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# Scott Kaczinski Music Ministries

Quarterly Newsletter

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## *Last Second Save*

Not too long ago I was talking with a friend who had recently given his life to Christ. We were discussing how we have seen the hand of God working in our lives and the ways that God moved and worked to draw us to Himself. It was an enjoyable conversation, and the more we talked, the more we realized the awesome, wonderful, love and grace of God. As we continued talking, the conversation changed to how it's never too late in life for a person to claim Jesus as Lord and Savior. And that led us to talking about the story of the thief on the cross. (Luke 23) As Christ is being crucified between two criminals, both criminals are hurling insults at him. (Matthew 27:44)

And then something happens. Something big. One of the criminals has a last minute change of heart. Just moments before he is about to die, this man somehow realizes who Jesus is. This thief suddenly understands that he is paying the price for his own wrongdoing, but Jesus is dying unjustly. (Luke 23:41) And then the thief says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus says to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in Paradise." Wow. What? Wait...just like that? It doesn't seem fair! This criminal doesn't deserve heaven does he? In John MacArthur's book *Parables*, MacArthur writes, "God's mercy must never be thought of as a reward for good works. Heaven is not a prize for people who deserve it." If that's true, then heaven is a place for people who don't deserve it? Bingo. No one deserves heaven. We are all sinners, just like the thief. (Romans 3:23) And we all need to be saved. (Romans 6:23) We need a Savior. The thief on the cross realized it. Somehow, suddenly just before life on earth was over for him, this man recognized his sin, (Luke 23:41) turned to Jesus, and found paradise. At the last second. —scott



*Above: Our Truth Singers Spring Concert ☺*

*Join us for worship with the Truth Singers at the Clinton Co. Fair in DeWitt on Thursday, July 7, from 3:00 -4:00 under the big white community tent. Our Truth Singers look forward to singing at the fair each summer, and we hope you will come and sing along with them!*

**Truth Singers will resume Sept. 15 at 6:00. The new schedule is posted on-line at [www.scottkministries.com](http://www.scottkministries.com)**

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*“Proclaiming Christ and Encouraging Others Through Music”*

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## Praises and Prayers:

Praise and prayer for our FCA seniors who graduated that they will continue to seek Christ as they head off to college.

Praise for a successful FCA Game Night in April. About 80 students attended. Dan Pearson, director of Illowa FCA, spoke and challenged the students. Pray for the seeds that were planted.

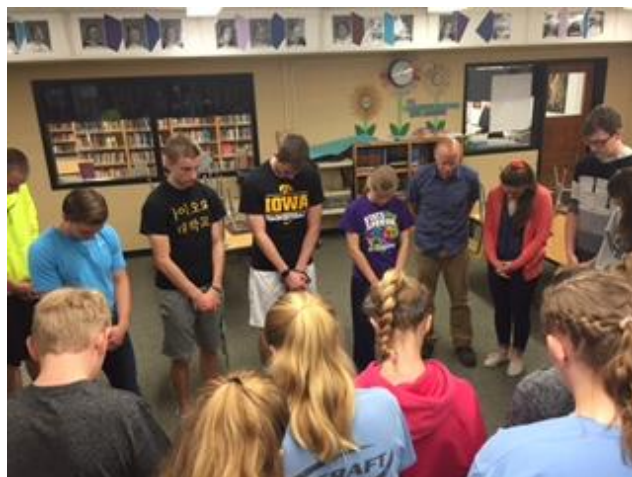
Also, we have 7 students who will attend FCA Sports Camp in Pella July 11-15. Pray they will have open hearts to respond to the Gospel for a life-changing week and that God through the Holy Spirit would draw them to Himself.

Praise to the Lord for everyone who helped make our first annual Truth Singers Carnival a super fun night for our special needs friends.

Please pray for continued financial provisions as Quarter 2 taxes are due.

Praise for Josye's graduation from Emmaus Bible College with her Bible Certificate. Please pray for future direction and wisdom for all our children.

Please pray for a healthy, safe delivery of Baby Boy Evans expected in August. (Our first grandchild)



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*Life Ministry: To the Elderly, To the Special Needs, To Marriages, To Students through FCA*

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