

THANKSGIVING

For the life of Lois Mae Church Whitesell (1925-2026)

For the life of Tobias Ray Johnston (2026- )

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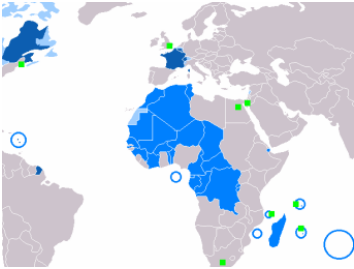
## LYON

**Recruitment project:** The Église du Christ de Lyon is earnestly seeking a **team for full-time ministry**. Our preference is that they speak French and make a 5-year commitment. We need help to spread the Good News in our city of 1.4 million. Opportunities abound with 9 universities and 190,000 students. Would you partner with us in prayer for more workers?

**C'est la vie:** Ups and downs are a part of the life of any church. In the past year, 7 of our young adults at church moved away, and one of our older members passed away. We started **praying that God fill our ranks**, and he has already sent us 6 others who now worship with us! Some are Christians and some are seekers, but all are a source of joy from the Lord!

**Refugees:** Outreach means reaching out to those in need. In December we hosted a meal for refugees, and this month we had a **crêpe party** for them (below).

Arlin & Pamela at home



Outreach to the French-speaking world

## FAMILY



Our grandson **Tristan JOHNSTON** and wife **Hallie** had their first baby, **Tobias**. How on earth are we already GREAT-

grandparents?! And at 100 years old, Pamela's mother attained the venerable rank of GREAT-GREAT-grandmother!



**LOIS WHITESELL**, died in her sleep on January 25. Pamela and I want to give special honor to Pamela's sister-in-law **Kim** & Pamela's brother **Wayne**, who lovingly cared for Lois in their home for 7 years and up until her final breath.



**Website:** Since we lost most of our techie support at church, **Jeff McKUNE** (Rolla, Missouri) has been coaching Pamela to revamp our church's website (in French, "naturellement"). It's a big job, and we thank God for Jeff's expert help.

**Neighbors:** Pamela hosted an **afternoon coffee (with cake)** for our neighborhood's retired ladies, and six attended this first gathering. May we shine and share God's love!

## BEYOND LYON

**French-speaking Europe:** The **annual ladies' retreat** is usually held in Lyon (the most central location). This year they had 60 participants. This is always a highlight of the year for our sisters in Christ and often non-Christians who attend to learn more about God.



Ladies' spiritual retreat in Lyon





Click to read **Lois's obituary** with her rich life story.

<https://hendrixfrancophone.com/obituary.pdf>



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These were 3 of **Lois's favorite hymns** (It Is Well with My Soul, Great Is Thy Faithfulness and Meet Me There):

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[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyfkicaxlss](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyfkicaxlss)

## FRIENDS

**Mila GOVORUKHA** is a Christian who fled Ukraine in 2022. We became close when she landed in the Lyon area. Now Mila lives in Marseille, and we were happy to welcome her back for 3 days.

One weekend, **Christopher & Marie TEULIERE** visited us from Marseille. It's always a special two-way blessing to spend time with young people.

In a few days we will have a visit from **Nathan DAUNER** from Marseille. Nathan is doing the year-long spiritual internship "Christians on Mission (CEM)". Hospitality is a fun gift that God bestowed on us!



**Switzerland:** **Justin SMITH**, who preaches in Geneva & Lausanne, has the goal of developing as a teacher of teachers, and he is pursuing a degree to that end. A local mentor is required, and I am honored to be that person.

**Alsace:** Two years in a row, we have gone to encourage the church in Colmar in northeast France. It's always encouraging to be with **Aaron & Betsy PALMER** and the other Christians, and at the same time participate in their worship service.



Palmers and Christians in Colmar

**Marseille:** We spent a weekend in Marseille to visit with different members and attend Sunday worship. It was a blessing for me to preside over the **Lord's supper**. Like Colmar, the Marseille church is active and vibrant.

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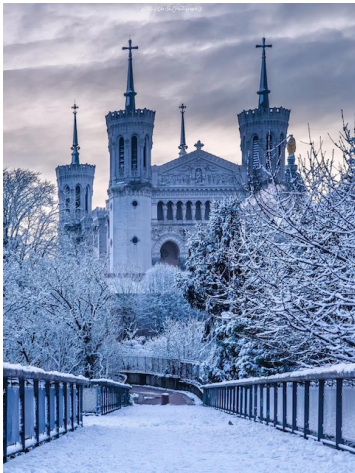
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Great spotted woodpecker  
at the Hendrix buffet



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## PAMELA's TRIBUTE to her mother

My sweet mama lived a life full of meaning. I think we would all agree that it was characterized by

- grace
- thanksgiving
- and joy.

Is it any wonder that people loved being with her?

Mama learned young that life is loss and eventually

## Prayers

- Supplications for our church search for **new full-time workers**
- Praise God for **answered prayers**
- That we may build bridges with **refugees & neighbors**
- For people whom we all encounter who are **seeking God**
- We thank God for **our health** so we can keep serving full-time
- Thanksgiving for **your prayers and financial support**
- For our family after the “homecoming” of **Lois Whitesell**

we are guaranteed to lose every earthly thing we have ever possessed. Every single person we have ever loved.

Am I prepared for that? Are you?

Who would ever learn greater gifts of comfort and perseverance, mercy and forgiveness, patience and courage, if no shadows fell over a life?

Oui, Mama learned young to give thanks for all things at all times because God is good.

I think of Philippians 4:11-12. She learned to be content, whatever the circumstances. She was content even after going blind because she still had her eyes fixed on Jesus. She never lost sight of his glory and of the glory awaiting her in heaven.

So now we're saying goodbye. Adieu, which literally means we're taking leave and entrusting her to God. And with the firm hope of meeting her in heaven.

Meanwhile, “May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in him, so that we too may overflow.” That's Romans 15:13. I want to overflow with joy and peace, and Mama's trust in God showed me the way. I am ever thankful.



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