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Mohican Church of the Brethren

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	1 7:00 pm, Ladies B. Study	2 9:15 am, Ladies B. Study 9:15 am, Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm, Men's B. Study 7:00 pm, Church Board 7:00 pm, AA Meeting	3 7:00 pm, Blessings in a Backpack (fellow hall) 7:00 pm, Prayer Service 7:00 pm, Bible Gang	4 7:00 am, Men's B. Study & Breakfast (Cornerstone) 6:00 pm, Deacons Meeting	5	6 8:00 am, Spring Yard Work Day
7 12:15 pm, Carry In Meal 6:00 pm, Evening Worship	8 6:00 pm, IMPACT Club 7:00 pm, Ladies B. Study	9 8:00 am, NWHS (basement) 9:15 am, Ladies B. Study 9:15 am, Moms in Prayer 11:00 am, Ladies L. Bunch 7:00 pm, Men's B. Study 7:00 pm, AA Meeting	10 8:00 am, NWHS (basement) 7:00 pm, Bible Study 7:00 pm, Bible Gang	11 7:00 am, Men's B. Study & Breakfast (Cornerstone) 8:00 am, NWHS (basement)	12	13 3:00 pm, 4H Meeting (basement)
14  NW FFA - (fellow hall) 6:00 pm, Evening Worship	15 7:00 pm, Ladies B. Study	16 9:15 am, Ladies B. Study 9:15 am, Moms in Prayer 6:00 pm, Christian Educ. 6:00 pm, Trustees 7:00 pm, Men's B. Study 7:00 pm, AA Meeting	17 6:00 pm, Worship Comm. NO BIBLE STUDY	18 7:00 am, Men's B. Study & Breakfast  7:00 pm, Communion	19 	20
21  12:15 pm, Horst Family NO EVENING WORSHIP	22 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm, Ladies B. Study 7:15 pm, Nominating Comm.	23 9:15 am, Ladies B. Study 9:15 am, Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm, Men's B. Study 7:00 pm, AA Meeting	24 Ladies Sewing (TBA) 7:00 pm, Bible Study 7:00 pm, Bible Gang	25 7:00 am, Men's B. Study & Breakfast (Cornerstone) 6:00 pm, Legal & Finance 6:30 pm, Grocery Bag Dist. 7:00 pm, Ladies Fellowship Meeting	26	27
28 12:15 pm, Aulger Bridal Shower 6:00 pm, Evening Worship	29 6:00 pm, IMPACT Club 7:00 pm, Ladies B. Study	30 8:00 am, NWHS (basement) 9:15 am, Ladies B. Study 9:15 am, Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm, Men's B. Study 7:00 pm, AA Meeting			<p>Pastor Chad on Vacation: April 13-14 April 29-May 7</p> <p>Pastor Paul on Vacation: April 22-29</p> <p>Office Closed: April 22</p>	

The Bird Cage...Romans 8:38-39

There once was a man named George Thomas, a pastor in a small New England town.

One Sunday morning he came to the church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage and placed it by the pulpit.

Several eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak. *I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me, swinging this bird cage. Inside the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright. I stopped the lad and asked, "what you got there son?" "Just some old birds," came the reply. "What are you gonna do with them?" "I asked. "Take 'em home and have fun with them. I'm going to tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time."*

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?" "Oh, I got some cats. They like birds. I'll take 'em to them."

The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?" "Huh? Why? You don't want them birds, mister! They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing - they ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$20!" The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a twenty-dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone. The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars, persuaded the birds out, setting them free.

Well, that explained the empty bird cage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story:

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other. How to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, I'll kill 'em." "How much do you want for them?" "Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you! You don't want those people!" "How much?" Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "all your tears, and all your blood."

Jesus paid the price. He picked up the cage: he opened the door and he set the captives free!



**No power in the sky above
or in the earth below —
indeed, nothing in all
creation will ever be able
to separate us from the
love of God that is revealed
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- Romans 8:38-39 NLT -