



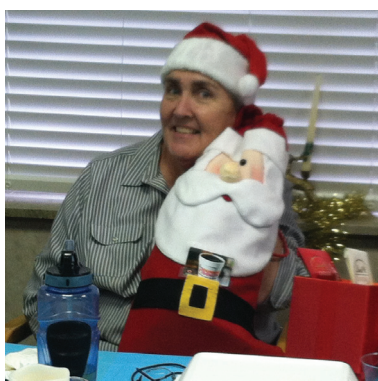
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# The Lord of the Harvest

**Jim Powell**, Executive Director  
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**E**very year at this time, I love to sit at my desk and watch the local farmers begin to harvest the beans, corn and even tomatoes from the surrounding fields. And, each and every year my thoughts run to the verses from scripture that speak about the fields being white to harvest, but the laborers being few.

While reading these sections from the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John, I purposefully tried to glean something from the text that I had not realized before. My take on these passages has always been framed by the thought that there is a lot of work to do, but not many workers to do it. (Everybody can do what somebody should do, but because nobody does it, it doesn't get done!) Can you identify with that?

Well, as I share my recent discovery with you, I would ask that you give me latitude to use it to try and make a connection between the ministry at Shults-Lewis, and the relationship you have to us as a donor/supporter. I have continually missed the reference made by Jesus back to the book of Job (31:8), when he said, "Thus the saying, One sows and another reaps is true." He continues by saying, "Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor" (vs. 38).

I will leave it to you to decide whether our donors and supporters are the sowers and Shults-Lewis the reapers, or vice versa. The argument could be made that without the financial support of donors and friends like you, Shults-Lewis would no longer be able to provide for children and their families who are struggling, and that is certainly true! On the other hand, you reap the benefits of the seed being sown in this ministry as troubled youth are exposed to what life can be like when God's plan is followed. They see God's love displayed on a daily basis in Christian homes, and in their school where God is spoken about freely, and by an entire staff that loves God deeply and is committed to serving children in this capacity.

Regardless of which side of the fence you fall on this discussion, one thing is perfectly clear – we need to open our eyes, and look at the fields, for they are indeed ripe for harvest!!! We need you, and my prayer is that you see this ministry as needed, and will make a concerted effort to do what you can to assist us in finishing the work that Jesus began as He fulfilled the will of the Father.

I hope you enjoy the fall and the changing of the seasons. Please keep Shults-Lewis in your prayers, and as you anticipate gathering with your friends and family shortly, remember the labor of love going on at Shults-Lewis, and commit to making a donation as a means of planting seeds for future harvests!

For Christ and the kids,

# THANK YOU, LAKE SHORE MOTORS, FOR THE DONATION OF THE TELEVISION





# Latest Developments

**Beth Frump**, Director of Development  
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“I may have caused a little hiccup in the trainer’s official lecture, but honestly, I really didn’t mean to. Despite what Carren Powell (our Intake Coordinator) and Vickie Terhune (retired Principal & lifelong volunteer) say, I really am not that difficult. As part of my continuing education I was involved in a fundraising training. The trainer said something like, “You need to learn to treat donors like friends.”

“Back up that train, buddy” was my initial response. “I am **not** treating donors like friends! They **ARE** my friends, my family. We are in this together.” I didn’t mean to throw a curveball to the trainer and I’m sure other fundraisers, especially in the secular world, thought I was insane. But it is the truth. I love the kids and I believe in this ministry with all that I am, but the reason I love my job is YOU. You, my friend, are in this ministry alongside me and for that, I am thankful.



You, my friend, prayed alongside us on Day of Prayer & Giving and gave “out of the ordinary” gifts totaling over **\$100,000!** That is DOUBLE my goal. God never ceases to amaze me. All I can say is THANK YOU! Stop by campus, I’ll introduce you to Stella (my favorite goat) and her friends and give you a Thank You hug!!!

You, my friends, came to volunteer and work on campus. Not only did we have a summer full of helpful volunteers, our fall is stacking up to be just as full! By the time you read this, we will have had 3 more congregations come and spend time working on various projects, as well as encouraging the staff and the kids.

You, my friends from Bristol Road, bought back-to-school clothes for all our kids as you have done for so many years, for as long as I have been a part of Shults-Lewis!



You, my friends from Grandville, surprised us with duffel bags for all our kids. After hearing about how many kids come to us with all of their worldly possessions in garbage bags, your hearts broke with ours and you provided the bags for the kids.

You, my friends, came to Annual Day. You came just to see me (you did, didn’t you?!?!). You filled the van with commodities and change cans. You sold amazing crafts, food, pies, drinks, and more. (Personal shout-out to Tim & Jon Miller, who knowing my day is typically too busy to be able to stop and eat, sent over the most amazing grilled chicken for me to enjoy! And to Ed Foster, who year after year, sends me home with the melon for the same reason!) You created beautiful quilts and more for the auction. You donated items for the silent auction and rummage sale. You helped us raise over **\$20,000** on Annual day! You, my friends, are amazing!



2017 is fading into 2018. I do hope that you, my friend, have a blessed holiday surrounded by friends and family. As I continue to journal the things I am daily grateful for, you, my friends, are always on my heart. I am so grateful for all you do, for how you serve our Father by caring for children and families.

Thanks for being my friend!

## Thank you to all the groups who visited in August and the Sojourners!



# "If it Wasn't for

Beth Frump, Director of Development

J E A N N E "

**J**eanne Chowning arrived on campus from Iowa in November of 1988 to be a Relief Housemom. Throughout her nearly 29 years of service, Jeanne held various roles until she retired from being our English teacher in August.

Jeanne made learning fun for the kids, adding games and events to help the kids learn the given materials. She saw the potential in each child and would encourage them to stretch themselves to limits beyond what they could imagine. Jeanne held the kids accountable, but continued to show them compassion and grace. Though she never hesitated to open her Bible to share her faith with the kids, the kids learned the love of God by watching her as she lived out her faith in the classroom, the kitchen, the garden, or wherever she was.

Driving to work this morning, the radio station was previewing a new song by Kellie Pickler, entitled "If it wasn't for a woman". Kellie, who wrote the song about her grandmother, introduced the song by saying we all have that special person in our lives who has made us who we are today.

***"If it wasn't for a woman, leading me by the hand, helping me understand,***

***If it wasn't for a woman, teaching me wrong from right, praying for me at night..."***

Jeanne Chowning was one of those women in my life, in the lives of her co-workers, and in the lives of hundreds of children with whom she had contact with during her nearly 29 years of service at Shults-Lewis. Thank you, Jeanne!

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## School Happenings

**Mike Zandstra**, Interim Principal  
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**A**t this writing we are halfway through the first quarter which began with something new for both students and teachers. Through the company Odysseyware, our school began online classes for each student. This new online program allows for the regular core classes with the kids completing assignments and research projects of various topics and subjects.

In addition, this also allows the kids to take elective classes that were previously unavailable. They are able to pick electives that are of interest to them and their future plans and goals. One girl wants to be a veterinarian and is taking a class in Animal Systems. One wants to be a Cosmetologist and is taking Personal Care. For the one that is thinking about being a lawyer there is a class for Legal Services.

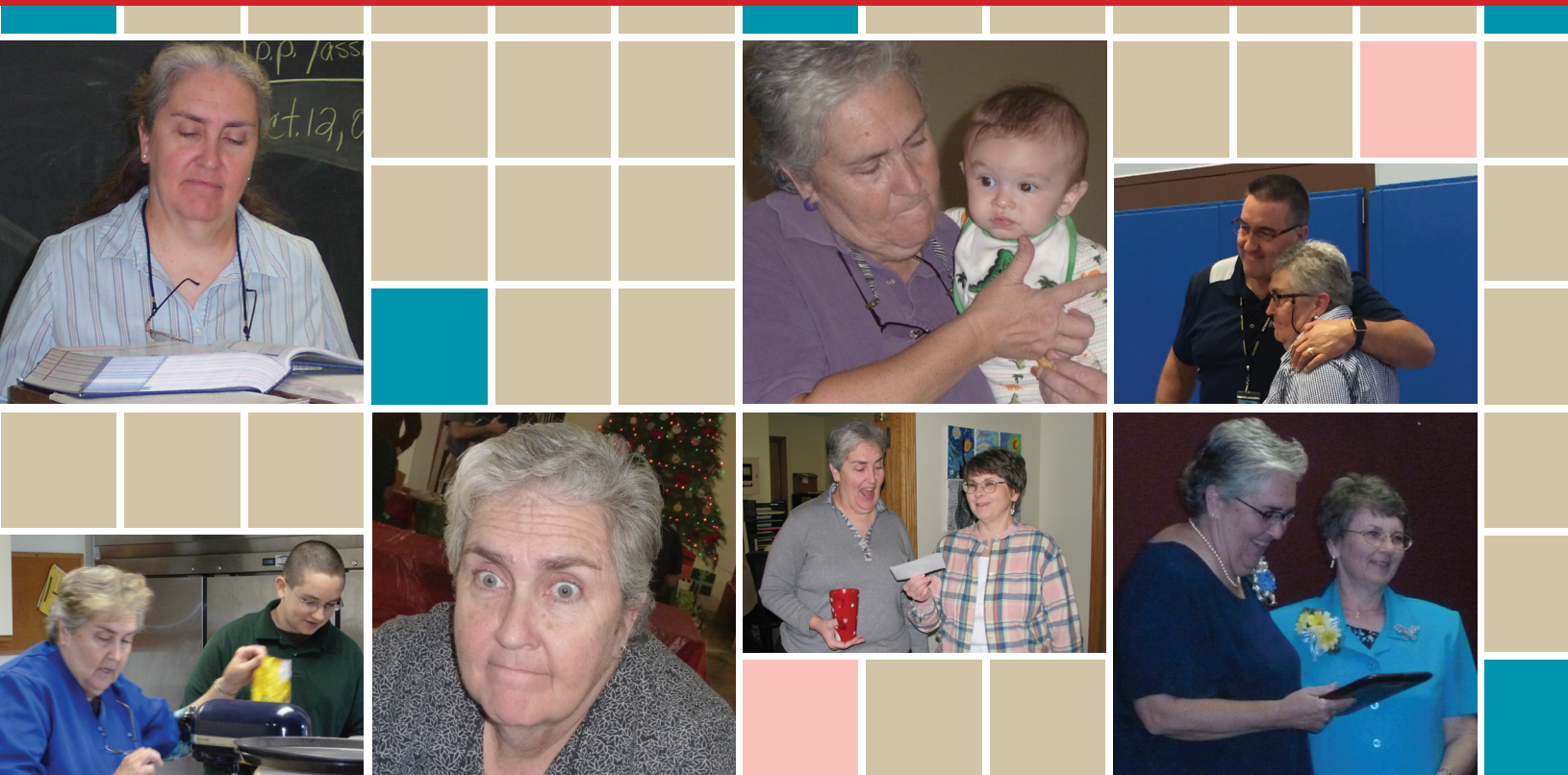
The program is individualized to each students' needs and interests. They work at their pace and if they take a quiz or test and do not receive a passing score, they retake it, which allows for correcting a previous error and learning the right answer before they can move on to the next section. This self-paced learning has encouraged some to take the initiative and follow through with their studies.

The teachers are still in the classrooms, monitoring each students' progress, assisting them when further understanding is needed and grading essays that are completed. Since the classes are self-paced, the teachers also encourage them to stay on task.

We are encouraged by the kids embracing this new style of education within our program. As always, please continue to collect and send in the Box Tops for Education which allows for the extras for the kids. Thank you!







# From My Heart to Yours

**Angela Robertson**, Program Director  
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Isn't this time of the year beautiful? I absolutely love the fall with all its bright colors of orange, yellow, red and brown. Fall also is the time when all the holidays come upon us. And although holidays are very much a happy time for me, that isn't the case for many of our residents. For many of them, the season brings on sad memories and depression. The kids long for the families they once had or even for the families they wish they had. I would like to ask all of you to say a special prayer for our residents during the upcoming months. Pray for them to have peace and joy in their lives as they live here at Shults-Lewis, a place, we as staff know is good for them, but a place where the residents do not always want to be. They can get homesick and angry that they have to be here. I ask that you ask God to wrap His loving arms around these teens and envelop them with his love.

Annual Day was held on September 16th and was a great success. We even had a few new vendors in addition to our "regulars". If you have never attended one of our annual days, I would like to personally invite you to come next year, Saturday, September 15, 2018. The morning begins with biscuits and gravy and doesn't end until the afternoon auction is finished. There is always lots of delicious food to enjoy and various craft vendors to browse. And if that doesn't interest you, Shults-Lewis has one of the largest "garage sales" I have ever seen! You can purchase

clothing as well as household items for inexpensive prices while benefiting Shults-Lewis.

Although we started the summer with six sets of houseparents, we recently had one set, Justin and Callie Phelps, along with their adorable son, Mason, leave us. Unfortunately, they had some extended family health problems that needed their attention. They have returned to Kentucky and we wish them the very best. They will be missed! However, the other five sets of houseparents are all trained and in homes with kids. We even have the option now of moving kids to different homes if the need arises. God has blessed us greatly with couples who have the desire to serve Him and to serve kids. One of our housedads has even volunteered to implement the 4-H Program. Thanks, Dale, for taking on this responsibility! We believe this program can be a helpful therapeutic tool for our residents.

We continue to take referrals and place teens in our treatment facility. If you know someone who has a need for our services, please refer them to our Intake Coordinator, Carren Powell. She can help give parents/guardians

the needed information to help ease their pain of not knowing who to turn to for help with their teenagers. We are committed to this ministry of helping kids and their families through God's all-encompassing love.



# Shults-Lewis

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#### Kenneth Ellmore

*For years of service to the Church!*

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*Happy 85th Birthday!*

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