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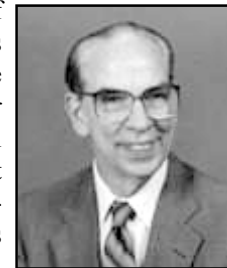
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Reverend William James Hodge 1920-2018

Rev. William James (Bill) Hodge, 97, passed away February 25, 2018, of pneumonia with his wife of 67 years and his daughters by his side. He was the youngest (a twin) of four sons, born to Dr. Russell Lowe Hodge and Margaret Campbell Hodge on September 3, 1920, in Kansas City, Missouri.



Bill graduated from Kansas City High School, attended Central Methodist University, and graduated from Kansas University with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. While at KU he earned his pilot's license and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps and attended the Platoon Leaders Class in San Diego, CA, where he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant.

After graduation from college he was called to active duty and was assigned to the fourth division, 23rd Regiment, where he served the duration of the war. Bill saw action in four campaigns in the Pacific: Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian (receiving the Bronze Star & Presidential Unit Citation 4th Marine Division), and Iwo Jima, advancing through the ranks to Captain. On Iwo Jima, he volunteered to take over command of A company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment after it had sustained heavy casualties. In that capacity he received a personal Citation for Valor under bitter fighting and heavy fire. He was promoted to the rank of Major prior to leaving the service.

Bill entered SMU Perkins School of Theology in Dallas graduating in June 1950 as an ordained Methodist Minister serving for 36 years. After retirement from the Methodist Church, he served as Minister to the Houston Brethren Church in the Heights for almost 20 years, retiring for the second time at age 85, after 56 years in the ministry.

Preceded in death by his parents and his brothers and their spouses: Campbell Hodge (Harriet), Russell Hodge, Jr. (Margaret), and twin brother, Dr. Robert H. Hodge (Anna Mae). He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann Holsworth Hodge, three daughters: Phyllis Ann Stepp Warriner (Ross), Virginia Sue Botts (Gerald), and Margaret Lynn Kelly (James Tynan), five grandchildren: Meredith Rose (Marc), Thomas Botts, Katherine Botts, Margaret Kelly, and Bill Kelly; and three great-grandchildren: Jackson, twins Eloise and George Rose.

A memorial service celebrating Bill's life was held on Friday, March 2nd, at the Sanctuary of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, with a reception and visitation following the service. Memorials can be made to: Including Kids Center for Autism, includingkids.org; or St. Luke's United Methodist Church, PO Box 22013, Houston, TX 77227.

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Hus School Renovations Update

Renovation of the main building kitchen at the Hus Encampment continues. The cabinets have been installed and stained. Some shelving has been built, doors stained, and some electrical work has been completed. Installation of counter tops, flooring, and appliances should be completed soon.

Work outside is continuing with the sewer and water systems. For updates, you can check out the Facebook page: **Hus Encampment – Unity of the Brethren Church.**



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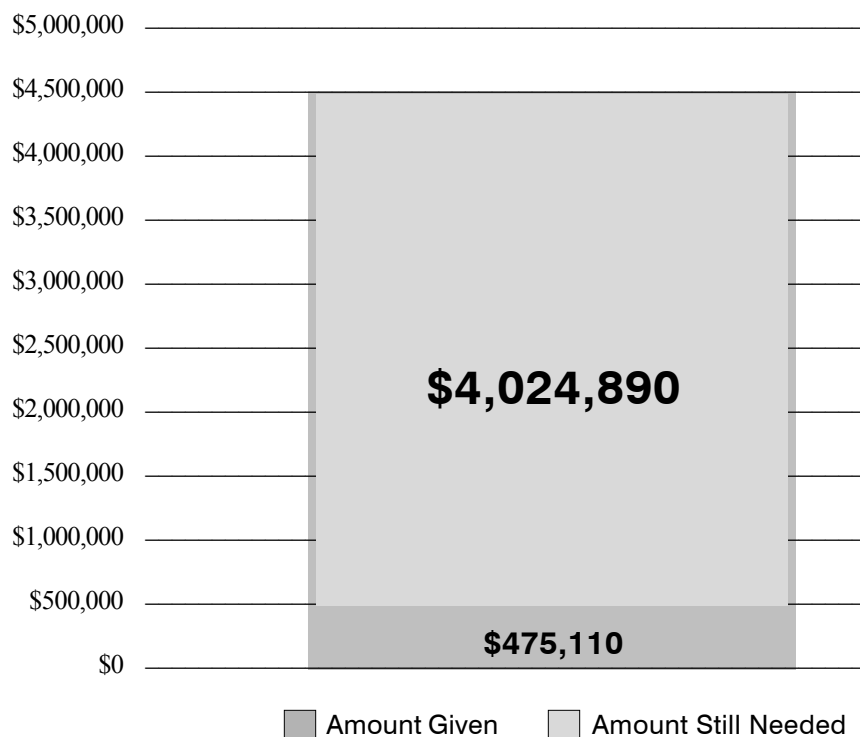
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Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

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10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday.
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– Rev. Joe Emerson

Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
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Worship at 10:15 AM
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– Rev. Dave Johnson

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– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

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Wednesdays: 5:30 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Bible Study.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

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Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering; 9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages; 10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
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The Soundtrack of Your Life

-by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

What songs do you replay in your mind week in and week out?

Some no doubt are songs about victories in your life...struggles that you have overcome.

Then there are those about the hardships you feel in the depths of your soul and seem to be unable to shake.

In the soundtrack of your life, what is your song today?

When the heart and mind cannot pray, the Holy Spirit prays through our groans with a faithfulness unparalleled to our own.

What song is the Holy Spirit lifting up to the Heavenly Father for you this day?

Is it one of triumph, or is it one of deep despair?

We have an entire songbook in the Holy Bible in the Book of Psalms. Moreover, there are many songs that God's people sing throughout the biblical narrative. Take this moment to ask the Holy Spirit to minister to you through the psalms of the Holy Bible.

What is your song today?

Psalm 18: 13-19, (NRSV): 13 *The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice.* 14 *And He sent out His arrows, and scattered them; He flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.* 15 *Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at Your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.* 16 *He reached down from on high, He took me; He drew me out of mighty waters.* 17 *He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.* 18 *They confronted me in the day of my calamity; but the Lord was my support.* 19 *He brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me.*

Psalm 42:1-6: 1 *As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for You, O God.* 2 *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?* 3 *My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"* 4

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for May 2018

Dorothy E. Kocian
with Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon

All Scripture from the *New Revised Standard Version*
unless otherwise indicated.

1. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. Galatians 6:7
2. Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. Revelation 22:17
3. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Psalm 38:18
4. But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? Malachi 3:2
5. You shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. Exodus 23:25 (NASB)
6. **Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. James 1:21 (NIV)**
7. Do not plan harm against your neighbor who lives trustingly beside you. Proverbs 3:29
8. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Romans 14:19
9. I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. Jeremiah 31:13b
10. I love You, O Lord, my strength. Psalm 18:1
11. You make the winds Your messengers, fire and flame Your ministers. Psalm 104:4
12. So Abram went, as the Lord had told him. Genesis 12:4a
13. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7
14. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
15. Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you." John 14:27a
16. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22
17. Christ says, "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself." John 12:32
18. The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Psalm 126:3
19. Your way, O God, is holy. Psalm 77:13a
20. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1,4
21. The Lord loves righteousness and justice. Psalm 33:5a
22. Now set your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God. I Chronicles 22:19a
23. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15 (NIV)
24. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Psalm 24:8
25. Strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33
26. Mortals look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. I Samuel 16:7b
27. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name! Psalm 97:12
28. You know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. James 1:3
29. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68
30. Whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. Ecclesiastes 3:14a
31. May you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge. Ruth 2:12

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help 6 and my God.

Psalm 103:1-5: 1 *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits – 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

What song is the Holy Spirit lifting up to the Heavenly Father for you this day?

Is it a song of gratitude to God for rescuing you from a situation, as in Psalm 18?

Is it a song about needing to hope in God, as in Psalm 42?

Or perhaps is your life's soundtrack playing today a song about experiencing a win in life, the joy of being strong and fearless?

We have an entire songbook in the Holy Bible in the Book of Psalms.

What is your song today?

Will you sing with confidence in Jesus Christ, knowing that He will be with you every step of the way, fighting for you, speaking to your heart, cleansing you and strengthening you for life?

In Jesus' Hands,
Right With You,

Sister Vanessa Mitchell



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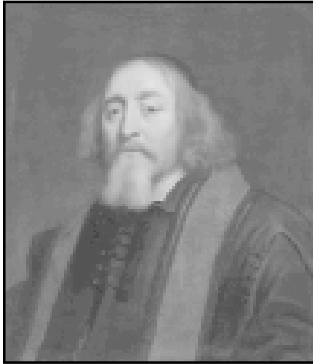
Children's Choir
Practice, Sundays
10:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 AM

John Amos Comenius
The Father of Modern Education
By Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

The Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart was written by John Amos Comenius (1592-1670)

in 1623 with several revisions over his lifetime. It is still the most widely read book from medieval Czech literature. As an allegory, it is often compared to John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, which was written 50 years later. It is quickly apparent that Comenius was greatly influenced by the book of Ecclesiastes. The first section chronicles the life of a pilgrim seeking his life's vocation while seeing only vanity, futility, meaninglessness, and death in the world around him. It is a social commentary on the matrix of organized religion. In the second section, the pilgrim finds true meaning and paradise in his heart through salvation and devotion to Jesus Christ. In this manner it has been compared to the *Confessions of St. Augustine*.



Comenius began his writing shortly after the defeat of the Czech Protestants by the Roman Catholic army at

the Battle of White Mountain (1620). The first draft was completed in 1623. By then Comenius was in exile leading his people as the last Bishop of the Bohemian Brethren (Unitra Fratrum) and Moravian churches, during the forced re-Catholicization of the Czech, Bohemian, and Moravian peoples during the Counter Reformation.

John Amos Comenius is the Latinized version of the Czech name Jan Komenský ("the man from Komna"). He was a true Renaissance scholar, who is widely regarded as the father of modern education through his book *Didactica Magna*. He developed the first illustrated children's book, *Orbis Pictus* ("The World in Pictures"). He was also considered radical for advocating the education

SAVE THE DATES...

July 21, 2018 – 65th Biennial Mutual Aid Society Convention at the Taylor Brethren Church.

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Ages 14-15 years old

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HUS SCHOOL

Not offered in 2018.

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Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

May 5, 2018 – Workday at the Hus Encampment beginning at 8:00 a.m. Help is needed to move items back into the newly renovated kitchen. Everything will need to be sorted, washed, and put away. Other indoor work will be available for those who do not want to work outside. If you prefer to be outside, work will be done on the grounds which will involve picking up debris, tree limbs, cleaning up the putt putt course, vesper site, and other areas. You may want to bring work gloves if you will be working outside. For more information, please call Kent Laza at (979) 220-1957.

May 6, 2018 – Annual Fried Chicken Fund Raiser for Industry Brethren Church at the Industry Fireman's Hall (16632 Fordtran Blvd., Industry, TX). Eat there or plates to go. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Auction, desserts available, country store, and raffle. For more info., contact Liz Treybig at 512-217-2140.

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of women and peasants. Forced to flee his Protestant homeland, he lived in seven different countries, and he wrote over 200 books, including a seven-volume scientific encyclopedia, before dying in Holland.

Comenius understood that true happiness is not found in this world. Comenius's parents and four sisters died in 1604. He was then raised by an aunt. He did not enter a school room until he was 16 years of age. His first and second wives and several of his children would die from plagues during the Thirty Years Wars.

The writing of Comenius inspired the Czech people over the decades of Nazi and Communist rule. It provided a refuge from a dark and soulless world, providing hope. His work has been compared to the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch for its fantasy, symbolic imagery, and abstract representations. Comenius's peasants, like

those who appear in the paintings of Pieter Bruegel, understand the difficulties of living in a world that seeks to destroy rather than to praise.

The Labyrinth of the World and the Paradise of the Heart is a much-needed resource for living in today's post-modern world filled with strife and discord. In an age of darkness and malevolence, Comenius provides in his labyrinth a ray of hope – the light that comes down and illuminates the city and its people (5.1).

Comenius's legacy lives on in the UNESCO award bearing his name that honors outstanding education achievements. The Czech Republic honors his birthday, March 28, as a national day of recognition for teachers. Recently the University of Jan Amos Komensky was founded in Prague, specializing in educational training programs for teachers at the undergraduate and graduate level.



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Bible Verse Memory

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Jeremiah 10, verse 10, But you, LORD, are the true God,
you are the living God.

Which Path?

Have the students stand up in a line. Tell them they have to go in whatever direction you tell them. Call out left, right, right, left, left right, etc., going faster and faster until they can't keep up.

Discuss: Can you walk in two directions at the same time? No! When I said left, you went one way. When I said right, you went another. Elijah compared worshipping idols as trying to go two directions at the same time. He told the people they would have to decide what direction (or path) they would take. Going toward God meant going away from Baal. They couldn't have it both ways. Jesus said something similar: *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and man."* Matthew 6:24.

Remembrance Rocks

You will need one rock per child. On each rock, write "The Lord is God". Allow students to decorate their rock with sharpies or paint pens. Talk about how the altar was built with rocks and how the people learned that God was the One true God.



Elijah and the prophets of Baal

Introduce the Story

Light a candle and let it burn while you are talking. Talk about fire. What things burn? What are some things you should do if you smell smoke or see a fire? What do firemen do to fires? When you are finished, pour water on the candle and douse the flame.

Read or Retell

Read the story from 1 Kings 18:16-39 or retell it in your own words. Ask students questions about the story.

- “Could the made-up god Baal start a fire?” No.
- “Could the real, living God start a fire?” Yes, even with water poured all over it.
- “Did the people choose to go with Baal or to turn to the real God?” To God – ‘The LORD alone is God’ they said. “So God sent fire down, and it burnt up everything and dried up the water. When the people saw this, they said, ‘The LORD is God; the LORD alone is God!’”

Sing

My Help Comes from the Lord

(Tune: “The Farmer in the Dell”)

My help comes from the Lord. My help comes from the Lord. Row along and sing this song; My help comes from the Lord.

Elijah’s Altar Snack

Use large marshmallows (4) to build an altar. Place 3-4 pretzel sticks on it. Add pieces of fruit roll up (red, yellow, orange) for fire.

CCC of Rosenberg Has Rummage Sale



Community Christian Church of Rosenberg held a rummage sale in our Church Fellowship hall on Saturday, March 24th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

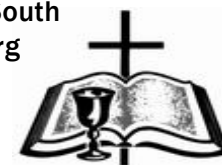
Prior to the sale, items were donated by both members and friends of the Church. The entire congregation consisting of both members and friends of the Church were involved in this endeavor.

There were no food sales as all the tables in our Fellowship hall were filled with merchandise. Proceeds from the sale were split 50-50 between Christian Sisters and the Church general fund.

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In Christ's Love . . . from the Foreign Mission Fields

From the Thiessen's . . .

April 2017

Subject: The Art of the Possible

Dear friends,

How would you design training for new missionaries? What elements would you include? Over the past three weeks, while Robert took trips to resource pastors and carpenters with tools of various sorts, I led courses, one in Oaxaca and another 12 hours away in Chiapas, for two different Mexican mission agencies who are preparing a fresh batch of missionaries for cross-cultural ministry among the least reached of our world.

The bases are run on a shoe-string budget so that more people can participate. The teams have grueling schedules (from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and a very restricted menu (mostly beans and rice). There is a lot of fasting and intercessory prayer. Many of the classes tackle concepts such as cul-

tural empathy and church planting that the students have never had before.

My role for a week is to help the team grapple with the concept of church in a new way. Most of them come from well-established churches which forms their expectations of what church should look like. Unfortunately, many of the traditions of more mature churches aren't effective or even possible in the very different cultures of today's unreached areas. So, we go back to Acts, looking at the "Art of the Possible," the way that those early churches first started and reproduced, without the benefit of buildings, Bible Schools or denominational structures. Although Paul's methods are not mandates, they certainly open a window on what is possible. And often our circumstances in new areas look very much like Corinth or Berea in Paul's day.

One of our activities is to form a temporary church that meets every day, performing the elements listed in



Sunday School Helper

But you, LORD, are the true God,
you are the living God.
Jeremiah 10:10

Here is another Superhero from the Old Testament, one who played with FIRE: Elijah. Elijah and the prophets of Baal both made sacrifices. God used this event to show how only the living and true God could make fire. Then the Israelites turned back to God.

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Acts 2: worship, teaching, the Lord's Meal, giving, and prayer. We lay hands on leaders, and they lead the rest of the group. Additionally, they meet in secret throughout the week. There are secret police on the lookout for them, and if the believers are caught, then the leader is executed with a bucket of ice water. In my first week, the leader actually invited the police right into the secret meeting and asked him to lead. The police did so and recorded it all on his cell phone. When he executed the leader at the end of the week, he said, "I was only doing my job." In the second temporary church, the group managed to keep every meeting secret, in one case by meeting in the men's bathroom, and we executed the two staff members who had failed to catch them.

The temporary church members realize that persecution is a possibility where they are going. In Mexico people are still jailed, expelled from their community, and even threatened with death because of their faith. In other parts of the world the cost of following Christ is martyrdom. They also realize that being a church is not complicated. It's not culturally bound. It's not tied to buildings or ordained

pastors or seminary programs. It can be as simple as gathering in the dark on a rooftop to share a simple Lord's meal of corn flakes and Jamaica juice.

When my course is done, I often get the same response. "I never knew it could be this simple. Anyone could do this." Precisely. If you're willing to do what it takes to get to the people who are unreached, which might mean eating just beans and rice, and some days nothing. It might mean giving up all sorts of customs and comforts to incarnate the gospel in a new place. Seeing the students of these courses willing to try lifts my heart. I pray that they will be among the next generation of effective missionaries in our world.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers. We are heading into a busy summer of travel. Robert will write about that next week to catch you up.

Blessings, Anne

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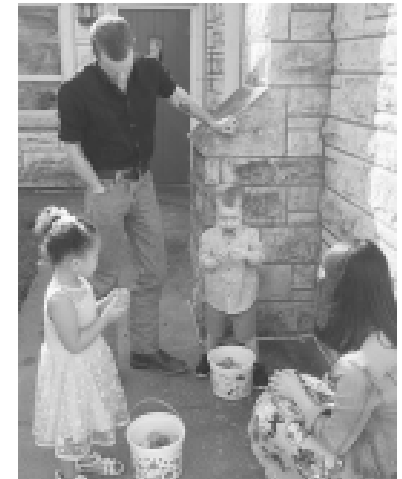
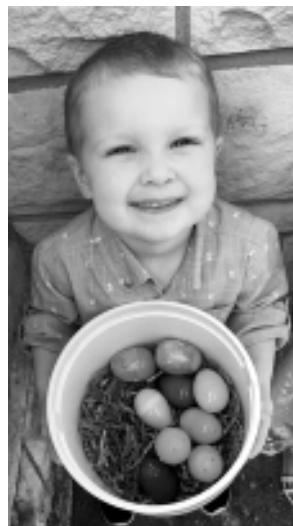
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