

Bell Notes

Salem (Bellemans) Church
3540 Bellemans Church Road
Mohrsville, PA 19541-8910

Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Services every Sunday at 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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Harvest Home Sunday was September 23 at the Old Church with Blessing of the Tractors

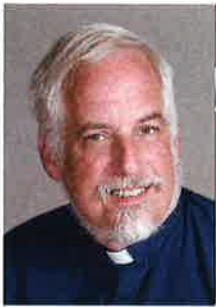
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



October 2018

Rev. David W. Blich, Pastor
Linda Hartman, Director of Music Ministry
James Fitterling, Administrator
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Pastor's Ponderings

I am a rocker. I love rock music. I love Christian rock. A friend, my daughter and I had the opportunity to see the Christian rock group Switchfoot at Bloomsburg University. It was a dream show for me. I've been a fan of Switchfoot for many years and the performing arts center that they were playing at was small enough

that I knew we'd have a good seat. Switchfoot is one of those crossover Christian Bands that have had hits on secular radio including "Dare You to Move" and "Meant to Live." These two songs were big hits about a dozen years ago.

I was not disappointed. We sat in the middle of the rather small venue and Switchfoot was outstanding. It may have been my favorite concert ever.

And they played their hits. Everyone sang along, including these lines from "Meant to Live."

*We want more than this world's got to offer...
And everything inside screams for second life, yeah...
We were meant to live for so much more
Have we lost ourselves?*

Jon Foreman writer of the song says, "Lyrically this song was inspired by T. S. Eliot's poem "The Hollow Men." (which contains the famous line 'This is the way the world ends not with a bang but a whimper'), "Maybe the kid in the song is me, hoping that I'm meant for more than arguments and failed attempts to fly. Something deep inside of me yearns for the beautiful, the true. I want more than what I've been sold; I want to live life."

Second Life. Switchfoot writes lyrics with subtle Christian messages. For a humanist, second life can mean a lot of things. For a Christian, Second Life means but one thing, heaven with the Lord.

Many of us look back at life and see missed opportunities, mistakes, risks that should have been taken. We wonder, how did I wind up here doing this? It is very easy and usually depressing to second guess our lives. But ,maybe we do ask, have we lost ourselves? Maybe what we are is not what we imagine we are? And, is who we are, who we are, or who we always wanted to be?

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But no matter how well we've fulfilled our life's past, we can always do better in the future. What better means... well I'm not sure. It probably depends. But, maybe we were meant for so much more, not only in the afterlife but this life.

The song concludes with:

*We were meant to live
We were meant to live*

Yes, we were meant to live. We were meant to fulfill whoever we are. God has a vision of us. God knows who we are. We shouldn't sell ourselves or God's vision for us short.

Do not be afraid to do what you were meant to do. Be who you are. Pray to God for guidance. Fulfill your dreams because maybe they are God's dreams for you.

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## Church Board Highlights September 17, 2018

Jess Cammauf was present to discuss her experience and background in counseling. She has been working with a church in Boyertown recently to provide faith based counseling and does have her own insurance. Since she is moving closer to Leesport she is inquiring about providing services here through Belleman's. Colleen, James and Pastor Dave will meet with Jess to discuss particulars.

Treasurer, Larry Henne noted that \$5,440 from the picnic profits has been used to pay the property taxes and prepay \$2,000 propane for the church.

Pastor Dave reported about a friend of a friend who lives in North Carolina and has been greatly affected by hurricane Florence. Alicia Bator Lowe has two small children and is currently pregnant and her house now unlivable due to the storm. Pastor Dave suggested giving \$150 from the undesignated Jingle Offering to this family. And, secondly, Pastor Dave's infant granddaughter Leilani has been diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer. Pastor Dave is planning to take some time off to go out to Phoenix to be with his family. It was also discussed about helping Leilani's parents get around and get meals through this time. It was suggested to have a drive asking for gift cards to restaurants and gas stations. Pastor Dave will provide a list of local places out there. It was also suggested to provide some Heffner Tithe assistance for more immediate help. It was approved to give a Heffner Tithe donation of \$300 to Rebekah Blitch.

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It was reported that things went well for the community meal but there were only about 30 in attendance. Pastor Dave also reported on the Potato Project with 5 Belleman's members participating and that the school supply donations have been delivered to Schuylkill Valley.

Christian Education Committee reported that Sunday School classes have begun for the new school year. There is still a need to figure out what to do about a class for 4, 5 and 6 grades since there are really only one or two kids in that range. Pastor Dave reported that there are 4 kids in confirmation, 3 second year and one first year.

There was some discussion about the Personnel Committee and the role the Vice President has with the committee which has come up previously. James will speak with Michael Holcombe and work to clarify roles and duties within the committee. This will be brought back to the board at the next meeting and straightened out prior to the personnel committee reviews this fall.

Pastor Dave is working to add two more members to the Pastoral Relations Committee. Term length for the committee will be three years with staggered terms to start. They are looking to meet 4 times a year.

James received a letter at church from St. Peter's UCC in Tremont. The church sustained much damage from the flooding and storms in Schuylkill County. Their roof and sanctuary ceiling require repair as well as their organ motor, basement floor and furnace system among other things. Their insurance will not cover any of this. After some discussion, it was suggested to give some Heffner Tithe money to the church. According to the guidelines we can give up to \$500 for flooding damage. This was approved.

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Belleman's Joint Board

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,418.69
Income	\$ 18,803.00
Expenses	\$ 20,907.13
Ending Balance	\$ 2,314.56

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Attendance/Offering

	7:45AM	10:15AM	Offering
September 2	24	92	\$4,065.00
September 9	26	113	\$2,396.00
September 16	23	97	\$2,985.00
September 23	22	100	\$2,106.00
September 29	58 (Dutch Service)		
September 30	25	103	\$3,893.00

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### Communion Assistants For November 4th

7:45 a.m. *Altar Assistants:* Linda Henne, Liz Veres  
Connie Mohn

*Cup Stations:* Larry Henne, Lester Gambler

10:15 a.m. *Altar Assistant:* James Fitterling

*Head Usher:* Jim Holcombe

*Ushers:* Maura Wesner, Bernice Hartman,  
Sandy Gring, Michael Holcombe

### Jingle Offerings for October

October 7, 14 Susan G. Komen For the Cure  
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 21, 28 ELCA Campaign - Always Being Made New

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*** Needed for the Bazaar ***

- Homemade cookies, contact Colleen Bungarz (484-332-7336)
Cookie Making at the Fellowship Hall
will be on Monday, October 29 at 9 a.m.

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Donations for the Capital Campaign are always accepted through the mail. Please send your donation to:

**Salem Belleman's Church - Capital Campaign Fund**  
**3540 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, Pa 19541**

The first Sunday of the month collection continues to be a great way to donate to the fund as well.

Thank you for your continued support!



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND AS OF 9/16/18**

**Contributions, Projects, Endowment  
and Dissolved Accounts** \$214,100.03

**Monthly Contributions 2018** \$6,208.00  
(September Collection = \$979.00)

IMO Jimmy Phillips \$50.00  
 IMO Warren Danenhower \$25.00  
 IMO Paul Phillips \$175.00  
 IMO Lee Staab \$1,120.00  
 \$1,370.00

**Fundraising Projects**

Organ Restoration January \$1,527.50  
 Chicken BBQ March \$2,006.60  
 Easter Candy Sales March \$3,198.08  
 Country Music Show June \$1,840.51  
 Country Festival Picnic August \$720.00  
 Mum Sale September \$9,292.69

**Grocery Gift Cards**

Sold \$ 158,970.00  
 Profit \$8,111.15  
 Cash Total \$239,081.87

**Interest Paid**

Total Fairview Interest Paid \$8,180.00  
 Total VIST Interest Paid \$16,828.91

**Loan Balances**

Fairview Cemetery Company \$90,000.00  
 Total Principal Payment made \$3,000.00  
**Owed Amount \$87,000.00**  
 VIST Bank Loan \$254,500.00  
 Total Principal Payment made \$95,572.20  
**Owed Amount \$158,927.80**  
**Total Principal Balance Owed \$245,927.80**

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Notice:

The full monthly loan payment that needs to be paid to Vist Bank each month is: **\$1,580.74**

A busy September it was...



**Potato Picking
for the Potato
Project**

**Sundae
Sunday**



**PA German
Dialect
Service**



**Turkey
and Waffle
Supper**



Calendar of Events

Wed. 6:30PM Sr. Choir
10/10

Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service
10/14 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
10/15 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items
accepted at the Hall
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers
7:00PM Board Meeting

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch class in the chapel
10/16

Wed. 9:30AM Music and Worship meeting
10/17 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Thur. Please call your Sandwich orders to
10/18 Karen Harle

Sat. 9:00-10:30AM Schuylkill Valley
10/20 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport
(Belleman's Month to Serve)
*Youth Service day - please meet at
the SV Food Pantry to help setup
around 7:30 am (info page 11)*

Sun. Time and Talent Sunday
10/21 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
10/22 6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items
accepted at the Hall
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch class in the chapel
10/23

Wed. 3-7PM Blood Drive at the
10/24 Fellowship Hall
6:30PM Sr. Choir

Thu. 4 to 6:00PM Sandwich Sale
10/25 Pick Up at the Fellowship Hall

Sun. Reformation Sunday
10/28 7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 9:00AM Bazaar Cookie Making
10/29 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
6:00 - 7:30PM Flea Market items
accepted at the Hall
6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers
7:00PM Council and Consistory
7:30PM Confirmands meet

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
10/30

Wed. Sr. Choir Apple Dumpling Making
10/31

Fri. 7:00AM Bazaar Sandwich Making
11/2 8:30AM to 7:00PM Bazaar

Sat. 8:30AM to 1:00PM Bazaar
11/3

**Sun. All Saints Sunday/
Holy Communion**
7:45AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service
Daylight Savings Ends
First Sunday of the Month Collection
for the Capital Campaign

Mon. 11:30AM Grief Support Lunch
11/5 at Perry Restaurant
NO BELLS PRIZE

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
11/6

Wed. 6:30PM First Communion Class
11/7 6:30PM Sr. Choir

Sun. 7:45AM Worship Service
11/11 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service
*Special presentation from Heartland
Hospice about Veteran's benefits*

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11/12 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers
7:00PM Board Meeting

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11/13

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11/14

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11/17 Food Pantry @ Trinity Leesport

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11/18 9:00AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship Service

Mon. 5:30PM Belleman's Bells
11/19 6:30PM Nice 'n Easy Ringers

Tue. 6:30PM Dutch Class
11/20

Mark your calendars.....

for our popular **Sandwich Sale**
sponsored by the
Mission Trip Teams.



Orders are due October 18 & can be picked up on Thursday, October 25th at the Fellowship Hall from **4:00 to 6:00PM.** The 10" (ham, Italian or turkey) sandwiches are **\$6.00.**

Give yourselves a break and don't cook.
Make this your Thursday evening's meal or Friday's lunch.
Contact Karen Harle (926-4887) to place your orders.
There will also be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.



Flea Market Collection Has Begun



The first collection occurred on Monday, October 1.
Donations will be accepted from 6:00 to 7:30 PM every Monday in October.

Help is always needed for: unloading the cars, unpacking and sorting items, pricing items, arranging stock on shelves and tables. Anyone who can come for even one session will be joyfully welcomed.

Help is especially needed on Friday, November 2 and Saturday November 3. Questions? Call Linda Henne 610 926 4506.
Our thanks to all who have helped to make this project so successful in the past and to those who will be working to make it a wonderful success again.



Nut Sale 2018

Keep on the lookout for the 2018 nut sale! Prices are:

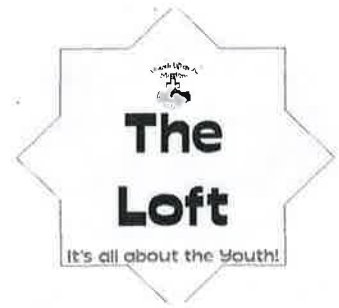
Cashews, reg.	\$9.50	Mixed, reg.	\$8.50
Cashews, no salt	\$9.50	Honey Roasted Peanuts,	\$3.00

New Product...Honey Roasted Peanuts
Lower prices!!



Youth News...

October 20: Youth Lift Service Day
7:30AM we will meet at the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry to help serve this month. Following the Food Pantry we will head back to church to setup and decorate The Loft!



TBA: Youth Lift Overnight including midnight bowling
More information will be forthcoming about this event as the date gets set. Tentatively looking at November 2-3. Please text Pastor Dave, if you can make it or not at 484-663-4911. We will try to get a group text together so we can plan this event and future events. Please plan to bring a friend!



Attention: Anyone interested in going on a Mission Trip in 2019

Please signup in the narthex for 2019 Mission Trips. If you sign up, please be prepared to pay your \$60 deposit and see Karen Harle for information regarding the upcoming Sandwich Sale fundraiser on October 25. Thank you!

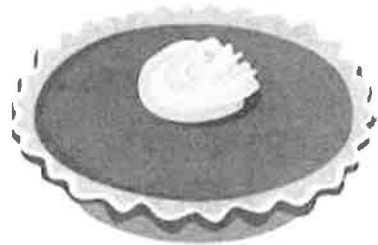


Give the "Gift of Life" at Belleman's Annual **Blood Drive** which will be held on Wednesday, **October 24th** from 3:00PM to 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Personnel from the blood center will be from Berks County. Please call Jean Smith for further information (610) 926-1784.

Your Blood. Their Hope.™



MILLER-KEystone
BLOOD CENTER



Capital Campaign Pumpkin Pie Sale

Get your homemade pumpkin pies just in time for Thanksgiving!

Pies will be available for pickup at the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, November 20 from 4-6 p.m.**

Cost is \$5 per 8 inch pie
(Please make checks payable to Belleman's Capital Campaign)

Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins or you can call your orders to Linda Henne at 610-926-4506. Deadline to order is **November 11.**

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**Reading Choral Society presents...A Celebration of Peace**

A Concert to honor Veterans and the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day

**November 11, 4 p.m.,**  
Muhlenberg High School Auditorium

**November 13, 7:30 p.m.,**  
Schaeffer Auditorium, Kutztown University

Cost: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door/ students \$10

**Veterans are free to attend!**

Please contact Maura Wesner for tickets

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Keep on the lookout for First Communion Classes this Fall!

Youth ages 3rd grade and older will be invited to attend.

The class is scheduled for November 7th at 6:30 PM in The Loft here at church!

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**Belleman's Military Members**

SGT Josh Linderman  
Andrew Potts  
1LT Bradley P. Hoppes  
SGT Andrew Cichowicz  
Nathan P. Stump  
SGT John R. Wesner

Jason Kozik  
MAJ James Fluck  
Kevin Mohn  
SGT Phillip Spatz  
Alfred Cross



**Thank you** for your contribution to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. (\$300 Jingle Offerings and \$118 VBS Offering)

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Belleman's Church! Thank you for the balloons for our 66th wedding anniversary. The thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

Anna and Cal Bair

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**To everyone at Belleman's Church, Thank you** all for the birthday balloons. To be remembered is a wonderful feeling.

**Ethel Reinhart**

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Thank you one and all for your concern, support and caring before, during and after Lee's passing.

Gladys Staab

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On All Saints, November 4th, we gather to remember and celebrate the lives of the saints from the congregation that are now in the Church Triumphant. A candle will be lit for each member listed below.

| <u>Born</u> | <u>Name</u>            | <u>Died</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 8/6/1923    | Esther K. Weber        | 12/3/2017   |
| 8/11/1945   | James M. Fair          | 1/2/2018    |
| 4/9/1944    | Thomas P. Burkey       | 1/24/2018   |
| 7/16/1931   | Marie E. Dietrich      | 3/3/2018    |
| 12/14/1947  | James P. Phillips      | 3/10/2018   |
| 10/11/1946  | Russell C. "Skip" Rudy | 4/26/2018   |
| 1/28/1937   | Karl J. Angstadt       | 5/17/2018   |
| 2/19/1930   | Warren F. Danenhower   | 6/1/2018    |
| 9/9/1945    | Larry F. Hoffman       | 6/30/2018   |
| 3/23/1952   | David H. Haag          | 7/21/2018   |
| 8/7/1921    | Paul S. Phillips       | 8/10/2018   |
| 7/29/1938   | Lee W. Staab           | 8/27/2018   |
| 2/17/1938   | Mary Jane Miller-Farr  | 9/21/2018   |
| 8/28/1943   | Allen L. Hoy           | 9/22/2018   |

## October Birthdays

- 16<sup>th</sup> Bradley Lynn,  
Roxanne McMurtry,  
Danielle Ramick Brown  
17<sup>th</sup> Taylor Feeney  
18<sup>th</sup> Keith Haas, Avery Phillips,  
Daniel Linderman, Ian Heller,  
Chad Ernst, Pastor Grubb  
19<sup>th</sup> Glenda Gehman, Marc Wicke,  
Therman Madeira  
Matthew Machmer  
20<sup>th</sup> Lindel Hahn,  
Trevor Cammauf  
21<sup>st</sup> Kelsie Burkhart, Andrea Cox  
22<sup>nd</sup> Paul Levey, Kaitlyn Quillman,  
Kristen Quillman  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jevin Dougherty, Brenda Yoder  
24<sup>th</sup> Robert Billman,  
Stephanie Gilmer  
25<sup>th</sup> Leah Baer, Bob Billman  
Nathaniel Dalton, Susan Gehris,  
Cindi Strunk  
26<sup>th</sup> Michael Kufro,  
27<sup>th</sup> Pamela Richards, Jim Sellers  
28<sup>th</sup> Michael Gehris, Gary Phillips  
29<sup>th</sup> Scott Berg, Barry Geisinger,  
Harold Sunday, John Lewis, Jr.  
Kailey McMurtry  
30<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Adam, Kelly Schwank,  
31<sup>st</sup> Porter McRae, Eric Troutman  
Allyse Mitten, Micah Blatt

## October Anniversaries

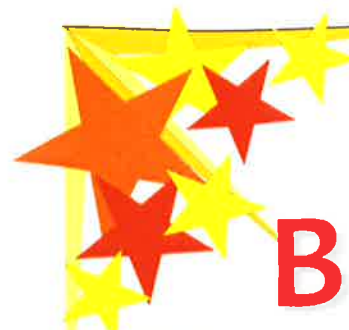
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kenn and Natalie Redd  
16<sup>th</sup> Charles &  
Lorraine Randazzo  
17<sup>th</sup> Bradley & Kimberly  
Dougherty  
21<sup>st</sup> Donald & Brenda Hoffa  
23<sup>rd</sup> James & Mae Weber  
24<sup>th</sup> Lester & Gloria Gambler  
Doug and Karen Eisenhofer  
25<sup>th</sup> Joshua & Sara Linderman

## November Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Borkey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Bausher,  
Daryl Klopp, Hawken Kiwak  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annabell Leshner,  
Pierson Fluck  
4<sup>th</sup> Karen Hahn  
5<sup>th</sup> Tim Eschbach,  
Louann Rudy,  
6<sup>th</sup> Christopher Hartman,  
Christine Jroski  
7<sup>th</sup> Crystal Cammauf-  
Young  
8<sup>th</sup> Deanne Felix,  
Carol Kissinger  
9<sup>th</sup> Cassandra Bradbury  
10<sup>th</sup> Lauryn Lush  
11<sup>th</sup> Carol Kinney,  
Kyle Livinghouse  
12<sup>th</sup> Robert Farr,  
Peggy Hartman  
13<sup>th</sup> Christopher Gery,  
Michael Wagner,  
14<sup>th</sup> Lloyd Barnett,  
Tammy Louise Brown,  
Ricky Kerschner  
15<sup>th</sup> Andrew Cichowicz,  
Ashtyn Cammauff

## November Anniversaries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Randy & Grace Shurr  
7<sup>th</sup> Kristopher &  
Tara Beerman  
8<sup>th</sup> George & Tina Phillips  
11<sup>th</sup> Jonathan &  
Andrea Hoffman  
13<sup>th</sup> Crystal Cammauf &  
Chris Young  
14<sup>th</sup> Warren & Peggy Hartman,  
Thomas & Karla Lawrence



## Belleman's Choir Family Is

# Beautiful!!!

While we may not all come from the same family tree,  
we are related through Someone Far Greater...  
**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER!**

This family laughs together, cries together,  
genuinely cares for one another...**THEY ARE LOVE!!!**

*And Now We Want To Celebrate  
a Very Special Member of Our Choir Family  
Who Is 90 Years Young...*

# Dottie Bausher

Dottie is one incredible woman!!!  
Her love and devotion to serve her Lord and Savior  
is truly a shining example for all of us!  
When she's not busy at church,  
she can be found with her family  
sharing and caring in every way she knows how!!!

*We love you, Dottie and hope your 90th birthday  
is extra, extra special...JUST LIKE YOU ARE!!!*

**Your Choir Family**

**P.S. When I grow up, I want to be  
just like you, Dottie!!!**

*Linda*

