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The Pastor's Corner

Where do we go from here? That's a question we always need to be asking ourselves. Its hopefully not a new question, but rather, one that continues to speak to our heart and mind.

We are entering into the final part of the first half of 2011. Are we reaching our personal goals, our business goals, our spiritual goals, or our relational goals between family and friends?

There is a process I came across many years ago that I found helpful and maybe you will too?

First, make a list of all the things you THINK you want to accomplish and place deadlines beside them.

Second, set it aside for a day or two and then go back and repeat the process, adding/deleting from the list as you see fit.

Third, after another couple of days to a week, begin to identify the top 2 or 3 things you really want to accomplish this year and then begin to put some details together regarding WHY you want to accomplish these goals and WHY you want it done it a year's time.

Fourth, set aside a few hours EACH WEEK to work towards the accomplishment of these goals.

Fifth, every month, take two hours to simply evaluate your progress towards your goal and adjust your efforts accordingly.

Age is no factor, younger or older people can do this and you'll be amazed at your progress, once you make this a habit of life.

Why Sunday School?

Sunday School is an important part of your spiritual growth and development. Some churches have replaced Sunday School with Small Groups Studies, in the church or in other locations such as restaurants, homes, etc.

But, no matter what your setup is, Christian Education is foundational to the believer's growth in Jesus Christ. The bible says, "But, grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Sunday School is ideal for learning spiritual truths, for building relationships with other believers, sharing the common difficulties we all have in life and in joining together in support of one another, as we deal with daily struggles.

The following is what's on tap for June, 2011 at the Bethany Church ... (Children's Classes will differ)

Sunday School Lessons Theme: God Instructs His People Unit 1: God's People Learn from Prosperity

- June 5 "God's Promises Fulfilled" Joshua 1:1-6, 16-19, 21-23 June 12 "God Has Expectations" Joshua 1:7-16 June 19 "God Protects" Joshua 2:3-9, 15-16, 22-24 June 26 "God is Victorious" Joshua 6:2-4, 12-20

Making Time for the Important Things in Life

By Rural Church Leader: Dennis Bickers

What are your plans for the summer? I hope they include some time for your family, yourself, and a get-away or two. I know from experience how easy it is to get one's calendar so full of good things that some important things get overlooked.

One of the things my wife and I are planning on doing is buying a season pass to a state park and spending more time there this summer. There are a number of parks within easy driving distance from our house and one pass gets us into all of them.

Our daughter and her family were here over the Memorial Day weekend, and we recently spent a few days with our son and his family at their house. Yes, there were any number of things I could have been doing at my desk, but none of them are more important than making good memories with family.

Sit down with your family tonight and block out some time for some activities that everyone will enjoy. They don't have to cost a lot of money. It only matters that they are something the family enjoys and that one more family memory is created.

Planning for the Future

June 5-10: Senior High Camp (Grades 9-12) Cost \$130.00 per person. Pre-registration required before May 22. You can register online at: www.campallen.com & Click on the "registration forms" tab at the top.

June 9-11: Church Outing to Eureka Springs, AR to see the Passion Play and attend some planned activities in the area. Leaving Thursday Night and returning Saturday Morning. For more details, see Sister Mary Ann Howell.

June 12-17: Junior High Camp (Grades 7-8) Cost \$130.00 per person. Pre-registration required before May 29. You can register online at: www.campallen.com & Click on the "registration forms" tab at the top.

June 25: WMS Chicken & Dumplings Supper Fundraiser @ the Center from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

June 24-26: National Youth Conference in Carlinville, IL

July 10-14: Junior I Camp (Grades 2-4) Cost \$90.00 per person. Pre-registration required before June 26. You can register online at: www.campallen.com & Click on the "registration forms" tab at the top.

July 17-21: Junior II Camp (Grades 5-6) Cost \$90.00 per person. Pre-registration required before July 3. You can register online at: www.campallen.com & Click on the "registration forms" tab at the top.

July 25-27: Mission & Ministry, combined with a Youth Missions Rally Conference at the same time.

Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

- Hunter Blake June 3 Isabella Blake June 17 Susie Riddle June 13 Harlan Loafman June 15 Tonya Loafman June 19 Jean Fortner June 21 Ralph Brown June 21 Brendan Reynolds June 24 John Grindstaff June 27

Happy Anniversary

June Anniversaries

- Joyce and Paul Kennedy June 3 Linda and Larry Bates June 27 Geri and Ron King June 30

Happy Father's Day — June 19, 2011

History of Father's Day

The United States is one of the few countries in the world that has an official day on which fathers are honored by their children. On the third Sunday in June, fathers all across the United States are given presents, treated to dinner or otherwise made to feel special.

The origin of Father's Day is not clear. Some say that it began with a church service in West Virginia in 1908. Others say the first Father's Day ceremony was held in Vancouver, Washington.

Regardless of when the first true Father's Day occurred, the strongest promoter of the holiday was Mrs. Bruce John Dodd of Spokane, Washington. She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state.

After Sonora became an adult she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man.

In early times, wearing flowers was a traditional way of celebrating Father's Day. Mrs. Dodd favored the red rose to honor a father still living, while a white flower honored a deceased dad. J.H. Berringer, who also held Father's Day celebrations in Washington State as early as 1912, chose a hite lilac as the Father's Day Flower.

States and organizations began lobbying Congress to declare an annual Father's Day. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea, but it was not until 1924 when President Calvin Coolidge made it a national event to "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."

In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day and put the official stamp on a celebration that was going on for almost half a century.

A Little HUMOR

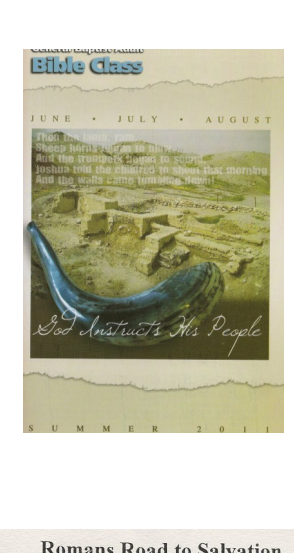
A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you found it helpful, please forward it to others who may be interested in what's going on at the Bethany Church.

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Romans Road to Salvation. What separates you from God and His love? SIN. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." What is the result of sin? DEATH. Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is death..." What does God desire for you? LIFE. Romans 6:23b "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." What did Jesus do for you? DIED IN YOUR place. Romans 5:8 "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." What must you do to be saved? BELIEVE & CONFESS. Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Who can be saved? EVERYONE who believes in Jesus. Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." What does faith in Jesus give you? PEACE. Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." NO CONDEMNATION. Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." ETERNAL LOVE. Romans 8:38-39 "I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Prayer of Faith

Wednesday Night Bible Study & Youth Night

We continue our study in the Book of Acts throughout the month of June. We started the month in Acts 12 and will continue to progress through the Book each Wednesday Night ...

Our Summer Youth Leader this year is Kara Blalock. She is on summer break from college and we have hired her to lead the Wednesday Night Youth Program for our older kids and to lead the Contemporary Services on Sunday Nights. Her boyfriend is Curt Miller and while she sings and leads the worship, he is doing the speaking.

So, take time out of your busy schedule and come and join us as we seek to preach, teach and lead as many as we can to saving faith in Jesus Christ!

WMS Chicken & Dumplings Mission's Fund Raiser on June 25 from 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Come and support MISSIONS by donating and enjoying a great meal as always by our Missionary Ladies.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13-16, 2011

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

We are travelling to the Hometown of Jesus Christ

Nazareth!

We will also have an adult class each night that will be studying the book by former atheist and now Christian, LEE STROBEL, called,

THE CASE FOR CHRIST!

Come and join us

Wednesday - Friday

And

Saturday from 9:00 -11:30 am.

CLOSING PROGRAM

SUNDAY MORNING

July 17th @ 10:30 a.m.

NEW CHRISTIAN'S CLASS

will be available ONLINE starting in the Month of August!

The Pastor is presently developing the lessons and creating the presentation in bit size lessons so a new Christian can just go online, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and learn how to grow in his/her faith in Jesus Christ.

I really hope to have it done sooner, but for now, I'm shooting for an August Deadline.

This will be followed up with a NEW MEMBER'S CLASS ONLINE as well.