

REFIOR NEWS BULLETIN

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Howdy:

As a part of a previous *BULLETIN* we invited you to attend the wedding of Nikki and Jonathan on August 6, 1994. Pam and I express to you our sincere gratitude for your prayers and concern for the wedding and THANK YOU ! for the lovely wedding presents received by Nikki and Jonathan. The wedding was "like a fairy tale" and we believe that the Lord was honored. Attached hereto are some thoughts and recollections about the wedding which I dictated shortly thereafter, as well as some photos.

Nikki and Jonathan had a delightful honeymoon up in Michigan, including the dunes, the beaches and the area around Traverse City. They are back at Purdue University where Jonathan is working on his PhD in chemistry and Nikki is working to finish her masters degree in French. Both Nikki and Jonathan are teaching as well. They are all settled in their nice little apartment. The lovely wedding presents they received have filled up their home and they are very happy down in West Lafayette.

Another really big event captured our time and attention this summer. Laura entered the Kosciusko County Fair Queen Contest. When Laura was selected as queen (!) she started a week of non-stop activities, appearances, and public relations events. She had a marvelous time. We had great fun supporting Laura through that week. Then it was on to the Indiana State Fair Pageant in Indianapolis. Laura had a great time and we were excited to be able to take in the events. Laura was not selected as State Fair Queen, but that was only because the judges must be blind and misguided. Pam's Dad, E.J. Petro, Nikki and Jonathan and Laura's best friend, Beth Russell, and her boyfriend, all came down to support Laura in the big event. It was really special. See the attached photos.

A funny thing happened last Saturday morning at men's prayer meeting. Someone suggested that we should pray for all of the students and families who would be starting classes "this week." I was amazed. I did not have any clue that school was starting. That was a quite an eye-opener. Pam and I do not have a child who is living at home and going to a local school this fall for the first time in many, many years. Last night Pam and I went to a high school soccer game to support four of the young men who had been a part of the ACTION program at church when we were involved. It still seems strange not to have one of our own participating in the local school activities.



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Our precious Laura will still be at home for a couple more weeks since Cedarville College begins its classes later than most colleges. Today is Laura's last day to work at the law office, however. It has been really wonderful to have Laura at the office this summer. Similarly, it was really wonderful to have Nikki working at the office and living at home this summer prior to her wedding. The Lord provided these special times to be together as a family. With both of the girls and Pam working at the law office we had numerous opportunities to go out to lunch together. That was so nice.

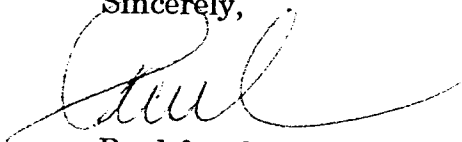
Since the last *BULLETIN* I wrote a book entitled, *IT'S YOUR CHOICE - A HAPPY AND GOD-HONORING MARRIAGE*. It was completed in less than two months. I felt a compulsion to complete the book before Nikki's wedding and to give it to her and to Laura as a very special gift of love from their "Daddy." Attached is a copy of its Table of Contents.

I want to conclude this issue of the *BULLETIN* by talking about Pam. As we approach our 25th wedding anniversary my heart is full to overflowing with gratitude and love for my precious Pamela. She selflessly and lovingly poured her entire being into Nikki's wedding preparations. Obviously it was Nikki's wedding and she was the primary person in the planning. The wedding was a significant testimony to the Lord. It was also a great testimony to the deep spiritual commitments of Nikki and Jonathan. I must hasten to say that the wedding also bore the fingerprints of the sweet spirituality and godliness of my lovely wife.

As Pam and I enter into a new phase in our life (both kids off and away) I can report that things are very good indeed. Pam and I are lovestruck with a greater fervency than even when we were newlyweds. Pam has made our home such a warm, pleasant and happy place. With the outstanding kids the Lord has given us, and the perfect wife the Lord has given me, I say without exaggeration that I am the most blessed boy I know. Thank you, Lord.

Please let us hear from you. Right now, before you do anything else, why not write yourself a note that you should write a letter to the Refiors. Thanks.

Sincerely,



Paul for the gang

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It's Your CHOICE

A Happy & God-Honoring MARRIAGE



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