

July

PASTOR'S POINTS

Dear Church,

Summer is upon us – complete with sunshine, heat, and a frantic race to fit every conceivable weekend getaway, vacation, family reunion, afternoon at the pool, ball game, and other recreational activities into a few short months before school starts again. We relax. We rush. We enjoy. We stress out. And at the end of everything, we usually find our way into the fall with a healthy set of fond memories.

For many of us, summer is about doing. Sometimes we are incredibly busy; other times, we are happiest to *do* nothing at all. The key is that we do things during the summer that we don't always get to do the rest of the year.

While you're busy with your own family's plans for "doing" whatever it is that you do, would you consider adding one more item to your to-do list? Would you *do* something special just for Jesus that you normally would not do? There are a number of things you can do. I've started a little list of ideas you might try, but be creative in how you choose to serve. You could...

1. Pray an extra 15 minutes a day
2. Challenge yourself to bring 3 friends or neighbors to worship with you
3. Volunteer for a new job in the church
4. Visit your neighbors and ask how you can pray for them, *then pray for them*
5. Go to the mall or the ballpark just to tell someone about your faith in Jesus.

Ok, I don't want to make this too easy. What can you think of to stretch yourself and show your love to our Lord? I can't wait to hear some of the ideas we come

up with. In the meantime, here's a fresh look at Paul's instructions of things Christians should be doing...

"So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get.

These are desperate times!

Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what your Master wants.

Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of Him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs!

Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in name of our Master, Jesus

Christ."(Ephesians 5:15-21 *The Message*)

I pray you all are having a great summer. While you're enjoying yourself, take advantage of opportunities to serve the Lord in creative ways. I'll see you in worship on Sunday!

Yours in Christ

Nathan

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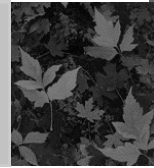
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First Facts, in the family



V.B.S. Thank-You

We want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make VBS a success! Thank you to all of our teachers and workers who taught and guided the classes. The youth for all their work and to the kitchen crew who prepared wonderful snacks all week, working long hours to do so. To our office staff and workers, thank you for spending months in preparation and planning. To our bus/van drivers, thank you for making it possible for many of our children to attend by faithfully picking them up and taking them home each day. To our set-up & clean-up crews, it couldn't happen without your faithful help.

Our decorations were extraordinary this year..Did you see Firefly Cavern? Oh my if you didn't, I am so sorry, it was just outstanding...To Lois and Cecil and all who painted and everyone that helped with that, it was terrific. As were all the other rooms.

To our photographers, thank you for taking all the photos and putting together a wonderful video showing the sights and sounds of VBS 2010!

Most of all, we want to glorify God for His power and guidance in the planning for VBS, and for working in the hearts of people to make the week a wonderful success!

Kids Kamp

Thirteen campers and 3 sponsors headed for camp on Monday, June 14th for a week of worship, bible classes, recreation and meeting new people. Seven were first timer campers.

The campers were challenged to read the New Testament in a year. Nine of the thirteen committed to the challenge. Please keep them in your prayers that reading and knowing God's word will become a passion for them.

To those who generously gave to the camp scholarships, you may never know here on earth the effect of your gift. Some of the campers would not have gone to camp if you had not given.

Thank you to all who filled a 'Surprise Bag' for a camper. They were enjoyed by all.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

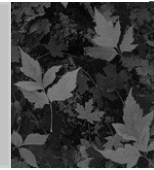
July 10th 8:00 AM

All Men and Young Men are invited

July 2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 No Evening Service 	5 Church Office Closed Holiday	6	7 Youth Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM
11	12 Building & Grounds Com. 7:00 PM	13	14 Youth Meeting 6:30 PM	15	16	17
18	19 Super Summer Begins	20	21 Youth Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23 Super Summer Ends	24
25	26	27	28 Youth Meeting 6:30 PM	29	30	31

ministry opportunities...



Van/Bus Ministry

If you know anyone needing a ride to Sunday School please call the Church office 488-3333 or Judy Crumley 488-2903, to schedule a ride.



Children's Church

The 'Key Themes' for the lessons this past month have been: God is all-powerful; He is merciful, gracious, and loving; He is great in compassion and loves His creation; God is the one true God; God is sovereign and supreme; God demands obedience; God honors a repentant heart and honors those who trust Him; Satan is God's enemy and fights against God; Man is a sinner and unable to save himself; plus a few more. The lessons about Naaman being cleansed from leprosy, Jonah disobeying God, and King Josiah changing his life and the lives of the people after God's holy word was found have helped us to know and understand what these 'Key Themes' mean.

We only have 6 more of God's stories in the Old Testament and then we will begin His stories in the New Testament with a coloring book to help us remember the lessons.

Attendance has been between 4 and 12 children.

In Christ's Love, Carla

Children's Church Helper's for MAY

May 2- Judy Crumley/Iris Henderson /Dianna Lyles

May 9-Barbara Lyles/Kim Gunter/Tyler Jantz

May 16-Brandy Terry/Ronda Lawrence/Christian Cathey

May 23-Stacy Clark/Judy Crumley/Kelsey Lyles

July Nursery Schedule

If you cannot be here please trade with someone on the list.	AM	
July 4	Angie McKenney Stacey Clark	
July 11	Judy Crumley Donna Tuxhorn	
July 18	Jamie Yonash Martha Wellman	
July 25	Iris Henderson- Brenda Crenshaw	

Mission Committee

If you were one of the missionaries for God right here in Belle Plaine the week of June 7th through the 11th by helping with VBS, a BIG thank you from your Mission Committee. The children of this community had the opportunity to learn that they are remarkably and wonderfully made, that if they lack wisdom there is One who can give it to them, that their attitude should be like Jesus', they can cast all their cares upon Him and that God has a plan for each and every one of them. What valuable lessons to learn at a young age.

A BIG thank you to those who gave of their time and love for these children.

In Christ's Service,
Mission Committee