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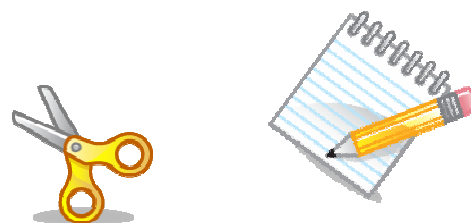
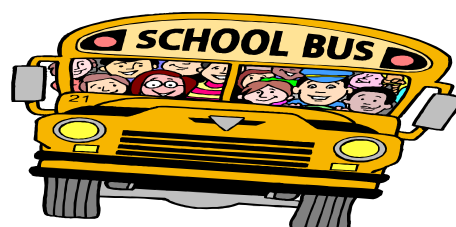
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Back to School Bash

School will be back in before we know it and a great way to help our community is by donating all kinds of school supplies to our local families at the back to school bash – August 9th. Also to show our love to the community, *The Refuge* community center will be showcased at the open house on August 9th. We plan to have the refuge open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm to 6pm starting on Tuesday, August 26th. We need everyone to pitch in and start buying school supplies. We post little tags on the bulletin board to better help you know what to buy. We will also need donations of food and drinks. There is a lot going on so please bear with us as we try and get this together. If you have any questions, please ask. If you want to help please don't hesitate, just ask. Next to VBS this is the biggest way we can show the community that we truly care. Let's not let them down. We need everyone's help. Thanks for all you do to make these events possible.

In Christ Service
Brandy



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Sunday School – 9:45 am

Morning Worship – 10:45 am

Noon Meal – 12 pm

Afternoon Bible Study & Youth NOW, CDC – 1pm

Wednesday

Praise Team Practice, Puppets, Music Tyme-6pm

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting –7pm

GA's, RA's, MF's, & MOB – 7pm

We welcome you to join us and plug in to a ministry to serve in unity to further the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



A Note from the Pastor:

The other night I was having a very restless sleep and decided it was time to tune into God. As I laid and prayed I discovered God was really trying to get my attention. I realized a solution to what I deemed to be an ongoing struggle and I had not figured out how to overcome it. I don't want to spend much time talking about the new building... I want to talk about God. You see, from my point of view it is obviously apparent that the church as a whole is no longer as excited about the building as we were, let's say at the end of May! Now I know excitement has many different ways of being communicated but if we are honest with ourselves we will agree something has changed. Enough of that let me make my point!

What I discovered the other night was the fact that we were no longer relying upon God to do the hard work but we had taken on that task ourselves. You see when God is present and doing something awesome then people... lots of people are drawn to that excitement. If God were still doing the work at the Wanda Campus then lots of folks would be drawn to it. So I ask the question I asked myself and the leadership of the church; "If God is still moving what are the indicators?"

1. The children no longer fill the sand pit with laughter! Is it already boring? If so, how long will it take for the new facilities to become the same?
2. The lawn chairs no longer are filled with eager spectators! The cameras are now gone! Are we losing interest? If so, how long before we lose interest in other God-sized tasks?
3. The workers are sporadic at best! I know we have busy lives but the sacrifice must be made. Are we already too tired to give our all? If so, how long before we see the task of the kingdom as too large or too impossible? If we can't do something as simple as build a building, how can we build God's Kingdom?

If God is still moving as He once was how can we know it? What are the indicators that used to be present? The significance of the new building can be seen as a physical representation of a spiritual issue. If God's people grow weary of the physical, then what will motivate us to drive hard toward the spiritual? If we can so easily lose interest in something we have waited so long to see come about then I can see why the kingdom is suffering as it is.

There is a solution and I am pleased to say God is at work! I had the restless night Saturday the 12th. Sunday I began to pray and revealed my feelings to the leadership of the church. I had identified a simple struggle and began to deal with it spiritually. I determined to see the building as a God-sized task and I promised to do all I could for Him. It is His building so everything I do is for Him. And then, Monday morning at 11:30 I received a call from the folks at M_Fuge asking if we could use 28 volunteers through the week to help with the building. The answer of course was yes and I was thrilled, not because we have more laborers but because I see God returning to His rightful place; being in charge.

So, will you return to the same level of excitement that you had in May and stay there? Will you make the sacrifice to work, support, participate, play, or whatever it takes to indicate you still see God at work on Wanda road? After all, if God is at work won't God's people be drawn to that work? What will you do now?

I love being your pastor!



Happy Birthday – August 2008

- 3rd—Diana Heltsley*
- 4th—Delmar Sexton*
- 7th—Dale Hilyard*
- 8th—Kim Whitehead*
- 10th—Karl Whetzel*
- 14th—Delores Bush*
- 15th—Sierra Smith*
- 25th—Melissa Atkinson*
- 25th—Will Cunningham*
- 26th—Sue Mitchell*
- 26th—Jim Bizaillion*
- 26th—David Winsel*
- 27th—Jason Huff*

Happy Anniversary August

- 4th—Nelson & Pat Dwiggin*
- 5th—Jeremy & Christina Fletcher*
- 23rd—Jeremy & Samantha Stumpf*



Preschool Ministry Team

Due to the work on the new building & summer schedules, the Preschool Ministry Team did not meet in June. The team has approved a new Security Plan, which will begin to be implemented with Training sessions for all workers and parents. The First 2 training sessions are July 17th at 6:30pm and July 19th at 9:30a.m. All current workers need to attend one of these sessions. New workers will be trained prior to working in the preschool area. This is a requirement of our insurance company. Please see Mary Fisher for details. The next Preschool Ministry team meetings are July 24th at 6:30pm at the church and August 28th at 6:30pm at Mary Fisher's home. We are looking for volunteers for childcare for small group sessions on Sunday evenings from 6-8p.m.

Mary Fisher, Preschool Director

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES AUGUST 2008

Preschool AM

- 3rd: Deb, Rhonda
- 6th:
- 10th: Allyson, Laura
- 13th:
- 17th: Lori, Mary F.
- 20th:
- 24th: Ben, Christen
- 27th:
- 31st: Brad, Samantha

PM

- Cassie, Josh C.
- Dawn, Maureen
- Angela, Amanda
- Teresa, Jeana
- Mary F., Kasey
- Tara, Deb
- Yvonne, Chris F.
- Brenda, Mary F.
- Maureen, Ashley

Children's Story

- 3rd: Chris Cunningham
- 10th: Yvonne Whetzel
- 17th: Brad Whetzel
- 24th: Angela Clendenny
- 31st: Jacob Lawrence

Children's Church

- 3rd: Anna Broadfoot, Christen Clouse
- 10th: No Children's Church
- 17th: PUPPETS
- 24th: Will & Miranda Cunningham
- 31st: Mike Huff, Kasey Clouse

Greeters

- 3rd: Opal Jones & Debbie Blackard
- 10th: Hershel & Brenda Taylor
- 17th: Russell & Carolyn Baron
- 24th: Myrt Stearns, Dorothy Johnson
- 31st: The Whitehead Family

Security

- 3rd: Len Fisher
- 10th: Will Cunningham
- 17th: James Smith
- 24th: Jim A. Bizaillion
- 31st: Hugh Barton

Ushers

- 3rd: Jim, Tony, Bud
- 10th: Russell, Nathan, Jacob
- 17th: Will, Hershel, Chris F.
- 24th: Mike, Josh C., Gage
- 31st: Jeremy F., James, Chris C

Meals

- 3rd: Brandy, Connie, Lori
- 10th: Mary, Jeana
- 17th: POTLUCK
- 24th: Clouse, Huff
- 31st: Delores Bush, Dorcas Class

Tidbits

We want to welcome our new members

*Al & Sue Parker
Eva Winsel*

We remember our members who have passed on to Glory!

*Anna Ruth Rhine
Jack Johnson
Mary Viermann*

We want to be in prayer for our Missionaries

*Brazil—leaving Aug 6th
returning Aug 15th*

*Jeremy Fletcher
Christina Fletcher
Ashley Hardy
Chris Fraser*

We want to recognize and thank Volunteers

*Carpenters For Christ
M-Fuge
Crosspoint members*

We pray for our new baby's (coming soon)

*Anna & Austin Broadfoot—August
Cassie & Ben Fisher—September
Ashley Farrow—October
Rhonda & John Norris—November
Kasey & Josh Clouse—December*

We celebrate a wedding!

*Connie Anderson & Andy Stahlhut
Friday, August 8th at 5pm
RSVP in foyer*

Missions

We are so happy that all four of our young adults are financially secure for their trip to Brazil. We will anxiously await to hear a great report when they return. Please be praying for Ashley, Chris, Jeremy and Christina as they serve the Lord in Brazil.

Baptist women are going to make prayer reminders to all who want to remember them daily.

Please remain faithful in your mission groups. GA's need toys for boys age 2-14 for Christmas shoe boxes.

Keep praying for all of our missionaries serving around the world.

Yvonne, WMU

MUSIC TYME FOR KIDS



We are learning songs about the books of the Old & New Testament and the scriptures. We will be sharing our New Testament song with our church family in the near future. We are also learning about musical instruments, their families and music notes and terms.

Music Tyme has been cancelled for July due to the children's summer schedules. We will resume August 13, 2008.

We are still in need of a co-teacher. We want to add some drama with our music, so if this is a gift of yours and you want to help us learn and grow in loving the music God gave us, see Mary Fisher.

May God's gift of music enrich your life!

Mary Fisher

VBS 2008

The week of VBS went pretty well, I think that you could call it a success. Although, there weren't as many kids as we had hoped I still think it was a great week. We had a high attendance of 109--69 kids; 40 workers. Of the 69 kids, I believe that about 40 were unchurched. Thank you to all of the workers and especially, the prayer partners.

But once again we have the issue of: we had a great week of VBS, now what?. My question is: Why do we do VBS every year if we are not going to do any kind of follow-up? I have really struggled with this for the past few years. We do not have any one who steps forward and will take the lead in this area. So, I laid in bed the night after VBS, until 3:30 am, going over this in my head, and I came to a conclusion. If I feel so passionate about it and there is nobody to step up and do it, then maybe God is telling me that I need to focus on the outreach aspect and let someone else focus on planning VBS. Maybe not, but I do know that the outreach needs to be done and just talking about it doesn't accomplish anything. So, if you are interested in making outreach visits or making phone calls to see when we can visit them then please see me (Brandy 540-3578). I don't exactly have all of the details worked out but I am working on a plan. We can not fail these families any more. There is a hurting world out there and we have the answer. Let's all do our part to reach the over 200,000 lost people in our area.

Just a thought

I know that a lot of us are very busy and some people are getting burnt out and run down. Let me encourage you. Stop and take a deep breath! Look up and remember who you are working for. We are not (or should not be) doing any of this for ourselves. We, as Christians, have this amazing hope and joy: that Jesus Christ is Lord and that He is alive; that we have a Heavenly Father that loves us unconditionally and is in control of everything. We should be sharing this with everyone that we come into contact with. If we are doing any of this for ourselves or to make ourselves feel better then shame on us! Yes, we are tired ; Yes, we feel as if we need a break; Yes, it is hard. God never said it would be easy, He just said He would be right there with us. I don't know about you but I would rather be busy and tired working for the Lord than to not be doing anything for Him! When you start getting tired and think you want to give up, remember what HE did for you. He died a cruel and torturous death so that you could live with Him in Heaven. Keep looking up!

Community Center: The Refuge—Open House-August 9th

The Refuge

As you probably have guessed, we will not be able to open as a fully functioning community center in August. But we will be opening on August 26th from 2:30pm-6pm. We are still working on all of the details. We will be able to offer homework help, snacks, and games. If you know of any one who is interested in helping please have them call either Teresa or Brandy. Please continue to keep this in your prayers, as this is a big undertaking and we are new at this. But we serve a big God and this is His community center.



Upcoming Events For Your Calendar

August 2008

- Saturday, Aug 2nd—Work Day—New Building--6am-12, 4pm-9pm—everyone is invited*
Tuesday, August 5th —YAH Meeting —11:30am
Tuesday, August 5th —Baby Shower—Cassie Fisher — 6pm
Tuesday---Every Tuesday 4-9pm—work night at the new building
Wednesday, August 6th—our missionaries leave for Brazil
Wednesday, August 6th — Finance Team Meeting—8pm
Saturday, August 9th —Back to School Bash—Refuge Open House—2pm-5:30pm
Sunday, August 10th —VIP —2:30pm
Tuesday, August 12th—Baptist Women—9:30am—at Yvonne’s
Thursday, August 15th—Our Brazil missionaries return home
Saturday, Aug 16th—Work Day—New Building--6am-12, 4pm-9pm—everyone is invited
Sunday, August 17th—Church POTLUCK—12pm
Tuesday, August 26th—Refuge Opens — 2:30pm—6pm
Thursday, August 28th—Refuge — 2:30pm-6pm (EVERY TUES and THURS)
Thursday, August 28th—Preschool Ministry Team Meeting—6:30pm—at Mary’s
Saturday, Aug 30th—Work Day—New Building--6am-12, 4pm-9pm—everyone is invited
Sunday, August 30th —5th Sunday Hymn Sing—1pm

September 2008

- Tuesday, Sept 2nd—YAH Meeting—11:30am*
Wednesday, Sept 3rd—Finance Team Meeting — 8pm
Saturday, Sept 6th—Work Day—New Building--6am-12, 4pm-9pm—everyone is invited
Tuesday, Sept 9th—Baptist Women—9:30am—at Yvonne’s
Saturday, Sept 13th—Dependent Soul Annual Golf Tourney—The Muny-Alton
Sunday, Sept 14th—VIP—2:30pm
Thursday, Sept 25th—Preschool Ministry Team Meeting—6:30pm—at Mary’s
Saturday, Sept 27th—Work Day—New Building--6am-12, 4pm-9pm—everyone is invited
Sunday, Sept 28th—Apple Picking Fellowship—tentative—afternoon bible study
Mills Apple Farm, Marine, IL....details to follow.