

The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, April 25, 2010

FROM TIM'S LAPTOP...

This Saturday, Sunrise will host its largest annual outreach event, the **Hudsonville Highlands 5K Run/Walk**. You've heard me talk about this at length during our morning services – but to this point I've been mainly addressing the registration and participation side of the event. I'd like to take the opportunity of this space to speak to the *purposes* of the 5K.

There are five goals and missions that stand at the ministry-heart of this special morning:

Visibility: For upwards of 95% of the week, Sunrise remains hidden from the community. While our sign and trailer do give Sunday-morning hints of our presence to passers-by, most of the church's hours are spent outside of the neighborhood's line of sight. A major event like the 5K, complete with food, smiling faces, and a mobilized church permits our community to see who we are and what we're about.

Fund-Raising: Thanks to the generous donations of our event sponsors (you'll see them listed on the back of the official participant T-shirt; make sure you use their services!) a large percentage of the registration costs will go to fund the ministries of Sunrise and our local mission partner, Love INC.

Wellness: Our church's Statement of Mission and Vision reads "Sunrise is committed to bringing healing to those with spiritual and physical needs." One such physical need – well-identified by our church nurse Grace Bosma – is the need for exercise. Our event allows for a nice 20-60 minute (depending on your pace!) workout. Walk, run, or jog – let's get out there in the bright May sun and get some exercise!

Fellowship: Anybody who attended last year's 5K can tell you that last year was a blast. We had tons of great food, some music, and lots of friendships made and solidified. You can look forward to great conversations, great relationships, and great fun.

An Opportunity to Contribute: If you've been looking for a way to give back to the church, but you've been financially challenged – or if you want to take your volunteer spirit to the next level, the 5K presents a great opportunity. Whether you opt to participate in the 5K itself, or if you're able to donate your muscles or your baking skills or just a friendly attitude to our guests, we can most certainly use you.

I pray that you will make this morning a priority. We'll be running around a playground, so there will be plenty of places for your young kids to get out and exercise, too. Bring the whole family – it's going to be a great day!

Pastor Tim

Today's Rising...

Teaching Pastor: Tim Breen

Sermon Title: *A Firm Foundation: I Find that Hard to Believe!*

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sunrise Schedule for this week...

Today:

KidZone will meet during the morning worship time.

Sunrise Tomorrow meeting – 6:00 p.m. at Pastor Tim & Tami's home.

Monday:

Sunrise Tomorrow meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Charlie & Anne Foote's home.

Wednesday:

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

Saturday:

Hudsonville Highlands 5-K race – starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Pinnacle Center.

From the Board of Directors...

The offering collected on April 18th was \$5,285. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of April are: Budget \$12,594, Actual \$11,450. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,801. As Pastor Tim told us last week, our offerings are an act of worship and the board of directors wants to thank you for your wonderful acts of worship.

Our Church Family...

- Another new baby girl has been born to the Sunrise Family and more importantly, to the Jaroh Family. Isabella Kristen (she will be called Ella) was born on April 16. Congratulations to Jamie, Nicole, and son, Charlie!

Hudsonville Highlands 5K Race...

The Hudsonville Highlands 5K Race is this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The race begins and ends at the Pinnacle Center. Be sure to come out and cheer the runners and walkers on! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out.

Middle School Youth Group...

All Middle Schoolers are invited to come out next Sunday (May 2) evening for a road rally. This will be the final get-together for this year. Please come to the DeWitte's at 5:30 and plan to be picked up at 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served there.

KidZone Teachers Needed...

KidZone teachers are still needed for the following dates & zones:

May 2 – Zone 1

May 9 – Zone 1, 3, and 4

May 16 – Zone 1, 2, and 3

Please call Deb Bennett (669-6081) or email her at debutante16@comcast.net to help out. Thank you for volunteering!

Greeters...

New Greeter schedules for May and June are on the information table. Please mark down the date(s) you are scheduled to greet.

Elder Nominations...

Today is the last day to turn in your nominations for the Board of Elders. Please fill out the green sheet on the information table and place your nomination in the box.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study...

The Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study will be having our discussion group for the first half of Beth Moore's new book "So Long Insecurity" on Thursday, May 6th and the 2nd half on Thursday, May 27th @ 9am. (Please note the second date has been changed from the originally scheduled date of May 20th.) After this, we will schedule dates to get together and view a video on Mary Magdalene.

Baby Items Needed...

When a new baby is born to a Sunrise family, they are presented with a gift bag of small baby items. The Baby Ministry Team is in need of more baby items – especially for girls. Suggestions: onesies, bibs, receiving blankets, baby toys, lotions, bath items, etc. We'll begin to receive your donated items at the information table next Sunday.

2010 Graduates...

If you or someone in your family is graduating this year from middle school, high school, or college, please send the following information to Barb: name, grade & school graduating from, and future plans. Please email the information to barb@sunrisemin.org. Our graduates will be recognized on Sunday morning, June 6 – please mark your calendar and plan to attend Sunrise that morning!

Advance Notice for an Outdoor Service/Church Picnic...

Mark your calendars for a special service on May 23. We will hold our morning worship service at Spring Grove Park in Jamestown, with a church picnic to follow.

Camp Fee Assistance...

The Board of Directors is offering to help with the camp fees of your child's first visit to a Christian summer camp. Sunrise will pay up to \$100 per child, with a \$500 limit. So, this assistance is on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Barb at the church office if you would like this assistance.

Sunrise Vacation Bible School...

Advance notice: the Sunrise Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 12-16. More details to come soon regarding registration and volunteer opportunities. Be sure to put this week on your calendar!

Words for Wellness...

Prescription medication can be very expensive and prices can really vary. Generic medications can be substituted for most brand name medications and that can be a huge savings. Also, it may be less expensive to get a 90 day supply versus paying your monthly co-pay. It pays to shop around and compare.

Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse



Birthdays this Week

Today – Todd Hultink, Kent DeYoung, Brian Atkinson, Alli Poelman

Monday – Laurene Dressander, Lori House

Tuesday – Sid Holwerda

Wednesday – Kevin Meyer, Jeremy House, Katie VanKampen

Thursday – Randy Staal, Makenzie Chapman

Anniversaries this Week

Sunday – Ryan & Callie Selvius

Monday – Dick & Carolyn Kennedy

Thursday – Todd & Christy Hultink

Saturday – Randy & Barb DeHoop

Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

Trailer Transportation:

Today: Don Karsten

Next Week: BJ VanKampen

Refreshment Servers:

Today: Mark & Cindy Schreer

Next Week: Sam & Sally Love

KidZone This Week:

Zone 1: Kylee Jackson

Zone 2: Christy Hultink

Zone 3: Kevin Meyer

Zone 4: Todd Hultink

KidZone Next Week:

Zone 1:

Zone 2: JD & Kim Harris

Zone 3: Christy Hultink

Zone 4: Todd Hultink

Greeters:

Today: Jim & Judy Warmington

Next Week: Don & Cheryl Karsten

Kevin Meyer

Nursery Care:

Today: Rachel Chapman,

Jessica Flack

Next Week: Jen Ford

Melinda Herrema

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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