

The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, July 18, 2010

From Dave's Desk...

LOL—almost!

When Rachelle Gelder, our VBS coordinator, told me what she had in mind for my role at VBS this year I almost laughed out loud.

A week or two earlier I had told Rachelle I couldn't be there for the last evening of the week's activities. In consideration of my anticipated Thursday absence I said, *"Just plug me in wherever you need me, Rachelle."*

"Thanks, Pastor Dave. I have just the spot for you."

Thinking Rachelle might need me for a minor drama role, some worship aspect or just making announcements, I was content to wait until Rachelle got back to me. Maybe I shouldn't have been quite so over-confident!

Because...when, a few days ago, Rachelle did tell me what she had in mind, it was a moment.

You see—my role in the Bible times "marketplace," is that I am in charge of the carpenter's shop! LOL!!!

When I protested that I wasn't really qualified in any way whatsoever for this calling, Rachelle just said, *"have you ever used a hammer?...That's all you need to know."*

That pretty much explains how I wound up sitting, in flowing biblical garb, smoothing the rough edges of scraps of wood with scraps of sandpaper and passing them on to the children who graciously accepted my efforts as if I were a well-paid and highly regarded master carpenter.

What I have already discovered in my new vocation as a carpenter is that, in fact I actually am highly qualified for this work. Last evening I spent most of the time straightening nails the little tykes hadn't quite hit squarely. Bent nails? I know personally a lot about bent nails. I'm usually about 1 for 10 in sinking an infrequent nail straight into the wood.

When you work with the children—carefully holding the nails as they grip a hammer with two hands—virtually every nail goes in an undesired direction. And so you stop—use the hammer's claws and either straighten the nail or start all over.

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I've been thinking about last night's bent nails. With so many of my efforts going sideways, I need someone who is qualified to help me re-direct, re-store and re-start.

Someone told me that there is a Carpenter around here whose experience with nails is amazing. When it comes to bent nails, there's no one like Him...

Pastor Dave

Today's Rising...

Teaching Pastor: Tim Breen

Sermon Title: *Through the Shimmering Door: Revelation and What Lies Ahead – "Life Beyond Existence"*

Sermon Text: Revelations 1

Sunrise Schedule for this week...

Today:

Children's Summer Splash time will be held this morning.

Monday:

HarkUp Night at Berlin Raceway – a night of Christian Music – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Co-ed Softball Game – 8:05 p.m. at Sunrise Park.

From the Board of Directors...

The offering collected on July 11th was \$2,582. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of July are: Budget \$8,396, Actual \$6,065. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,742. We are also pleased to announce that the special offering for Vacation Bible School brought in a total of \$459 dollars. The Board of Directors wants to thank you for your continued support of Sunrise Ministries and especially for your support of the children's ministry through last week's special offering.

Farewell Service and Lunch for Pastor Tim and Tami...

We encourage all of you to mark your calendar and plan to attend Sunrise on **Sunday, August 8** to hear Pastor Tim's farewell sermon and to say goodbye to him & Tami at a lunch following the service. More details on where the lunch will be held coming soon.

Our Church Family...

- Pastor Dave and Linda will be on vacation this coming week through July 28. If you have a need or concern, please contact Pastor Tim at 403-3023 (cell), or Barb at 915-5832 (cell), 669-7865 (church office).

Donut Sponsorship...

Thank you to Gary & Lori House for sponsoring our donuts for three Sundays in July through their company, *House of Stitches*. We appreciate their faithful sponsorship of these delicious treats! Would you consider sponsoring during the month of August? If so, please talk to Gary House or contact Barb in the church office.

Sunrise Vacation Bible School...

What a wonderful week our children had this past week at the **Jerusalem Marketplace**, where the Bible stories of where Jesus walked came alive for them! A huge THANK YOU: to Rachele Gelder for all her efforts in coordinating this very special VBS program (!), to Doug Gelder for all his help with set up needs, to Leah DeYoung for preparing delicious suppers each night, and to the many volunteers who helped with special roles, who were tribe leaders, who ran the marketplace shops, and who were part of the drama team each night. Above all, thank you to God for blessing these efforts for our children!

Hark Up Night at the Berlin Raceway...

Tomorrow night is an exciting night of Christian music held at the Berlin Raceway. The Hark Up choir will be performing, along with Geoff Moore. Tickets are \$8.00, but Mike Blackmer (owner of Berlin Raceway & Sunrise member) will donate tickets to any member of Sunrise attending. If you would like tickets, see Mike after the service or Barb at the information table.

Festival at the Pines...

Save the date of **September 11** for a huge event called *Festival at the Pines!* You are all invited for a great day of food, fun, games and fellowship at the Pines Golf Course (5050 Byron Center Rd in Wyoming). This festival represents a huge opportunity to build up our building fund. There will be a morning golf scramble beginning at 9:00 a.m. and an afternoon lunch and fall party. More details will be coming soon, but highlight this date on your calendar!

Ladies Night Out...

A Ladies Night Out is being planned for **December 7** to attend the presentation of the musical comedy *Away in the Basement – A Church Basement Ladies Christmas*, held at the VanSingel Fine Arts Center. You won't want to miss this! If you are interested in attending the 7:30 p.m. show, please sign up at the information table. Tickets are \$29.50 per person. Your money will be collected when tickets are ordered.

Words for Wellness...

It has been a hot summer!! It is important to drink a lot of fluids to stay hydrated. Be sure to sun block all exposed skin and especially do not forget your scalp! It is best to wear a hat but there are also spray sunblocks made for the scalp. Enjoy the sun safely!

Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse



Birthdays this Week

Monday – Brett Jackson

Thursday – Riley Murray

Friday – Jack Meyer

Saturday – Trevor Doornbos, Knox Flowers

Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

Trailer Transportation:

Today: Al Rubingh

Next Week: Eric Elling

Refreshment Servers:

Today: Dan Nieuwkoop/Don Karsten

Next Week: Sam & Sally Love

KidZone:

KidZone and Little Lambs programs are finished for this school year.

Thank you to all who volunteered!

Greeters:

Today: Pat & Bealynn Dooling
Pat Rhodes

Next Week: Charlie & Anne Foote
Paul & Barb Erffmeyer

Nursery Care:

Today: Rachelle & Jessica Gelder

Next Week: Chad & Rachel Chapman

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