



JULY 2009

THE GIFTS OF A SIMPLE SUMMER

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” -1 Cor: 12:27

As we enter into a new season for our church and seek to simplify, to pray and reflect on what God desires us to do, the elders are

taking the time to reflect on what our individual gifts are in the body. In doing so, we are examining our function and, as is being done in our Sunday service and ministries, to strip away those things that may be of lesser priority, or that may be delegated to other ministries, so that we may truly minister to the body in an even more effective way. 1st Corinthians 12 discusses the various spiritual gifts, and states that “All these are the work of one and the same Spirit...” (1Cor:11a)

With this in mind, we hope that through this summer we will more clearly define the gifts that the Lord has for each elder, so that when a member of the congregation has a prayer need, for example, he may turn to that elder who has been called more to prayer, or if there is a need of explanation of a scripture, to that elder who has been shown to have an exceptional gifting in understanding of the scriptures. In this way we hope to be of greater access to our members for their spiritual needs, as well as those decisions we are called upon to make concerning the business of the church. This means that, instead of us having separate “flocks”, we are shifting this summer into a place where any member of the body can choose any one of us for their needs as they arise. As we move into one

service for the summer, we are opening the gates of our several flocks so that they might all feed in one pasture, and approach any shepherd at any time. Of course we all need to continually call upon the Great Shepherd daily as well. If you are used to connecting with a certain elder, then you are free to continue that relationship, as well as availing yourself of any other elder for your concerns. We ask for your prayers as well during this time of simplifying, as we seek His will for all of us.

God bless you,

The Elders

(Phil Madden, Patrick Mooney, Don Magness, Ron Pinson, Kirk Ruddell, and Don Wenke)

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Special Points

- ☺ Pray for the Soccer Camp July 14-18!
- ☺ Preschool still has openings for classes in Fall
- ☺ Two Youth Fun Nights coming up!
- ☺ Bridal Shower on Sunday, July 12 for Mara Slater

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH PICNIC!

Our annual All Church Picnic will be following and in support of the Soccer Camp. Mark your calendars to attend: Saturday, July 18 ~ 12:00pm @ Smiley's Bottom (off "D" Ave. & 12th St.)

Menu (provided): Cooked ham, drinks, plates & eating utensils

Tables & chairs will be present, but if you prefer your own chair for comfort, bring it!

To Bring: (by last names)

Salad or Side dish = A-P
Desserts = Q-Z
Also, please provide serving utensils for your dishes.

This will be a wonderful time to celebrate a week soccer fun, AND to rejoice that God's love and Word were proclaimed to all these special kids all this week. We hope to see you there!

Got questions?

Contact Colleen Painter



JOHN'S NOTES - "WITH HIM" -- GETTING PRACTICAL!

- ☺ In Luke 10:38-42, Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) chose to set aside pressing chores to be "With Him." She sat at Jesus' feet, listening to His words, and no doubt responding with questions and appreciation. Jesus praised Mary for making time to be "With Him" a priority.
- ☺ Jesus spoke compassionate wisdom to Mary that changed her life! She knew she was sitting at the feet of One who could take her all the way back to insights of Creation itself. What an awesome privilege to be "With Him."
- ☺ We encourage "With Him" moments at ACC. They happen when we make time to sit at Jesus' feet dialoguing
- ☺ "With Him." His words are recorded in the Bible. So as we read the Bible with open hearts and minds, we are listening to Him, spending time "With Him." The other amazing thing is that He also listens to us as we talk "With Him" in prayer! What amazing opportunities are missed if one never learns or never takes the time to listen to Him (His Word in the Bible) or talk with Him (Pray)!
- ☺ Daily "With Him" moments will change your life! Intimate dialogue with Jesus will revolutionize your relationships.
- ☺ To help you with "With Him" moments, work through the "Bible Reading" plan opposite this page. Make friends with a veteran Christian (We can help you) who will meet with you regularly, by phone or in person, to answer questions, give encouragement, offer accountability, and pray with you about how to apply what you are learning together.

The "With Him" Chant:
"NO, NO, YES!"

"Journey" "With Him"

Some Key Old Testament Passages:

<i>Creation</i>	Genesis 1:1-2:7
<i>The fall of Man</i>	Genesis 3:6-24
<i>The call of Abraham</i>	Genesis 12:1-9
<i>The story of Joseph</i>	Genesis 37-38
<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	Exodus 20:1-17
<i>The Shepherds Psalm</i>	Psalms 23

Some Key New Testament Passages

<i>The Birth of Jesus</i>	Luke 1:26-2:40
<i>The Sermon on the Mount</i>	Matthew 5-7
<i>The Prodigal Son</i>	Luke 15:11-32
<i>The Last Supper</i>	Matthew 26:20-25
<i>The Death & Resurrection Of Jesus</i>	John 19-20
<i>The Conversion of Paul</i>	Acts 9:1-31
<i>The life of Joy</i>	Philippians 1-4

Bible Books:

John: Jesus is the Divine Son of God	(21)
Acts: Growth of the Early Church	(28)
Romans: Sin – Salvation – Grace – Faith	(16)
Genesis: Our Roots	(50)
Exodus: Freedom from Bondage	(40)
Deuteronomy: Total Devotion to God	(34)

Bible in 90 Days: www.biblein90days.com

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SIMPLE SUMMER FOCUS

"With Jesus"
 "To Be LIKE Jesus"

REVISED LEADERSHIP LIST

Due to a slight change, we have an updated list for you of our appointed servant leaders for this next coming year.

Thanks again goes to all those who are serving in these capacities.

Elder - (3 yr. term)

- Ron Pinson (2010)
- Patrick Mooney (2010)
- Don Wenke (2010)
- Kirk Ruddell (2011)
- Don Magness (2011)
- Phil Madden (2012)

Deacon - (2 yr. term)

- Dale Clark (2010)
- Dick Gerlach (2010)
- Sam Humble (2010)
- David Juhl (2010)
- Jim McNeil (2010)
- Dennis Asseln (2011)
- Jeff Lofgren (2011)
- Doug Findlen (2011)
- David Watterson (2011)
- Mark Bryant (2011)

Deaconess - (2 yr. term)

- Barbara Asseln (2010)
- Kerry McNeil (2010)
- Kristine Juhl (2010)
- Karen Gerlach (2010)
- Sue Johnson (2011)
- Michelle Slater (2011)

Trustee - (3 yr. term)

- Bud Adams (2010)
- Ken Sherman (2012)
- Dennis Richards (2011)

WOMEN



For the Ladies: A Bridal Shower for Mara Slater Sunday, July 12 @ 4pm (Fireside) Come celebrate and fellowship with us as we throw a shower for

Mara, daughter of Mark and Michelle Slater, who will be marrying Nathan Yount the following week! *(The couple is registered at Target & Macy's)*

~ FOR OUR MEN ~

There will be Casual Coffee Hours for the men on July 18 and August 15 from 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship. See Dale for more info.



All men are encouraged to be willing to help if asked on various items pertaining to "Body Life" when asked by the Deacons. It's a fact that some tasks are just made easier with many hands and this will assist us ALL in having a "Simple Summer."

Dale Clark - Deacons' Chairman

BUILDING LOAN

Update on our giving:

This month we received \$ 217.00

Our total giving is now at \$ 24,620.00

Again, we thank you for continuing to give towards this loan. We couldn't do it without all of you. Every penny helps!

DEACONS

Reminder:

There will be Deacons' Meetings on July 26 and August 30, 2009 after the Worship Service in Room #205.

Dale Clark - Deacons' Chairman

PRESCHOOL

We still have some openings for the fall. Feel free to get the word out to other families of small children.

Thank you. ~ Lori & Michelle

Don't forget to visit their new website: www.accpreschool.com

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WORLD AWARE FOCUS - CHINA - TWO VIEWPOINTS

The following are excerpts of an article from *Compass Direct News*, Dated Feb. 11 '09

China: Officials Grapple with Spread of Christianity

Concerned by the growth of unregistered house church groups in an uncertain political and social climate, the Chinese government has ramped up efforts both to identify Christians and to portray Christianity as a subversive foreign force. Sources told *Compass* that authorities in recent months have been quietly gathering data on church growth, with surveys at universities and workplaces pointedly asking whether respondents were Christians. The surveys seemed largely unconcerned about other religions.

Mixed Signals

Chinese officials last November had initiated talks with Protestant house church Christians, raising hopes for greater freedom. Meetings organized partly by the China State Council's Research and Development Center

brought together academics and lawyers, many of them house church members, and a delegation of six Protestant house church leaders from Beijing, Henan and Wenzhou. Despite these talks, house church raids and arrests have continued.



Report from *CBN News Senior Reporter George Thomas* dated May 8, '09

China Discovers America's Secret – Chinese economist says Christianity is key to success.

When China's Communist Party members met recently at the National Congress in Beijing, President Hu Jintao did something that had never been done

before. He added the word "religion" to the Communist Party constitution. "The window in China is opening more and more," said Zhao Xiao, a top Chinese economist. Zhao was an atheist and a former Communist Party official when he traveled to the U.S. in 2002 on a research assignment. What he found changed his life forever. "After my trip I wrote an essay titled 'Market Economies with Churches' he explained. "I discovered that Christianity was the reason for America's success." And there's evidence that the government is taking a closer look at how Christianity and other religions can create what party officials call a more "harmonious society."

What can we do? Continue to pray for the people of China, and be aware of the changing nature of this country.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

This past month JOLT received new members! Welcome to Brian Lee, Jacklyn Lofgren, Hannah Mooney, and Katelyn Provot.

Any previous 6th graders who will be moving into 7th grade this year are welcome.

This month a few daring souls are braving the Salmon River for a 6 day extended trip, they'll tell you all about it when they get back. Also be aware that there will be a car detailing fundraiser for the trip, but it will follow in August. Also stay tuned for summer fun nights, July 26 and August 23.

Have a great summer! Any questions, feel free to contact Teresa at the church, or at youth@accweb.

Youth Fun Nights

July 26 Fort Casey Night
Meet @ ACC 4:45pm sharp
Return to ACC 9:30pm
Sardines, Capture the Flag, Food and more...
Bring \$3.00 for gas
Questions: Contact Gretchen Hanson 299-8998

August 23 Guemes Island Bonfire
Meet @ ACC 4:30pm
Return to ACC 8:30pm
Beach games, bonfire, dogs, smores and more...
Bring \$1.50 youth to 17yrs / \$3.00 Adult 18+
Questions: Contact Gretchen Hanson



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7p - Kendall group	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY! 
5 Reverse offering One Worship service @ 9:30am	6 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	7 Youth leave for Salmon River Trip 7p - Elders meet	8 6p - HS Boys/Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	9 7p - Aktion club	10	11
12 One Worship service @ 9:30am 4p - Wedding Shower for Mara	13 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	14 Soccer Camp 	15 Soccer Camp 6p - HS Boys/Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	16 Soccer Camp 7p - Kendall group	17 Soccer Camp	18 Soccer Camp 8:30a - Men's Coffee 12p - All Church Picnic @ Smiley's Bottom
19 One Worship service @ 9:30am	20 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	21 7p - Ministry Council & Elders meet	22 6p - HS Boys/Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	23 7p - Aktion club	24	25
26 One Worship service @ 9:30am Deacons meet after service	27 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	28 7p - Deaconess meet	29 6p - HS Boys/Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	30	31	

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Reverse offering One Worship service @ 9:30am 4:30p - ACC hosts Dinner @ the Brick	3 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	4 7p - Elders meet	5 6p - HS Boys/Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	6 7p - Kendall group	7	8
9 One Worship service @ 9:30am	10 7p - Bryant group 7p - Men's study	11	12 6p - HS Boys/Girls 7p - JOLT Youth 7p - Prayer	13	14	15 8:30a - Men's Coffee 9:30a - Quilters
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Summer Schedule: SUNDAY SERVICE: 9:30AM
JOLT WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: 7:00PM

STAFF

John Douglas	Preaching Minister
Mike Rauwolf	Associate Minister
Teresa Goldstein	Youth Minister
Bill French	Volunteer Administrator

Nancy Yount	Office Manager/secretary
Denise Cote	Bookkeeper
Sandy Moffitt	Front Desk p/t
Bud Adams	Maintenance Manager

Lori Keller	Preschool Teacher
Michelle Costanza	Preschool Teacher



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