

# The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, January 31, 2010

## From Tim's Laptop...

Looking for a new career with some job security? Here's one for you: Buy a tow truck and drive up and down Interstate 80 in Iowa.

For the last month or so, the ditches and medians flanking that highway have been littered with overturned vehicles. Like so many beached whales, vehicles who have succumbed to the winter driving conditions lay helpless in various stages of inversion.

Beginning in mid-December, my adopted home state has been pummeled by climate change. And by that I mean that the climate has been constantly in change. On Christmas, a blizzard that dumped multiple feet of snow on the western part of the state rendered holiday travel impossible. Shortly thereafter, a wave of shearing Northwest winds powered across the prairie, whipping the white stuff into a blinding maelstrom. Then, last week, a dizzying 1-2-3 punch of ice, fog, and drifting snow knocked thousands of Iowans to the mat and hundreds of their vehicles off the road.

Here's the weird part. As we drove – cautiously – across the state on Wednesday, we noted that the large majority of the paralyzed vehicles were trucks. Not rear-wheel drive sedans or fuel-efficient subcompacts, but 4X4 pickups, sport-utility vehicles, and tractor-trailers. We even saw one semi *carrying* a load of F-150's jackknifed around a pylon.

Seems kind of counterintuitive, doesn't it? Aren't these precisely the sorts of vehicles that are the most capable of handling snow and ice?

Almost certainly they are. They're heavier, can operate in four-wheel drive, and – in the case of the semis – have more tires on the ground. The right vehicle is all you need, right?

Maybe there is a false sense of confidence in play. Once you feel like you're all set, you let your guard down.

False confidence is an important tool of the devil. He seeks to make us feel secure in our righteousness, and then he gusts at us and knocks us off course. Jesus says it directly: Those who are riding high in first place are the ones who will be moved to last.

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What's the key to navigating the tempter's treachery? Take the cruise control off. Be attentive to your weaknesses and the tempter's strengths. Know when conditions could worsen – is the gale force intensity of greed a possibility? The slippery slope of sexual temptation? The reduced spiritual visibility that comes with resentment? – and re-route yourself immediately.

Don't ever feel as if you've equipped yourself for anything. Satan's storms can spin out the strongest spirit.

*Pastor Tim*

### **Today's Rising...**

Teaching Pastor: Dave Breen

Sermon Title: *A Firm Foundation: Bread Drop*

Sermon Text: John 6 (selected verses)

### Today:

KidZone and Little Lambs will meet during the worship service.

20's & 30's group – 5:00 p.m. at Pastor Tim & Tami's home.

Middle School Youth Group - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the DeWitte's home.

### Wednesday:

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

Retreat Committee meeting – 12:30 p.m. at Kelly Bryant's home.

Ladies Evening Beth Moore Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at Liz Holwerda's home.

Young Ladies Evening Beth Moore Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. with Christy Veltman.

### Thursday:

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

Building Team – 7:00 p.m. at "What's the Scoop" Ice Cream and Coffee Shop.

Men's Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at Pastor Dave's home.

### Saturday:

Sunrise's Staff & Board Retreat – 8:30 a.m. – noon at Western Seminary Library.

### **From the Board of Directors...**

The offering collected on January 24<sup>th</sup> was \$5,531. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of January are: Budget \$16,792, Actual \$15,025. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,622. The board of directors wants to thank you for a wonderful offering last week and for your continued support of Sunrise Ministries.

### **20's & 30's Group...**

The 20's & 30's group will meet tonight for Bible Study at Pastor Tim & Tami's home (7842 Meadowood Dr. in Hudsonville) at 5:00 p.m. No child care will be provided.

### **Middle School Youth Group...**

The Middle School Youth Group will meet tonight from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Ty & Laura DeWitte's home. All middle school age young people and friends are welcome!

### **Taco Bob's Fundraiser for Haiti...**

Josh Broek, a Sunrise member and co-owner of Taco Bob's Restaurant, has generously offered that this Thursday, February 4, 10% of all their sales will be donated back to Sunrise to combine with our offering today for Haiti relief. Be sure to plan your lunch or supper on Thursday at Taco Bob's! There are two locations for this restaurant: 250 Monroe (in the Calder Plaza Building, Grand Rapids) – open from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and also at 59 West Washington in Zeeland – open from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **Women's Ministry...**

- **Women's Retreat:** Have you registered yet for the Women's Retreat on February 26 & 27? Don't miss out! We encourage every Sunrise woman to attend – invite your daughters and/or your friends to join you for this special weekend and hear about God's *Measureless Love*. Today is the last Sunday to register at the \$75.00 per person rate. Please turn in your form to the Women's Ministry table by the entrance door. There will be more forms on the table if you need one. After today, the price will be \$85.00 per person.
- **Retreat Committee:** The Retreat planning committee will meet this Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Kelly's home.

### **Sunrise Building Team...**

The new Sunrise Building Team will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at "What's the Scoop" Ice Cream and Coffee Shop.

### **Sunrise Staff and Board Retreat...**

The members of the Board of Elders and Board of Directors, along with the Sunrise Staff, will meet this Saturday morning for a time of discussion and future planning. This will be held from 8:30 a.m. – noon at the Western Seminary Library.

### **Sunrise Mexico-Canada Night!...**

A fun night at Taco Bob's Restaurant in Zeeland is planned on Friday, February 12 for all Sunrise members & friends who are in their 20's & 30's. Join us from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. to enjoy an open Taco Bar (Cost: \$5:00), watch the Olympics Opening Ceremonies, participate in a Wii Bowling Challenge and Apples to Apples Tournament. Come and meet some of the great new young people at our church!

### **Thank You from CURE International...**

*Dear Friends: Thank you so much for your generous contribution to CURE International. Your gift could not have come at a better time. And not just because it's the Christmas season! Anytime you donate to CURE International, you are giving the best gift a child will ever receive: a Gift of Healing. Our hospitals provided this gift to more than 10,000 children in 2009. Without CURE and your donation, this would not have been possible for many of these children. We wish you a prosperous New Year!*  
Regards, C. Scott Harrison, M.D., President and CEO.

### **Words for Wellness...**

Living with stress can hurt your health and can cause headaches, insomnia, high blood pressure and decreased immunity, among other problems. Praying has been proven to help you find peace and calm in a chaotic world.

*Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse*



## ***Birthdays this Week***

Monday – Ally Spearow  
Thursday – Eric Elling, Jessica Gelder  
Friday – Dick Kennedy

## Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

### **Trailer Transportation:**

**Today:** Ron Arendsen  
**Next Week:** Dan Nieuwkoop

### **Refreshment Servers:**

**Today:** Sam & Sally Love  
**Next Week:** Rick & Gayle Golenbiewski

### **KidZone This Week:**

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

### **KidZone Next Week:**

Zone 1: Anne Foote  
Zone 2: Leah DeYoung  
Zone 3:  
Zone 4: Kelly Bryant

### **Greeters:**

**Today:** Gary & Lori House  
Pat Rhodes  
**Next Week:** Charlie & Anne Foote  
Paul & Barb Erffmeyer

### **Nursery Care:**

**Today:** Scott & Christy Veltman  
**Next Week:** Jason & Mari Hutchison

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