

NOVESTA NEWS

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BIG STUFF HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

For more information on these upcoming opportunities listed below, see inside ⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨



September 20 Kickoff “Circle of Friends”



Small Groups coming this Fall (watch the bulletins for dates and times)



Swap Days
(September 29 - October 2)

5th Quarters
are back !!



THOSE SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

COMMUNION MEDITATION:

9/6 Skip Speirs
9/13 Ken Peters
9/20 Ray Peasley
9/27 Fred Hicks

DEACONS:

Ked Miller Dave Speirs
Scott Hendrian Jason Speirs
Garold Peasley Bernie Wutzke
Steve Ross

USHERS:

Barry Brown Leonard Hawkins
Lawrence Englehart Dave Ware
Andy Gray Mark Zmierski

A.M. NURSERY:

9/6 9:15 Mary Helen Pratt
10:30 Marilyn Lester
9/13 9:15 Donella Peasley, Pat Zinnecker
10:30 Becky Zmierski, Kristie Speirs
9/20 9:15 Cori Gniewek, JoEllen Bukoski
10:30 Andrea Ross
9/27 9:15 Kathy O'Dell, Linda Downing
10:30 Dave & Karen Speirs
10/4 9:15 Brenda Miller, Melissa Hicks
10:30 Marilyn Lester, Jamie Peasley

SPECIAL MUSIC:

9/6 Samantha Corrion
9/13 Patricia Little
9/20 Stacey Bessler
9/27 Chelsa DeLuyck

SOUND SYSTEM:

9/6 Ken Peters
9/13 Duane O'Dell
9/20 Darla DeLuyck
9/27 Scott Hendrian

VIDEO PROJECTION:

9/6 Eddie Vogel
9/13 Debbie Deering
9/20 Ron Kampo
9/27 Carol Hicks

KITCHEN DUTY: Darla DeLuyck
Kathy O'Dell

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Pat McIntosh

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: Judy Britt

GREETERS:

9/6 9:30 (main) Ed & Sandy Nizzola
(center) Andy & Kim Gray
10:45 (main) Virgil & Amy Peters
(center) Doris Stimpfel & Janet Wright
9/13 9:30 (main) Eddie & Marideth Nizzola
(center) Larry & Sherry Thick
10:45 (main) Melanie & Tara Nicholas
(center) Ken & Patty Peters
9/20 9:30 (main) Phil & Cindy Klaus
(center) Michael & Carol Gaszczynski
10:45 (main) Donna Nye & Ann Hartel
(center) Russ & Kristie Speirs
9/27 9:30 (main) Steve & Andrea Ross
(center) Keith Little & Ron Speirs
10:45 (main) Skip Speirs & Les Auten
(center) Gib & Pam Kern
10/4 9:30 (main) Bernie Wutzke & Ron Kampo
(center) Chuck & Kelli Hendrick
10:45 (main) Doris Hendrick & Irene Nicol
(center) Jean Schulz & Mary Lou Spencer

JUNIOR CHURCH:

2's—3's: Cindy Pruitt, teacher
Tiffany Wilson, helper
4's—1st: Laura Hiles, teacher
Dawn Maurer, helper
2nd—4th: Kerry Brown, teacher
Kathy Schenk, helper
Song Leaders: Sharron Hartwick
Lauren Walther
Beth Mellendorf

Changes For Your Directory

(Whenever we have any changes in address, phone, email, etc.
we will put it in the Newsletter for you to
add to your directory.)

CHRIS & JESSICA ELSTON

4280 S. Seeger Street ... Cass City, MI 48726

BRANDON HARTWICK

University Housing South #315

21211 W. Ten Mile Road ... Southfield, MI 48075

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

ATTENTION, MEN!! You are invited to join
the community wide Men's Prayer Breakfast on
Wednesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. at Gilligan's
Restaurant. Join us for this time of prayer,
food, and fellowship.



Cards & Notes

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers offered on behalf of dad and for the beautiful flowers. The wonderful cards sure helped during this time. It's great to have such a loving extended family. In His Love,
Larry & Sherry Thick

Novesta Church of Christ family,

During this time of sorrow we learn how much our family & friends really mean to us. Thank you for your kindness & sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Thank you for all your "love," "prayers" and "concerns" over Marv these past few years. The church family has been wonderful, we're so grateful to each and every one of you. And thanks for the flowers sent to Marv while in the hospital and for the lovely arrangement sent when he was at the funeral home. And a special thank you to the ladies for putting on (working) the funeral dinner and furnishing the desserts and drinks.

Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

Janice Winter & family

With Special Thanks,

To all who participated in building Bernard Wutzke's ramp. Thanks for being so thoughtful—your kindness is greatly appreciated.

This thank you comes from my heart. I cannot express my gratitude toward all the people of Novesta church. For the ones who helped with dad's ramp, or the ones who's thoughts and prayers were said for him, the calls concerned about him, the people who came to give him communion, for everyone who cares about my father, I thank you! Novesta has always been there for my father throughout many years and I cannot say "thank you" enough. Even when my mother was sick, Novesta was there. Now that my father was sick, Novesta was there. I appreciate everything and everyone who has touched my father's life.

Thank you so much.

Deborah Frank

Novesta,

Thank you for your prayers and words of comfort during the passing of my dad. We appreciate the beautiful flowers and the dinner that was served after the funeral. Thanks again for everything.

Joel & Janice Brandel & family



A Church-Wide Invitation

to all our Church Family—may we have the pleasure of your company at a

BIRTHDAY dinner

to celebrate Wanda's 80th birthday on **October 4th** (in the gym) following the 2nd worship service.

NO GIFTS PLEASE
(we just want to enjoy the fellowship)

Jim & Wanda Lonsberry

YOUR ELDERS MEET

The next elders meeting will be Monday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any praises or concerns, feel free to share them with any elder or either Brad.

A Mystery ... Who Could It Be ???

Who could it be? When you think you've figured out who the mystery person is, ask them if you're right.

Our last Mystery Person was **Betty Stilson**

Here's the clues for this month:

- I am the youngest of two.
- I live in the same school district where I went to school, but I now live in a different county.
- I don't mind getting a little dirt under my nails.
- My occupation is not your usual 8 to 3 or 9 to 5.

Who do you think I am?

FACTS & FIGURES

Average weekly attendance for the month of August (to date):

Bible School ... 114
Worship ... 224

New Members this year - 13

Offering averages for August (to date):

Bible School.....\$67.42
Sunday Offerings.....\$3,868.56
(Budget per Sunday: \$4,960)

BRICK Fund: (Current balance: \$93,905.26)
(Payment per month \$1,206.75)

Received in August (to date) for payment:
\$2,785.00

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9/1		Pat McIntosh
9/4		Beth Mellendorf
9/5	(A)	Dave & Peggy Nordquist
9/6		Tawnya Childers
9/6		Jeff Hartel
9/6	(A)	Jim & Sally Acker
9/7		June Blehm
9/7		Liberty Quijas
9/7		Chris Summersett, Sr.
9/8		Amy Claerhout
9/8		Jessie Peters
9/8	(A)	Mike & Deb Zmeirski
9/8	(A)	Brian & Melissa Hicks
9/8	(A)	Lex & Lisa Miller
9/9		McKenzie Kus
9/10		Joe Butterfield
9/10		James Potts
9/11		David Acker
9/11		Ethan Kampo
9/13		Amy Peters
9/13		Vonda Kolb
9/13	(A)	Randy & Jean Diebel
9/14	(A)	Burt & Marilyn Rosenberger
9/15		Mary Lou Spencer
9/15		Tara Nicholas
9/16		Rees Romain
9/17		Jason Speirs
9/17		Michael Howard
9/17		Joey Kampo
9/18		Ruth Peasley
9/18		Madison Haley
9/19		Tyler Nicholas
9/20		Tyler Brown
9/20		Freda Parrish
9/21	(A)	Clem & Rachael Koepf
9/22		R.J. Klaus
9/23		Alyssa Comai
9/24		Kerry Brown
9/24		Greg Christian
9/24		Kathy Hutchinson
9/24		Michelle Lester
9/24		Ed Nizzola, II
9/26	(A)	John & Pat McIntosh
9/28		Jean Schulz
9/28	(A)	Irv & Carrie Gilley
9/29		Joe Bukoski
9/29		Mary Ann Lowe
9/30		Joe Luana
9/30		Ron Kampo
9/30	(A)	Gary & Christie Nye
9/30	(A)	Tom & Anne Ziel



This school year, the Girl Scouts will be using a room in our education wing for their meetings every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning September 17th. Rachael Koepf is the leader of this group.



OUR MILITARY

Scott Brownson - (Tom & Doris Stimpfel's nephew) - in Afghanistan

Andrew Caig - (Lynn & Terry's son) - in Iraq

Michael Coy - (Nordquist's nephew) - in Afghanistan

Justin Fischer - (Tom & Doris Stimpfel's nephew)

Aaron Hackett - (friend of Soper's)

Brad Hartel - (Jeff & Ann's son)

John Kiehl - (Brenda Miller's brother)

Toby Kilbourn - (Jim's son)

Ben Knoblet - (Tim Knoblet's nephew)

Joshua Larkin - (Mittlestat's nephew)

Clinton Maurer - (Gloria Maurer's son)

Lester Maurer - (Gloria Maurer's son) in Afghanistan

Jamie Parrish - (Kristie Speirs' brother, Betty Stilson's grandson) - serving in Iraq

Ryan Reid - (Jeff Hartel's nephew)

Julie Roche - Air Force (Doctor in training)

Chris Skiles - North Carolina

Karl Stuckey - (Mittlestat's nephew)



**PRAYER
MINISTRY
SPEAKS**



*“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.”*
I Corinthians 3:16 (KJ)

**Please make these your Prayer
requests for September 2009:**

- Pray...our Father who gave Israel help always...the same God is ready to help us no matter how difficult the task may seem. {Isaiah 121:3}
- Pray we put this day in God’s care, always thanking God for the blessed assurance that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. II Corinthians 9:8
- Pray we keep in mind that we have daily need of forgiveness and need to forgive others. John 8
- Pray that we set our affection on things above. Colossians 3:2
- Pray that we learn to listen to our Lord. Revelation 3:20
- Pray for us to be so grateful for the help God is so ready and willing to give us. Help us to be willing and ready to help others. Proverbs 2:6
- Pray for us to be edifying one another this day. Ephesians 4:12

**Remember,
Guardian Angels,
to be faithful in your prayers.**

Community Prayer Topic:

*For us all to be aware of the Holy Spirit
calling on us to speak to a non-believer
with God’s Wisdom. Pray we do not
miss God’s calling.*

*Smile, Jesus loves You
and So Do I*

Bernie Wutzke

**LONG TERM
PRAYER LIST**

****Member**



- **Lee Nicol** - (Irene's son)
Linda - MS (Lena Teller's daughter)
Robert Cotton - Tumor & Parkinsons (Bob's dad)
Heather Fisher - seizures (Eric & Wendy's daughter)
Chris Klco - (Amy Peters' brother) updates: www.chrisklco.com
Quinton Simpson - in a coma (Dena Anderson's nephew)
Carol Hartman - awaiting heart transplant (friend of Pat McIntosh)
Brennen Pitcher - leukemia (USA High School student)
Kyle Hopper - cancer (neighbor of Ada Kilbourn)
Bill & Josephine Richardson - (Carol Gaszczynski contact person)
Vaughn Severance - seizures
Shirley Zellar - (Pat McIntosh's mother)
Georgia Plementosh - cancer (Emmert's sister-in-law)
Lester O'Dell - Emphazema
Lanettia Tuckey - stroke (Doris Hendrick's sister-in-law)
Maynard Stine - cancer (Marie Peasley contact person)
Selma Schulz - (Elmer's mother)
Mark Matusik - cancer (Mittlestat's brother-in-law)
Shirley Turpin - (Carol Gaszczynski's sister)
Geraldine Deese - (Doris Hendrick's sister)
Marvin Touzeau - (Jean Long's dad)
Andrew Teller - cancer (Lena Teller's grandson)
Don Buehrly - Tendercare - stroke
**** Roy Evans** - heart issues
Wally Wojtaszke - cancer (Ann Hartel contact person)
Shirley Howard - cancer (Becky's mother-in-law)
**** Pam Kern** - lymphredema
Daisy Williams - (Carol Gaszczynski contact person)
Ed Osak - stint (Carol Gaszczynski contact person)
Frank Sparks - (Carol Gaszczynski contact person)
**** Lena Teller** - aneurysm
Lynn Fish - (Carolyn Mittlestat's father)
Greg Woodruff - accident/recovery
Randy LaPeer - cancer (Lynwood & Jeanette's son)
Katherine Groulx - cancer (Grace Nellet's sister-in-law)
Louie Gyomory - surgery/recovery (Doris Hendrick contact)
Josephine Wolschlager - surgery/recovery (Doris Hendrick contact)
Bev Louks - Tendercare
Marcella Storey - broken wrist (Dave's mom)

ATTENTION: If you know any of these on this list that are well and can be eliminated from it, please let the church office know.

**Eastside Soup Kitchen
September 18—8am**

We go to Saginaw every 3rd Friday. SIGN UP on the list in the foyer if you can help.

L.I.F.T.

(Ladies In Fellowship Together)

KICK-OFF 2009

Salad Supper

The ladies of L.I.F.T. will meet for our fall kick-off with a salad supper on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. This is a time to bring your **favorite salad and a friend with you.** (Please sign up in the foyer. We need a count of how many to set up for).



L.I.F.T. meets every second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There will be a devotion to LIFT us up, a special program geared for you that particular evening and a wonderful snack. What a great way to spend only 90 minutes a month with Ladies In Fellowship Together. What a better way with Christ at the center of it.

Every adult woman (college age and above) are invited. You do not need to be a member of Novesta to attend. We encourage you to reach out and bring a friend with you. Child care will be provided.

Please mark your calendars each month for L.I.F.T. What a great time to get rejuvenated. You deserve it. Hope to see you there.



With Deepest Sympathy

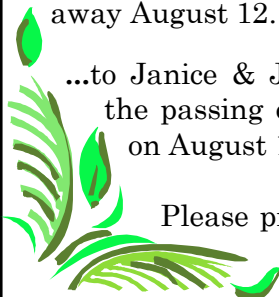
We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to...

...the friends of Cory Heebsh who passed away suddenly July 23 of an apparent heart attack. The Littles were his family at Cass City.

...Phyllis, Don & Mary Lou King and families at the passing of their husband and father, George King, who passed away August 10. The Koepfs and Warjus are also relatives of George & Phyllis.

...to Mark & Robyn Murdoch at the passing of Mark's grandfather, Wes Murdoch, who passed away August 12.

...to Janice & Joel Brandel and their sons at the passing of Janice's dad, Don Cummins, on August 12.



Please pray for these families that they will be comforted by God's great love for them.

The Lunch Bunch

We had a great response to our plea for help finding a name for our group and we had some great names suggested (some funny, some very serious). At our last get-together we selected a name so from now on the Single Ladies group will be "the Lunch Bunch."

We are planning a "mystery meeting" for our September get together. Watch the Bulletin for the day and time. Whatever the mystery trip is, you can be sure that we will have an enjoyable time together.

MICHIGAN / OHIO CONCERT CHOIR

The Michigan/Ohio Concert Choir directed by Thurlow Spurr will be presenting their concert "Just Say Merry Christmas" at Saginaw on November 13 and at Flint on November 21 (Matinee @ 2:30 p.m.). A group of us went to the matinee at Flint Whiting Auditorium last year and really enjoyed it. Barb Englehart is a member of the choir this year and asks that if you plan to go, check with her, she has a certain number of tickets to sell. The poster is on the foyer bulletin board and there are a few hand outs with the info also.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

September 9 at NOON



Wednesday, September 9, is our next Fellowship Potluck at noon. Bring a dish to pass and invite some friends to join us.

This potluck is for anyone who is available during the day and would like to come for a time of great food and fellowship. Come join us, you will be glad you did!!!

Veggie Box

If you would like to share any of the produce from your garden, just bring it on Sunday and put it in the Veggie Box located in the entry.



Anything placed there is open for anyone to take so help yourself and let's try to make sure everything is used.

Weight Loss Classes

At the time of the printing of this Newsletter, final plans had not as yet been made. A meeting was to be held on Thursday, August 27, to determine what weight loss program we would be using (there may be enough interest that two different groups could be formed) and probably to decide which night of the week we would meet. Watch your Sunday bulletins for results of this meeting.

CARO PRAYER ROOM

Currently once a month a 24 hour prayer vigil takes place at one of the churches in the area. This unique prayer experience is open to all Christians. Various topics are prayed for and hourly times of worship and praise are held. If you have any questions about the prayer room, see Patricia Little or Gary Anderson.

5th Annual Dodge Road Bridge Walk



Come join our church family as we do our own **Labor Day Bridge Walk** across the great Cass River on the Dodge Road bridge. This is the 5th Annual Bridge Walk (not quite as many as Big Mac) but it's a lot of fun and a great time to gather for some fun, fellowship and great food (we have a tailgate party up the road at Norma Speirs'). It all begins at **4:00 p.m.**, so come with your walking shoes and bring some food and **ENJOY!!!**



Memorial

We want to thank the family of Mardell Ware for the two new kitchen stoves that were given with Mardell's memorial. They were much needed and it really looks great to have matching ones.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

MISSION MINISTRY

Sept. 10 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP/SOUND MINISTRY

Sept. 13 7:00 p.m.

FINANCE MINISTRY

Sept. 15 7:00 p.m.

DEACONS MEETING

Sept. 17 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Sept. 21 7:00 p.m.

SWAP DAYS Will Soon Be Here

Sept. 28—Oct. 2



First, for those who don't know what swap days is ... this is your chance to get rid of unwanted stuff. You bring items (clothing, household, etc.) that you no longer want, to the church. Everything gets set out like a garage sale, only everything is free. Those who attend our church are able to come and take home what they want. Then we set aside days for the public to come and take what they want. So start cleaning!!!



You can bring your stuff to the church on Sunday, Sept. 27, after evening service and on Monday, Sept. 28th. Put it in the lobby by the gym or in the gym. Those from church will be able to come take what they want on Tuesday the 29th and Wednesday the 30th. The church will be open to the public on Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.



Questions?? See Ellen Speirs

NOTE: (because of all the stuff we get, we discourage getting stuff from people outside of our

GLCC 60th ANNIVERSARY

Great Lakes Christian College will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on **September 18** with a meal and program beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Doty Center (please RSVP by Sept. 4th). Registration forms are on line. The cost is \$15/person or \$25/couple and includes a published historical booklet of GLCC. The theme is *"Equipping for Eternity."*

Other opportunities are: Friday, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., you may tour the Dodge House (former GLCC campus). Saturday an alumni basketball game is planned at 10:30 a.m. in the Doty Center and an alumni soccer game at 1:00 pm.

Read Thru The Bible

class to resume

New Students Welcome!



September 27, 6:00 p.m. will resume the class for those who have been reading thru the Bible in a year. HOWEVER, even if you haven't been reading with us, you may still join in. We will begin covering the New Testament. This is a great time to join in and begin a Bible reading habit. The Bible is the most significant book you could ever read. It is the written truth that has been tried and tested through the ages, and it has never failed to pass on wisdom and guidance for a more abundant life. See Becky Zmierski for more details and a reading schedule!

Hey! (*that's new talk for "Hi"*)

Whew!!! Summer is going by so fast. I almost forgot to write this note to leave on Mary Helen's desk.



The last campfire service has come and gone, kids will soon be back to school, and the "Fall Kickoff" will soon be here. I heard the Brads say to "get plugged in" to a small group or Ministry. The more you put in to serving Christ, the more you get from it.

I hope they plan lots of fellowship dinners and snack times. The object of Fellowship Dinners for me is CRUMBS! How about the object for you is to sit by someone you don't know and get to know them, OK?

Your eager church mouse,
Novesteeta

WCSC Women's Retreat September 11-12

The retreat is called "The Bloomery" where women blossom in faith and friendship. Cultivate a friendship with Jesus as you dig into God's Word! On this ladies retreat we'll freshen our hearts with enriching activities, devotions, and bouquets of fun! Cost is \$45.



KEYWAY ASSOCIATES

It was really great to have J. here to share what she is doing and plans to do. The home group she has, has doubled since the last time here. She is going to school here in the States for her masters degree and then she will return to her home in Asia.

WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The home was blessed with no rain while a crew of 10 tore off old roofing, made necessary repairs and installed new shingles on the Angel House ... a ten bedroom home. It was a great week of fellowship.

All summer long the home has been blessed with groups coming to help. This summer's schedule is full at this time but if you want to help the home out next year, now is the time to plan. Just give Don a call at 260-632-5551.

C.R.A.M. (Christ Reaching Asia Ministry)

If you wonder what it is like to go to a foreign country on a mission trip, you need to read the CRAM newsletter posted on the mission board. A team from Wichita, Kansas went to China in May and they tell of what the experience was like.

PIONEER BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Shortly after arriving home, Matt was invited to accompany friends from church into the heart of the Khanty dialect area for a holiday celebration. He traveled 3.5 hours by boat up the Ob River. The day before the Khanty person was baptized and while Matt was there, another was baptized. Counting two earlier in the week in another village, four new believers in one week! This doubles the amount of Christians in the territory.

Matt tells of the activities of the holiday and then how he retired to their host's home. This husband and wife have been Christians a long time, alone and rejected by the Russian church in town, but remaining faithful and praying for years for brothers and sisters to fellowship with. Soon Matt wants to return with his family to visit with these new friends. This will also be a great help in translating the Bible.

ROCK LAKE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

This is the 90th year of Rock Lake Christian Assembly's operation. What began in 1919 as a two week training session for church leaders has grown into a year-round operation. What began with a focus of training adults, now has a major focus on helping young people build a strong faith and become the future leaders of the church.

On Sunday, September 6, they will be having an Ice Cream & Cake Social and a "Walk Down Memory Lane" to help celebrate this milestone in their history. The memory lane portion will involve some footage of camp in the late 40's. Fun Stuff ☺! These two events begin at 3:00 with the "Social" and will conclude sometime around supper. If you're planning on being present for the eating part of this event, it would be helpful if the camp knew of your intended arrival. There will be no charge for those attending the social but there will be a \$5 charge for supper.

HIS HOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

For 40 years Campus Ministries has been working to reach the souls of students for Christ. They have been blessed in having 3,232 baptisms.

Campus Ministries has properties on eleven campuses which are used seven days a week. These "His House" properties are always in need of upgrade. Campus Ministries asked for funds for these needed summer projects. We were able to send \$300 to help with expenses.



A BIG "THANK YOU"

We thank Dave Ware, Gordon Ware, and Ralph Zinnecker for keeping our grounds looking so nice all summer. We really appreciate all the time they have volunteered for this task. Great work!!! and THANK YOU!!!



Right to Life Annual Benefit Dinner

*Sept. 22 ~ 6:30 p.m. at the Caro
Knights of Columbus Hall*

The special speaker this year is Chaunie Brusie. She has spoken on Capital Hill numerous times across the country. Chaunie has worked to create support and resources for pregnant and parenting students on campus so abortion would not be the only option her college classmates would see as viable.

Our Mission Ministry has reserved tables and would like you to sign up so they know how many to plan on going from Novesta. The sign up is on the foyer bulletin board.

Ladies Bible Study Resumes

September 14 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study resumes on Monday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 p.m. We will again meet at Carol Gaszczynski's (6525 E. Gilford Road—1st house east of Cemetery on North side).

We are hoping to interest more ladies to come join us. It is a great time together in God's Word with good, encouraging fellowship. Marilyn Lester is our leader and our lessons are on "Receiving God's Goodness."

So ladies, reserve Mondays on your calendar and plan to come study God's Word with us.

Lost & Found

There are several dishes, cake pans, bowls, etc. in the kitchen that have been left from potlucks, dinners, etc.

Also check out the items in the "Lost & Found" box located in the room by Mary Helen's office (used to be Chuck's office).

Check it out soon as anything left unclaimed goes into the Swap Days stuff at the end of this month.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Resumes September 18

Family Game Night resumes Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. and will meet at the church. Bring a dish to pass (we eat before we get started) then we get out the games. Most of the group plays Euchre but we also have other games for those who don't play.

This is an evening of fun and fellowship for the whole family. You don't have to have a baby sitter. The kids enjoy playing together while the parents enjoy the games.

If you have any questions about Game Night, call the church office.

Come prepared to have a great evening of FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP.

(Please Note: Mary Helen will be gone on the 18th so if you'd like to take charge of setting up, please let her know)

COMFORT MINISTRY WILL RESUME OCTOBER 7 (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)



Since the 1st Wednesday of September is before the kickoff of our Fall programs, we are waiting until the 1st Wednesday of October for our first meeting this fall.

We will still meet from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. but we do have one thing different. This year we will meet at Donna Little's (in their garage). This way, we can leave our quilting frames, sewing machine, ironing board, etc. up and not have to take them down each time.

Bring some money for lunch and bring your own beverage (or sometimes one of the group brings a pot of soup). You may want to bring your scissors or any sewing tool you like to use. Come even if you don't sew because there are many things to do such as cutting material, tying off quilts (which is mostly what we do), sewing of bindings, etc.

We are looking forward to this time together and invite you to come join us. It is rewarding to see the finished quilts pile up and to know they are going to bring comfort to some young person.

Nev's Note

Psalm 119: 1, 2, 11 (NIV), *“1Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. 2Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart...11I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”*

Psalm 119 gives us a great idea as to how we should be living our Christian lives – walking according to the law of the Lord, keeping His statutes, seeking Him with all our heart, and hiding His words in that same heart.

Starting with the **FALL KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 20th**, the church will be moving full steam ahead into Small groups - developing deeper spiritual walks that are examples of Psalm 119.

The church body is greatly encouraged to sign up and get involved with these small groups, as it is a way to connect with others in similar stages of life. Not only will you build tight relationships with one another but you will grow in your relationship with Christ.

Below is an outline of the Small Groups that we are planning to offer:

Comfort Ministry – For those who like to quilt, sew, or knit as a way to reach out to others

Father / Son – For those interested in growing a deeper father/son relationship

Finances – Covers how to balance and better maintain your finances

L.I.F.T. - Ladies In Fellowship Together

Marriage – Movie-based or DVD led, for marital growth

Men's Bible Study – For men interested in deeper study and knowledge of the Bible

Mother / Daughter – For those interested in growing a deeper mother/daughter relationship

Parenting – Helps parents take the guesswork out of raising kids to become godly, productive adults

Prayer – For those interested in learning more about prayer and praying

Read Through The Bible – For those wanting to read through the Bible, then discuss it with others

Topical – A group for those wanting to learn about the parables and miracles of Jesus

Weight Loss – For those wanting to lose weight with support and encouragement

Women's Bible Study – For women interested in a deeper study of the Bible

As you can see, there are groups for everyone – male bonding, female connecting, and spiritual growth for all. As of when this Newsletter was put together the days and times of these groups weren't established, but that information is on the way. Feel free to ask myself or Brad Speirs for further clarification on any of these groups.

In HIS service,
Brad “Nev” Gniewek

Fantasy Football

The Fantasy Football Draft is TODAY! Those signed up please join us for pizza after 2nd service. Note that Tyler Brandel is looking to defend his crown against a group of hungry Novestites!



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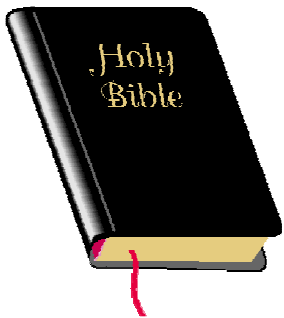


Jr. Choir

If your son/daughter is 4rs.– 6th grade, we'd love to have them join us at 5pm beginning Sept. 27th. Jodie Mika and Lauren Howard are excited about leading the kids in learning great praise and worship songs that will occasionally touch our hearts on Sundays!

Shine

Beginning September 27th at 6pm, our Sunday Night programming returns after a long summer break. We've got several great teachers who are excited about having fun teaching your son/daughter about Christ and Christian living. This is such a great time for our kids and is often the place where close friendships blossom!



Bible Bowl 2009-2010

5th Quarters

We're gearing up for another fun time of fall 5th Quarters for all Jr. High and High School students! There are 4 parties scheduled for the football season: Sept. 25th, Oct. 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Come on out, bring your friends and enjoy the food, fun, friends, games, etc. As in the past, they begin around 9pm and end at 11pm— please have your ride here at that time.

Adults—we can always use an extra pair of hands for the night. If you're willing, come on out and see how fast your presence can clear a room! HA!



A brand new year of Bible Bowl gets under way soon! I and II Corinthians, I and II Timothy, and Titus will be the books to be covered for the year. You don't have to be a "bible scholar" or "straight-A" student to fit in with this group—you just need to have a desire to learn God's Word in a fun way, an excitement for travelling to new places, and the joy of making friendships that may last a lifetime!

All 6th-12th graders, See Karen or Brad Speirs if interested in this life-changing ministry!

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Friends

Join us on September 20th, 2009 for:

- Great Worship Services
- Pizza, Pies, and cookies following the 2nd Service
 - Water Slides
 - Cornhole
 - Horseshoes
 - A Ministry Fair



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All 4th-6th graders, look forward to a SuperStart Trip scheduled for October 23-24th! This is a retreat designed just for you to help you grow closer to Christ and deepen friendships along the way! Keep the date open and watch for more information to come SOON!