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Who's Who at OGBC?

By: Jodi Robinson

Rachel Anne Steiner was born on April 2nd at Wooster Community Hospital. She has 2 brothers, Pastor Joshua and Johnathan and a sister, Grace. Her earliest memory is being at church in Sunday School and at 3 years old she remembers her Sunday School teacher baking a cake for her with a doll in the middle. She has 2 nieces (Janessa and Christavadi) and 2 nephews (Joseph and Paul). They are often seen with her at church and going around visiting everyone before the services and during the meals. Her heritage on her dad's side is Swiss, and her mom's side is German. Her dad's mom was Mennonite and her mom's mom was Amish.

As a child, Rachel liked to play kick-ball, knockout basketball, board games and she enjoyed going on bike rides. Her cousin nicknamed her Butterfly because he said that when she played kickball, she flitted around the bases. Her favorite colors are coral, maroon and teal. She likes Gerber Daisies. Her favorite foods are Chinese, Mexican, Italian and American. She is apparently a global eater. She has a black cat named Panther. She knows how to crochet and knit though she hasn't had time to pursue those hobbies recently. She likes baking and flower gardening. She grew up in the Apple Creek area and attended school there up through 3rd grade and then was homeschooled.

In school her favorite subject was Science. The main thing she thinks she learned in school was diligence as she studied hard. She studied Spanish in high school. She enjoys doing things with her family such as going on hikes and playing board games, especially Ticket to Ride.

When asked, she says that she has many people that she admires including her mother, Betty Steiner because of her generous spirit of always being willing to help others; Billie Jo Najimian because she has such a giving, helpful spirit and

Janet Aucion who is a speaker at the annual Biblical Counseling Conference.

She currently lives in Orrville. She has worked at the Oak Cupboard in Smithville for quite a few years and also has her own baking business called Sweet and Petite Desserts. (I can personally attest that her cookies are delicious.) When asked where she would want to be if she could be anywhere right now, she said that she has always wanted to visit Alaska.

She supports the Pregnancy Care Center and the Aruna Project whose mission is to empower survivors of human trafficking in India through sustainable employment. The women make bags, headbands and accessories which are then sold through the Aruna Project to support them creating lasting freedom. Rachel donates part of her income from her business and runs in the 5K to raise money for this organization.

Her favorite Bible passage is Psalm 119. When she was in 3rd or 4th grade, her parents listened to the Left Behind series on the radio. After listening one evening, she gave her life to the Lord, but she continued to have doubts until a day when Dennis Hochstetler was teaching from John 10: 28 and 29: And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. From that point, her doubts were gone as she claimed this verse.

She was baptized when she was in high school. She has attended OGBC since 2005. She teaches Sunday school class for the 2–5-year-olds and Bible club class for grades Kindergarten through 2nd. She is frequently seen helping with clean up after meals. She completed the curriculum for Biblical Counseling online over a period of 4 years including 50 hours of observed counseling and is one of our Counselors here at OGBC.

When asked what she would say to Jesus when she meets Him in Heaven someday, she said, "Thank you for choosing me. I definitely don't deserve it but am so very thankful for it. And thank You for Your incredible faithfulness".

GOD RECOGNIZES AND CALLS ALL HIS PEOPLE BY NAME

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Have you ever wondered why God placed so many names in the Bible? There are almost 2000 individuals named in the Bible and many of those names are repeated many times.

Think how short the Bible would be if there were no names.

God recognizes all of His people by name and He knows us by our names because He loves us and every person of

His creation is important to Him.

Because you are so important to God, you are also important to those who love you. Do you know someone who prays for you every day bringing your name before God in His throne room? If so, thank them. Do you know Jesus as your Savior? If so, the most unselfish thing you can do in life is to pray for salvation for a lost soul by name. If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, the most important thing you will ever do, is to accept the gospel truth that Jesus was crucified for your sins, rose again and lives forever to make intercession for you.

"For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," First Corinthians 15:3-4 NASB.

"Therefore, He (Jesus) is also able to save forever those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25 NASB.

Isn't it wonderful that God created us, comforts our fears, redeemed us through the blood of Jesus, recognizes us and calls us by name and tells us that we belong to Him as we see in Isaiah 43:1?

"But now, the Lord who created you, O Israel says: Don't be afraid, for I have ransomed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Psalm 119:1-18

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the LORD. 2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart. 3 They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways. 4 You have ordained Your precepts, That we should keep them diligently. 5 Oh that my ways may be established To keep Your statutes! 6 Then I shall not be ashamed When I look upon all Your commandments. 7 I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments. 8 I shall keep Your statutes; Do not forsake me utterly! Beth. 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. 10 With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. 11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You. 12 Blessed are You, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes. 13 With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Your mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways. 16 I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word. Gimel. 17 Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word. 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

FUNNIES

A patron in a Montreal café turned on a tap in the washroom and got scalded. "This is an outrage," he complained. "The faucet marked C gave me boiling water."

"But, Monsieur, C stands for chaude—the French word for hot. You should know that if you live in Montreal."

"Wait a minute," roared the patron. "The other tap is also marked C."

"Of course," said the manager. "It stands for cold. After all, Montreal is a bilingual city."

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The 747 was halfway across the Atlantic when the captain got on the loudspeaker: "Attention passengers. We have lost one of our engines, but we can certainly reach London with the three we still have left. Unfortunately, we will arrive an hour late as a result."

An hour later the captain made another announcement: "Sorry, but we lost another engine. Still, we can travel on two. I'm afraid we will now arrive two hours late."

Shortly thereafter, the passengers heard the captain's voice again: "Guess what, folks. We just lost our third engine, but please be assured we can fly with only one. We will now arrive in London three hours late."

At this point, one passenger became furious. "For Pete's sake," he shouted. "If we lose another engine, we'll be up here all night!"

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Driving back from car-repair class, John said to his buddy, Joe, "I'm going to turn now. Could you stick your head out the window to see if the blinker's working?"

"Sure," Joe replied as he peeked outside. "It is, no it isn't, yes it is, no it isn't, yes it is . . ."

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Two explorers, camped in the heart of the African jungle, were discussing their expedition. "I came here," said one, "because the urge to travel was in my blood. City life bored me, and the smell of exhaust fumes on the highways made me sick. I wanted to see the sun rise over new horizons and hear the flutter of birds that never had been seen by man. I wanted to leave my footprints on sand unmarked before I came. In short, I wanted to see nature in the raw. What about you?"

"I came," the second man replied, "Because my son was taking saxophone lessons."

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An American couple visiting in a German village stepped into a small shop to look for souvenirs. The woman sneezed.

"Gesundheit!" said the clerk.

"Charles," said the American woman to her husband, "we're in luck. There's somebody here who speaks English."

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"How many cups of coffee will this hold?" the man asked as he placed a large thermos on the lunch-room counter.

"Six cups," advised the waitress.

"Fine," replied the man. "Give me two cups regular, two cups black and two with extra cream."

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Anytime you see a young man open a car door for his girlfriend, either the car is new or the girlfriend is.