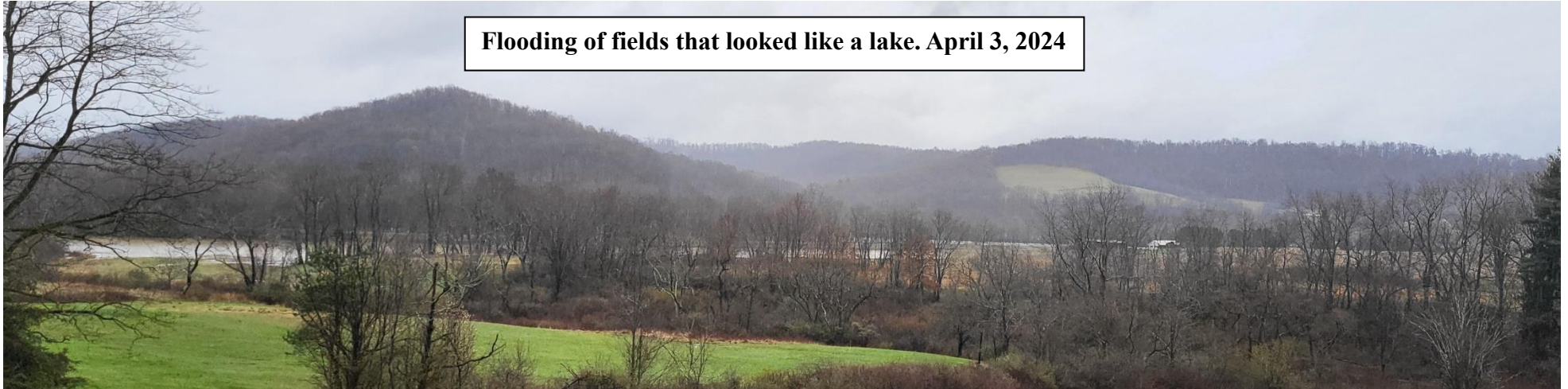


Bits of Home Chat: Hi to you all on an unbelievable weather week all over the US! I looked across our backyard and over the church land next door, to the fields where a local farmer grows corn one year and soybeans the next. Instead of seeing a field, I saw a lake of water. A few hours later a creek behind all of our properties was flooded and was coming from that side into the same farmland. So far there is a strip of land between the two flooded areas where they have not met. I wonder how the railroad track between them will be. We saw a pickup truck that was fitted for the rails, going along the track. Carl figured the workers were watching for washouts. Speaking of washouts, our church parking lot may have some more of those coming from this rain. We are not too worried since the fellas have worked to divert water over there. We happen to have two men who can assess the situation and helping to fix it. I think one of them can get equipment if it is needed. So far the church building is staying dry along the wall that faces our house, so the most recent water diversions worked quite well! What a relief! We do have damaged mortar joints in the basement walls on this side, so I suppose that will have to be fixed. Our people are all willing to do what they can to clean, repair and update things in the building. Carl and I worked on things that we could do over the past two weeks. We are all praying for a new pastor. Then, too, we are praying for souls to be saved and for spiritual growth in all lives. Here at the house, we are resting some this week. Resurrection Sunday was special. The church family was all together in the morning and Carl, and I went to Martin's house for dinner where we were joined by their married daughter and family, one church family, our other son, Brian, and his family, and two young people who are interested in Martin's one son and daughter. I volunteered to go outside for a walk with my great granddaughter who is 2 years old. Guess what, it was the first time I feared losing a child because she inherited my running ability (that I had for years, but not anymore!!!) That little thing is just full of fun-loving exuberance when she hits the outdoors. It is quite fun to hear folks commenting on how much she is like her mom. I then think, "And like her grampa and her great grandma." It would sure be fun to run across a yard or a field or play a game of tag or hide and seek like when I was young. Remembering those times and knowing they will come for the little one has put a smile on my face! Do any of you want to tell Carl and me about your childhood fun? We would love to hear about them. I am writing on Wednesday evening and it's time for Faith Baptist prayer meeting. I will close for now though I wish I could go on and on. I feel like we got to share some very special things today. We will look forward to hearing from you. Bye for now and God Bless each one of you dear friends. The Earleys, Carl and Kay PS. Several E. coast states had an earthquake today, April 5,2024.

Flooding of fields that looked like a lake. April 3, 2024



Focus verse or memory verse: Mt 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.: 1Kings19:12; Isaiah 29:6; Amos 1:1; Zechariah 14:5;

Matthew 13: 8; 27:54; 28:2 ; Luke 21:11; Acts 16:26 ; Revelation 6:12; 8:5; 11:13 & 19; 16:18;