.

This was not Obie's first interview, as he was interviewed for a column in the

Dalton Gazette called 'Kids in Biz' about the business that he and his brother Jethro have. It is called 'Bees, Boys and Blooms.' They make flower bouquets and sell them. His favorite flowers are dahlias.

When asked what he was good at, he was too humble to say, but it is well known that he has a brilliant memory, being able to memorize entire books of the Bible.

He is not sure what he wants to do when he gets older but at this point he does not wish to go to college. He says that he has been told that he would make a good plumber. I'm sure that is true. With his humility, sharp mind and mechanical ability, I'm sure he will be good at whatever he decides to pursue.

Obie has been attending OGBC with his family for the last 6 years. He enjoys REC Night, both the inside and outside games. He was saved about 4 years ago and was baptized.

He is involved in the ministry at OGBC by assisting with the front doors on Sunday morning, helping to set up and tear down for dinners and services and assisting in providing the flower arrangements at the tables on Sunday morning. He is the Powerpoint Operator for Sunday services every 3 weeks. He also plays ukulele, is learning to play guitar and has an amazing bass singing voice when he sings specials.

He attended the CGBCI Schools of Theology course on N.T. Synthesis on Saturday mornings, and is now taking N.T. Greek.

When asked what he wanted to say to

God when he meets Him in heaven someday, he said, "I think I'd just be awestruck."

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Last issue, I, Pastor Joshua, accidentally left out the last portion of Sophia Comito's article. Here is the what was missing:



When asked what the best thing was that she ever did for someone else, she said it was making a Stitch Cake for Claire's Birthday. Sophia has attended OGBC her entire life.

She thinks that Rec Night is the most fun church activity. She likes the games outside and the board games inside. Her favorite Bible story is about Queen Esther and Mordecai. Her favorite Bible character is Jesus. She also said that Jesus is her hero.

Sophia accepted Jesus as her Savior 3 years ago and was baptized last year.

After Pastor Keith came and shared about the African Ministries this summer, she and some of her friends started a Girls Club called Africa Needs Helpers. The purpose of the club's ministry was to make and sell things to earn money to donate to the Ministry in Africa.

When asked what she would say to God in Heaven someday, she said, "Thank you."

God's Quiver; Joyful Love Arrows

By Jodi Robinson

He made My mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in His quiver. Isaiah 49:2 NKJV

God had fitted and qualified Jesus for the special service to which He had designed Him. He *made His mouth like a sharp sword, and made Him like a polished arrow*, furnished Him with everything necessary to fight God's battles against the powers of darkness, to conquer Satan, and bring back God's Jewish subjects to their allegiance, by His Word. The Word is the *two-edged sword* (Heb. 4:12) which comes out of His mouth, (Rev. 19:15). The convictions of the Word are the arrows that shall be sharp in the hearts of sinners, (Ps. 45:5). God had chosen Him to the service for which He had planned for Him: *He has hidden me in the shadow of His hand and in His quiver*, which denotes concealment and protection. The gospel of Christ, and the calling in of the Gentiles by it, were long hidden from ages and generations, hidden in God (Eph. 3:5, Rom. 16:25).

The plan for Jesus work on earth on the cross was planned by God from the beginning. John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. NKJV*

There are many verses in the Bible which speak of arrows and quivers. A favorite of mine is Psalm 127:3-5. *Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; they will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate. (NASB)*

The laughter of a baby is a miracle. A short while earlier this child didn't exist in our world, but is now expressing his boundless joy in life. My own little Arrow Powers Kuhns smiles and laughs with his entire body and soul. What a joy he is. Just looking at him reminds me of the awesome joy of God.

Joy is what we will experience when we are welcomed into Heaven. Jesus went ahead of us to prepare a joyful eternity for us. Joy is one of the signs of the presence of God, and we don't have to wait for Heaven to partially experience it.

Joy, humor and laughter are spiritual gifts. Being joyful is an act of obedience. *Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!* Philippians 4:4 NKJV. Find joy in the amazing love He has for you. This will bring joy to your heart. Enjoy His loving presence in your everyday life.

We are all joyful love arrows aimed at the hearts of those lost souls and struggling brothers and sisters in Christ that we come in contact with on a daily basis.

As a Christian we should not be Joy Challenged. Joy is a magnet to the lost or hurting soul. What a great opportunity it is to witness to believers and unbelievers who ask us why we are always so joyful. So, as you go about your day today, remember to show your joy for the hope that is in you. (I Peter 3:15). **Smile.**

FUNNIES

What do you get when you cross a centipede with a parrot? A Walkie Talkie.

TONGUE TWISTER—say this fast 10 times. Fred threw thirty-three free throws.

Starting a new job feels like you're a new character on the tenth season of a TV show.

I'll never forget my granddad's last words to me just before he died: "Are you still holding the ladder?"

When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive. It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.

Something tells me I need to lose weight. During a recent stop to pick up cupcakes for work, I scanned the display case and ordered two dozen assorted cupcakes. The clerk's pleasant response: "Is that for here or to go?"

A Swiss man looking for directions pulls up at a bus stop in Zurich where two American tourists are waiting. "Entschuldigung, können Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asks. The two Americans just stare at him. "Parlez-vous francais?" he tries. The two Americans continue to stare. "Parlate Italiano?" No response. The Swiss guy gives up and drives off. The first American turns to the second

and says, "We really should learn a foreign language." The second American responds, "Why should we? That guy knew three, and it didn't do him any good."

The worst thing about parallel parking is witnesses.

Now that I've removed my windshield wipers, I shouldn't be getting any more parking tickets.

A wife calls her husband with a question about where to get a banged fender repaired. His reply: "I can't think now, I'm at work."

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? It has great food, but no atmosphere.

A grandmother wasn't sure her granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so she decided to test her. She repeatedly pointed out things and asked the tiny girl what color it was. The girl always answered correctly. But it was fun for the grandma, so she continued the game. Finally the little girl, headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these for yourself."

A couple invited some people to dinner. At the table, the father asked his six-year-old daughter to say the blessing. "I don't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the dad answered. The daughter bowed her head, heaved a little sigh, and said, "Lord, why on earth did we invite all these people to dinner?"

Did you ever stop to think...and forget to start up again?