

The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, August 22, 2010

FROM DAVE'S DESK...



Initially, I missed the first sign. (It must have been because I was running too fast!)

While “running” on the bike path that runs along Lakeshore Drive in Holland, I did see the second sign taped to a telephone pole, *Lost set of Keys...Sunday August 15, 7:00 pm...Basic key ring 7-9 keys (including Toyota logo key and remote) If found, please call 403-8951.*

By the time I finished my return trip I counted a total of four identical signs—all attached by duct tape to the utility poles that line the roadside between Tunnel Park and Camp Geneva. Their cumulative affect of the signs appealed to the rescuer/hero response in me. I finished my morning jog with my eyes on the shaggy grasses alongside the bike path. I wish I could report that I found the keys—but all I found was a fresh resolve to pay more attention to where I put my own keys!

Losing keys seems to be a universal affliction...

...when I was a seven year old boy, I lost my dad's car keys. They were ultimately found. I had locked them in the car trunk!

...since I've misplaced keys so often, I take some comfort that even my detail oriented wife, Linda, misplaced her keys twice in the last two weeks. Both times she left them at her mother's cottage next door to where we stay.

...when I was a Hope College student, I was on a committee that was chaired by Ruth Peale, wife of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. He was the world-renowned New York pastor who wrote and spoke around the globe about the power of positive thinking. In the middle of the meeting, Dr. Peale barged unannounced into our meeting. He was really upset! He had lost his keys! Sometimes—even for saintly leaders—it's tough to practice what you preach!

This morning I was thinking about church keys. (Not the same kind of keys as the 103 keys I once saw on a former church custodian's belt.) Churches have the keys capable of opening people's hearts to God. Churches have the keys that give people a home in heaven. These keys are so important that Jesus said, *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven... (Matthew 16:19)*. Churches have the keys that unlock uninhibited and passionate praise of God. Churches have the keys that open the doors of people's hearts to serve those in need.

Did you ever watch a family member who just found the key they've been looking for? Their relief is so great that you'd think every other problem of their life was now completely insignificant. Their embarrassment and shame over what was once lost evaporates completely. They are even freed to laugh at their own forgetfulness.

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If you've lost something or someone key to your life, I'm glad you're here with us at Sunrise. There are lots of folks here familiar with this path and they'll be honored to slow their own running to walk with you until we're able to post a sign that says, "Keys found!"

Pastor Dave

Today's Rising...

Teaching Pastor: Dave Breen

Sermon Title: *What's left when a Pastor leaves? (Part 2)*

Sermon Text: Psalm 33:18-22; Romans 5:1-5

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Isabella Jaroh, daughter of Jamie & Nicole. We welcome all their family and friends who have joined us to witness this special event!

Sunrise Schedule for this week...

Today:

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

From the Board of Directors...

The offering collected on August 15th was \$1,875. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of August are: Budget \$12,594, Actual \$9,990. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,590. The Board of Directors wants to thank you for your continued support of Sunrise Ministries.

Our Church Family...

- Please continue your prayers for Elli Howard as she heals from a broken Femur bone.

Fall Registrations to begin soon...

As a church staff, we are planning for the fall programs and activities and are excited that they will resume again in September! Please mark your calendar that registration for KidZone and the Women's Beth Moore Bible Studies will be on Sunday, August 29. Look for the registration table and sign up that morning.

Babysitter list...

If you are a middle school student or older and would like to be put on a babysitter's list, please send your name, age, grade in school, and phone number where you can be reached to barb@sunrisemin.org. If you provide day care in your home and would also like to be on this list, send in your information. This list will be set out on the information table for any parents of young children to receive.

New Greeter Schedules...

New Greeter Schedules for the month of September and October are now on the information table. If you volunteer for this ministry, please check when you are scheduled and mark the date(s) on your calendar. Thank you for serving Sunrise!

Festival at the Pines...

The No. 1, immediate priority for the Festival at the Pines is to get your foursome sign up sheet for the golf into Josh Broek, Kevin Meyer or Josh Helmholdt. Even if you do not have the money for your foursome yet, please submit the sign up sheet with the names of the four players on it. Until we get a better feel on how many foursomes we have and still need, we cannot move forward with some of the other aspects of planning for the event. Forms to register golf foursomes as well as forms for hole sponsors are on the information table this morning and will be for the next several Sundays. You can also request them by contacting:

Josh Broek @ joshuajbroek@hotmail.com

Josh Helmholdt @ hemy12@hotmail.com

Kevin Meyer @ barefootskr@yahoo.com

Even if you do not play golf, we still encourage you to find friends and/or family members who do play and encourage them to join us on Sept. 11. For those Sunrise members who are planning on playing, we encourage you to sign up with three friends and/or family members from outside the church so we can extend our reach with this event. We are also still taking hole sponsors. A hole sponsorship is \$200, or you can combine a hole sponsorship and get a foursome in the event for just \$350. The Festival at the Pines will be a time of fun and fellowship for the church and those outside our church community, while also having the potential to be a significant contribution to our building fund, so please pick up a brochure and/or golf form and take some time this week considering assisting this event. Thank you.

Ladies Night Out...

Ladies...if you haven't signed up yet for the **December 7** presentation of the musical comedy *Away in the Basement – A Church Basement Ladies Christmas*, held at the VanSingel Fine Arts Center, be sure to do so today! 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 or contact Barb at barb@sunrisemin.org. As of now, tickets are \$28.02 per person (possibly less if more ladies sign up). **Tickets will be ordered this week.** Your money will be collected when tickets are ordered.

List of Board of Elders and Board of Directors Members...

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding our ministry here at Sunrise – especially during this transition time with Pastor Tim leaving, please feel free to contact any of following Board members:

Elders: Grace Bosma, Paul Erffmeyer, Gary House, Christy Hultink, Al Rubingh, Donna Stellema, Carol VanHaitsma;

Directors: Deb Bennett, Barb Erffmeyer, Ryan Henderson, Mike Herrema, Sid Holwerda, Gary House, Dick Reimink, Holly VanKampen.

Words for Wellness...

It is important to know your family's risk for colon cancer. It usually occurs in people over 50 and often there are no symptoms. If you have a family history of cancer then your physician may start screenings earlier. The survival rate is high if caught early.

Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse



Birthdays this Week

Today – Morgan Gelder
Monday – Deb Nieuwkoop
Tuesday – Maurissa Mursch
Thursday – ShayLeigh Doornbos, Travis Schreer
Friday – Ryan Murray

Anniversaries this Week

Today – Jason & Mari Hutchison
Monday – Eric & Jen Elling, Jim & Judy Warmington

Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

Trailer Transportation:

Today: Dan Nieuwkoop
Next Week: Al Rubingh

Refreshment Servers:

Today: Todd & Christy Hultink
Next Week: Todd & Christy Hultink

KidZone:

Registration Day: August 29!

Greeters:

Today: Charlie & Anne Foote
Don & Cheryl Karsten
Next Week: Gary & Lori House
Kevin Meyer

Nursery Care:

Today: Bryant family
Next Week: ShayLeigh Doornbos
Shelby Danville

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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