



August

New Sterling Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Stirling

Design to Shine??

(a story from years past)

A few nights ago, a peculiar thing happened. An electric storm caused a blackout in our neighborhood. When the lights went out, I felt my way thorough the darkness into the storage closet where we keep the candles for nights like this....I took my match and lit four of them....I was turning to leave with a large candle in my hand when I heard a voice, "Now, hold it right there."

"Who said that?"

"I did." The voice was near my hand.

"Who are you? What are you?" I said.

"I'm a candle."



I lifted up the candle to take a closer look. You will not believe what I saw. There was a tiny face in the wax...a moving, functioning, flesh-like face full of expression and life.

"Don't take me out of here." The candle said

"What?"

"I said, don't take me out of this room."

"What do you mean? I have to take you out. I need some light. You are a candle. Your job is to give light. It's dark out there."

"But you can't take me out. I'm not ready," the candle explained with pleading eyes. "I need more preparation."

I could not believe my ears. "More preparation?"

"Yeah, I've decided I need to research this job of light-giving so I won't go out and make a bunch of mistakes. You'd be surprised how distorted the glow of an untrained candle can be..."

"All right then," I said. "You're not the only candle on the shelf. I will blow you out and take the others!" But just as I got my cheeks full of air, I heard other voices.

"We aren't going either!"

...I turned around and looked at the other three candles.... "You are candles and your job is to light dark places!"

"Well, that may be what you think," said the candle on the far left.... "You may think we have to go, but I'm busy.... I am meditating on the importance of light. It's really enlightening."

"And you other two," I asked, "are you going to stay here as well?"

A short, fat, purple candle with plump cheeks that reminded me of Santa Claus spoke up.

"I'm waiting to get my life together. I'm not stable enough."

The last candle had a female voice, very pleasant to the ear.

"I'd like to help," she explained, "but lighting is not my gift....I'm a singer. I sing to other candles to encourage them to burn more brightly."

....She began a rendition of "This Little Light of Mine"....The other three joined in; filling the storage room with singing....I took a step back and considered the absurdity of it all. Four perfectly healthy candles singing to each other about light but refusing to come out of the closet.

Given our past year's emphasis on Evangelism – have we come out of the closet?

Pastor Tim

Visiting Day

He was looking forward to this moment all day long, after 6 days of labor and it finally arrived—Visiting Day!

The man with the keys arrived to swing open the large, heavy doors. The cold gray hall springs to life in the warm glow of light. He could hardly control His emotions.

The families began to arrive. He peers from the corner of the room longing for the first glimpse of His loved ones. He lives for the weekends. He lives for these visits.

As the cars arrive, He watches intently. Then, finally, they arrive, for whom He would do anything. They embrace, eat a light lunch and reminisce how things used to be.

At one point, they break into singing, with interruptions of laughter and applause. But all too soon it is over. A tear comes to His eyes as they depart.

Then the man with the keys closes the heavy doors. He hears the key turn in the lock marking the end of a special day. There He stands, alone again.

He knows that most of His visitors will not contact Him again until next week. As the last car pulls away from the parking lot, Jesus retreats into the loneliness as He waits until next Sunday—**Visiting Day**.

Is the time that we spend with Jesus an everyday thing, or do we just visit Him on Sunday.

Think about it.....

—Author Unknown

Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car."



THE NEW BUS HAS ARRIVED!!!!

THE MISSION TEAM TOOK IT TO KENTUCKY AND HAS IT ALL BROKEN IN FOR US.

I KNOW EVERYONE CANNOT WAIT TO TAKE A RIDE!

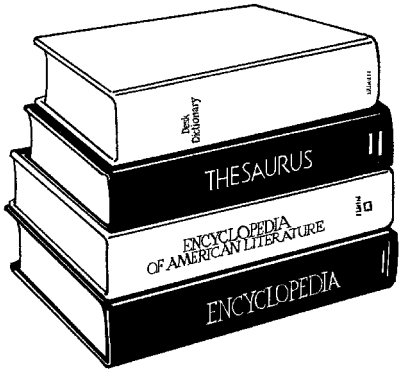
New Sterling

Full Spectrum of Life, Complete Counsel of God

New Sterling was led recently in music during the offertory by a duet played by Michelle Hairyes and Scotti McCulloch.



During Pastor Tim's recent vacation, the New Sterling congregation was led by one we call our own, Joseph Alghary. He presented a wonderful message not only to the adults but to the children as well.



Students will soon be starting back to school and returning to college. Please give your new college address to Taryn Setzer or Delinda Mauney so we can publish it in the newsletter as soon as possible. Your New Sterling family would like to keep in touch with you while you are away.



Memo:

TO:

All Committee Chairpersons:

Please turn in committee meeting dates and times to the newsletter editors by the newsletter deadlines each month so they can be placed on the church calendar.

We are having some conflicting dates and meetings which are not announced. Please help us to make sure everyone gets the reminders about meeting times.

Thank you, Delinda and Taryn

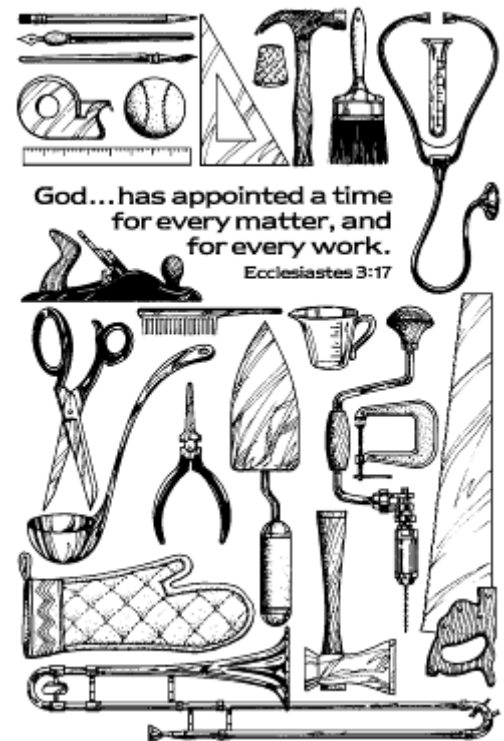
2006 Mission Team



From left to right: 1st row: Lori Compton, Jeanette Hauck, Casey Clarke
 2nd row: Scott Snyder, Kattie Compton, Cody Wilson, Shelby Hodges, Todd Winters
 3rd row: Dalton Winters, Curtis Hauck, Ken Hauck



From left to right: first row: Scott Snyder, Shelby Hodges, Kattie Compton, Pastor Tim, Dalton Winters, Todd Winters, Casey Clarke
 2nd row: Cody Wilson, Curtis Hauck, Ken Hauck



News From the Mission Team


First we would like to thank each and everyone who took the time to say a prayer for us. We had a great week and got a lot of work done. We also want to thank all of those for the encouraging letters from home we read each day. We have a wonderful church family and we know that is a blessing from God. We thank Him for all the wonderful work He is doing in and around us daily.


Here are a few things that went on in Harlan: The first thing we found out the hard way was that someone had put the wrong size ball on the trailer hitch. You know what happens when the ball is too small, the trailer comes unhitched.

A man at a service station overheard Ken asking a highway patrolman where to go to get the right size ball. He said he had just what we needed (thank you Lord).....





Ask **Ken** about trying to share his breakfast with Jeanette. What was that **Ken**?.....

Dalton got poison ivy, fell of the bull at the playground, fell into a bush and scraped his back.  He got very familiar with the first aid kit.....


Well **Shelby** got mixed up between a  nail and her thumb nail not just once but 5 times...Man that hurt!...

Lori was seen lounging around on the floor at Walmart, what was that all about??.....She must have got up *way* too early that morning, was it 4:00 am or 5:00 am.

Casey had a hard time with the rest room signs. Men  Women 


Ask **Cody** how his skin feels after his 2 mud baths.....What about that surprise birthday cake **Jeanette**?.....


Towels, Oh yes, if you need one ask **Kurtis**. He had them surrounding his bed.....Another talent was discovered on the trip is that **Kurtis** is quite an artist.....

Ask **Kattie** about her treasure she found in the lake (some 'stylin sunglasses)..... 

If anything happened around camp or the work site, **Scott** got it on film.....



.Now who was it that got special notes from home in his luggage, **Todd**, and how about those phone  calls.....

Pastor Tim led our Bible Study on Philippians, but we could tell he wasn't quite himself without his  lovely wife along....



We went by to see Walter Thomas, our work site neighbor from last year. We took him some much needed groceries Rowanda Nantz is the owner of the house we worked on this year. Please keep her in your prayers as her previous home burned down only after several family members had died (her two children and husband).

We had a nice visit from our friend Tina Coots (she worked with us at COAP the last 3 years).

Thanks again for all the love, support, prayers, letters and goodies from home.

The 2006 Harlan Missions Team

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET
WOMEN OF NEW STERLING

August 27, 2006
6:30 P.M.

Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I will be bringing the following guest/guests:

Name	Relationship
_____	Mother() Daughter() Other ()
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Meal is \$10.00 per person. (\$7.00 for children 6 and under)

Number attending _____ Money enclosed _____

This is a very special occasion planned by the Women of New Sterling. A great celebration of generations, kinships and friendships. We invite you to come and bring those special ladies in your life to enjoy this evening together.

Kim Sheets will be our guest speaker. Door prizes will be great fun with Cindy and Madelyn McNeely. Brenda and Don Stewart are catering our meal, and they do a wonderful job!

A nursery will be provided after the meal for all the "Little Ladies" who might find it difficult to sit and listen to the speaker.

Registration form and money must be turned in no later than Sunday, August 20, 2006 to Lynne Pope or Wendy Pope.

Come and enjoy





Thanks for all the great news! Keep it coming! Remember school is starting soon, vacations, sports, outings, or any other "info" you would like to share please feel free. You may give your here and there to Scotti McCulloch.

Frank Emery and his tie was attacked by a newspaper machine and he entertained guests in Raleigh.....**Florence Brookshire** recently had hip surgery on 7/20.....**Madison Winters** had her tonsils out.....The **Larry Watts family** passed out Kellogg's "Frosted Flakes" boxes with their picture on it with Tony the Tiger.....**Joseph and Julie Alghrary** are expecting a new baby in November.....**Brian "Evil Knevel" Setzer** received eight stitches to his forehead after flipping his wakeboard— or was it **Taryn** after him.....**Tony and Linda Harper** vacationed with **Erica** and two friends at "A Place At The Beach" in Ocean Drive.....**Pastor Tim** and **Judy** spent time with family at Ocean Isle.....**Leroy Johnson** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.....**Melderine Pope** recently spent time in the hospital.....Praise for good biopsy report for **Kitzi Emery, Clay Price** and **Andy Gray**.....**Todd McCulloch's** golf buddies know not to schedule tee time before 2:30 on Sunday, cannot miss **Memaw's** lunch.....**Kitzi Emery** found an angel in the corn patch.....**Daniel Pugh** spent 23 days on a westward trip with Teens Westward Bound. He brought his niece **Paisley** a dress from Tijuana, Mexico.....Has anyone seen **Eddie and Lori Compton's** new ride?.....**Alexandria Buchanan** spent time in the hospital recently with a fever.....**Bill, Delinda, Clifton, and Brent Mauney, Brian and Taryn Setzer, and Krystal Miller** enjoyed a trip to Crescent Beach.....The Young Adult Sunday School Class spent a Saturday afternoon on the lake at **Kent and Sherry Clarke's** home those attending were: **Harvey and Aarene Reese, Scott, Jessica, Addie and Paisley Graham, Taryn and Brian Setzer, Amber and Adrian Jarrett, Andrea and Casey Clarke, Jill, Tim, Blakley, and Allie Hager, Nolan Winters and Jess Arnone, Shelby Hodges, Daniel Pugh, Jeremy Brady and Jessica Morrison, and Krista Kerley.** **Kent Clarke** was roughing up **Adrian Jarrett** while tubing on the lake to slow down his golf game— "Whatever it takes".....**Ellen Sneed** was in from Virginia visiting her parents **Wayne and Estelline Jenkins** recently.....**Swannie Snyder** is back with her kids in Sunday School. The Pre-school class is very excited to have her back.....**Marcia Winters** thinks her cat is so special she takes it to Stony Point Urgent Care for it rabies booster....**Muriel Jenkins's** sister **Joyce Todd** is here visiting for a while from Raleigh....**Lauren Gryder** received the Presidential Academic Award (including

a letter from President Bush) for making straight As all three years of middle school. She also wrapped up her middle school education with one of the lead parts in the annual Spring Musical. **Doug Gryder** flunked Video 101 - he let his video tape run out in the middle of Lauren's solo. Leah has seen a flurry of recruiting activity, from the chorus teachers, based on Lauren's performance.....**Leah Gryder** finished up her elementary school education with a winning DARE essay. She did a great job presenting her essay to an assembly of parents and classmates at the DARE graduation. She also had fun at packed house finale performances for the chorus team and the jump rope team. She also recently finished up her first year of Little League softball where her team came on strong during the tournament and earned a 3rd place medal....**Stephanie Watts** was given the Greyhound Award at the Sports Banquet in May. The Greyhound Award was given to her by the Track Coaches for her hard work, cheerful spirit and ever-present school spirit. She polevaulted on the track team this year ...**The Larry Watts Family** recently spent 17 days touring the Upper Midwest states of Minnesota and Michigan, with stopovers in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. They had a wonderful time enjoying the cool days of sunshine and touring. Sarah and Larry got in a lot of fishing in the early morning and evening down times. Their campsites usually included a lake of some size and the canoe fit perfectly in the water! The family also canoed on Lake Itasca in Itasca State Park, MN and saw the headwaters of the Mississippi. It was a surprise to see how small the beginning of that Mighty Mississippi is. The children waded in it along with a ton of other visitors to the spot! They also spent several hours canoeing on Lake Superior while visiting Voyageurs National Park, MN. The family climbed a huge sand dune at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, MI and also viewed Lake Michigan 450 feet below! They also saw Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa, and learned all about the Indian Mounds found there. They also visited the Laura Ingalls Wilder museum in Iowa, and Stephanie loved seeing where Laura Ingalls had spent part of her life. The Watts discovered the world of Vikings and their arrival into North America, saw Paul Bunyan and Babe the big blue Ox in gigantic-sized statues, learned about the history of forestry in America and visited a loggers camp. Sarah learned to blacksmith here on this visit! Emory will tell you that they saw lots of forest on this trip! They visited Picture Rock National Lakeshore in Michigan's upper peninsula but fog that day kept the view from being very clear. They crossed a five mile bridge at Mackinaw in a fierce thunderstorm, and Louanne didn't want to know how high above the water they were! They also visited the Boise Paper Company in International Falls, MN and the Kellogg's Factory in Battle Creek, MI. Louanne and the children were escorted by the Border Patrol away from the Canadian Border in International Falls, MN but all was resolved in the end. The Watts are thankful that the Lord watched over them in all their adventures!

The Kent Clarke Family



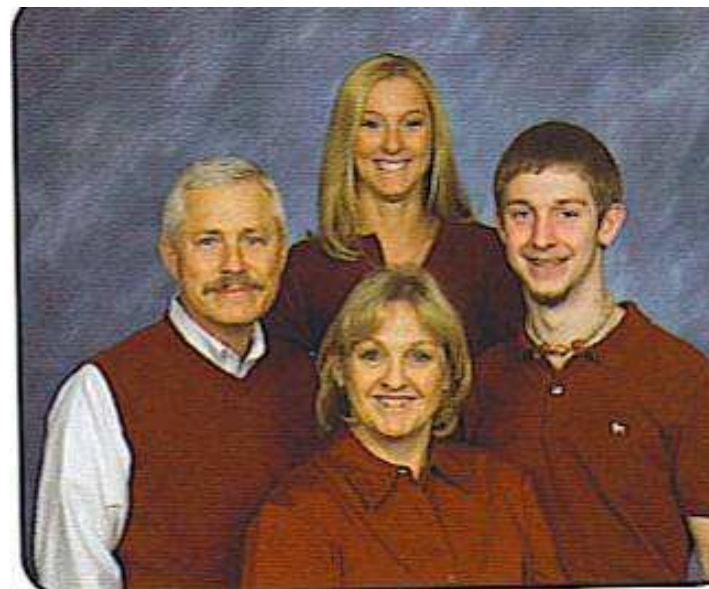
Kent and Sherry Clarke met while Sherry was attending Appalachian State University through a mutual friend. They were married on August 12, 1979 at Oakdale Baptist Church on Hwy 64 in Statesville, NC. They joined New Sterling in 1986 when their daughter, Andrea, was a year old.

Kent is a sales representative at Pneu-Mech and has always worked in sales. Sherry has worked at Mitchell Community College for 18 years and is currently the Basic Skills Instructional Coordinator.

Both Sherry and Kent enjoy doing things together as playing cards, dominoes, games, going out to eat and going to the movies. Kent enjoys playing golf with the guys and is an avid sports fan. He enjoys playing baseball leagues on the internet as well. Kent is a member of the Health Implementation Committee, served as a deacon for many years and is on the Evangelism Committee.

Sherry enjoys water sports such as skiing and swimming, reading and knitting. Sherry is a very active YMCA member. Kent and Sherry both enjoy the Young Adult Class at New Sterling. Sherry has been one of the Young Adult teachers for the last seven years. Sherry is also active on the Mission committee, women's retreats and has been involved with Vacation Bible School for many years. She has been on the Appalachia Mission trips as well as taking the youth to Bonclarken.

Kent and Sherry have one daughter, Andrea Nicole Clarke, age 21 and one son, Casey Allen Clarke, age 16. Andrea is attending Erskine College in Due West, SC and is a senior this year. She is very active in the Beta Beta Beta Biology Club and has been a member of the Gospel Choir in the past. She has served as president of the Athenian Literary Society. She enjoys swimming, skiing, volleyball, baseball, yoga, scrapbooking and crocheting. She is also very



active at the YMCA. She has been active on New Sterling's mission trips to Appalachia, Erskine's Wales' mission trip and has traveled to England and Costa Rica.

Casey is a junior at West Iredell High School where he is on the swimming team, played football his freshman year and track his sophomore year. He has recently received his Lifeguard Certification at the YMCA. Casey is active at New Sterling with the praise and worship time playing his guitar. He is also active in mission trips and the youth activities. He traveled out west with the Teens Westward Bound group last year.

The family enjoys going to the beach every year at Easter and going to major league baseball games.

The own four dogs, Levi, Lucy, Leelou and Ally, three frogs, a turtle—Squirt and a hamster named Houdini. They love their dogs and creatures.

Care Ministry

As a church body, it is our responsibility to care for the members of our congregation. New Sterling's Women's Ministries and the Discipleship/ Nurturing committee are working together to see that meals are taken to those who have a need such as sickness, surgery, etc. Michelle Hairyes, Judy Stewart, and Kitzi Emery will serve as meal coordinators. When a church member has a special need, one of us will contact two members of our congregation, who will then prepare and take a meal to the home.



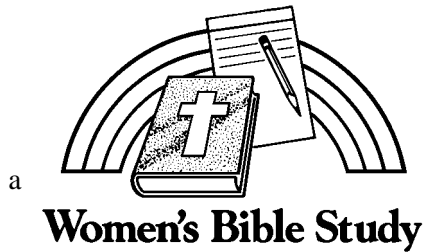
Communication will be key in this ministry. When you hear of a church member who is to have surgery or who has a debilitating illness, please give one of us a call and make sure that we are aware of the situation. We look forward to your support in making this a ministry that will bless, encourage, and build relationships at New Sterling.

“As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10

In His Love,
Michelle Hairyes and Judy Stewart
Discipleship/Nurturing
Kitzi Emery
Women's Ministries



No Fall Women's Bible Study

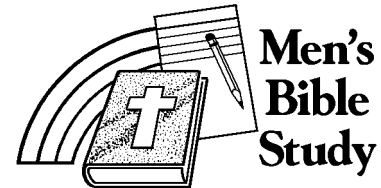


Women's Bible Study

Due to a full schedule of trips and activities this fall: The Marriage Retreat, Gulfport, Women of Faith, Youth and Leadership conferences (to name a few), we feel that God is leading us to forego the fall Ladies' Bible Study. In answer to prayer, He has reminded us that we must reserve time for our families, which is a primary focus of the ministries at New Sterling.

We are pleased that Tra Watson has agreed to serve as Men's Bible Study Coordinator. Please pray for Tra and the ladies as plans are being made for both men's and ladies' studies for the spring (potentially in the fall for the men).

In Christ,
Kitzi Emery & Pat Price
Bible Study Facilitators



Ministry & Committee Leaders,

Each of our individual ministries has a yearly calendar of events that we all work very hard to meet. Most of the time, these events come off without a hitch and everyone enjoys them greatly. Occasionally, however, there are times when we have scheduling conflicts that cause confusion. Also, there are times when we want to add other events and really don't know where the best time might be. Well you probably know where this is headed – A Combined Yearly Events Calendar.

We have tried this in the past and for whatever reason it has dropped through the crack. This time we cannot let this happen. We have had some major conflicts in the last year that has caused some to move family reunions to other locations, birthday parties using the fellowship hall to move to another time plus other issues.

In your church mailbox is an example of the publication I would like to begin in 2007. It is a brief view of events throughout the year, which will be a great asset to our planning efforts. You will notice there are no times mentioned. The times and locations of events will be published through the newsletter and bulletin as time nears.

I would like for you or someone in your group to go through the year and list the events associated with your ministry. Simply write them in near the month they occur. Do not worry about duplication between groups – I had rather list it twice than not at all. If you do not know the specific date but do know the month then list it. I hope this is not the case often because those things with dates set will take precedent over those without a specific date.

I would like to publish this for our church families at the same time we publish our final budget in early December. So please have this back to me by November 5 (or before!!!). I hope we will eventually have this type document available on our website.

Thank you very much for all you do,

Pastor Tim

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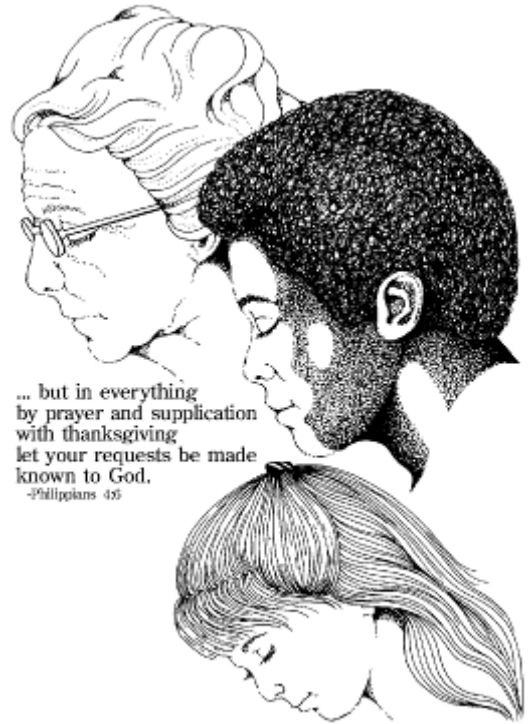
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If we have missed anyone or you would like to have your name listed here, please contact Delinda Mauney at 704-880-0527 or Taryn Setzer at 459-2637



Comedy Corner



The couple was delighted when their long wait to adopt came to an end. The adoption center called and told them that there was a wonderful Russian baby boy available . The couple accepted him.

On the way home from the adoption center, they stopped by the local college so they could each enroll in eight courses.

After they filled out their forms, the registration clerk inquired, "What ever possessed you to study Russian?"

The couple said proudly, "We just adopted a Russian baby. In a year or so, when he begins



- 3 Ashton Gray**
- 5 Heather Benfield**
- 5 Alex Deal**
- 5 Boyd Morrison**
- 8 Allen Jenkins**
- 8 Marilyn Teague**
- 11 Kinslee Pope**
- 12 Jim Dagenhart**
- 12 Brenda Thompson**
- 18 Susan Linderman**
- 18 Nathan Morrison**
- 18 Lucille Reese**
- 19 Melody Winters**

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- 24 Florence Brookshire**
- 25 Lynn Jenkins**
- 25 Pressley Williams**
- 26 Lisa Duke**
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- 27 James McClure**
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