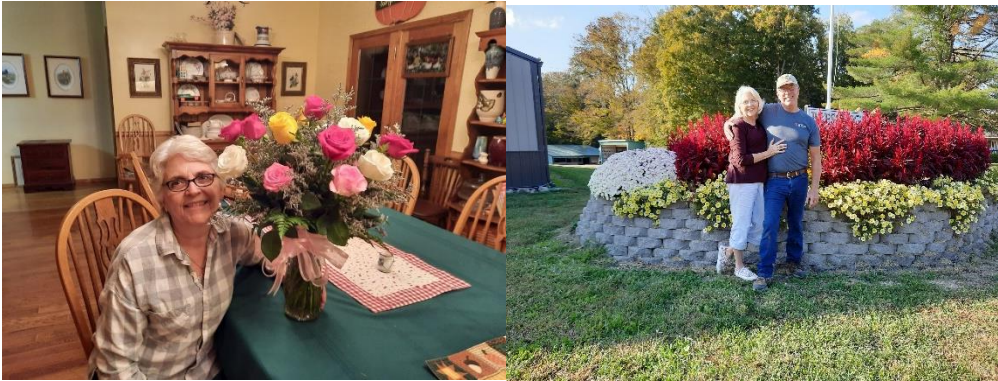


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Thank you everyone who sent cards of congratulations and encouragement for Susie and I on our 40th wedding anniversary. How grateful we both are for Jesus Christ who entered our marital relationship 35 years ago and brought peace, love, and hope into our marriage.



Big Red gets an overhaul

Jim Juncker of Juncker Outdoor Power & Equipment in Mt. Vernon Indiana has been selling and servicing our tractors for over 20 years now. He is a stellar Christian business man who has been very generous to this ministry. I reached out to him in November because our Mahindra was having engine compression problems and a broken front window. Jim had the tractor for several months and found a multitude of problems needing addressed. (Many were due to my treating it like a bulldozer instead of a tractor). Jim not only fixed all the problems and replaced the windshield, but he took care of all the warranty stuff and gave me a final bill so small it made me shout for joy. If you need any farm or household lawn equipment I would highly recommend you contact Jim at www.junckerinc.com. Check out his web page!



Even after 34 years here I am still amazed and humbled by all the people in the body of Christ who love Him so much they willingly give of their time, energy, skill, and resources to further His kingdom. Without you, we could not begin to do what we do for missionaries and their families.

Meeting the Weiss Family

Most of the folk who are involved with Shepherd's Bethel have never met the Weiss family. I know a few, including my pastor, Ken Walden, who remember my mother Marge; but almost none who know any others.

Let me introduce them! From left to right, Marge & Pete, Mike (me), Sam, Debbie, Sandy, Larry, Fran, Jean, Joe. Our oldest brother, Larry, is home with the Lord, but all the rest are still with us.

Our Mom and Dad are remembered on their memorial stones by two wonderful Bible verses. Marge's reads Beloved Wife, Mother, and Grandma. Below her name is the verse from 1 Tim 5:10.

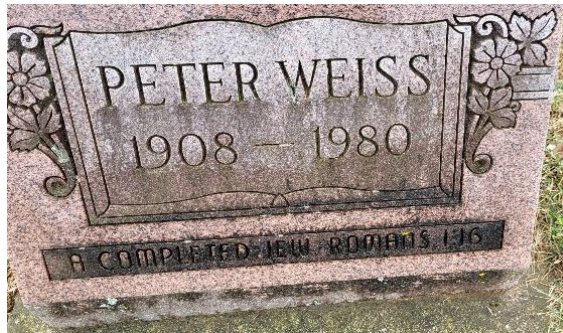
1 Timothy 5:10 Well reported for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. Nothing could have better encapsulated the servant's character she lived out better!

Our father, Pete Weiss, say's "completed Jew" and has this verse inscribed below:

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Nothing more significant could have been stated about him. No accolade or list of great accomplishments are by any means as important as this simple truth; our Dad is a completed Jew! His last years on this earth testified to this truth, for Dad was unashamed of his savior and openly spoke of his love for Jesus.

The Weiss family have been blessed beyond measure. I believe it is due in part to the two truths found on Mom and Dad's memorials. No mom was a greater servant example to us kids, and no father more clearly testified to what salvation does in the life of an unregenerate Jew who was born again, "Completed" in Christ Jesus. Glory to God!!!



Speaking of Missionaries

Listed below are the families we have provided housing for in 2023 till now.

Nathan & Hannah Schrock ****

Matt & Rebekah Cook (Australia)

Dan Hester (Pastor)

Aaron & Rachel Houtz (appointee, Alaska)

Immanuel Jebaraj (India)

Jennifer Pearson (New Guinea)

Randy & Bonnie Studdard (retired)

Country unnamed****

Lee & Eva Johnson (Peru)

Dan Sehested (Pastor)

Steve Murela (Kenya)

James & Torrey Overton (India)

Xavier & Felicia Parak ****

We are seeking ways to increase the number of missionaries served. One helpful method would be for all our supporting churches to encourage their missionaries to seek us out as a resource. Please let your missionary families know we are here, ready to provide.

Faith's Abode is ready for service

After spending almost the entire winter renovating the interior of these two three bedroom units, we are on the verge of reopening them for service. New flooring replaced the carpets. Red oak trim and chair railings done with our new 15" planner and ½ router from Grizzly completed and installed. Susan has been busy refurbishing furniture pieces including a dining room table set, living room cabinet, cedar chest, and bedroom set. Her hard work and eye for detail has reclaimed many items we would otherwise have had to sell or discard.



Summer 2024 prayer request for project needs:

For the last couple years we have been mentioning the need to resurface the driveway. It has been around 15 years since we laid the original blacktop for the circle drive and all the individual homes. I had a professional assessment last year and he recommended not waiting any longer to prioritize this need. We will put a new surface on the entire circle drive and front entrance which will be just under a ¼ mile. The individual driveways remain good, we will just seal-coat them, but the main drive will need extensive work. I will do all the tear out of the cracked and broken areas, bring in new gravel, and compact it. This will save SBBM several thousand dollars. The company will then come in and lay all the roadway with 1.5 inches of blacktop. Total estimate last year was \$65,000.00 I have around \$10,000.00 right now to begin with, so our prayer is for the remainder. Please seek the Lord with me for this need.



In closing: **2Ti 1:7-8a** “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

The world is a mess, and it has ever been since the fall of man in sin! Let us who are of the light, cast off the fear of darkness, for this darkness is but for a moment and will soon be gone.

Susie and I cherish your prayers that we also might “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.” **1 Tim 6:12**