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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
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DEVOTIONAL POETRY

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

God has designed your life from beginning to end. The first stanza in this devotional poetry considers the first part of today's Scripture verse.

A Changed Life according to God's Plan

Who would have thought it?
That my life would be so profoundly altered.
Who would have thought it?
That when answering God's call, I would not falter.
Who would have thought it?
Only God, The All-Knowing One.
Who would have thought it?
Only Jesus, The Christ, and Risen Son.

The second half of *Jeremiah 29:11* offers hope and anticipation of a future lived fully in Christ and directed by God. No more attempts to achieve results on your own, for God has planned a better life for me.

A Willing Surrender of Personal Efforts

Who would have thought it?
That I would learn to deny self.
Who would have thought it?
That I would willingly put all my hopes and dreams on the shelf.
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Only God, The All-Knowing One.
Who would have thought it?
Only Jesus, The Christ, and Risen Son.

by Althea Debrule



Arlene's Retirement Party!

this Sunday,
January
21st

Join us, this Sunday, January 21, to celebrate Arlene Stauffer immediately following the 11 am service.



There has been a lot of speculation over the past months about when we (Stephen and Angela) will get married. We finally have an answer for you. April 6, 2024. We will have a small gathering of family in Kansas City to celebrate with us as we mark this milestone of our relationship. No plans for a Ponca City reception have been made yet, but we are excited to have one. There will be more information about that later. Thank you for all of your support and the expressions of excitement and joy you have shared with us.

~Stephen & Angela



January 27, 2024
Pioneer Technology Center
Conference Center

It's a great tasting
opportunity to support
the Child Development
Center!

Tickets are \$15.00 each!
Contact Vicki Braden!!!

Giving in Review

As of November 30, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$271,244.17
Actual Expenses YTD	\$295,431.51
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$301,125.00