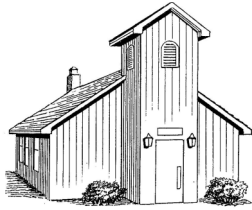


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### Quiz Day 2011

Students in Awana clubs (grades 3-12) who excel in their memory work, are invited to participate in a co-ed quiz competition about half-way through the club year. The kids show their Bible knowledge through three types of quizzing: speed, multiple choice, and short answer. Celebrating by going out to eat together afterwards is a highlight of the event, held this year on February 5.



### Judith Chesebro Home with the Lord

June 13, 1944  
to  
January 27, 2011



The oldest of Marshall and Lizetta Williams' children, Judith Luanne, died at Provena Our Lady of Victory Care Centre in Bourbonnais, IL where she had lived for more than four years. The last two months of her life were blessed with her hearing the words to *Amazing Grace* in her mind. It seemed as though she were already hearing those who have gone before her. She loved to have us sing it with her when we visited. She died of a brain disease, yet her spirit continued to rejoice in her wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ. She is buried in the Rest-a-While cemetery at the Bible Witness Camp. We remembered her and celebrated her life on Tuesday, February 1. Her children, Mariah, Michelle, John (and Naomi), Marcy, Mindy, and Marjorie would appreciate your continued prayers as they grieve and make the unwelcome adjustment to life without their mother. She also has eight grandchildren: Mercy, Judith Ruth, Peter, Gideon, Andrew, Christiana, Patience, and Megan. Judy was salutatorian of her 1962 graduating class at St. Anne Community High School and completed nurses training at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, IL in 1965. She attended Moody Bible Institute from 1965-1966 as a special student. She worked as a night charge nurse at Upjohn Nursing Home in Kalamazoo, MI before moving back to "Camp" in 1997. Here, she led a women's Bible study group, helped in Awana clubs, organized the library, and carried on a clothing ministry before she moved to Our Lady of Victory. Missed by so many, she still speaks through a life of much suffering as she lived out her life's goal: to bring glory to God.

## Director's Corner by David McMillan

Winter time in the Midwest can be unpredictable. Apparently we're okay with that challenge or we wouldn't be living here. We quickly adjust to changes in the weather, but sometimes events come our way that we are not ready for—harsh surprises that might require us to take a good look at what our foundation is, or what we're anchored to. Sister Judy's sudden home-going was one of those events. Her children and brothers and sisters struggled with the news and made their travel plans. Over the next few days it was heartwarming to see people who might have been bitter or angry focusing instead on God's mercy, wisdom, and timing.

A major snow storm was looming the day of the funeral, but worry and fear melted into trust in God and He saw everyone home safely. Before sunup the morning after our 18-inch snowfall, I went outside and was surprised to hear a little bird singing in the trees. It had little chance of finding anything to eat that day, but it was singing. The Creator had programmed into this bird to sing first and then find food. Unlike birds, we have a choice in the matter. Every experience where we choose to trust and obey God, better prepares us to "default" to His care and love when trials come.

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### COMING BACK HOME

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Working in Virginia as a home-based therapist for strategic therapy, **Chaquana McCoy** describes an experience that happened to her while getting ready for the day one morning. "I had been hearing of families back home being attacked by the Enemy. I kept having these images appear in my mind of all the teenagers that were not only struggling with normal temptations of promiscuity, but facing homosexual pressures as well. I could visualize the many teen moms and other parents who did not know how to nurture their children or raise them according to biblical principles. Families were being torn apart." God was putting a burden on her heart to go home. "I did not even want to come home. I prayed and cried, but I wanted to be obedient." Home is Pembroke Township, Illinois. "Home" for Chaquana also includes the Bible Witness Camp where she entered the Awana program as a fourth-grader. She earned her way to her first week of summer camp between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It turned out to be life-changing. After a chapel service, she

remembers Mary asking if anyone wanted to be saved. "I did!" exclaims Chaquana. She prayed that evening to accept God's gift of salvation and became a child of God. As she went through junior high and high school, her gift for counseling began to surface. A friend wrote her a note telling her of some personal problems. Chaquana responded with a letter. Other girls and boys began writing to her, sharing problems about family, friends, and boyfriend-girlfriend issues. She received "tons" of these letters and would answer each one. It wasn't until college that she came home and saw all the hundreds of letters in her dresser drawer that she realized this may be a clue to God's call on her life. During college friends would just come into her room to talk. She completed both her undergraduate work (B.S. in Administration and Justice) and graduate studies (M.S. in Behavior Analysis and Therapy) at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Her good friend, Damirria, who grew up through the Camp ministry attended college with her. In spite of the pull to the party scene and other temptations, the girls kept attending church a couple of times a month and would also hold Bible studies in their dorm room.

When asked how she kept in touch with Bible Witness Camp, she said that Mom Williams would always find her no matter where she went—with her birthday cards and newslet-

ters and lessons—always assuring her of her prayers and love for her.

Mary, too, always remembered her birthday and listened and advised her and Damirria when they (very often) called her. When "Quana" did set her heart on obeying the Lord, events moved quickly. She was back in the area for a friend's wedding. She took advantage of the time here and applied for a job. They called her for an interview and the next day offered her the position. She ends this position as Family Therapist at Indian Oaks Academy in rural Manteno, IL soon. God has answered her prayer for a job with daytime hours. She begins a position as a Behavior Analyst in March. Currently she teaches high school girls at Teen Club and in Sunday School. The burden of the needs in her home community also gives her dreams and ideas to help those

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who do not know the biblical pattern for living. Praise teams, parenting classes, more family-oriented events are just a few of the hopes in her heart to get more youth and young families involved in the Bible Witness Camp life. We welcome her "home" and thank God for the gifts, calling, education and experience that she brings with her. Her energy and enthusiasm encourage us all, and we want to continue working with her.