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Wounds From A Friend

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. – Proverbs 27:6

Dear Friends:

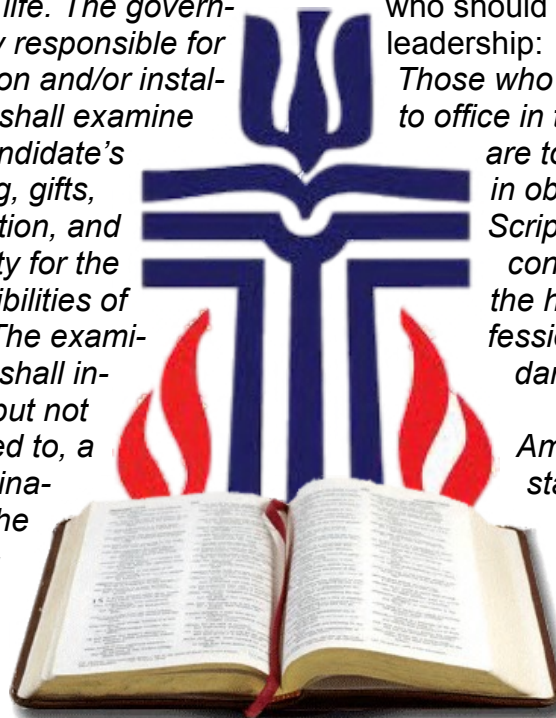
On May 10 of this year, sufficient presbyteries voted to approve a change in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Constitution. The new language in our Constitution relating to ordination standard reads as follows:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and

commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

The section that these words replace said this about who should be ordained to leadership:

Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity



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within the covenant of marriage of a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacraments.

► Hiding Behind Confusion

The new wording, read without context, seems to be harmless enough; however, when we consider both what it eliminates from the earlier statement and how it is being interpreted by many Presbyterians, the change is monumental and for many of us catastrophic. It is the way of truth and righteousness to be clear concerning intent. The new statement is not. It is the way of evil to create confusion and hide behind it. The new

statement does do this. There is passionate disagreement and widespread confusion as to what it means, but it is generally agreed that this newly-amended Constitution will give church sessions and presbyteries possible license to approve the ordination of deacons, elders and ministers—either homosexual or heterosexual—who are sexually active outside the marriage of a man and a woman. Such an amendment in our Book of Order has been sought for decades by Presbyterian factions seeking to legitimize same-sex practice, and after repeated defeats and setbacks, the opposition has been worn down, the tide of public opinion has shifted, and/or the clever strategies have prevailed and the amendment has been approved. It took effect on July 10.

► Covenant's Response

Here at Covenant, your elected elders have responded to this change with prayer and deliberation and action. They are sending me to Minneapolis at the end of this month to participate in a meeting of deeply concerned Presbyterian leaders. They have blessed my and elder Chris Rhodes' participation on a Presbytery Task Force which is drafting a responsive statement for our Nevada Presbytery to adopt at its next meeting in September. And they asked me to prepare and present the all-Church study—Covenant Crisis—we have been engaged in since

June. I have been pleased with the interest so many of you have shown in learning what the Bible has to say, sharing your ideas and being part of the Covenant family as we have reminded ourselves what it is to affirm the authority of God's Word, to be the church and to be human beings made male and female by God, according to His will and for His glory.

► Uncharted Territory

Friends, we are in uncharted territory as a denomination. For the first time I know of, our PC(USA) Church has looked at the clear teaching of the Bible and officially said "No" with support only from human wisdom, experience and imagination and none from the Bible itself.

► What is the big deal? What is the issue here?

It is not a question of being a loving and forgiving and gracious church. We will continue to love and value all persons, inviting all those who seek to know God to worship, learn, and labor beside us. We desire to be a friend to those who struggle, individually or as a family, with the reality of same-sex attraction.

It is not a question of a legalistic or "holier than thou" approach to Christian faith and life. We teach what the Word of God tells us: All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We are all sinners in need of redemption. Each of us is blessed beyond

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comprehension that Jesus Christ chose to be the Great Friend of Sinners by going to the Cross and giving His total help for our total need.

► A Trivial Matter?

It is not a question of making too much of a trivial matter. Homosexual identity, with related questions about sexual activity and marriage, is a major social issue of our time. To ignore this reality, to let our friends and our neighbors and our children and our grandchildren wander in the dark concerning something as basic as human sexuality because we are too busy with “religious things” would not be the good and faithful action of a kind and caring friend.

The question is simply this: *Is homosexual behavior (sexually intimate physical activity between two men or two women) sinful in the eyes of God.* The Bible says it is. It says so clearly. It says so with language that is extremely strong. It says so with not a whisper of a dissenting voice to challenge this prohibition.

► Voices From Within and Without

Understandably, voices from outside the church say the Bible is old, or limited, or misleading, or man-made and so cannot be trusted. To hear such voices of unbelief from within the church saying the same things is worse than sad: It threatens to turn us into something other than The Church which is “a people belonging to the Lord.”

Your leaders at Covenant are aware of the threat and are responding in faith, hope and love. And though we understand that our words, no matter how sensitively we try to share them, will wound people we care about, we will speak the truth on this matter. We will call sin “sin.” In a world that is multiplying kisses for those lost in destructive error and tragic unbelief, a true friend can do nothing less.

Pastor Jay†

*He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
Blessed is the man who always fears the Lord, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.
— Proverbs 28:13-14*

What Can I Do?

► Be Informed

- Educate yourself on the issues
- Attend the Covenant Crisis Sunday School Class
- Read the [Class handouts and listen to the class audio](#) recordings available on the website.
- Search the Scriptures

► Ask questions

- Ask questions in the Covenant Crisis Class
- Make an appointment to speak to Pastor Jay.

► Pray

- Pray for Pastor Jay our Elders and our Church
- Pray for our denomination



How Covenant has impacted our family

By Darci Depweg

As a child I was raised in the Church, but my family never really participated. We just went to worship and left quickly before anyone could ask us to do anything. Like a lot of people, as a young adult I veered away from my faith and lived in the world, not realizing how far I had strayed.

Soon I was married, moved to Georgia and had a young family. I remember thinking “**my children** really need to be raised in the church - **they** need the church.” I didn’t realize that it was I that needed the church.

A Cry for Help

At the time my daughter Alex was 2 years old and my daughter JJ was about to “download” any day. I had two big dogs, an old cat and a husband who was either drinking or working, but never around. I prayed “God I cannot do this myself. I am all alone and tired. Please do something to lighten my load.” Two weeks later the cat died, followed by one of the dogs a week after that. My load did get lighter.

After a couple of years of my husband’s drinking and absence I was angry and tired of it all. I prayed “God I can’t stay here. I need to be near my family. I need help.” Three weeks later my husband was fired for no apparent reason. I rented a U-Haul truck and moved to

Reno, husband in tow, hoping that he would choose to participate in our family. He did not.

A New Start

I was a divorced, single mom when God sent me Steve. Steve and I married and started attending Covenant. I was asked to help with Kid’s Club. I said “Sure, just don’t ask me to do anything else.” (How arrogant of me!) I helped with Kid’s Club for several years and loved it. Though I helped out here and there I never truly committed to anything.

A Change of Heart

Over the years I became dissatisfied with Covenant. I told a fellow grumbler “this church is just not doing it for me anymore.” My family is not being spiritually fed. (Arrogance again!) I went about looking for a better church only to find that I was already in the right church. I found out that I was looking at the whole thing backwards and that I had a lot of work to do on myself. Is it the church’s responsibility to make sure that **my** family is spiritually fed? The answer is no - a big fat no! It is **my** responsibility to make sure that **my** family and I are working together with our church family. I realized that to get what my family and I needed we had to be



Steve and Darci Depweg along with their daughters Alex & JJ have been a blessing to Covenant. They will be sorely missed as they move to Missouri.

committed to the church. It was only after Steve and I had jumped in with both feet and committed ourselves to Covenant that we found what we had been missing all along. Covenant lovingly accepted us with all our shortcomings and encouraged us all the way.

A New Adventure

Now our family is about to embark on a new adventure as we move half way across the country. I feel that we are better equipped personally and spiritually because of our Church family here at Covenant. I don’t know if we would have had the courage to go out in the world the way we are about to do not having had the opportunity to work and serve here at Covenant. We love you all and will miss you very much!

**Blessings,
Darci and Steve Depweg &
Alex & JJ Schmidt**

Climbing the Hill For Your Family

By Pastor Danny Fierro

One way to identify instantly that you may be insane is to commit to and start training for a marathon- 26.2 miles of physical and mental pain that is intentionally inflicted on one's self. Well, add me to the list of crazies!

I started training for the San Francisco Marathon in December of last year. It wasn't very long before I started drawing analogies from running to my Christian life. One of those analogies came while I was out for a long run last week, my first as a Reno resident.

When we moved to Reno last month, one of the dilemmas I faced was where to do my training runs. I was familiar with every trail in Dayton that I could run to prepare for the big event on July 31st. In Reno, I didn't know where to find the best places to train.

I spoke to my friend Ken Sturtz, a seasoned marathoner, and he gave me some great advice for the marathon. One of

his encouragements to me was to do a long run finishing with Mesa Park Street, the hill I now refer to as "The Big Ugly". I started my run down Mae Anne Avenue and gleefully trotted down Mesa

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Park thinking, "This won't be THAT hard of a climb coming back."

I continued on a twelve-mile trot through northwest Reno and was feeling rather good. I backtracked my way home and then... The Big Ugly. I wondered how a hill could get twice as steep in the two hours I was away.

As I started making the climb my pace slowed to almost a crawl, my thighs burning from the grade. My heart rate jumped about 50

beats per minute after just about one hundred yards. I started to have doubts

that I could make it up the hill without stopping.

In the midst of the pain I had the strangest thought. "This is how it feels sometimes raising a godly family." Sometimes the hills of family life catch us rather unexpectedly and hit us like a ton of bricks.

I can't tell you the number of times I just cruised down the hill of fatherhood and husbandry thinking, "This is a piece of cake" and then WHAM, a big ugly hill to climb.

Here was the interesting thing that happened on my run. Yes the hill was bigger than I expected. Yes I was arrogant as I flippantly disregarded the enormity of "The Big Ugly". But, once I faced it, I recognized my error, corrected my attitude, and was prepared to complete it. I had trained and disciplined myself with months and months of marathon training and when faced with a really big hill, I knew what I had to do to finish. I had immersed myself in the things necessary to be able to make it up that hill.

The Apostle Paul said to his young protégé Timothy: "...set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote



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yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching...practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.” (1 Timothy 4:12b-13, 15-16 ESV)

In leading our own families, we can prepare, by immersing ourselves in the very same things that Paul called Timothy

to immerse himself in. And, in so doing we can run the marathon of life, and be ready for the big hills that will come our way.

As I painted this picture in my mind of how this applied to family life and my desire to finish well, it was apropos that Psalm 121:1-2 entered my head:

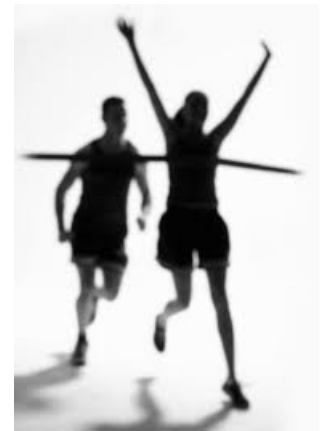
“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord.”

You see, I had prepared, but there came a point as I ran up that hill where I said to myself, “Lord I want to quit, please help me finish.”

In life, there are some hills that are just too big no matter how much we prepare. But, with the Lord's help we can look upon the hills of life, climb

them, and at the end give Him the glory.

Climbing The Big Ugly that day was hard and some times I doubted if I could finish. Once I had an attitude adjustment, my preparation kicked in, and I asked God for help. I made it up the hill and I learned a lot about what God is teaching me as a steward of the family He has given me.†



The Family That Worships Together

A Family Devotional



It's important for our children to know that as they experience trials they are not alone.

Spend some time as a family discussing some of your own “Big Uglies” that have happened in your life as a parent. Did they catch you off guard? How did you get through it? What did you learn from it?

How are you training for the hills of life in your family?

Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16 together.

What can you do to better immerse yourself in the same things that Paul called Timothy to immerse himself in?



Sharing Our Garden With Our Neighbors

By Barbara Mize

Teenagers from a McQueen High School Special Needs Class have been lending a hand and learning about seeds, planting, harvesting and cultivating vegetables in the Covenant Garden under the skillful hand of our master gardener, Bob Christian.

Bob agreed to teach and help the young people in a gardening project here at Covenant for six weeks during the months of June and July.

Bob reports that most of the kids had never worked in a garden before. They have been cheerful and helpful and polite and he has really enjoyed working with them."

The class has helped install a drip system, plant seeds and harvest peas, radishes and strawberries.

This morning, as they were leaving, one of the girls showed me a few radishes she had picked and was looking forward to taking them home to share with her family. It's been a joyful experience! ✝



Women's Retreat

By Kay Blakely

Pictured is Patty Bender enjoying the beauty of Lake Tahoe at the 2010 Women's Retreat. Besides being a beautiful spot in God's creation, [Zephyr Point](#) is a place for contemplation, worship, singing, hiking, crafts, fun, fellowship, and learning ... all at the Women's Retreat! We will be studying God's Word guided by our speaker Deanna Masterman, who will lead us in discovering "Our Purpose in God's Kingdom".

We stay in modern motel-like rooms and we dine in a lovely cafeteria. Please consider joining us. [Brochures](#) are on the info board in the church foyer and can also be downloaded from the Covenant web page. Scholarships are available. For more information ask one



Patty Bender enjoying the beauty of Lake Tahoe at the 2010 Women's Retreat.

of the committee members listed on the [brochure](#). The deadline for signing up is August 14th. Don't miss a wonderful retreat time with Covenant women and friends. ✝

Rummage Sale Proceeds Provide Scholarships and help Fund the Nativity Tableau

By Connie Benedict

The Nativity Tableau, the men's retreat, and Jr. High campers will all benefit from some of the proceeds of the 2011 rummage sale.

Each of these projects helps toward the Fellowship Team's mission of "providing opportunities for all ages of our church family to gather together...to strengthen our

relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ." ✝

Nativity Tableau	\$750
Men's Retreat	\$500
Scholarships	
Junior High Camp	\$300
Scholarships	
Total	\$1,550



Ramadan & Praying for Muslims

By Patti Hemsley

August 1 marks the beginning of Ramadan for Muslims throughout the world. While Muslims fast, Christians are encouraged to pray!

According to *30 Days of Prayer Network*, "Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of the religion of Islam and one of the highest forms of Islamic worship. Called Ramadan (or Ramazan), Muslims fast during this holy month from the moment when it first starts to get light until sunset. [During Ramadan] abstinence from earthly pleasures and curbing evil intentions and desires are regarded as acts of obedience and submission to God (Allah) as well as atonement for sins, errors, and mistakes."

Our missionary in Mexico, Marcos Schultz, has long looked to the Middle East as a field "ripe for harvest" (see John 4:34-35) He recently wrote to urge us to join with his church in Porvenir and believers everywhere to participate in "30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World", August 1-30.

There are about 1.5 billion Muslims in the world today. Most have

no local Christian witness. Most have never heard the Gospel in a meaningful and culturally accessible way.

Paul wrote, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

While most of us will never visit a predominantly Muslim country, our prayers can breach all barriers – both to win new believers to Christ and to petition for the protection of those with "beautiful feet" who have gone to hostile regions of the world to share the gospel.

Michele Miller, director of ministries for Open Doors USA, an international nonprofit organization that supports persecuted Christians in oppressive countries, encourages

Christians to pray specifically for the Muslim world during the month of Ramadan.

Miller says pray for two things: persecuted Christians in Islamic nations and that Muslims find Jesus.

"It's an encompassing, holistic approach—not just praying for Christians for strength and hope and encouragement, but also for their situation, for the government in their area and ... that there is a greater awareness and a greater coming together, so that ultimately Jesus and the gospel message is proclaimed," she said in an August 2010 article in *Charisma* magazine (used by permission).

Paul Filidis is with Youth With A Mission. In the same *Charisma* article, he says the goal of daily prayer during

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Ramadan is "to encourage Christians not to be afraid of Muslims, not to hate Muslims, not to be angry at Muslims, not to fear them."

Haytham Abi Haydar, is the pastor of the Arabic Fellowship Alliance Church in Dearborn (Michigan), the American city with the largest concentration of Arab Muslims in the US. He says prayer for Muslims during Ramadan is crucial.

"I've seen a lot of spiritual warfare during this month," Abi Haydar said.

He encourages people to especially pray for believers who've come from a Muslim background. These Christians are seen, at best, as apostates and enemies of Islam. Many are shunned by their families. While they have accepted Christ, their entire familiar and *familial* culture – language, dress, ways of relating, customs and celebrations - are steeped in Islamic belief and ritual.

"During Ramadan, the community becomes strong,

they come together, and the pressure on some of the believers is incredible," said Abi Haydar, who has, sadly, seen believers return to Islam because of family pressures during Ramadan.

But there is good news. Through the years, Abi Haydar has also seen many Muslims come to Christ, proof that concerted, specific and informed prayer is working. Anecdotal testimony from agencies working to reach Muslims points to many conversions during the month of Ramadan.

While God has placed few Muslims in Reno, we can covenant as a body to reach out, through prayer, to Muslims during Ramadan. God may not have given most of us "beautiful feet" to carry us to faraway lands to live as missionaries. But we can still ask Him to give us huge hearts and strong knees upon which to pray for the lost and persecuted!

Resources:

The Mission Team has made available a limited number of Prayer Guides to help people at CPC pray specifically for Muslims during August. They in the narthex (suggested donation is \$3 for 2011 edition only).

Also, check out:
www.30-days.net
www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/Ramadan (sign up for daily email prayer reminders)†

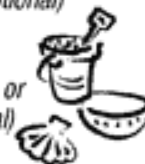
Footprints IN THE SAND



Try this craft at the beach, at the park or in your own sandbox at home. It will remind you whose footprints we should follow.

What you need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Sand (beach, park or sandbox)
- Small shells (optional)
- Water
- Small bowl
- Stick, toothpick or skewer (optional)



What you do:

1. Find some moist sand by digging down a little.
2. With a bare foot, make a footprint in the sand.
3. (Optional) Place shells face down on the toe imprints as toenails.
4. Follow the plaster of Paris directions for mixing the dry plaster with water in bowl.
5. Fill the footprint with the plaster and smooth the surface.
6. (Optional) Using a stick, toothpick or skewer, write "Direct my footsteps" (Psalm 119:133) or "Follow Me" (John 10:27).
7. When dry, place the foot in your garden, yard or room.
8. Remember to turn the foot over to remind yourself of whose footprints we should follow, and that we are never alone.

Ministry & Gifts of Elders at Covenant

By Kay Blakely



Covenant's Elders and Pastors pictured left to right - Elder Dave MacDonald, Elder Jim Hemsley, Elder TJ Hill, Pastor Danny Fierro, Elder Dave Berry, Elder Chris Rhodes, Elder John Kanuch, Clerk of Session Kay Blakely, Elder Kevin Nolen, Elder Samuel Duenas, Pastor Jay Hull. Not pictured Elder Patty Geiger. Photo by John Hill.

Covenant has a board of nine elders commonly referred to as the "Session". The elders are divided into three classes. Each class of elders serves a three year term. The classes are staggered so that every year three elders go off the session as three more come on.

According to the Book of Order, all ministry in the Church is a gift from Jesus Christ. Members and officers alike serve together under the authority of Christ who is the chief minister of all. Christ came "not to be served but to serve." (Matt. 20:28). We are all to follow His lead.

Throughout the Bible we find examples of how God has provided people with particular spiritual gifts so that

they could share in governing and ministering to His people.

Elders are chosen by the people and, together with the Pastor(s), they exercise leadership, government, and discipline. They have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as in the church at large.

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both inside the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and together, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation that has been committed to their care. Together with the pastor, the Elders should encourage the

people in the worship and service of God, equip them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world. Elders are asked to visit, comfort and care for the people, paying special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those who are oppressed.

Elders are also asked to assist in worship and, as such they should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible. In some instances Elders may be authorized by the Presbytery to *act* as pastors, preaching and serving the Lord's Supper (Communion) in churches where an ordained Pastor is not available.

The men and women of Covenant's elders board also serve as leaders of the Ministry Teams that operate in our church. For a list of Elders and their respective Ministry Teams, please see [page 11](#) of the Covenant Chimes.

Covenant's Elders meet together on the 4th Tuesday of each month at a Session Meeting which is open to all members. Every Elder is eager to talk with you, answer questions, address concerns, and hear thoughts that you might have about Covenant as well as about how you might become involved in the ministry that God has for you to do.✝

Encouragement, Fellowship and Fun for Moms

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meetings here at Covenant

By Kathy Ludwig

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, a program led by mothers themselves and designed for mothers with children from birth through Kindergarten. These mothers all have a shared desire... to be the best mothers they can be!

When?

Covenant MOPS meets every 2nd Wednesday, September through May. Our evening begins with an optional family-style dinner for the WHOLE family. (A donation is requested to cover the cost of the meal.)

Childcare

You may attend MOPS with or without your children. Quality, loving childcare for children, nursery age and up is provided during the meetings.

Meetings & Get Togethers

After dinner, children can go to their classes and the moms go to MOPS from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Meetings will usually have a speaker on a particular topic followed by discussion and often a creative activity or craft of some kind. Speakers will address a variety of topics of interest to mommies, such as health, strengthening relationships, discipline, money and time saving tips.

We will also plan some special get-togethers, play dates & "Moms' Night Out" activities throughout the year.

Registration

Registration forms for MOPS can be downloaded from the church website.

If you are a mommy with young children or you know of one, please prayerfully consider joining us each month. The first MOPS meeting of the new season will take place on Wednesday, September 14.

Information

For more information about MOPS, please contact Kathy Ludwig or call the church office at 775-746-8118.✝



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A LifeLine Wednesday Sneak Peek

Fasten your seatbelts! We have an exciting line-up planned for this fall!

Adult Programs

- Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
- Video Class - "Battling Unbelief" followed by Discussion Groups

Nursery Care Program

- Staffed Nursery for children birth through 3 years old.
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Children's Pioneer Club After School Program

- Pre K - 5th Grade
- Skill Building Activities
- Bible Exploration
- Games
- Bible Memory
- Singing
- Games
- Pinewood Derby
- Merit Award patches
- Service Award Patches

Youth Programs

Junior High & High School LIVE!

- Large group lessons
- Small group discussion
- Interactive Video
- Life Application

Opportunities to Grow through Serving

- Driving & Walking teams to get kids to Pioneer Club
- Homework Helpers
- Teachers, Helpers & Leaders for Pioneer Club
- Men & Women to teach practical skill to Pioneer Club members
- Seamstresses to make sashes & vests
- LifeLine Wednesday Host Team members to help plan & serve the weekly, family style dinner
- Youth leaders & mentors
- Adult Fellowship Group Leaders
- Call the Church office for more information about volunteering



Treasurer's Report June 2011

	MTD	YTD
<u>General Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$24,114	\$171,585
Expense	\$37,176	\$180,040
Net	-\$13,062	-\$8,455
<u>Building Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$1,589	\$41,716
Expense	\$0	\$1,300
Net	\$1,589	\$40,416
<u>Parking Lot Loans Paid</u>		
	\$0	\$26,000

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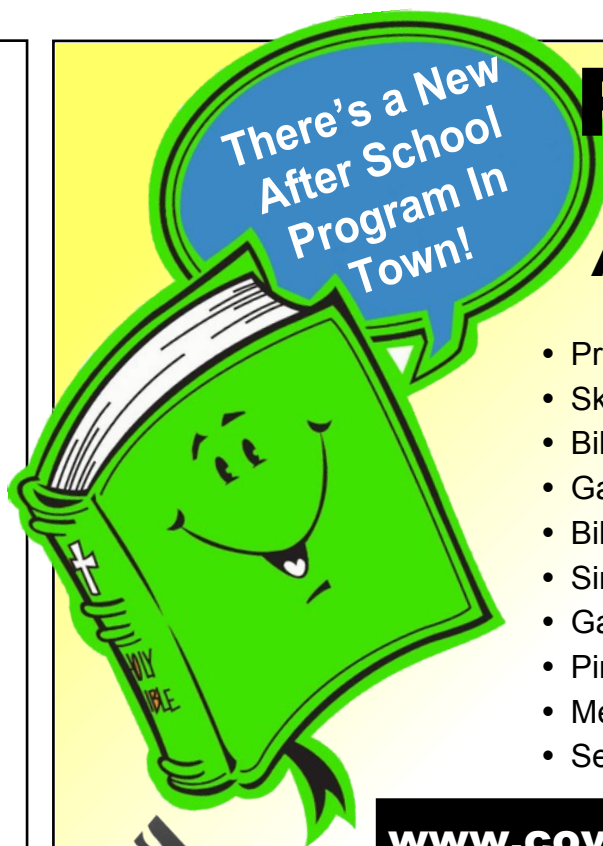
Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Traditional Worship Service



**Pioneer
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- Skill Building Activities
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August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 pm Praise Team	4 Urban Dip Mission Trip	5 Urban Dip Mission Trip 7:05 pm Reno Aces Game	6 Urban Dip Mission Trip 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
	7 Urban Dip Mission Trip 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	8	9 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm Mission Meeting	10 7:00 pm Praise Team	11	12
13 7:45 am Men's Bible Study	14 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	15	16 7:00 pm Christian Education	17 7:00 pm Praise Team	18	19 6:00 pm Youth Back to School Party
20 7:45 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 pm Family Day at Tahoe	21 Chimes Deadline 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	22	23	24 7:00 pm Praise Team	25	26 Women's Retreat
27 Women's Retreat 7:45 am Men's Bible Study	28 Women's Retreat 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	29	30 10:00 am Chimes Folding & Mailing 6:30 pm Session Meeting	31 7:00 pm Praise Team		

Celebrate August!

Birthdays

- 1 Ginny Lenz
- 2 April Sferrazzo
- 4 Rene Armer
- 5 Cheryl DeVore
- 7 Julia Bonar
- 8 Reed and Ryan Barbarigos
- 9 Becky Conrad
- 10 Dmitri Pruyn
- 13 Aaron Laden
- 15 Frank Exter
Robin Engel
- 16 Rick Matulich
- 18 Willard Wicks
Margaret Westhafer
- 20 Sandie Crawford
Elizabeth Wicks
- 21 Sierra Simpkins
- 22 Lynn Orphan
- 26 Shelley Frisch
- 27 Dan Carne
Sue Collins
- 28 Samuel Duenas
- 30 Amanda Schlatter
- 31 John Anderson

Anniversaries

- 3 Rita & Harry Huneycutt
- 9 Carole & Ray Faeth
- 9 Kay Ko & Claus Tittiger
- 12 Claudia & Omer King
- 15 Kris & John Pierson
- 23 Denell & Jay Hull
- 25 Michelle & James Johnson
- 27 Anne & Rev. Don Frank
- 30 Norma & Frank Exter
- 31 Nora & Mark McDonnell

Creamsicle Green Smoothie

This is a healthy and delicious treat for summer for kids of all ages. Bet you can't taste the spinach at all! Moms with young kids can use their creative naming skills to give this an interesting new name such as "Shrek Shake" or "Alien Smoothie".

1 cup water

1 cup yogurt, milk or milk alternative

2-3 LARGE spoonfuls of Orange juice concentrate

1 Large bunch of Spinach

1 tsp vanilla

2 cups Frozen Peaches

Place all ingredients in blender. Blend until smooth!✚



A Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey....
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things....
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise....
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God....
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things....
I got nothing that I asked for -
but everything that I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers
were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.

Written by an anonymous Confederate Soldier during the Civil War.

