

The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, January 24, 2010

FROM DAVE'S DESK...

She strummed her guitar and sang camp songs.

The tall college coed was surrounded by 30 or 40 young people. Some of them sat in wheelchairs. A few wore terry cloth bibs. Several of them rocked back and forth in time with the music. Some of them sang, without inhibition, when the simple words were familiar.

I watched happily from my vantage point at the back of the small gymnasium.

“She’s doing a great job!”

“She” was my Hope College friend, Sheila. Sheila had volunteered, this Friday evening, to ride from Holland to Cutlerville and help me with the “party” I was responsible for planning for the young people at Pine Rest’s Children’s Retreat. Planning a party for the physically and cognitively impaired young folks at “the Retreat” was one of the easier parts of my part-time job.

Early in the week I ordered some orange punch and chocolate chip cookies from the central kitchen. Then on Friday nights I orchestrated lots of games of “Duck, Duck, Goose.” I had a blast flying around the circle pushing a wheelchair transporting a young person screaming in delight. There was always some clean-up afterwards. Easy work!

But one part of the party, leading singing for this chorus of voices was way beyond my talents. So, on more than one occasion, I would call my friend, Sheila, and ask if she was busy on Friday night. Around supper time we’d climb into my green not-a-lick-of-chrome Chevy Biscayne and drive over to the Children’s Retreat to put on the party. On the way back across Byron Road a few hours later, I would say, “Thanks a lot, Sheila. You did a great job with the kids tonight—and thanks for helping with the clean-up too.”

Now forty years later my friend, Sheila, has accepted another invitation. This time Sheila will be flying several thousand miles and will arrive in Hudsonville to preach at Sunrise Ministries! Considering the distance and the difference I’m pretty excited about having Sheila with us. Accepting our invitation is a pretty big deal for Sunrise!

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You see, on most Sundays now, Sheila Schuller Coleman is in front of several thousand people. Her image is telecast around the world from her church, the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. Over the last several months she has been chosen to succeed her internationally well-know father, Dr. Robert Schuller, heading up the ministry at the Crystal Cathedral. On Sunday, March 14, Sheila will be worshipping with us and preaching right here at the Pinnacle Center!

Last Mother's Day I saw Sheila preach. She moved me as she talked about special challenges she faced raising four sons. She talked about how she wept after one conversation with one of her son's teachers.

I sent Sheila an email. "You did a great job in your Mother's Day message. I really appreciated your honesty....Would you ever come to Sunrise and preach?"

Dear Sunrise friends, I believe that March 14 will be a very special day for all of us. I have a strong hunch that if you invite some of your friends along, they're going to want to talk to Sheila after the worship and tell her, "Thanks, Sheila, you did a great job sharing Christ's love today!"

Pastor Dave

Today's Rising...

Teaching Pastor: Dave Breen

Sermon Title: *A Firm Foundation: Who Was Your Favorite Teacher?*

Sermon Text: Matthew 5: 1-16

Donut Sponsorship...

Thank you to Gary & Lori House, whose company *House of Stitches*, is sponsoring our donuts this Sunday and next week. They also sponsored last week Sunday. Be sure to thank them when you see them!

Sunrise Schedule for this week...

Today:

KidZone and Little Lambs will meet during the worship service.

Wednesday:

Men's Early Morning Bible Study – 6:30 a.m. at the church office.

Thursday:

Ladies Morning Beth Moore Bible Study – 9:00 a.m. at Kelly Bryant's home.

Saturday:

Sunrise Membership Exploration Class - 8:30 a.m. to noon at Pastor Dave & Linda Breen's home.

From the Board of Directors...

The offering collected on January 17th was \$3,892. Our budget for 2010 is still in the process of being finalized, however the amount will be similar to that of 2009 or \$4,154 per week. Totals for the month of January are: Budget \$12,462, Actual \$9,494. Average giving per week for the year has been \$2,993. The board of directors wants to thank you for your support of Sunrise Ministries and ask you to pray that the Lord will continue to bless Sunrise in ways that we can't even foresee.

Our Church Family...

- Matthew Bryant underwent a kidney biopsy this past Wednesday morning and was hospitalized overnight. The results of the biopsy should come sometime this week. Please pray for peace for the Bryant family as they wait for these results.
- Linda Breen underwent a medical procedure this past Friday as part of a continuing process of ruling out further spread of melanoma. Please continue to pray for good health results from her testing.

Sunrise Membership Exploration Class...

This Saturday a Sunrise Membership Exploration Class will be held. If you have been visiting Sunrise on a regular basis and are interested in exploring membership at Sunrise, please join us for a coffee time from 8:30 a.m. – noon at Pastor Dave & Linda Breen's home. (Their address is 7769 Hidden Lake Drive, Hudsonville.) If you haven't signed up yet, please do so today by the information table or by emailing Barb at barb@sunrisemin.org.

Women's Retreat...

We are very excited to offer another Women's Retreat, which will take place February 26 & 27, 2010. This retreat will once again be held at the Haworth Inn & Conference center and we'll be using the Beth Moore video entitled, *Measureless Love*. All ladies are welcome and if you joined us last year, you know what a special weekend it is. You won't want to miss this year! **Sign up today** by the Women's Ministry Table! We are able to keep the cost at \$75.00 per person if you sign up by January 31. (\$85.00 after January 31.) ****Please note:** You have the option to room with only 2 ladies instead of four; however, there will be an extra charge. Please talk to Kelly Bryant if you are interested in this arrangement.

Words for Wellness...

Vitamin D is very important to the immune system and overall health. We get vitamin D from food sources and the sun. We do not get vitamin D from the sun in Michigan in the winter, so it is important to take a daily supplement. Check with your doctor as to what they recommend.

Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse



Birthdays this Week

Today – Luke Jackson, William Mouw
Tuesday – Emily & Kaitlyn Beuschel
Thursday – Jim Wallinga, Maleah Mursch
Friday – Spencer Shamery

Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

Trailer Transportation:

Today: Kevin Meyer
Next Week: Ron Arendsen

Refreshment Servers:

Today: Jim & Patti Wallinga
Next Week: Sam & Sally Love

KidZone This Week:

Zone 1: Mary Henderson
Zone 2: Lisa Beuschel
Zone 3: Mike Herrema
Zone 4: Jessica Verburg

KidZone Next Week:

Zone 1: Mary Henderson
Zone 2: Lisa Beuschel
Zone 3: Mike Herrema
Zone 4: Jessica Verburg

Greeters:

Today: Todd & Christy Hultink
Next Week: Gary & Lori House
Pat Rhodes

Nursery Care:

Today: Kim Wallinga & Mike Eling
Next Week: Scott & Christy Veltman

Want to know more about Sunrise? Our website, www.sunrisemin.org, is loaded with information about our ministries. You'll be able to explore our mission and vision, learn more about our staff, download audio and video clips, and scan past editions of the *Rays*. Bookmark it and check back often!

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