

# THE HERALD

Newsletter of the Orrville Grace Brethren Church

## APPRECIATING OUR YOUTH

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Thomas Steiner is 13 years old. He was born at Pomerene Hospital in Millersburg on April 11, 2011. He has 4 younger brothers and a tiny brother named Solomon in heaven. Thomas has lived in the Orrville area his entire life.

Thomas has a famous ancestor named Jacob Hochstetler (He would be several great-grandpas ago). Jacob was one of the first Amish settlers in our country. He was a pacifist whose family was massacred during an early Native American uprising.

Thomas' favorite thing to do with his family is to go on vacation to the beach or mountains and playing sports with his brothers and his Dad. His favorite family tradition is at Christmas when the whole family gets together to make and decorate Gingerbread men and then hang them on the tree. Getting to eat them throughout the Christmas season is an added bonus.

His favorite food is fried chicken, brisket and pizza. He likes music, especially Christian Rock and Christian Rap and is learning to play drums. Thomas likes to play Sorry, Yahtzee and Minecraft. He likes to make things especially with

Legos and he likes to paint and to draw (not at all surprising in his talented family).

At the Steiner household, there are 2 dogs and 18 chickens. The boys all take turns providing water and food and collecting the eggs.

Thomas is in 7th grade. He is homeschooled. His favorite subjects are history and Latin. He likes a book called "Carry on Mr. Bowditch" by Jean Lee Latham; a book about hard work, perseverance and success. He also likes to read about dragons.

Thomas likes to do sports, so his favorite fun activity at church is REC Night where he plays Kickball and Blitzball with other kids and their parents. He plays left tackle in Football at the Orrville schools and swims 2-3 times a week. He prefers playing sports rather than watching them on TV.

Thomas is involved in Trail Life (a Christian group similar to the Boy Scouts). He likes to go camping with them and has earned 3 badges, including the Medical Badge which includes CPR, AED and Medicines, the Wood Tools Badge which includes proper use of Knives and Axes, and also the Fire Badge which includes Fire Safety.

When asked if he could tell me a joke, he said, "Why did the cat cross the road? Because the chicken had his laser pointer".

When asked if there is something he can do that not everybody can. His response was (with

an adorable smirky smile): “Look as good as I do”.

Thomas accepted Christ as his Savior when he was 8 years old and he recently was baptized and joined the OGBC membership.

Thomas’ favorite Bible story is the story of King Eglon being stabbed with a sword by the left-handed Ehud, who then couldn’t get the sword back out. His favorite Bible character is David.

His favorite Bible verse is “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever” Isaiah 40:8.

Thomas is involved in the ministry in several ways. At Trail Life, he goes to homes and does fall leaf clean up, etc. for those who need help as a free service. He also volunteers at the Church office every Friday. His responsibilities include printing the bulletins, setting up the songs on the PowerPoint for each Sunday and other tasks as needed. Thank you Thomas for serving the Lord.

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Elijah Steiner is 12 years old. He was born at Pomerene Hospital in Millersburg on June 19, 2012. He has one older brother and 3 younger brothers and a tiny brother named Solomon in heaven. He has lived in the Orrville area since he was born and has attended OGBC his entire life.

Elijah’s favorite thing to do with his family is celebrate Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. He also enjoys hiking with his family and playing sports games with his brothers and his Dad.

He likes the color blue. His favorite food is Nancy’s Chicken Curry. He likes to drink Dr. Pepper. His favorite music is Christian Country.

Elijah is in 6th grade. He is homeschooled. His favorite classes are math and learning Latin. He doesn’t care much for art. He’s not sure what he wants to be when he grows up but he does like

learning about weather. He is good at sports and likes football. He likes to swim and fish as well. He likes to play Sorry, Farkle and Yahtzee.

When asked if he could tell a joke. He said, “Yes”. He had a rhyme joke his Grandpa Dennis had told him but Elijah didn’t want that joke printed and associated with him. (Amazingly, Thomas also did not want this rhyming joke associated with him either).

When asked if he could do something that not everybody can? He said he can snap his fingers and proceeded to do so. (I was suitably impressed as I have never learned how to snap my fingers even with some very good teachers).

Elijah likes to do sports so his favorite fun activity at church is REC Night where he likes all the outdoor games including playing Kickball and Blitzball with other kids and their parents.

His favorite Bible story is “Noah and the Ark”. His favorite Bible character is Elijah.

Elijah knows the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and demonstrates a deep, abiding, quiet faith in his demeanor and behavior.

He was recently baptized and became a member of the Orrville Grace Brethren Church.

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Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:12

## “Jesus Wept.” John 11:35

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This verse is well known, as it is the shortest verse in the Bible. This alone makes it very popular amongst youngsters called on to recite a verse. Never have two words held so much information.

Let’s start with the first word: Jesus. There are many different Names for Jesus in the Bible. Here

are a few of those Wonderful Names: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated means, “God with us.”” Matthew 1:23. “The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” Matthew 1:1. “And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16:16. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” John 14:6. “Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the Glory of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus.” Titus 2:13. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16. “You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.” John 13:13. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. “For there is one God, and one Mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.” 1 Timothy 2:5-6. “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12. “Jesus said unto them, ‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.’” John 8:58. “I am the Door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” John 10:9-11. “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24. “Jesus said to them, “I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me, will not

hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst”.” John 6:35. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8.

Take a moment to think about each of these Names of Jesus. Try inserting the word ‘my’ in front of each name. When you are sufficiently awed, move on to the second word of the verse.

The second word: Wept. A word which means to express grief, sorrow, empathy for another’s feelings by shedding tears, to cry. Why would our Savior, with all the wealth, powers and knowledge of God cry? Because this second word speaks of His humanity and His ability to sympathize with our pain and suffering. When bad things happen, we sometimes wonder, "Does God even care?" This simple statement, "Jesus wept," proves that He does. He is 100% God but also 100% human. Philippians makes clear the full deity and full humanity of Jesus Christ: “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:6-8. Jesus wept over Jerusalem and He wept in the garden as he pondered being separated from God for even a second. In other words, He wept because of my sin.

Jesus Christ, my Savior wept for me. He died for me and was buried. He rose again and sent the Comforter (The Holy Spirit) who groans in prayer for me (Romans 8:26) and lives inside of me (1 Corinthians 3:16). Jesus went to prepare a place for me in His Father’s mansion where I can always be with Him (John 14:2-3). It makes me weep to think of the Unsearchable Riches of Christ (Ephesians 3:8).

# FUNNIES

Warning signs that you've really reached the end of your rope:

- You don't worry when the wind blows, because you don't have anything left to blow away.
- Your dog follows someone else home.
- You can't even afford tuition for the school of hard knocks.
- You've kept a stiff upper lip so long that rigor mortis has set in.

Truths brought to us by children:

- Don't let your mom brush your hair when she's mad at your dad.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. It's always the second person who gets caught.
- Never hold the cat while the vacuum cleaner is running.
- When you're in trouble the best place to be is in Grandma's lap.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If at first you do succeed . . . try not to look astonished.

A preacher visited an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sat on the couch he noticed a bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asked.

"No, not at all," the old woman replied.

They chatted for an hour, and as the preacher stood up to leave, he realized that

he had emptied most of the bowl.

"I'm so sorry for eating all your peanuts," he said. "I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the old woman. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off of them."

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea.

Our 9 year old celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked his older brother to carry them for him. His response was that he could but he would prefer not to. 'Aha,' I thought, 'a great teaching moment.' So I asked him what he thought Jesus would do. He thought a moment and said, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes".

If you put away the clean laundry on the same day that you wash it, I feel like that's what you should lead with on your resumé.

Two salespeople approached me at the car dealership. I'm following the one who called me "Miss". The "Hello, Ma'am" guy should take note.

I accidentally went grocery shopping on an empty stomach, and now I am the proud owner of aisle 7.

Anybody want to buy some exercise equipment? I'm having a going-out-of-fitness sale.