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Hello everyone. Welcome to our fourth issue of Yahweh's Vineyard Assembly's newsletter. We are so happy that we can dedicate time for this newsletter, and pray it will honor our Father Yahweh and His Son our Gracious Savior Yahshua the Messiah who gave up his life for us.

We are Blessed that we can carry on the mission, to spread the good news as our predecessors did before us, they walked boldly into new lands and gave the message of our Messiah without any thought of the consequences to the flesh of their body. And I pray we may continue with the same boldness, spreading the good news of our Messiah Yahshua, so that all who are called may turn to Him.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and stories, which makes it possible for us to put this newsletter together.

This is our March Issue of our Quarterly Newsletter. We hope to have this issue out to everyone by the end of March. We have had much going on these last few months. And we are hoping to share it with everyone.

We send Blessings out to all our Brothers and Sisters in Rocheport, Frystown, Cisco, Grand Rapids, Sterling, Georgia, and everywhere else, for all their dedication to our Fathers work, which we have learned so much from, So thank you and Yahweh be with You All.





### Bakers Acres.

Here at Bakers Acres we are preparing for some change and expansion. Yah willing we will be moving to our new home early May. We are all excited and looking forward to having a bit more room inside and out.

We are also super excited to be expanding our family. Yup we are finally getting a boy! We get to bring home our German Shepard baby April 20.

As we wait for these changes we are busy doing lots of packing. Also we are planning for Passover which is right around the corner. Garden plans are in the works as next year will be a jubilee year.

Bless and be blessed!

By Amanda Baker

### PRAYER REQUEST LIST

James, Amanda, and Naomi Hawley-for good health, wisdom, guidance.

Joe, Immanuel, Shalamoh, and Desiree Galatz-for all their needs, Yahweh knows.

Allan M Torres-for good health

Judith Torres-to get well

Rex and Len Francke and Revival of Faith Ministries to prosper with the orphanage and their mission trip to the Philippines this summer.

Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah – Their mission work, their outreach efforts, and their music.

Dawson Moore-for good health & Guidance.

Sarah, Norise, Ray, and Chris Greene-for all their needs as Yahweh knows.

Cliff and Rose-Yahweh knows their needs

All the families touched by the mud slides and the Missing airliner.

All of our brothers and sisters in the faith to stay strong and eager to seek your truth Yahweh.

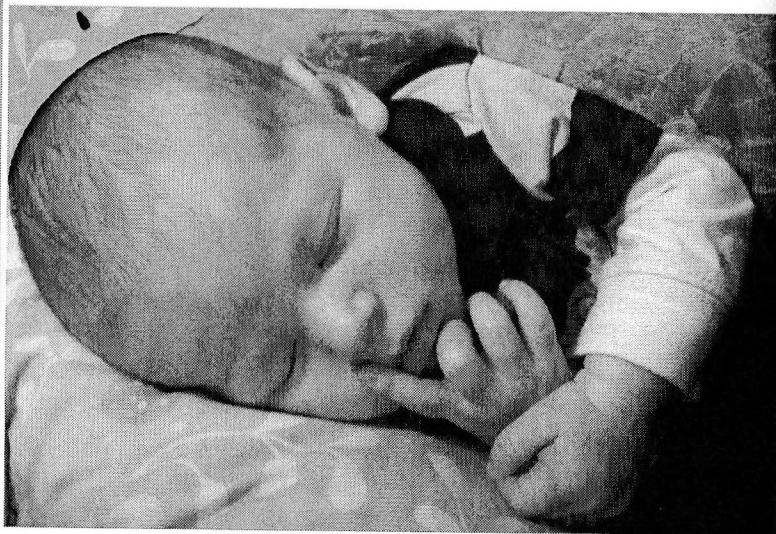
Pray for new souls to come to Yahweh's Truth and come to know our Blessed Messiah Yahshua!



### Birth announcement

On March 20th, 2014 at 11:25 am a miracle happened. Yahweh blessed our family with a new life. Kalev Yoel Welch was born on the first day of spring to the joy of his parents David and Amanda Welch, his brother Yerimiyah, and all of the Hawley families. He weighed in at 8lbs.12.6 oz and was 21 inches long. Praise be to YAHWEH through Yahshua for the ease of labor he blessed Amanda with and the Health of her new born son. It was an uplifting, faith building experience. HalleluYAH!

Submitted by Rhonda Hawley



### "Y.V.A.'s 2014 Women's Retreat"

At long last... the 2014 (not exactly annual) Women's Retreat for Yahweh's Vineyard Assembly of Northeastern Minnesota began on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Duluth MN at the *The Edge Hotel & Waterpark*. The blessed women who attended this year were: Lori Samuelson, Rhonda Hawley, Stacy Hawley, Amanda Baker (with her beautiful baby girl, Alicia), Amanda Hawley, Desiree Galatz (with son; Shelomoh), Savannah Strachan, and Amanda Welch (with son; Yerimiyah). It was a relatively small, but intimate and cozy group.

First thing, as many of the women went down to the waterpark to 'test the water.' Some of the ladies (and their babies) took a few relaxing rounds on the Lazy River. After setting the pace for our get away, we all joined up in one of our spacious rooms for a prayer and our evening meal; compliments to the chefs! After filling up on physical food, we proceeded to the spiritual food.

Originally planned, and eagerly awaited by all, was a DVD titled "The Five Love Languages" by Dr. Gary Chapman (a complimentary video to his first book) provided by Amanda Baker. However, due to some unforeseen complications with technology, we settled for another video brought by Lori Samuelson. The video featured a question and answer segment of a 4-part seminar by Rena Richman. It was fascinating to hear her talk about the culture of Jewish women passed from generation to generation. Her thoughts on the process and experience of child birth from a mother's perspective, and what we know to be a 'negative side-effect' in our eastern culture, Postpartum Depression, being viewed as a natural part of the whole



process touched many of us deeply and personally. Several hours of sharing experiences with one another and discussing our own thoughts about the video followed. A wonderful experience!

The second day of the retreat started with a discussion on 'Love.' We all shared our own opinions of love, how love is expressed, the different types of love, and of course, love between an individual and Yahweh. A wonderful and loving conversation; after which, a couple of very blessed women went off to receive their very first professional message! A remarkable experience and one hopefully to be repeated in the future. The rest of the women (also very blessed) enjoyed the waterpark for a few hours before evening. Some of the women stayed at the hotel and some went out for a nice evening meal, all of which had a wonderful time.

The morning of February 4<sup>th</sup>, the last day was spent packing for the trip home. Although the retreat seemed all-too-short, it was well appreciated by all who attended; a long awaited chance to relax, rest and recharge our physical and spiritual batteries. Yahweh's Vineyard Assembly hopes to plan a Women's Retreat on an annual basis from now on, with the possibility of starting a fundraiser for that very purpose. Yah willing, everything will fall into place, with dedication and planning or course.

Special thanks to Amanda Baker for scouting hotels and to Amanda Baker and Lori Samuelson for the videos provided. Thanks also to all the women who came and made it a great time to remember! Halleluyah!

By: Desiree Galatz

### Thank You and Praise You Yahweh !!

Wow things have really been hectic the past month or so, the grand-children got that nasty stomach virus that's been going around and had a puke-fest at our place for a couple of days, then Desiree got the virus (poor girl is five months pregnant and having to deal with that virus). After she got over it then I got sick with it (lost a couple of days pay). Let me tell you, that virus is one mean bug. Plus they are cutting hours at work so everyone is getting less pay. Stacy's Dad had to visit doctors twice in two days for his legs because of open wounds again. Stacy had to hall him around to the doctors in the truck with no heat, which I've been running around in all winter without heat because the thermostat is stuck open. For some reason the radiator fluid just doesn't want to warm up when it is -30 degrees with a chill factor of -60; and I'm driving 60 miles an hour. My car broke down (starter went out) and had to be towed in to be fixed, but has to wait because I don't have the money to fix it right now. We had some nasty snow storms in the last few weeks. We have mounds of snow up over my head in places, we just keep digging out. My mom's water wasn't working for two weeks because the water mains froze up here, all over town. We live just across the street from her, thankfully ours didn't freeze up. Even as I'm writing this they shut off our water again because they are right outside my window with a huge Jackhammer tractor digging into the street because that water main is now busted and leaking. The Gas Company raised the prices again; it seems they raise the prices during every harsh winter. Desiree's heat went out in her house and I had to replace a belt and motor on the exhaust system on it. Mail wasn't getting delivered because the mail man wanted the side of the house shoveled out from the front of the house (almost 100 feet, because our mailbox is at the side between our house and garage) we haven't had to shovel that in years, to get the mail anyway. Every other mailman delivered our mail via the street.

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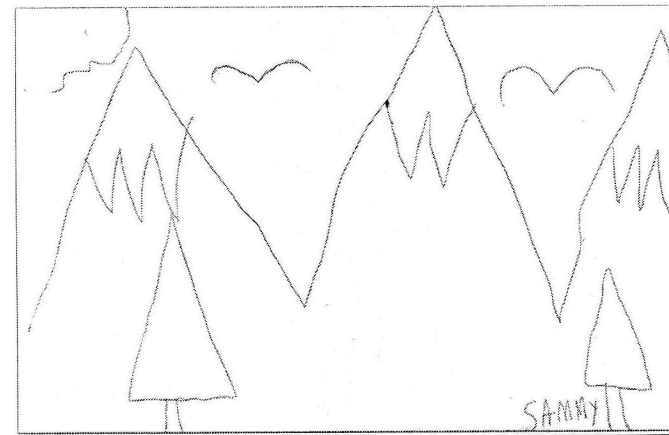
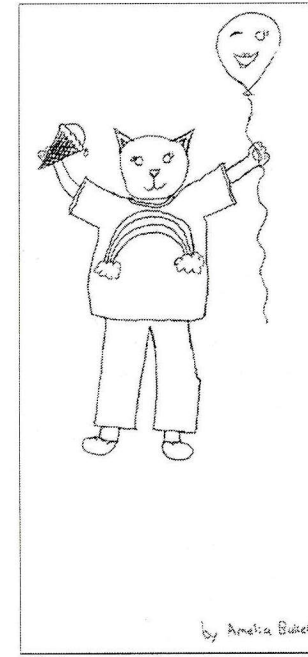
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Joel's car broke down (still in shop), Rhonda's van broke down (motor's fried), Savannah and Nic came back from Fargo and there van broke down (motor's fried), water line in the Garage, going to the apartment above busted and spewed water all over everything in the garage; this happened because the heater in the garage, for the apartment upstairs, went out. So water was off for a couple of weeks for that apartment. When it got fixed and turned back on it was spewing out several other places and had to be shut off again and repaired. Today our internet went out or I should say it went out last night sometime after midnight. The dehumidifier in the basement broke down so now the snow that is melting on the warmer days is running across our basement floor. These are just some of the things I can think of off the top of my head.

**But this is something else I can think of, I woke up this morning, I am breathing, I'm not hungry for food, I have a roof over my head, I have a job, I have family nearby, I have Yahweh's word. Praise Yahweh, Blessed is our Creator, Blessed is our savior Yahshua. Thank You Yahweh for everything.**

Children's Art work  
Submitted by Amelia and Samantha Baker





**I Wasn't There**

I wasn't there.  
 I wasn't there, when they displayed  
 Such evil and disgrace.  
 Forcing thorns upon your head  
 And spitting in your face.

I wasn't there.  
 I wasn't there, as they hit and kicked you  
 proclaiming it's for justice sake.  
 Driving spikes through your hands and feet  
 As they hung you from a stake.

I wasn't there.  
 I wasn't there when they showed you  
 That man is full of wicked desire  
 As they accused you of Blasphemy  
 And they called you a Liar.

Was I there?  
 Was I there, When we whipped you  
 As you carried your own tree.  
 Until the blisters that swelled upon your feet  
 Began to split and bleed.

Was I there?  
 Was I there, When we revealed  
 Just how much that we could loathe.  
 We displayed you to the world  
 And cast lots for all your clothes.

Was I there?  
 Was I there, When you were gasping  
 "It is finished" is what you cried.  
 We tested your priceless death  
 With a spear into your side.

I was there.  
 I was there decades ago  
 Driving spikes through your skin  
 When I was lusting for young women,  
 To quench the cravings of my sin.

I was there.  
 I was there, many years ago  
 Kicking and Hitting, yes I took part.  
 When my love for wine and money  
 Is all that filled my heart.

I was there.  
 I was there, a few years ago  
 I whipped your back until you bled  
 When I passed up a homeless man  
 And offered him no bread

I was there.  
 I was there, just months ago  
 I watched you hang and be humbled  
 When I left my place of worship  
 I complained and I grumbled

I was there.  
 I was there, just weeks ago  
 I shoved the spear into your side.  
 As I passed a broke down car  
 Knowing they were desperate for a ride.

I was there.  
 I was there, just days ago  
 I forced the thorns into your head  
 When disputing with my wife  
 The vicious words that I said.

No I wasn't there.  
 I wasn't there, when man so evil,  
 Committed such vicious crimes.  
 For my evil far surpasses theirs,  
 I've crucified you many times.

I pray you will forgive me Yahshua  
 And keep me strong until the end  
 So all the wounds that I have given you  
 Might finally start to mend



### Preparing for Passover

As the spring comes into bloom, we are given the grace from Yahweh, to again purify our lives during the time of Passover. Understanding the preparations you do, and how each element of the Passover is crucial, you can see it all as a whole. This is our chance to cleanse our homes, family, and the sin fighting against us. Reconnecting with our Savior, and gaining knowledge of the love, and the sacrifice given for our sins. Do you feel like there are hard trails in your path lately? Those things are what these preparations and Passover will edify. Praise Yah! All of these things are done with blessing and prayers in tow.

As we begin to remove the leaven out of our homes, we should be tossing out any afflictions of the heart. "Then clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are unleavened." (1Co 5:7) Clearing away leaven and making sure your mindful of what's taking place will start to diminish the sin. "You shall not slaughter the blood of my sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Passover Feast pass the night until morning".( Exo 34:25) After we have cleaned and removed those lumps, we are then seeking out the accounts of our Lamb.

Just as Messiah was sacrificed for our sins, we return our gratitude and awe, in the renewing of our covenant. The Passover Lamb is the first of

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many things during the meal that is very detailed and should go without misunderstanding. Yahweh instructed every household of the Israelite people to select a year-old male lamb without defect (Exodus 12:5; cf. Leviticus 22:20-21). The head of the household was to slaughter the lamb at twilight, taking care that none of its bones were broken, and apply some of its blood to the tops and sides of the doorframes of the house. The lamb was to be roasted and eaten (Exodus 12:7-8). Yahweh gives instructions to the Israelites, so they are prepared for fast travel, "with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand (Exodus 12:11; cf. Ephesians 6:14). Yahweh explained that when He saw the lamb's blood on these houses, He would "pass over" that home and not facilitate "the destroyer" to come inside. Any home without the blood of the lamb would have their firstborn son struck down that night (Exodus 12: 12-13). In Revelation, John the apostle sees Yahshua as a slain lamb. "And I saw, and behold, in the midst of the throne, and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, was a Lamb standing, as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim, having been sent out into all the earth." (Revelation 5:6). Yahshua was crucified during the time that the Passover was observed (Mark 14:12).



We then go onto talk about the significance of the unleavened bread, or Matzo, eaten during the time of Passover. The splitting up of the matzo represents the Sea of Reeds that allows the children of Israel to cross over in the dry land. "to Him who divided the Sea of Reeds into parts; for His mercy endures forever." (Psa 136:13) The remaining Matzo is to symbolize humanity, and will be eaten later and is known as "bread of poverty." "Remove vanity and a lying word far from me, do not give me poverty or riches; tear for me my portion of bread," (Pro 30:8) Understanding the meaning of the bread is key. "...As they were eating, Yahshua took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body'" (Matthew:26:26). Our partaking of the Passover bread indicates that we understand that Yahshua has put away our sin by the "sacrifice of Himself" (Hebrews:9:26). He willingly suffered an excruciating death for us. His blood was not swiftly shed; He was tortured many hours before his last breath. He bore in His body the physical suffering caused by sin.

We cannot talk about the bread without getting the correlation of the bitter herbs used during the meal. What the bitterness symbolizes is the bondage of slavery the Hebrews endured in Egypt. The herbs are to also overpower the sweet flesh of the lamb, and continue that understanding of this bondage. "For I calculate that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to compare to the coming glory to be revealed in us" (Rom 8:18) When we encounter bitter experiences we need to keep in mind we are not above Yahweh or Yahshua. We must understand that weaning ourselves from earthly things is to deepen our relationship.

Now you can start to see and understand the wine and what it's representing. Notice the meaning Yahshua gave to the Passover wine: "Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom'" (Matthew:26:27-29) We should see that Yahweh forgives our sins through his begotten son's blood. We are taught that "the blood of Yahshua His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John:1:7). Yahshua "loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation:1:5). As we keep digging deeper you are revealed all of these things. When we drink the wine at the Passover service, we are to consider the gravity of its meaning. It represents the very life's blood that flowed from Yahshua's dying body, so we may have complete forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians:1:7). The blood of the righteous one for our sinful life should powerfully motivate us never to want to sin again. It is the way our merciful Yahweh chooses to reach us in our obstinate states of mind. How beautiful is that?

Traditionally washing of the feet is done before the meal, however we do it after. We gather and have the feet washing with special soaps and lotions. The girls will wash the girls and the guys the guys. Yahshua was showing us more about what He was here to do during the washing. He was showing us how to love one another just as He loves all of us. He was showing us the example of humility, service and respect for people alike. Washing one another's feet was the beginning of Yahshua's instructions on how to keep the New Testament Passover. It was a new Covenant between Him and His people.



As we take these main parts of the Passover, and really put it in the forefront of what we are doing, it should bring you clarity. It should bring you to tears, it should also bring you joy. We are given so many gifts, and we need to realize that our life on this earth is short. So study diligently, repent, and love your life. IT IS A GIFT. I pray that everyone gives their thanks and praise to our Father Yahweh. I hope that each and every one who is observing their Passover can leave the old leaven behind. I pray that we all become aware of the purity in taking our Messiah in fully and completely.

Our Passover meal will be held at the Baker family's home on the evening of April 14<sup>th</sup>.

With love and HalleluYah!!

By Amanda Hawley

## Trip to Heaven?

In the book "Heaven is for real", a father; Todd Burpo, tells the story of how his son, Colton Burpo goes to heaven and back. Most of us probably doubt that the story is real. I mean seriously, who would? It's just a dad making up a bunch of stories to make his kid famous. Right? Wrong, Now I'm not saying that everything in the book is real. All I'm saying is that Colton Burpo, at age four during a surgery, went to heaven and then came back to earth. I find the story marvelous and thrilling.. In heaven Colton saw many amazing things. He doesn't say how but he could see straight down to earth. He saw small detailed things his family was doing. Colton's father is a pastor at a church. Colton saw Yahshua shoot power down to his daddy while the pastor was preaching. Colton saw Satan in heaven too. Colton says its not just angels and pretty flowers in heaven. "Devils lurk in the streets", he says. "Angels carry swords and fight demons." When Todd ask his son what Satan looked like, Colton shook his head. Todd wrote, "He looked terrified and he wouldn't answer." Imagine that, Satan looks so awful a four-year-old couldn't describe him. Colton also told his dad that there were rainbow colors in heaven that didn't have names, Wow! When Colton and Todd were talking one time, Colton said he met Yahshua's cousin.



. "You mean John the Baptist?" Todd asked him. "I don't know his name", Colton answered, "But he was really nice." Colton met John the Baptist! Colton didn't stop talking. He went on to say that Yahshua had a rainbow horse that he got to pet! Another thing Colton saw was people. He saw the little girl his mom had miscarried. He saw his Great Grandfather. When Todd heard Colton say that he saw his Great Grandpa, he asked Colton what he looked like. Colton just kept carrying on about the size of his grandpa's wings. Finally Todd showed Colton a picture of his grandpa, twenty five years younger than when he died. "Yup," Colton said. "That's grandpa." Colton says that everybody in heaven has wings except for Yahshua, and he says that they all wore halos. He also said he had wings in heaven.

So is all this true or not?

I'll let you decide for yourself.

Written By Amelia Baker, age 11

## True or Not?, Let scripture decide

First of all I would like to thank Miss Amelia Baker for her addition to our little newsletter. Second, I would like to respond by saying that as for me, here at Yahweh's Vineyard Assembly, I do not believe in such things as reincarnation, winged angels, or halos. My general belief is that when we die we go to rest with our ancestors until we are called to Judgment Day. I think being this story is said to be based on a true event, that it may have been a mercy for this young one to not of had a scary experience, but instead to of had comfort being in a happy and wondrous place.

In Hebrews 13:2 it speaks of how we are not to be forgetful to entertain stranger, then states how some have entertained angels unawares. Keeping this in mind, if angels have wings, wouldn't it be unavoidable to notice? Therefore we may be altered in how we entertain a winged stranger rather than treating all strangers well. Just imagine to of possibly been blessed to of been in the company of one or more of Yahweh's precious angels, having treated them well, as you do all stranger.

Angels do fight demons!!!! Scripture says they wear armor too!!!! Revelation 12:7 shows they fight the



the dragon, Psalm 68:17 seems to depict an army of Yah, Matthew 23:53 and Hebrews 12:22 speak of "more than twelve legions of angels" and "an innumerable company of angels", WOW!!! That's a lot!!!! In Yahshua 5:13 and 14 "and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand"... and has "captain of the host" of Yahweh's (army) am I now come. These speak of an angel who has come to speak to Yahshua concerning how he and his army are to take Jericho.

One will find that nowhere in scripture is it mentioned of a halo. It is in fact pagan in origin.

I do believe that when you need words Yahweh will give you the right words at the right time; especially when you pray for them and have your heart set to do well with that kind of power.

As for Satan, I don't even like to entertain the thought of what he must look like!!!! Creeps me out!!!!

In scripture in Revelation 21 it speaks of when the New Jerusalem, that holy city, comes down out of the heavens. Verse 11 says it is like jasper stone clear as crystal, also as it is described in verse 21, you see that it has a golden street clear as glass, ahhh... so you could see thru it! This would make sense because in verse 23 it paints a marvelous image by saying the glory of Yahweh does lighten it and the Lamb (Yahshua) being the light thereof, with the city having much that is transparent, His light would fill the whole of it quite nicely. It also could be possible

that the little boy in this story, at the age of four heard his dad, the pastor, speak of this, and while unconscious his mind recollected this and he imagined seeing down to earth. Well, you asked, true or not; here is some of it my dear girl. Never stop thirsting for more when it comes to scripture sweetie, as we may never know it all, but a lifetime spent searching for The Truth is well spent. Our Yahweh did leave us a sort of "breadcrumb" path to follow, and if you search YOU WILL FIND!!!! HAPPY HUNTING TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Yahweh Bless you in your studies!!!! –

Stacy H.

#### More Up to Date News

Joel Hawley is still hitting the prison on a bimonthly basis; He has been doing the prison ministry for over a year now. Keep him in your prayers.

Joe and Mandy Baker will be, (Yahweh willing) moving to a new home North of Chisholm early May.

James and Amanda Hawley will be attempting to buy their home this year they will need lots of prayers please.

David Welch is working, going to school, and expanding his family

Nic and Savannah Strauchen are doing well, Nic is working full time now, and they are currently looking for a home to buy.