

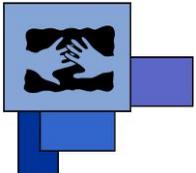


Homecoming week, parades, senior night. . . we're blowing the lid off the popper of praises! We experience such joy through the lives of our high school students. Rico and Gage have enjoyed a successful football season. (They are even play-off eligible. . .just the second time in school history!) Kaleigh was the best throwback to the 60s in her homecoming week attire. And, Denver made sure plenty of candy was tossed from the sophomore float! Thanks, Lord, for letting us share in this exciting time of their lives!



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Popcorn Praises

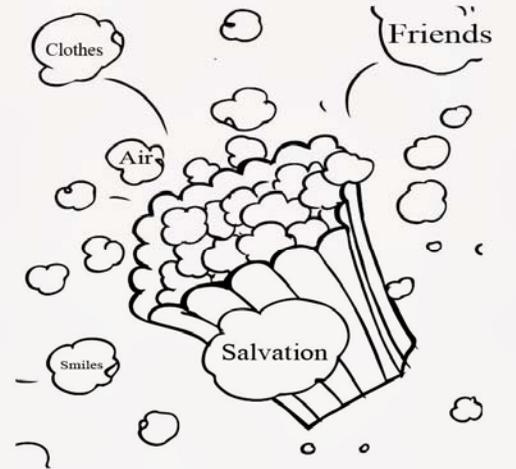
Having grown up on a farm, I know that one of the last garden crops harvested is popcorn. We're turning this last 2016 issue of *The Builder* into the "popcorn" issue. And, our objective is to fill it with praise. Throughout the late summer and fall, we've been collecting images that are full of joy and praise. So, in this issue, they will be **EXPLODING OFF** the pages.



Let's start with HORSES



Popcorn Praise



Praising The Lord Through Whatever Pops Up

POP! Praising the Lord for such a good showing by our kids at the Western Junior Open Horse Show this summer at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Seven young people here fought off horse flies and summer heat to master showmanship, and did it ever pay off! Lots of smiles. Lots of ribbons!!



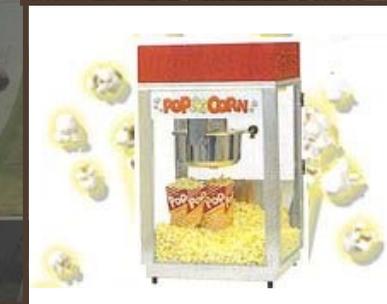
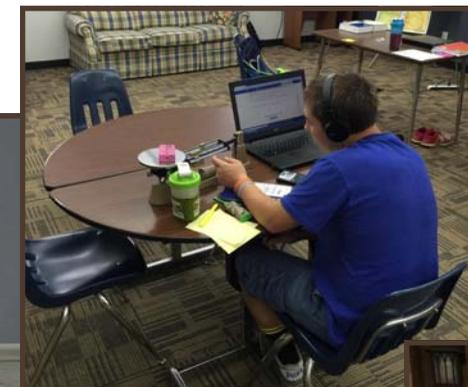
POP!! Praising God for Spiritual Growth



Note here a Christ in Youth photo. We LOVE sending young people from our Home to these events. Sometimes the photos we see from their activity there look a little crazy. Yes, they are having a good time. And, yes, they are growing. The proof is in the pudding. Gage and Rico both attended CIY at Western Illinois University this summer with the First Christian Church of Oblong. The impact was long-lasting. How do we know? Rico is also one of the guys you see huddled in the prayer circle above from Oblong High School on the morning of See You at the Pole, a national prayer event organized by students. In fact, Rico gave the devotion around the pole that morning.

Thank you, Lord, for working in the lives of the kids here! A praise indeed!

POP!! Look what the **New Life Academy** students are up to this semester!



Prior to the start of the school year, a commitment was made by the education committee to reach for the next level of excellence at New Life Academy. Our school operates most like a home school, and such a self-paced environment lends itself well to rewards and “altered” teaching methods. So, if you were to wonder into our school, you’d see a couch where students lounge to do their reading. You’d see tables at which students do their work, not desks, And, sometimes you wouldn’t see the students at all! What? They’ve been known to leave the four walls of the classroom and spend time doing some service work. Note that Preston, above, is doing a pretty good job of measuring flooring, which he helped to lay for the Higher Bound House in Vincennes, IN not long ago. Yes, there are still science labs and PowerPoint presentations, but there are also fishing tournaments and games. What’s more? These students are enjoying school. . .not a one has been late a single day this semester. That says something! Pop-worthy praise!



In Loving Memory



In Memory

Dixie Carter in memory of Dorothy Nicholas ♥ Joe & Betty Smith, Greg & Elaine Smith, Randy & Jeanette Smith, Rob & Brooke Smith & Sophia, Justin & Rachel Adams and Justin & Clayton Smith in memory of Blake Smith ♥ Randy & Kathy Morgan, Rev. Ivan & Vivian Horn, Kenneth & Earline Johns, Doug & Minta Keirn, Jack & Pam Norris, Jack Buzbee, Jim & Mary Enyart, Norman E. Hanna Family, Linda Craig, Kenneth & Brenda Harper, Ronald & Deanna McKinney, Hurst Masonic Lodge #1004, Cindy & David Bartelsmeyer and Nick & Brianna Bartelsmeyer, First Christian Church of Hurst and William & Rebecca Gottschalk in memory of Jerry Wyatt ♥ Alan Huff in memory of Pam Huff ♥ Chamblin Family Foundation in memory of Judy Henry ♥ Linda's Justin Time Trans, SVC LLC in memory of Roger Brush, RHS Class of 1964 ♥ Jess Newton in memory of Roy & Pauline Hill ♥ Stan Pool in memory of Glenda Pool ♥ Michael & Judy Henry in memory of Monica Harris and Dorothy "Dot" Jean Watson ♥ Sandra Brown in memory of Jerry Wyatt ♥ June McConnell in memory of Everett McConnell ♥ New Hope Christian Church in memory of Glenn Hesler ♥ Jim & Terri Woods, Central Christian Church of Newton, Gregory Parrott, Susan J. Campbell and Ann Marie Kirts in memory of Lucy Mann ♥ Kay Cramer in memory of Eugene Cramer ♥ Mary Ellen Craig in memory of Ellen Bowers ♥ Edna Whitehurst in memory of Charlene Bear ♥ Harold & Darlene Angle, Bethany Christian Church, Don & Sue Boughan, Kevin & Deb Flexter, Doris & John Gosnell, Craig & Kim Harris, Rick Hasler, Carol Legg, Carl & Karla Littlejohn, Edith Miller, Gene & Donna Moore, Roger & Patsy Mushrush, Cary Newbold, Harmon Parrott, Cinda Schmidt, Jim & Sue Schultz, Blake & Brenda Smith, Billie Taylor, Cynthia & David Thacker, Justin & Adrienne Vanderbilt, Kay Young, Donna Young, Phil Young and Scott & Jana Ackman, Anonymous Donors in memory of Joe Smith

POP!! Brimming
with Praises for Our
Families!!



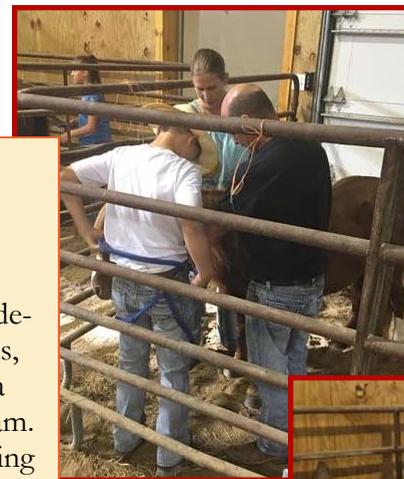
Art Is Relative Made Our Art Pop! (Thank you, Karla Ries.)

In early October, the Children's Home hosted its first painting party fundraiser. What a hoot! The participants painted cute little pumpkins on their blank canvasses and walked away feeling accomplished. Residents from the girls' home served tasty treats and many in attendance that night made commitments to try this whole adventure again sometime soon! That time is NOW. Call us at the Children's Home to sign up for our next painting party scheduled for **Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m.** Cost is \$30 per painter. You'll love the snowman we have planned for you!! The option to sign-up and pay online is also available at www.oblongchristianhome.org.



FAMILY TIME WITH HORSES!

Recently, at our weekend family development, moms, dads, grandpas, and grandmas got to experience a taste of our horsemanship program. First, they spent some time building a bond with their horses by brushing them and showing them care and attention. Later, they would learn issues about trust. They would ground tie their animal and walk further and further away from the horse, assuring the animal that they were worthy of trust. All of these exercises help to mimic the relationship issues between parent and child as well.



Popping Construction Praise!!



The earliest photo here is the prep work (dumping gravel at the new construction site). That photo was taken June 28. In four months, we are looking at a building addition that is astounding to us. The new wing added to our school building, which will house our administrative offices, storeroom, and freezer room, is coming along nicely. We've welcomed so many wonderful servants onto our campus to help us as volunteer laborers. What a thrill it will be to encourage their return at the project's end. Then, our new "welcome center" will be serving its intended purpose: to welcome friends, families, donors, and those in need. Thank you for your gifts of support and your volunteer hands. Please help us to finish this building out this winter and spring!

