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- The monthly birthday list is available at the Welcome Desk and on the Crossroads website.

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From the Senior Pastor

GIVING VERSUS SHARING

The doorbell rang and although I was in the middle of a very good book, I had to answer. It might have been a friend here to see my youngest son, or a package being delivered to the house, or even a parishioner dropping off something. But it was instead the worst-case scenario. There stood, as I opened the door, a cherub of a child smiling broadly as she intoned, "would you like to buy a candy bar for my school trip?" Of course I did not want to buy a candy bar. I wanted to simply decline with a smile and shut the door, but I honestly did not know who this little one was or if she knew that I was "Pastor Tom". The last thing I needed was to have her say, "Every family in our subdivision bought a candy bar until I got to Pastor Tom's house!" So I rummaged through my wallet, found some crumpled dollar bills (I kept the \$20 hidden from her view) and produced them for a milk chocolate bar (it was not even dark chocolate). I gave to her, largely because of my guilt.

All of which got me to thinking about church and our offering time. How often have I given to God because of either a sense of guilt or obligation? Jesus once sat with His disciples across from the Temple mount and watched as people paraded by and dropped in their offering. The offering receptacles (thirteen of them) were located in The

Court of Women, a part of the Temple that was open to most folk (imagine Crossroads setting up an ATM for deposits by our front gates off the lane). They were trumpet shaped and brass. If you had lots of coins, and dropped them just right, they would clank and resound as they rolled to the bottom of the receptacle. The very wealthy made quite a show of how much they were giving.

In contrast, a widow woman came by and dropped two small, copper coins into the offering. They probably made very little sound as they rolled to the bottom. Had she moved quicker or more deliberately, she would not even have been noticed. But she was not ashamed at the size of her gift, and her donation became the focus of Jesus' teaching. She was not giving at all to the Temple or to God, she was merely sharing (you can find her story in Mark 12).

When we give to God or to our church, we usually calculate how much. We decide what we can afford to give, and how this might affect other worthy uses of our money. We give after we pay the bills. Sometimes we give only after we have provided for recreational needs. Often times we calculate what we will give, just as we might calculate a tip, dole out an allowance or greet the neighbor girl selling candy bars at our door.

I wonder what God thinks about my giving quandary? God has, after all, given me everything that I have. My wonderful wife and two amazing sons are gifts from God. My great friends, and my wonderful church family and even our often difficult house cat are gifts from God. The money I have to pay a mortgage, to provide food for our table and to purchase an occasional book all comes from God. All the things that I "possess" have Divine origins. And yet I "give" some of this back to God, typically with grudging obligation.

The widow woman in Jesus' story "shared" what she had. She realized that even though it was not much in terms of finance, it too belonged to God. And in sharing it with God and the Temple she was simply recycling what had been given to her. She knew that God would provide her daily bread that day and what she gave today would be used to help her tomorrow.

So I am working on my giving, trying to think of it more like sharing. I am simply sharing things with God that He has already blessed me with to enjoy. This helps me when I rifle through my wallet on a Sunday morning or respond to a need during the week. Now, if only our church rewarded us with candy bars on Sunday morning (dark chocolate please). Amen.

Pastor Tom

Crossroads Reaches Out to our Community



This summer the Outreach Team will be sponsoring three opportunities for our congregation to reach out into our world.

Adopt-a-Block is a ministry to the people living on the south side of Peoria. We will work with Peoria Bethel United Methodist Church and “adopt a block”. Two Saturday mornings per month, we will walk the block, meet our neighbors and help care for their needs. You can

commit to walking once or twice a month, or as you have time. For more information, contact Chuck Dixon at 444-9461.

Threads of Love is a ministry to the people of our community which provides clothing for people in emergency situations and also through community clothing giveaways. Ten area churches are sponsoring this ministry. We need help organizing and preparing for the next giveaway on June 26 at Sunnyland Christian Church. To help, contact Cindy Shuford at 444-8036 or shu4@mtco.com.

Loaves and Fish and Crossroads will sponsor Christmas in July to help provide personal care products, toys for children, and food for the homeless and working poor of Peoria. You can help by donating these items or by giving monetary donations to help purchase items, and by delivering these items to First UMC in Peoria in July. To help, contact Kathy Ayres at 745-8455.

Life Enrichment Seminars

Ladies, you are invited to attend monthly Life Enrichment Series Workshops with Darlene Cali. These meetings will be special times for special subjects. They are not Bible studies, but everything will be presented from a Biblical perspective through small groups, for women only, in a private and confidential setting.

The purpose of these meetings is:

- to make women aware of sensitive issues

- to provide information through the use of DVDs by noted therapists and authors
- to hear informational presentations and sharing of life experiences by Darlene Cali, Certified Life Coach
- to share together through group discussions

The topics will be subjects rarely discussed in church but are desperately needed. Some future topics will include spousal

abuse, depression, betrayal, childhood sexual abuse and body image.

The Lord said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6 (NIV)

Let's talk about it!

LifeLine Screening Coming to Crossroads

LifeLine Screening Will Be Held At Crossroads July 29th 8:15 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Life Line screenings are completely non-invasive, painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology. These tests quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disrupted blood flow.

Results of the screenings will be sent to your home. If abnormalities are present, your physician can order further testing and treatment.

The screenings include:
Stroke /Carotid Artery Screening.
 This screens the carotid arteries in the neck for fatty plaque buildup. The #1 cause of stroke is linked to carotid artery blockage.

Heart Rhythm Screening.
 Painless 6 lead EKG that can detect an irregular heart rhythm (atrial fibrillation), which increases the risk of stroke 5 times.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening (AAA).
 This screens for the existence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta (the largest artery in the body). An aneurysm is a permanent ballooning in the wall of an artery. The vast majority of people who have an aneurysm have no symptoms.

Peripheral Artery Disease Screening (PAD).
 This screens for plaque buildup in the lower extremities. Death occurs 4 – 5 times more often if peripheral artery disease is present.

Osteoporosis Screening Heel Test.
 Screens for abnormal bone mass density in men and women. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

Stroke, AAA, PAD and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. Add osteoporosis screening for \$10 more. That is all 5 tests for \$149.

Medicare does not cover the cost of these screenings. LifeLine Screening does not file insurance claims.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING 1-800-324-1851
When asked, the source code is HSC5421

Walk to Emmaus News

Women's Walks
 July 29-August 1
 September 9-12

Men's Walks
 July 15-18
 August 26-29

For more information, contact Val Kruzan at 745-3321 or visit the Emmaus website at ilheartlandemmaus.com.



Stephen Ministry

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

A Stephen Minister IS:

- ♥ A lay member with spiritual gifts of compassion, faith, encouragement, etc. who receives 50 hours of training by a Stephen Leader.
- ♥ Trained to provide Christian care in one to one **confidential** relationships.
- ♥ A caring Christian friend who walks beside hurting people, taking time to visit weekly and to really listen.
- ♥ Going to keep everything you say, even your identity, **confidential**.

A Stephen Minister IS NOT:

- ♥ A counselor or therapist.
- ♥ A problem solver. They recognize that only God is the Cure-giver.
- ♥ Someone who runs errands or mows the lawn.

Who benefits from Stephen Ministry?

- ♥ People who need care.
- ♥ Our pastors. They have more time to focus on the ministries that only they can do. They no longer shoulder the entire burden of caring for our growing congregation.
- ♥ Our entire congregation. We help fulfill our mission to "Grow Disciples for Jesus Christ and send them out into the crossroads of our community".

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister?

Someone who is dealing with:

- ♥ A sense that life is more than they can handle right now.
- ♥ Adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, or a recent move.
- ♥ Unemployment, loneliness, depression, childbirth, hospitalization, etc.



Precept Bible Study

**14-week study on Isaiah
Thursday mornings from
9:00-11:30
Beginning August 26th**

**Contact Sue Husted with
any questions. Contact
the office to sign up.**

Isaiah Part 1-The Word of the Holy One to Israel, the Remnant, and the Nations . . . and the Promise of the Child to Be Born (Chapters 1-39) (14 lessons)

Isaiah is the crown jewel of Old Testament prophets, a book that strikes awe in the heart of its reader, especially when its poetry is read in the Hebrew. Prophecies from Isaiah are mentioned in twenty-two places in the Gospels, Acts, and Romans. The words of Isaiah were often found on the lips of the Christ, the Messiah prophesied in Isaiah. If Jesus, God incarnate, honored this

grand and glorious book so highly, then you and I ought to do the same. In Isaiah Part 1, we'll meet the Holy One of Israel, and learn how He deals with those who claim Him as God but don't honor Him as God in the way that they live. And we'll find the destiny of nations, the future of all mankind ... including ours.

Just for Kids

**Vacation Bible School
2010
July 12-16
9:00-11:30 am
Ages 3 1/2 - 6th grade**
*Must be 3 years old by
January 1, 2010*

Registration begins on June 7.
Extra copies of the registration form may be picked up in the church office or downloaded from www.crossroads4all.org beginning June 7. If your child has attended VBS in the past, you will receive a registration form in the mail.

Early registration
(by June 27):
\$10 - **activity fee and t-shirt**
(indicate size on form)

\$4 - **activity fee only**
(no t-shirt)

Late registration
(June 28-July 7):
\$ 4 - **activity fee only**
(no t-shirt available)



Can you be a Sewing Hero for VBS?

We are looking for individuals that enjoy sewing to make Superhero Capes for VBS. We have put together Cape Kits with the materials to sew 10 Superhero Capes. The Cape Kits have pre-cut fabric, thread, Velcro, and instructions; all you need is a sewing machine, an iron, and some spare time to sew. We would like the capes completed by June 30th. If you are interested, please pick up a cape kit starting May 23rd near the VBS table. Thanks!

Crossroads Youth News

High School Lighthouse:

Every Wednesday night
6:30-8:30pm

Dinner, small groups, games, lesson, music and more!!

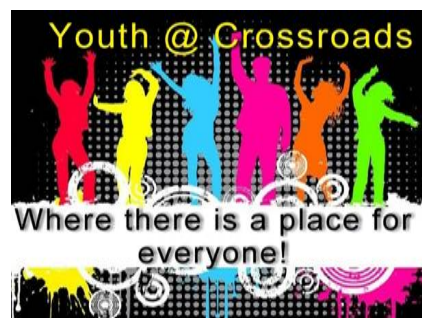
Note: Lighthouse will not meet during the summer.

Middle School Impact:

6th-8th Grade
Sunday evenings
6:30-8:00pm

Fun, games, lesson, snacks and much, much more!!!

Note: Impact will not meet during the summer.



Senior News

Upcoming M & M Events

Lincoln Museum and Smokey Bones Tuesday, June 29th

Back by popular request, on June 29th, the M & M's will again visit the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield and have lunch at Smokey Bones.

Here are the particulars:

- The bus will leave the church at 8:30 a.m.
- The admission fee to the museum is \$9.00 for seniors 62 and above.
- It takes at least 2 hours to tour the museum, including the twin theaters.
- There are no tour guides; it is completely self-guided, allowing us to experience the museum's exhibits and theaters at our own pace.
- There will be maps available to help us on the tour.
- It is wheelchair accessible.
- Estimated time to arrive back at the church is 3 or 4 p.m.

After the museum, we will be having lunch at Noah's favorite place, Smokey

Bones in Springfield. We have had great food there in the past, along with great fellowship, so we are looking forward to returning.

Once again, the invitation is open to all seniors and especially to those who have never given M and M's a try. As always, a special invitation is issued to seniors who are new to Crossroads. It truly is a great way to make some wonderful new friends.

Please call Sally at the church, 444-2381, with questions. Call the church office to register.

Gilles Family Conservation Tour Monday, July 19th Leave the church at 3:30 P.M.

On Monday, July 19th, M and M's will board the bus at 3:30 p.m. for an early supper at the T.G.I.F. Restaurant near the Grand Prairie Shoppes.

The Gilles Family Conservation Tour is free and will begin at 6 p.m. We will board a retrofitted hayrack with railings and bus seats for a comfortable experience. On the tour, the tour guide will show us the positive effects of a conservation system on soil,

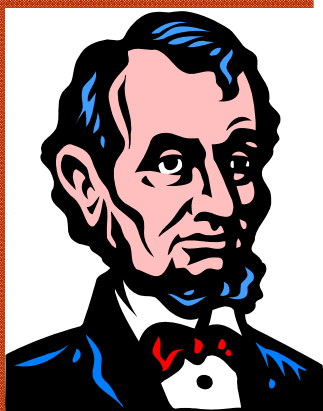
water, air, plants and animals. We will also be shown wildlife, birds, flowers and prairie grass, which are beautiful this time of year.

Our buses will carry a maximum of 30 folks so be sure to call the church, 444-2381, to register and reserve a seat. If you need a ride to the church, let that be known when you register. Call Sally at the church with questions.

Senior Meal

The Senior Meal will be Tuesday, June 8, at 12:00 in the fellowship area. We enjoy seeing old friends and getting acquainted with new ones. We pass a donation basket to help cover the costs. Invite some friends and call the office (444-2381) to make a reservation if you have not already signed up. Mark your calendars now and we'll see you at lunch!

There will be NO Senior Meal in July because of the Bible School schedule. Please make reservations for our August 10th meal by calling the church office (444-2381).



Nurse Sally's Tip of the Month

More About Aspirin

In the March Messenger, I attempted to inform you about the wise use of aspirin. Since that time, I have come across some added information that I think you should have.

As I stated before...*before you begin aspirin therapy, please discuss it with your doctor.* Ask what dosage is recommended for daily intake; it could be a regular aspirin (5 grains) or a low dosage aspirin (81 mg). If your physician is agreeable and you do begin taking an aspirin every day it is best to take it at night. This is because aspirin has a 24 hour "half life," and many heart attacks occur in the wee hours of the morning, so the aspirin would then still be in your system. If you have no small children in the house it is a good idea to keep it at your bedside.

Symptoms of a heart attack:

- chest pain
- pain radiating down your arm
- shortness of breath
- nausea or vomiting
- dizziness
- profuse sweating

Remember, women may have the above signs and symptoms but also some signs unrelated to chest pain, such as neck, shoulder, upper back or abdominal discomfort and unusual fatigue.

If you experience *any* of these symptoms, immediately dissolve 2 aspirins in your mouth and follow with a tiny bit of water. The next step is to call 911. If you are alone, call a nearby friend or relative to be with you. Remain sitting up; do

not lie down. When help arrives be sure they know you have taken aspirin.

Note.....At church, there is aspirin in the first aid kit that is kept above the ice machine in the kitchen.

Before you begin aspirin therapy, discuss it with your doctor.

East Bible Study and Prayer Group

This fall, Crossroads will be the host church for the east division of the Peoria Community Bible Study, which currently meets at Grace Presbyterian Church.

The study will be held on Wednesdays, September 1 through December 15 from 9:30-11:30am.

They will be studying "It's in the Book: 1 John" and "If You Will Pray: the Book of Nehemiah". Child care is available.

Fees are \$20 for adults and \$5 per child.

For a registration packet, contact Lynn Sutton at suttlynn@mtco.com or 383-3378.

Peoria Community Bible Study has always had a desire to birth another class in the Peoria area. Last summer, the Lord led them to start a class east of the Illinois River. Since the Peoria class will move to a new location in 2010, a smaller class will be held at Crossroads. Although this class will not be a fully sanctioned CBS class, this is their hope for the future.

Community Bible Study has well over 600 classes in the United States. Their mission is to "make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring in-depth Bible study, available to all."

For more information:
www.communitybiblestudy.org

Fellowship Opportunities

Sewing Circle

The Dorcas Sewing Circle meets *weekly* on Wednesdays from 9:00am to noon.

Even if you are not an experienced sewer, you are welcome to join us for some great fellowship and to share ideas.

Men's Fellowship

Guys, join us at the Men's Fellowship Group, which meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the chapel.

The next meetings are Tuesday, June 22nd and July 27th at 6:00pm.

Join us for supper, a testimony, a Bible study, and prayer. We encourage all men to come, and invite your friends. This is a great opportunity to see what God is doing among us.



Spirited Book Discussion Group

The Spirited Book Discussion Group will not meet during the summer. Our next discussion will be on Sept. 21 at 1 pm in the church library. We will discuss Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers. The new reading list for fall is posted in the church library or you may get a copy from Nancy Bullard. The books are also in the special display and are available for check-out. Have a happy reading summer.

Church Library News

New books in the church library include: So Long Insecurity by Beth Moore, Bringing Up Girls by Dr. James Dobson, Bringing Up Boys by Dr. James Dobson, My Utmost For His Highest large print and updated to today's language by Oswald Chambers, Same Kind Of

Different As Me by Ron Hall, The Mentoring Mom by Jackie Kendall, Treasured Friends by Ann Hibbard, Being A Wild, Wonderful Woman For God by Betsy Tirabassi and many others.

Did you know we have a Humor section in the library? If you need a laugh, look for the bright green stickers on the spine of the books.

Take a few quiet moments and explore your church library. You will find great summer reads and many inspirational books.

2nd Sunday Meals

June 13: Hosted by Trustees. Donations will go toward paving the driveway. *Menu:* Grilled pork chop sandwiches, Beans, Salad and Dessert.

July 11: Hosted by Acolytes. Donations will go toward Playground expenses. *Menu:* Sub sandwiches, Chips, Fruit and Dessert.

Top Ten List at Crossroads

First service folks, we want to know your favorite hymn(s).

We will tabulate the votes and sing our top ten favorites in worship in July and August, counting down to # 1 just like Casey Kasem did on the radio.

You will have the opportunity to vote on June 13 during church services. Or you can vote by sending an e-mail to Will Meachum at wmeach@mtco.com.

Just remember, this is not Chicago and we only count your votes once!



Thank You!

Our Little Lambs families have had an amazing year due to the Lord's blessings, the Crossroads staff and volunteers, Lamb parents, Ms. Tara, Ms. Leslie, Ms. Marci, Ms. Lynda, Ms. Amy, & Ms. Ohlman. I've treasured each and every

moment with the children & families that have graced our school. Thank you for sharing your time & precious moments with us. Your children are a gift and I treasure them all. I pray each of you have a fun –n– safe summer. Blessings to those

moving on and away! I look forward to those returning to us in the fall!

Hugs, Smiles, & Prayers,
Ms. Tracie



Prayer Challenge

Trouble...we got trouble my friend...right here in River City...with a capitol T and that rhymes with P and that stands for...Nineveh??? The bible verse for this year's National Day of Prayer was taken from the book of the prophet Nahum. Nahum 1:7 is about the only positive line in the book. Nahum 1:7 says, "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. He cares for those who trust Him". Now, I know you are thinking, "Nineveh? Isn't that a Jonah story?" You would be correct in that, but Nahum is as Paul Harvey used to say, "The rest of the story". Nineveh did repent of their wickedness and idolatry and was spared, but their spiritual awakening was short lived. Nahum goes on to describe the utter destruction that the Babylonians will wreak upon Nineveh. Unlike much of ancient literature, the Bible does not glamorize war. It paints a grisly realistic picture to show that war is an outcome of humanity's rebellion against God. It is easy to see why this was the verse for this year's observance.

I fear that we as a nation are akin to the people of the

Assyrian capitol of Nineveh. Our wickedness and idolatry are only modern day versions of the problems that plagued Nineveh. Political corruption, Pornography and Gay rights, Bomb blast kills dozens, Immigration law sparks boycott. We see headlines like these everyday and they seem to just keep getting worse. Paraphrasing Nahum 1:3, God is slow to anger, but not forever. I know...you say the news media only reports the "bad stuff" and rarely do any of the good things make the headlines. While it is true that there is a lot of unreported good works taking place around our country, there are a lot of problems that I am sure are not pleasing to God.

Besides the verse, this year's National Day of Prayer theme was "**Prayer – for such a time as this**" and it seems more relevant than ever. God wants us to humble ourselves before Him, confess our sins and cry out to Him for divine intervention in the affairs of man. That is exactly what we do every year on the 1st Thursday of May. "Prayer on the Square" is Washington's annual event that answers that

call. Several pastors from the local community churches and our civic leaders unite in the center of the Historic Square in downtown Washington. We drop all denominational and political nuances and pray as one for our nation through topics such as: government, church, military, family, education, media and business. We are to bring all things to God, so there were prayers of confession, repentance, grace and mercy, and there were prayers for wisdom, strength, peace, joy, praise, grace, and love.

We are blessed that Crossroads is a praying church. I challenge you to pray for our nation on a continual basis. If you want more information on how to pray for our nation, please visit the Prayer Room. We have placed extra brochures and bookmarks from the National Day of Prayer in the Prayer Room. Feel free to take a pamphlet and use it as your Prayer Guide.

~ Garry Guimond

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Pastoral Notes

Our Crossroads family grew by several new additions this spring. Congratulations to Jason and Stephanie Mabe on the birth of their son, Landon Gary, on May 4. Congratulations also to Josh and Jennifer Holmes on the birth of their daughter, Evey Aleta, on May 10.

Best wishes to Cameron Custis and Kristen Mahr who were married at Crossroads on May 8. They will be living in Hanna City.

Welcome to our newest church members! Matt and Lisa Smith joined Crossroads on April 25 upon transfer from another denomination. They are the

parents of Campbell and Carson. Mary Lee Leonard joined Crossroads on May 23 upon transfer from another United Methodist Church. Bert Bell and Linda Wicks also joined Crossroads on May 23 upon transfer from another denomination.

one LORD,
one Faith,
one Baptism....

EPHESIANS 4:5

UMW is a group of caring, supportive, praying, and loving women of all ages who are interested in mission, Bible Study, and friendship with other women.

United Methodist Women

UMW Connections

The Crossroads Unit of UMW is open to all women of the church. All women are invited to participate in our projects such as Visiting Days for shut-ins, the May Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet, the August Rummage Sale, the December Cookie Walk, the inspirational District UMW events, and our own unit meetings. You can also participate by donating to UMW projects, helping at UMW events, and attending the events. We also raise money through the Cookie Walk, Rummage Sale, past Cookbook Sale, and other fund raising throughout the year. We appreciate the help of all the women of the church, as we use the money for women, children, and youth missions. Crossroads UMW is a group of caring, supportive, praying and loving women of all ages who are interested in mission, Bible Study, and friendship with other women.

The new logo of UMW is the flame and cross and the new motto is "Faith, Hope, Love in Action".

--Written by Nancy Bullard

Prayer Breakfast

This year's UMW Illinois River District Prayer Breakfast will be at 9:00am on June 28 at Tremont United Methodist Church. The day will also include the Personal Growth Seminar. So come and plan to grow and be blessed. All women are invited. For reservations or questions, call Nancy Bullard at 444-5140.

Looking Ahead...

July 30-August 1
Weekend School of Christian Mission

August 1-4
Weekday School of Christian Mission

Both schools will be held in Springfield at Northfield Inn & Suites.

August 19-20
Rummage Sale

August 24
UMW Illinois River District "Day Apart" at Living Springs Camp, Lewistown, IL

Remember...

Please save "Box Tops for Education" for Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, IL. Please put your box tops in the plastic drawer in the kitchen by the white refrigerator.

WOW!

We had 72 mothers, daughters, and friends at the 2010 banquet in May, sponsored by UMW! Thank you all for coming and having a good time with us!

Summertime Prayers...

June

Summer God, you dance in on golden sunbeams.
 Like soil that must be plowed or turned over,
 so I must prepare to receive your warmth and the planting of your message in my heart.
 Open me to receiving the seed of hope and the promise of growth.
 Plant your Spirit deep within me
 And make my life fruitful and bountiful.
 Amen



July

Bountiful God, you fill the earth with beauty,
 Painting breathtaking sunsets and splashing colors into bouquets of flowers.
 Let me bloom this month.
 Let my life bring light and color into your world.
 Let me shine for you, play for you, delight in you.
 Open me to the miracles of summer,
 the flowering of praise,
 the sunshine of song.
 Amen

Vacation Bible School Prayer

Would you like to be a part of Vacation Bible School in a very important way?

Once again this summer, the Prayer Team will be sponsoring a VBS Prayer Vigil during our VBS which is July 12-16. We will be praying in 45 or 60 minute segments for the children, teachers, helpers, etc. who are involved in VBS while VBS is going on. We will do this every morning for the five days of VBS praying for each class, child and teacher/helper by name each day. The Prayer Team furnishes the lists of names and some materials to

use while in our Prayer Room. Please sign up to be a pray-er by calling Judy Hillegonds, 444-2696 or email judyhillegonds@aol.com.

Praying for our children is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. This is another opportunity to “Step Out of the Boat” and support our VBS and Serve Your Savior! God bless you.

The segments are:

- 9:00-9:45 AM
- 9:45-10:30 AM
- 10:30-11:30 AM

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8:30am-1:00 pm

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am

Spirited Traditional
Sanctuary

11:00 am

Casual Contemporary
Sanctuary

11:15 am

Casual Traditional
Faith Chapel

9:45 am

Christian Education
for All Ages