

# extensions

building up the church one investor at a time

Fall 2009

## PR-ayers & PR-aises

*Please pray for Diana undergoing chemo and Carol, her caregiver.*

Be sure to check out [www.ceif.org](http://www.ceif.org) to add your own prayers and praises!

## Nugget for your Noodle

The further backward you look, the further forward you can see.

-Winston Churchill



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## Change of Address

CEIF would like to announce that **we will be moving our office effective November 1, 2009.** We are only moving a few miles west of our current office space to Glen Ellyn, IL. Although the move is a small one, we believe we will best be able to serve you, our ministry partners, as well as be good stewards of what God's entrusted to us by relocating to Glen Ellyn.

First and foremost we want to assure you that this move will not affect how we will serve you.

We are currently renting space from the NABC in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Last year we were informed that the NABC is in the process of developing plans to sell their building and move from their current location. It was with this decision in mind that we decided to pursue our options and determine where and how God is directing us. Over the past months we have been in continuous prayer and waiting for God's guiding hand. We have been in discussion with the leadership of the NABC over this process as they decide their next steps as an organization. Dr. Rob McClelland has agreed with us that the timing is right for us to find new space.

So, what changes should you expect? Our address...that's it! Our phone numbers and the passion with which we serve you will remain the same.

There has been much planning that has gone into preparing for this move, so we would greatly appreciate your prayers as we embark on the next stage in our journey placed before us.

We are excited to continue to serve you and provide you with the highest level of customer service we can. Please know that this move is made to best serve our great ministry partners.

Thank you for your continued support of us through this transition. We look forward to your continued partnership and what God has in store for us.

We will provide you with additional reminders in the near future. And remember that you can always find our new address on our website at [www.ceif.org](http://www.ceif.org). Also, for a short period after the move, any mail that does come to the Oakbrook Terrace office will be gathered and routed to our new office. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve.

The new address will be effective November 1, 2009.



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# Gettysburg Baptist, Gettysburg, PA

## All Heart



Pastor Bill or “Wild Bill” as he is affectionately known, recounts with joy and humility, praise after praise of what God has been up to among the children and youth of Gettysburg Baptist Church in Gettysburg, PA. “There are so many kids we don’t know what to do with them!”, Pastor Bill cheerfully reported, “That’s good,” he continued, “because then there is a future.”

His humility and joy speak volumes of the love those at Gettysburg Baptist have for the younger generation. Their arms are open wide to throw out the nets to the children and youth within their community and disciple them into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Through the leadership of younger couples and singles, about 50-60 youth



are weekly getting into a serious study of God’s Word. “We can’t compete with the world’s party of pizza,” states Pastor Bill, “but we’ve found that the kids really want the

serious study of God’s Word- and they bring their friends!”

God has certainly equipped and enabled Gettysburg Baptist with the simple resources of hearts ready to share the Good News and arms



ready to love the younger generation to life in Christ Jesus. People are getting saved and discipled, and the Kingdom is expanding!

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That is good because then  
there is a future.”*

-Pastor Bill



**Care  
for a  
“Green”  
Newsletter?**

Do you have a desire to enjoy our CEIF Newsletter and be “more Green” as you do so? We’ve got just the thing for you! Visit [www.ceif.org](http://www.ceif.org) and sign-up for receiving an e-mail of our Newsletter right to your inbox! Or just send us an e-mail with your name and e-mail address and we’ll be sure to sign you up!

## Wanna Brag on Jesus?

We would love to hear how God has used the ministry of CEIF to further His Kingdom right where you are- whether it’s personally, within your church, or among those in your community. We would love to give you an opportunity to brag on Jesus. Just send us an email or write us a note highlighting what God’s been up to and you may even be highlighted giving glory to God in our next newsletter!

## Rate Review

US Term Certificates*		
	Under \$5000	\$5000 and up
Five Year	3.50%	4.00%
Canada Term Bonds*		
	Under \$5000	\$5000 and up
Five Year	3.00%	3.50%

\*Rates good through October 31, 2009 and subject to **change without notice.**

This is not an offer to sell investments or a solicitation to buy. The offer is made only in states/provinces where authorized and solely by the CEIF Offering Circular/Information Statement.

# Have You Visited Our Online Blog??

Needing to Keep Things in Perspective  
September 7, 2009 • By: Bob Glim

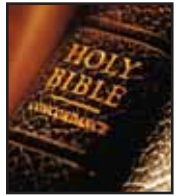
“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” - Hebrews 12:11

Often in our lives, we are tempted to believe that our pain has no purpose - and may even be unwarranted. After all, I'm a Christian - shouldn't I be spared from these struggles? This is something that I unfortunately struggle with on a continual basis. Recently, I have seen a couple lose their newborn baby at birth, and another lose their young son-in-law to a car accident. I have seen an 11 year old boy endure three excruciating surgeries to straighten his spine. And I have seen plans in my own life not go as I had anticipated; although, they do seem pretty petty now compared to these other things happening around me. Often I diligently pray about things in



the search of guidance from God. Then, after much prayer, I feel God's hand guiding me, only to find that my timing and God's timing were different.

I recently had one of those “confusing moments” and I'm so grateful that God blessed me with a daily devotion that set me straight. First and foremost, God knows what He is doing - far better than I will ever know. I understand the reason things happen the way they do is much more complex than I can comprehend. But, I also understand that often our pain is God's way of preparing something great for our lives, or a way of sparing us from something much worse. Now if I could just get out of my own way and let God work in my life.



Thank you, God, for knowing what I need better than I do.

Mr. Mark Etting

*To read other thoughts from Bob and Les and post yours, visit CEIF's Blog at [www.ceif.org](http://www.ceif.org)!*

## Donating

Are you looking to give to a Kingdom cause that is effectively ministering in the harvest fields? Have you considered CEIF? We offer great investment opportunities, but also accept donations while offering a tax deductible receipt. As you pray about how and where to donate monetarily to God's work, would you also consider supporting the building of churches and advancing the Kingdom through the ministry of CEIF?

Let's partner together to continue to see God's Kingdom go forth on this earth...to His glory.

Call us at 1-800-543-2343 or reach us via email at [ceif@ceif.org](mailto:ceif@ceif.org) as the Lord leads.



## Foundation Accounts

**ATTENTION!!**

CEIF currently offers U.S. Foundation Accounts the option to write up to two checks a month over the amount of \$100. However, we recently had a couple investors use the account number off of the check and attempt an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Unfortunately, using the account in this manner creates problems, causing us to reject the transaction. Using just the account number makes it impossible for us to track the transaction to the specific user, thus making it impossible for us to know the legitimacy of the transaction. Our aim is to protect our investor's dollars first and foremost. Therefore, please either pay for the transaction using a check or contact us directly to set up an EFT directly into your account. We thank you for your understanding and please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

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## “Refer a Friend”

The biggest challenge that CEIF has always faced over the years is informing people in our churches about the CEIF ministry. Our best form of advertisement has always been referrals. I'm sure there are many people in your church that would love the opportunity to become a ministry partner and use their money to help build disciples for God's Kingdom. We appreciate the commitment and dedication you have shown toward CEIF and understand that people will trust those they know well the most. If you've had a good experience with CEIF, please consider referring a friend from the church or a family member to us. You can help CEIF finance churches by encouraging others to Invest. If you would like information sent to you or a friend, please call us at 800-543-CEIF (2343) or email us at [ceif@ceif.org](mailto:ceif@ceif.org).



# Colleen's Corner

## Fall: This is Not the End



It's Fall and the trees are losing their leaves. I'm drawn into a dichotomy of emotion: part of me looks on with a deep sense of loss and permanent change and part of me looks to the bigger picture and is hopeful. I know it is necessary for trees to allocate their nutrients to their roots in order to survive the winter months ahead and to thrive again in the Spring. Not knowing this, I would have to live thinking the sight of dull brown that is left after the colorful display falls away is the end. It's like life lived by faith. It is not so much my saying, "I don't see the dull brown, everything looks bright and beautiful to me since I am a Christian." Rather, it is realizing the truth of the Scriptures, Christians have their "Autumn seasons": Jesus wept, David mourned, the Israelites grieved Moses' passing. Tears are God's window into our hearts, as each drops down, He is allowed the

freedom to peer in, for His Holy Spirit to enter in and pour out fresh breezes of healing, hope, comfort, and truth. That enables us to believe in our heart of hearts, in the midst of the ache, that *He* is our source, our very great reward, and we are *never* alone...every ache and tear, doubt and fear, He is with us. We can know the love of a Savior, *in the midst* of our dull brown "Autumn seasons" because we live by faith in a God that is bigger than our situations, bigger than our emotions, and bigger than this world's sinful condition and has promised that nothing, *nothing* can separate us from His love in Christ Jesus. May the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the truth of the Holy Spirit raise your chin up in the midst of whatever you are going through, whatever the world may look like to you right now, whatever "dull browns" you are living in, that you may have exactly what He knows you need to get through each day, leaning dependently on your Savior. It truly is not the end.

## We Need Your Recipes

We need your recipes! Drop us an email or letter with them and you might just be chosen as our "featured recipe" in our next newsletter! If we feature your recipe in a future Extensions Newsletter, we will send you a free gift. Please include at least your first name and city, state of residence so we know who to credit for the tastes the CEIF family will be blessed to encounter.



## CEIF in Prayer

We invite you to visit our online prayerboard to post prayer requests and praises, and to pray for someone else in the CEIF/NAB family. Know that each request posted is prayed for by us as we gather during our weekly staff meetings. It is with thanksgiving and delight that we go before the Father on your behalf, and join together as the Body of Christ He has called us to be. Please tell us how we can pray for you.

## Living H<sub>2</sub>O

"...the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were."  
- Romans 4:17b

## White Chicken Chili

- 4 lbs. chicken breasts, diced
- 48 oz. great northern beans
- 24 oz. salsa
- 10 oz. chicken broth
- 8 oz. Monterrey jack cheese

Simmer together until hot. Stir often.

Enjoy a hot meal made quick!

## Pork B-B-Q

- 3-4 lbs. pork roast- cook well done
- 1/2 bottle ketchup
- 1/2 bottle BBQ sauce
- 1 lrg. onion, finely chopped
- 1 sm. green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 T dry mustard
- 2 T vinegar
- 2 tsp salt

Simmer together for 20 minutes.

Serve on a bun or without.

Enjoy!

Submitted by: Bosscher Family,  
Lowell, MI



If you have a special recipe that you would be willing to share with others, please e-mail us at [newsletter@ceif.org](mailto:newsletter@ceif.org).

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