

The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, May 9, 2010

FROM DAVE'S DESK...

On Monday night I failed an important test.

I was talking on the phone with a cherished friend. We were chatting about something we had discussed several times before—coming to hasty conclusions about others negative feelings about us. Reflecting on previous conversations...somehow, something that never should have crossed my lips slipped out. I think I said something sort of like, “Of course you’ve never done that....”

Ouch!

In the two seconds of silence that followed, I didn’t need anyone to tell me that I had failed the kindness test. God’s Spirit convicted me. I felt bad. My friend graciously accepted my apology but I’m concerned that there may still be a hidden wound there today.

“Forgive us our debts...as we forgive...”

Today is Mother’s Day. Recently a headline caught my eye...*WHAT DO MOTHERS WANT MOST FOR MOTHER’S DAY?* Kindness!

Here’s how universal a need for kindness is. Consider the results of this survey of 16,000 women representing 37 cultures. A question was posed to these women asking what quality they wanted most in a husband. From 37 cultures surveyed, “kindness” was cited above all other characteristics. (“Intelligence,” interestingly, was number 2.)

On this Mother’s Day... a practical challenge for my younger friends—make it your aim to always address your mom with kindness! I know that we all get frustrated, but--and I don’t know how to put this anymore clearly--yelling at your mom is hurtful and wrong.

For husbands--a question. Would your wife more likely choose the word “tough” or the word “tender” to describe your disposition? As a husband myself, I am always looking for men who are inspiring models of kindness to their wives. When I find one, I want to follow their example.

Wikipedia says that kindness is to have “a mild disposition.” It is “pleasantness and tenderness.” Kindness is to show a concern for others.

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The Bible says, ... *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* (Galatians 5:22-23).

Today I'm meditating on the words of a woman who was known to people everywhere as "mother" — *Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless* (Mother Teresa). I pray for a truly "Happy Mother's Day" for each of you!

Pastor Dave

Today's Rising...

Teaching Pastor: Tim Breen

Sermon Title: *A Firm Foundation: It's not the thought that counts.*

Sermon Text: James 2:14-24

Sunrise Schedule for this week...

Today:

KidZone will meet during the morning worship time.

Wednesday:

Men's Early Morning Bible Study – 6:30 a.m. breakfast at Rainbow Grill in Hudsonville.

Thursday:

Sunrise Tomorrow meeting with the pastors – 7:00 p.m. at Kelly Bryant's home.

Saturday:

Dance practice – 9:00 a.m. at the church office.

From the Board of Directors...

The offering collected on May 2nd was \$4,036. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of May are: Budget \$4,198, Actual \$4,036. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,805. The Board of Directors wants to thank you for support of Sunrise Ministries.

Outdoor Service/Church Picnic...

Mark your calendars for a special service on May 23. Here are some details:

- We will hold our morning worship service at Spring Grove Park in Jamestown, with a church picnic to follow. **Please note time change of service: our service will begin at 10:45 a.m.** The Board of Directors will host the *Sunrise Cook Out*, grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, after the service. All you need to bring is a lawn chair.
- Games and activities after the service are being planned for the KidZone kids. **Cupcake donations are needed for one of the games.** Please sign up by the information table if you are willing to bring some.
- Sunrise Fundraiser Opportunity... Rachele Gelder with RGelder Photography has offered to take your family photos at the park during and after the picnic! Purchase 15 minutes of session time for \$15.00 and \$10 will go back to Sunrise. You will receive a photo CD with copy-right release with-in the following 2 weeks. A sign up sheet with time-slots will be available the day of the picnic. This park is beautiful to get your pictures taken, don't miss this great opportunity! If you would like to see Rachele's work, check out www.RGelderPhotography.zenfolio.com.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study...

The Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study's schedule has been changed and will not be meeting during the month of May. We will be having our discussion group for the first half of Beth Moore's new book "So Long Insecurity" in June – a date will soon be determined. Keep reading! We'll discuss chapters 1-9 when we get together.

Children Needed for June 13 Service...

We would like to invite Sunrise children to participate in the worship service on June 13. If your child has a gift in scripture reading, music, or dance that would be appropriate for a worship service, please contact Pastor Dave at 915-2388, or email him at davidpbreen@comcast.net.

Children's Dance Group for June 13 Service...

Krissy Wallinga will lead a children's dance group that will participate in the June 13 worship service. Practices will be held on Saturday mornings beginning this Saturday, May 15 through June 12. The practices will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the church office.

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!

Sunrise Vacation Bible School...

Please continue to pray where God may use you and your family during our VBS this year! The dates are July 12-16 and this year's theme is Jerusalem Marketplace. Join us in making the Bible come alive as each participant is engaged in Bible time themes and activities while learning about the walk of Christ. Check the information table for further details on where we need help and where you may fit. If you are interested in joining the VBS committee this year, please sign up today!

Food Distribution on June 26...

Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday morning, June 26. There will be a food distribution truck in the parking lot of Allied Mechanical from 9-11 a.m. and Sunrise volunteers will be needed to pass out food to those in need. More details and sign up to come soon.

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. Please place your donated items in the basket on the information table. Thank you!

Words for Wellness...

Improving your family's heart health can be done by following a simple triglyceride-friendly meal plan. Ideas include using lean meats, omega 3 rich fish (salmon or lake trout), dark green leafy and fiber rich vegetables, and using whole grains. Happy healthy eating!

Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse



Birthdays this Week

Today – Linda Breen, Mayme Verburg
Monday – Charlie Foote, Stone Harmsen
Wednesday – Mary Henderson
Thursday – Jaren Golenbiewski
Friday – Jim Luikens
Saturday – Katie Henderson

Anniversaries this Week

No anniversaries to report

Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

Trailer Transportation:

Today: Todd Hultink
Next Week: Kevin Meyer

Refreshment Servers:

Today: Dan Nieuwkoop/Don Karsten
Next Week: Pat & Bealynn Dooling

KidZone This Week:

Zone 1: Kylee Jackson
Zone 2: JD & Kim Harris
Zone 3: Jerilyn Zylstra
Zone 4:

KidZone Next Week:

Zone 1:
Zone 2: Mike Doorn
Zone 3: Jerilyn Zylstra
Zone 4: Jessica Verburg

Greeters:

Today: Gary & Lori House
Todd & Christy Hultink
Next Week: Pat & Bealynn Dooling
Ty & Laura DeWitte

Nursery Care:

Today: Mike & Aimee Doorn
Next Week: Mary Henderson
Hannah Hultink

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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