

July 22, 2010

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Lots of Challenge Can Mean Lots of Blessing

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matt. 18:18-20)

Sunday evening we had an important business meeting and several significant decisions were made. The parking lot, which is 17 years old, has been repaired and patched numerous times, resulting in ever expanding areas where it is cracking, crumbling and breaking up. The Board of Trustees recommended, and the congregation voted to replace the parking lot. Broken spots will be repaired, including the base where necessary, and then a new inch and a half surface coat will be added to cover the entire lot. Of course the appropriate striping and handicap markings, etc. will be added.

The cost of the project will be challenging. The \$144,700 price tag will most likely require securing a loan, to be repaid over a three-year period. After having spent the early part of the meeting in a season of prayer for God's guidance, the membership felt led to make 3 other decisions.

First, there will be a concerted effort to raise as much of the money as possible in the first 30 days (by August 18). The more we can contribute initially, before paving takes place in late summer, the less we will have to borrow. The congregation also recommended monies in the current general fund that could also be used to defray the cost of the loan. The Trustees will be responsible to determine the precise amount of money that can safely be taken from current funds on hand and added to the money collected in the first month. It is our prayer that this immediate effort will greatly reduce whatever loan will be necessary.

We are also rejoicing that we have received two matching gift challenges. Each party has committed to matching the two largest single gifts given during this first month (by Aug. 18) up to \$10,000 each. That means that the largest single gift will be matched (up to \$10,000) and then the second largest gift will be also be matched by a second contributor (up to \$10,000). Please be in prayer that God will continue to provide the resources necessary, and consider to what extent He is encouraging you to help.

One other change that was decided Sunday night has to do with the Building Fund. Assuming that money currently in the Building Fund was given with 'new construction' in mind, those funds have been moved to a line item entitled 'New Construction.' From this point on, money given to the Building Fund will be used for projects like the Parking Lot. If you want your gift to be used for new construction sometime in the future, you should indicate that by writing "new construction" on the memo line of your check.

As best I can remember, the Bible doesn't say much about parking lots. The closest references are to Abraham's nephew Lot, but of course, those passages don't help us much with this particular decision. However, Jesus clearly tells us that when we come together in His name, as we did in both prayer and deliberation last Sunday night that He is with us. We believe that being with us, He directs us with His wisdom as we share together. And as we come to an agreement through that process, we have the promise that the resources of heaven are available and that God is working on our behalf. I believe that the challenge of the parking lot will be met by unexpected blessings that God will provide.

It will be exciting to watch God supply for our parking lot needs, so that other areas of ministry are not hindered. Thank you for seeking His will and following His leading.



**A Message from
Pastor Mark...**

Ridgeview Reflections

What a wonderful day we had on July 11th. The picnic in the afternoon included beautiful weather, plenty of delicious food, and lots of fun thanks to Brad Trimmel, Travis Sentelle, Maurita Keyser, and others providing games. Thank you to everyone who brought food to share, those who helped set up, serve, clean up, etc.

That morning we were encouraged and blessed by the testimonies of our teens about what God did in and through them during their recent mission trip to Indianapolis. Thank you to the leaders who went along for the ride and helped ensure a safe and growing experience. Thank you to those who helped make it financially possible for them to go.

Scott and Cindy Nelsen were our special guests for the day. Scott brought the morning message and inspired us with God's Word and personal testimonies to have our eyes open to what God is doing. He helped us see how often God may be doing something right in front of our eyes and we can completely miss it if we're not looking for what He is doing. If you would like to stay in touch with the Nelsens, and receive their regular newsletter (with more stories like Scott shared), contact them via email at sdnelsen@yahoo.com or at: Mustard Seed Ministries 18 Nottingham Springfield, IL 62704

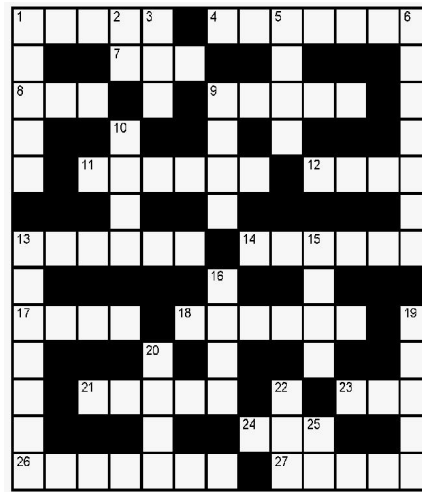
The next morning we dove into VBS – High Seas Expedition – where we learned about God's Word and how His love is revealed in what it says. We discovered that God's Word is True, Comforting, Surprising, Life-Changing, and for Everyone. Thank you to Donna Hughes and Lynn Citizen for their hours of effort motivated by love, and the 30+ volunteers that worked alongside them. And that doesn't even count the many who contributed anonymously. It was a wonderful week and all were blessed who took part.

Have you been thinking about intentional acts of kindness, ways you can show someone the Love of Christ in a simple, tangible way? There's a starter list on the missions bulletin board, along with a place to contribute your ideas. Happy brain-storming!

Pastor Tony

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37



Books of the Bible
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Answers on
Calendar Page

Across

- 1 A book of books (5)
- 4 Shortest book in the Old Testament (7)
- 7 The number of chapters in Philemon (3)
- 8 This testament contains 39 books (3)
- 9 Jesus' brother, who wrote a letter (5)
- 11 In authority before the kings (6)
- 12 His epistle contains one chapter (4)
- 13 Successor to Queen Vashti (6)
- 14 David wrote many of these, set to music (6)
- 17 Wrote about the restoration of the temple (4)
- 18 Originator, writer of a book (6)
- 21 Number of letters written by John (5)
- 23 Number of chapters in 13A (3)
- 24 Galilee, Dead, for example (3)
- 26 Paul wrote many of these (7)
- 27 He prophesied the birthplace of Jesus (5)

Down

- 1 There are 66 of these (5)
- 2 Behold (2)
- 3 Revelation comes in this part of the New Testament (3)
- 5 Donation of money to the poor (4)
- 6 This letter lists the faithful (7)
- 9 He prophesied of the 'day of the Lord' (4)
- 10 A faithful Moabitess (4)
- 13 He forbade the regathering of Israel in prophecy of dry bones (7)
- 15 A prophet who was a herdsman (4)
- 16 One of the gospel writers (4)
- 19 A prophet, reluctant to go to Nineveh (5)
- 20 Adam and Eve ate from this in the garden (4)
- 22 The border of a garment (3)
- 25 Joshua writes about this city near Bethel (2)

Monday, July 26

Danville Care - 2pm

Monday, Aug 2

Hawthorne Inn - 2 pm

Wednesday, Aug 11

North Logan - 10 am

Monday, Aug 16

Vermilion Manor - 2 pm



**OUR NURSING HOME
OUTREACH**

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Total as of July 19, 2010

\$2,413

Goal: \$5,000

July Food Basket Outreach

Number of Baskets Needed by:

Wednesday, July 28—5pm

Your Pick Up Date:

Saturday, July 31

Between 9am-10am





In August Come With Us to the Beef House.

Primitimers Event

When: August 6, at 6pm (IN Time)

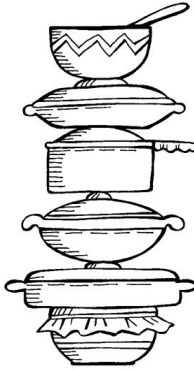
What: Dinner and the play,

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" - Cost, \$35.

Make your reservations July 18 & July 25 AFTER 1st service and BEFORE 2nd service.

Have You Got A Dish Missing?

We have many dishes in the kitchen and on the table near it. Some were left at the picnic and others from varying events. Please pick your dish up as soon as you can.



God's Garden



If you would like to share your garden's bounty, please leave it on the table near the kitchen. Thank you for sharing with us in what God has blessed you with. We that receive your bounty thank you.

Special Speaker

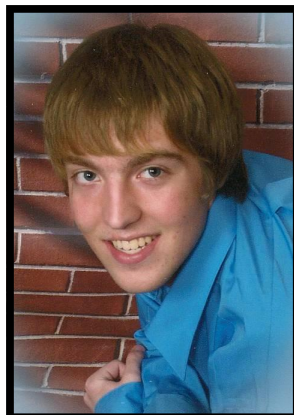
Sunday

August 1— 6pm

Christopher Albin

Member of Our Graduated Seniors of 2010

Christopher will be bringing the evening message.



Ridgeview Prayer Concerns

Recent Health Concerns

Bob Coats
Rosalinda Garnica
Karen Jones
Harvey Miller
Sheila Owen & Baby Amaya Noel
Wilma Powell
Crystal Starkey
Jonah Troglia

Health Concerns

Sandra Alexander
Jeff Brooks
Beth Campbell
Ray & Jeanette Carter
Jim Chezem
David Conner
Martha Contreras
Valerie Crownover
Daniel Fairchild
Irma Goodwin
Laural & Mary Gransee
Rob Greene
Ginger Gustafson
Lucille Hathaway
Evelyn Howell
Mary Hull
LaVada Irvin
John & Karen Jagers
Bill Kinney
Alfred Leung
Bobby Lewis
Alexis Lewsader
Audrey Little
Betty Lookingbill
Claire Manning
Harvey & Shirley Miller
Bill & Wilma Powell
Nancy Smith
Jonathan Starkey
Carol Tabor
Chris Walter

Shut-Ins

Florence Broderick
Mildred Burrows
Wilma Miller
Norm & Juanita Modglin
Janet Moore
Thelma Pouilliard
Paul Weese
Wade Winstead

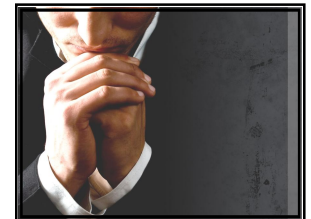
Military Service

Justin Chase
William Cosgrove
Captain Justin W Dyal
Merric Huffstutler
Derek Moederndorfer
M. Sgt Beth Schofill
Eric Shepherd
Chad Turner
Meagan (Walsh) Tabler
Captain Jason Young

Missionaries

Kim Brown
John and Deb Coats
Scott and Tan Coats
Jeff and Annie Dieselberg
Chuck and Ruth Fox
Scott and Cindy Nelsen
Local Prison Ministry:
Juan Hernandez

If you have updates on our prayer requests list, please contact the church office. Thank you.



At
Ridgeview
Sunday
August 15—6pm

Watch for more details soon.



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Annual APEX Youth Conference: Monday—Friday August 16-20 (6-9pm)

If you know a teen that would benefit from this annual conference held here at Ridgeview, please let them know that they are welcome to join in the fun. Times will be announced at a later date. If you have any questions about this annual event, call Pastor Ben at the church office, extension 24.

Girls High School Small Group You will not be meeting in August.

Thank You to
Our VBS Leaders
and Volunteers

We could not have had "High Seas Expedition" without your dedication to the Lord and the children your life touched this past week. Thank you to those that prayed and gave of their blessings to make all the provisions possible. We pray the Lord blesses you for your faithfulness.



"Moses could've really used GPS."

Activities for July 22 - August 9

Sunday—25

Board of Deacons—Following PM Service
Board of Missions—Following PM Service

Monday—26

Nursing Home Outreach, Danville Care—2pm

Wednesday—28

Turn in Food Basket Number Needed by—5pm

Thursday—29

Cub Scouts—6:30pm

Saturday—31

Food Basket Pick Up Between 9-10am

Sunday—August 1

Christopher Albin Preaching—6pm

Monday—2

Primetimers Meeting—1pm

Nursing Home Outreach, Hawthorne Inn—2pm

Monday—9

Board of Deaconess—10am

Board of Trustees—6pm

Wednesday—11

Nursing Home Outreach, North Logan—10am

Sunday—15

Youth Team Meeting—4pm

End of Summer Bash—6pm

Monday—16

Nursing Home Outreach, Vermilion Manor—2pm

Board of Christian Education—7pm

APEX ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE THROUGH FRIDAY
EACH EVENING—6-9PM

Wednesday—18

Orchestra Practice—6:15pm

Choir Practice Begins Again—7pm

Recurring Activities and Services

Sunday Worship Services: 8:40, 11:00am & 6pm

Power Hour—10am

"Outlet" - 6pm

EVERY MONDAY

Martha Emmert Quilting Circle—9am

Men's Fellowship and Bible Study—6pm

College, High School Guys —7pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

"Net-Works" Men's Breakfast—6:30am

BurdenBearers—6:15pm

Summer Bible Study—7:00pm