

# The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, March 28, 2010

## FROM TIM'S LAPTOP...

Well, it has come to this – it's the final *From Tim's Laptop* I'll ever compose as a twenty-something.

It's been quite a run; this space has been used to chronicle such obscure phenomena as Tami's desire to get laser eye surgery, Michigan's mind-numbing football loss to Appalachian State, and my protracted feud with Best Buy over certain unreceived Reward Zone certificates.

Now that I'm getting old (ha!), I feel a bit of a reminiscing sentiment coming on. What defined this decade of my life? What were the most memorable moments of my twenties?

Here are ten events I'll never forget...

- Standing in the front of Bethel CRC in Sioux Center, Iowa, watching a ravishing (and teary) young woman named Tamara Danae Wynia walk forward and vow to be my wife.
- Beaming with pride in the Holland Hospital delivery room as a 5 pound, 5 ounce little boy named Jericho entered into this world.
- Spending two weeks in Europe with my Uncle Ken – with particular fondness for the initial steps taken into St. Peter's Cathedral in Vatican City.
- Disembarking from a crowded bus near the Kidron Valley, realizing *I'm actually in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem.*
- Passing my classis exams and being ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America.
- Managing to graduate from Northwestern College with honors, despite having wasted an inordinate amount of time playing Tecmo Bowl with my dormmates Dave Kramer, Luke Wangen, and Dana Folkerts.
- Witnessing the collapse of the World Trade Towers.
- Receiving this voice mail from my mom on a February morning: "*Your Grandpa is now walking on the streets of gold.*"
- Meeting President Bush in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Traveling to Oman with several of my seminary classmates in order to experience a complete immersion into a Muslim context.

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What a great decade! I didn't even have room here to recount my first experience with Costco cake!

As all of us move through life, it is a wonderful comfort to realize that God is changeless, isn't it? He is indeed faithful and constant and true. Though other people move in and out of our lives, God will never leave us or forsake us.

In each of those moments – frightening, joyful, or exhilarating – the King of Creation has been leading me. And I fully believe he will be there for me going forward. That gives me great hope and great confidence.

So I'm ready. Bring on the Thirties!

*Pastor Tim*

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

Teaching Pastor: Dave Breen

Sermon Title: *A Firm Foundation: Palm Paradox*

Sermon Text: John 12:12-19

### **Sunrise Schedule for this week...**

#### Today:

KidZone and Little Lambs will meet during the worship service.

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

#### Monday:

Outreach Committee meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Carol VanHaitsma's home.

#### Wednesday:

Men's Early Morning Bible Study will not meet. (See announcement.)

Young Ladies Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at Lindsey Broek's home (see announcement.)

#### Thursday:

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

Men's Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at Pastor Dave's home. The lesson will be Chapter 6.

#### Friday:

Good Friday Potluck & Worship service – 6:15 p.m. at First Jenison Christian Reformed Church, with worship following at 7:00 p.m.

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

The offering collected on March 21<sup>st</sup> was \$4,935. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of March are: Budget \$12,594, Actual \$12,192. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,779. As always the board of directors wants to thank you for your gifts to Sunrise Ministries. We also ask for your prayers so that these monies are spent in the best possible way to honor the Lord.

### **Youth Groups...**

**Middle School:** The middle school youth group will meet tonight from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at DeWitte's home.

### **Men's Early Morning Wednesday Bible Study...**

The Men's Early Morning Bible Study will not meet for the next two weeks. A possible breakfast is planned for next Wednesday. Watch your emails.

### **Our Church Family...**

- Pat & Bealynn thank you for your prayers and concern this past week when Pat was in the hospital to be treated for fluid around his heart. All the fluid was removed and Pat returned home on Monday. They ask for your continued prayers that fluid does not build up once again. He will have another test tomorrow to make sure this is not happening.
- We're thankful with the Karsten family for the safe return home of Donna O'Rielly, who is extended family of Don & Cheryl's daughter-in-law. Thank you for your prayers!
- Gary & Lori House's future son-in-law, Ross O'Conner, was involved in a car accident this past week and suffered a major concussion. He was hospitalized for a couple of days. Please continue to remember him in prayer as he recovers.
- Church staff vacations: Pastor Tim, Tami & Jericho are enjoying a time of vacation and will be returning on Wednesday. We pray that they will feel rested & refreshed and have a safe trip home. Barb will be leaving on vacation this Thursday and will be gone until the 10th. If you have a concern or a need, please call Pastor Dave at 915-2388 or Pastor Tim at 403-3023.

### **Young Ladies Wednesday Evening Bible Study...**

The Young Ladies evening Bible Study will meet this Wednesday for a night of fun and fellowship to wrap up their study. They will meet at Lindsey Broek's house from 7 to 9 pm. Please bring an appetizer or snack to pass.

### **Good Friday Service...**

We invite you to join us for our Good Friday Potluck and Service this Friday at First Jenison Christian Reformed Church (in the All-Purpose Building), located at 8360 Cottonwood Drive in Jenison. The potluck will begin at 6:15 p.m. with a time of worship following at 7:00 p.m. If you will be joining us and are willing to help bring food for the potluck supper, please sign up today by the information table.

### **Refreshment Servers Needed...**

A new refreshment serving schedule has been made through June 2010. However, our list of volunteers is short. If you would be willing to serve in this fun way, please contact Cheryl Karsten at 896-8429 or [ckars10@att.net](mailto:ckars10@att.net) to be added to the next schedule.

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

High blood cholesterol is a major women's health issue. All women should have their blood levels checked beginning at age twenty and then at least once every five years. Diet, physical activity, and weight control can help with maintaining healthy levels.

*Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse*



### ***Birthdays this Week***

Today – Theresa Flowers  
Monday – Lillian Zeinstra  
Wednesday – JD Harris  
Friday – Grace Bosma

### ***Anniversaries this Week***

No anniversaries to report this week

## Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

### **Trailer Transportation:**

Today: Dan Nieuwkoop  
Good Friday: Doug Gelder  
Next Week: Eric Elling

### **Refreshment Servers:**

Today: Dan Nieuwkoop/Don Karsten  
Next Week: Todd & Christy Hultink

### **KidZone This Week:**

Zone 1: Mike Doorn  
Zone 2: Mary Henderson  
Zone 3: Scott Veltman  
Zone 4: Jessica Verburg

### **KidZone Next Week:**

No KidZone next week or April 11 –  
off for Spring Break.

### **Greeters:**

Today: Pat & Bealynn Dooling,  
Pat Rhodes  
Next Week: Charlie & Anne Foote  
Tom & Lisa Beuschel

### **Nursery Care:**

Today: Kim Wallinga,  
Mike Eling  
Next Week: Jessica Flack,  
Sally Riggs

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