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Rejoicing Over You

By Pastor Jay

Dear Friends:

Since before I became a parent, I've been hearing how wonderful it would be someday to become what I now am. Sure, sure, I said. Sounds nice.

I've been in no hurry to get here. The decision to change my identity in this way wasn't mine to make anyway. And let's be honest: There are some negative associations with this change as well... Images come to mind of a man whose usefulness and vitality have waned, who talks too loud, hears too little and forgets most of what he hears...

And then my son and his wife informed me that something new had come. Somebody new was going to

make a dramatic appearance into our lives. We were happy. Sure, sure, I said. Sounds wonderful. Yeah. But I'm a guy. Got to keep an even keel. Keep things in perspective. I'm not going to go all emotional (like some people in my household do). These things happen. It is good. Babies are born. Grandsons arrive. Yep. Nice.

And then Zander James Hull was born. March 28th. We got the phone call from Seattle.

Everybody was doing well. Praise God, I said. Congratulations, I said. Wonderful, I said.

And then Denell and I went to visit. Then I saw this week-old wonder.

Then I watched him breathe and heard him cry.

Then I balanced his tiny form on my



The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

— Zephaniah 3:17

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arm as he slept with apparent contentment. And then... I went all

emotional. Oh my, my, my. All of my carefully reasoned thoughts about this new reality and new relationship and new identity were melted away by a warmth of joy in the presence of this person: Zander James Hull.

Around the dinner table at Lifeline Wednesday last week, my friend P. J. Hayes shared some vital wisdom with me about this new role I find myself in. "P. J." his Mom said, "Pastor Jay has a new grandson now. Do you have any advice for him that might help him to be a good grandpa?" He thought for a moment, and then, with the pure, grand and confident wisdom of an almost-four-year-old, he said this: "Watch him swim." Watch him swim? Yes, I can do that. Thank you,

P. J. You are a smart boy. I will do that, and I will enjoy it. Just like your grandpa must enjoy watching you.

I will look forward to watching Zander swim... or run, or sing, or dance, or add numbers... Whatever he does, I will enjoy watching him. And right now I enjoy watching him do nothing. And this is good because right now he can't do much. While Denell and I were visiting, Zander didn't help with any of the household chores: He actually *was* the new number one household chore! He didn't communicate much: "I'm satisfied" or "I'm hungry" was about it, and the way he communicated these things was very basic indeed. Waaaaah!!! Whatever else he had to say I had to guess or project from my own imagination. None of these natural developmental liabilities mattered, though. It was all about *him*. He made me happy beyond my expectations just simply by *being*. He is *here*. He is *himself*. And he is my grandson. This is more than enough.

So now I'm a grandpa. That's not really such a big deal. But now I have a grandson, and *He is a big deal*. Really big. Praise God. Hallelujah.

All of this has reminded me again of what it means to be human and to be living in the vital reality of relationship—with one another and with God the Father Almighty.

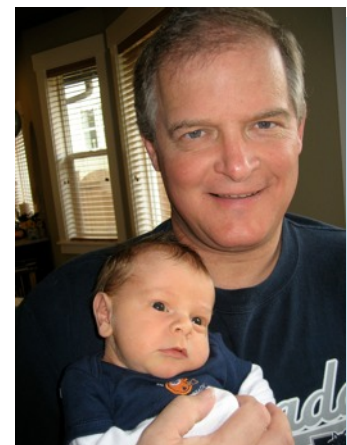
In the midst of all my strivings and anxieties, I lay before God

very much like Zander. The Heavenly Father watches me breathe and hears me cry. He balances my tiny form on His arm. And He rejoices over me. And He does so not because of what I *do* (I *am* a chore to Him more than I help Him with His chores) but because I *am*. I am here. I am me. And I am God's child through Jesus' redeeming work and His gift of faith. This is enough.

Understanding and accepting this amazing, gracious, divine truth provides a key for loving others well. They may not be my own grandson, like one new precious little boy now is, but they may well be, like me, God's beloved children.

And now, I pray, Zander and I have reminded you again of how precious you are in the eyes of the One whose love for you is constant and eternal and has been demonstrated once-and-for-all in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God the Son.

Grandpa Jay



Zander & Grandpa Jay

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Deadline for the June issue:

May 15th

Marriage Conference

Video Conference Schedule

Friday May 6th

6:00 pm to 10:15 pm

Saturday, May 7th

7:45 am to 1:00 pm

For a complete conference
Schedule please visit:

www.covenant-reno.org

“This presentation was as good as any marriage conference I’ve been to and I would highly recommend it to any husbands and wives (or prospective husbands and wives). If you can make the time to attend it will be a wise investment in your marriage.”- Pastor Jay

A Second Chance to Attend

By John Hill



Author & presenter, Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

Perhaps you missed the last Love and Respect conference because of a schedule conflict, or you weren’t sure if it would really be worth the time. Whatever the reason, we encourage you to take advantage of this “second chance” and make plans to attend the upcoming conference on May 6 & 7.

Though marketed as a marriage conference, this event will also provide valuable insight for the fathers of girls and the mothers of boys. Men and women, and boys and girls communicate differently. This conference will provide

understanding about how to handle these differences in a creative and Biblical way.

The Love and Respect message, based upon Ephesians 5:33 will help you to better understand how God made us and how He expects us to communicate in our families, in our communities and in our world.

This conference will be “pain free”. You will not be asked to share about your marriage or sit in discussion groups. You just need to show up and listen to this important message. There is plenty of encouragement, direction and humor in this program. If you have a great marriage you will find ways to improve it. If you are having problems in your marriage you will receive support to work through those problems. If you are soon to be married, or are still single you will gain understanding which will give you a jump start on relationship building

For more information about the conference, to register, or to view testimonials and video clips, please visit www.loveandrespect.com.

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Women's Circle News

By Joyce Miers



We've come to the end of our study in the book of Revelation; our last lesson from our study guide is number nine, with readings from Revelation chapters 21 and 22.

The hostess for Florence Circle on Tuesday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m. is Elaine York, and Martha Circle will gather at the church on Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m.†

Four Beauty Tips

Before she became an actress, Audrey Hepburn was a successful fashion model. After her acting career, she spent much of her time working for humanitarian causes around the world. These four "beauty tips" written by this former model are a snapshot of how she lived her life. They were read at her funeral.

1. For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
2. For lovely eyes, look for the good in people.
3. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
4. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.†



Women's Retreat

By Kay Blakely

The Covenant Women's Retreat committee is busy planning a wonderful get-away for women of all ages at beautiful Lake Tahoe. Our speaker this year is Deanna Masterman from Delta Community Presbyterian Church in Discovery Bay, California. Deanna is a lay pastor who desires to teach deeper truths of the Bible to women who long for a closer walk with God.

August is a great time to be at Tahoe. We have lovely accommodations that sleep two or three women in motel like rooms. There will be opportunities to have fun, hike, swim, sing, as well as to better know other women at Covenant, and to better know the Lord by spending quiet time



The view of beautiful Lake Tahoe from the Zephyr Point Conference Center.

with Him. And you won't have to cook any meals!

Watch for the Women's Retreat brochures on the Information Board in the narthex beginning in mid May and sign up to attend. You will also be able to download a brochure on the church web site. So, mark your calendars and plan to join us at Tahoe August 26-28.†

July 17th-23rd
Jr High Camp & Sherwood Camp

Calvin Crest Camp News

June 26th - July 2nd
High School Adventure Backpacking Camp

Pay \$75 Deposit ASAP!



May 5, 2011

A Prayer for Today

O Lord, this day is your gift to me, what I do with this day is my gift back to you.

As I begin this day, I center myself on you.

Let no ungenerous thought be in my mind today, no intent that has bitterness in it, no purpose that has harm in it, not only toward others, but toward myself.

To each one I meet this day, let me be quick to speak a grateful word, willing to hear a painful word, eager to believe the best and forgive the worst.

Touch me, O God, with the sweet simplicity of this fresh new day, and may gentleness and hope fill my heart. Amen!

—Rev. DeWane Zimmerman

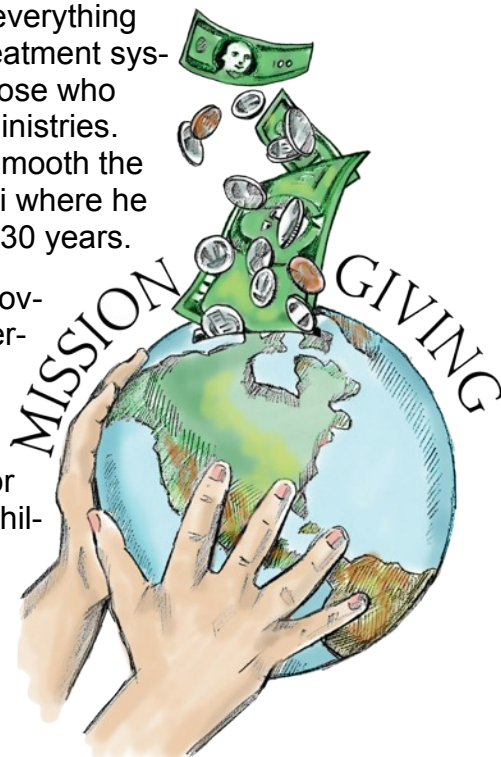


Transforming Lives through Mission Gifts

By Patti Hemsley

At their April meeting, CPC Mission Team members distributed funds for four projects:

- Lunes de Ladies is the annual evangelistic outreach to women from the region surrounding Porvenir, Mexico. Think of it as a VBS for ladies – over 200 women gather to learn about Jesus while working on craft projects, sharing meals and making friends. CPC donated \$250 for materials and small gifts for the ladies. Pray for Veronica as she finalizes plans for the month-end event: “It can be rather intense but fruitful! Please pray that ladies who will be hearing the Gospel will discover Life in Jesus”, says Marcos Schultz of Olive Tree Ministries..
- Tanneken Fros may be temporarily residing in Indiana (until early June) but her heart remains with the orphans and widows in Dondo, Mozambique. In an effort to extend the mission’s very short growing season and harvest more vegetables for their use, she is raising funds for a new irrigation system. CPC donated \$250 for this project.
- Doug Heidema has returned from a month in Papua New Guinea where he served as a missionary “jack of all trades”: upgrading computers, teaching photography skills, repairing everything from electrical to water treatment systems, and encouraging those who work with Pacific Island Ministries. Our gift of \$1500 helped smooth the way for his work in Ambuti where he and Leah served for over 30 years.
- Anne Harper is slowly recovering from the severe diverticulitis that landed her in the hospital. She and George continue to aim for a June 21 departure for new assignments in the Philippines. We have given them a \$200 donation to help with unanticipated expenses surrounding their aborted trip to Reno. †



In Case of Emergency

The Church Office has added a category to the membership database to track emergency contact information. If you are a couple or single person with no immediate family in the local area and would like to inform us of an emergency contact person, please leave a note in the church office with your name, your contacts name, relationship and their phone number.✝



Summer Fun at Tahoe

By Stefany Berry

Hello Covenant Family! If you enjoy the beach, please join us at Sand Harbor Beach located on Lake Tahoe every 3rd Saturday over the summer. Save the dates- June 18th, July 16th and August 20th. It will be a fun-filled, sun drenched day for the entire congregation as well as friends and neighbors! If you love Lake Tahoe, please come and join us. Watch for updates in the church bulletin.✝



A Call to Arms!..Legs!..Hearts! And Voices!

As we prepare for our Vacation Bible School Children's Outreach, June 20th to 24th, 5:45 pm to 8:00 pm we need you to make a difference in the lives of our community's children. And, who knows?...Maybe it will make a change in yours as well! If you are Middle School Age through Adult, you can be involved in "Hero Headquarters", Where Kids Join forces with God!

We need volunteers for :

Food preparation, Bible Stories, Registration, Setup/Take Down, "Super Shepherds", decorating and just about anything else!

Please contact Jayne Engel, VBS Director. Sign up sheets will be available on the info board on May 1st. Our next volunteer meeting will be Sunday May 8th after the 11:00 am worship service.✝



How Sweet the Sound

Notes for May from the Director of Musical Arts

By Denell Hull

We enjoyed another music-filled, reverent and joyful Easter season, with our choir providing inspiration through its Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday anthems. It was all concluded with our choir and congregation members joining in the triumphant "Hallelujah!" – Praise to Yahweh God! – from Handel's "Messiah."

Following this busy season, our choir will enjoy a Sunday off as the Dunlap family blesses us with their special music on May 1. Gerry, Janet, and Joanna Dunlap along with the Covenant Choir will bless us again in our 11:00 am services with their anthems of praise. And our team of musicians continues to

provide the spirited accompaniment for our 8:30 am service. Thanks to all!

We're also looking forward to the special presentation that our **Covenant Children's Choir** will offer us on

Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 pm. It is entitled "**How Sweet the Sound**", and all you moms and dads, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors and grandmas and grandpas are invited to come out to support our kids and watch them sing. What they have to share will be sweet indeed.

Denell Hull,
Director of
Musical Arts





New Church Directory Planned

By Connie Benedict

For everyone who looks in our previous directory and wonders who all those people were, as well as those who have joined our church family since it was published, the Fellowship Ministry Team is developing an in-house photo directory this year.

Volunteer photographers are being asked to take the photos of each family on May 15 and May 22 after each of the services. The photos will be entered into a computer and the finished product should be available sometime this summer.

Appointments will not be necessary but each family will be asked to fill out an information sheet that includes names, address, contact numbers and e-mails for their family. These sheets will be available in the Narthex and on the info board.

Please plan to stay a bit later after the service on one of these days (or come a bit earlier, especially for second service). †

“The birth of Christ brought God to us, but it took the cross of Christ to bring us to God.”

—Author unknown

Meet our Family and Youth Ministry Director Candidate

On Sunday, May 1 our congregation will have the opportunity to meet Danny Fierro, the candidate for the Youth and Family Ministry Director position. Danny and his family will join us for a potluck lunch following the 11:00 am worship service. †



Potluck Assignments

Last Names A-K: Main Dish

Last Names L-R: Salad

Last Names S-Z: Dessert

Donate Your Former Treasures to June 4 Rummage Sale

By Connie Benedict

It's time to check your closets, garages and other storage areas for former treasures that you no longer want. They're just what is needed for the Fellowship Ministry Team's annual rummage sale.

Donations will be accepted at the church Monday, May 29 between 10 am and 1 pm and Tuesday through Thursday during regular staff office hours.

Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 4 between 9 am and noon to sort, price and display the merchandise as well as to staff the sale between 7 am and 1 pm on Saturday morning.

We are looking for donations such as:

- Household goods
- Gently used toys, books, and similar items
- Electronics and small appliances *in working order*
- Plastic or paper bags for shoppers' convenience

- Baked goods (especially items such as muffins, cookies, or cupcakes that can be sold by the piece) for a bake sale benefitting the youth

Non-working items and large appliances cannot be accepted because of the cost of disposing of those items that don't sell. Older model televisions (those that require a converter box) cannot be accepted for the same reason.

Clothing donations will go directly to the Good Shepherd's Clothes Closet or Esther's Closet (Hosanna Home). Items that don't sell will be donated to the Sunrise Church's thrift store. †



The trouble with fruit

I'm starting to hate Gordo.

At first, he seemed like a good guy. Always around, up for a good time, he was the life of a party. Now though, after spending a few months with him, I'm beginning to think he might be a bad influence.

On my pants.

Over the last few months I've been hanging out way too much with "Gordo's Cheese Dip," the microwaveable version of queso that Walmart sells. I put on 10 pounds and several pairs of my pants are suddenly too short. At first I hoped it was the arrival of my much prayed for late growth spurt that would add a foot to my height, thus allowing me to dunk. But unfortunately that is not the case.

Now clearly, 10 extra pounds is not a massive crisis, but let's do the math. I gained 10lbs in four months. Over a year, that's a potential 30 extra pounds. That is a big deal. So I did what I did in college to get in shape, I ran three times and thought about being healthy. But apparently, your metabolism goes on sabbatical when you turn 35 because that did nothing.

Frustrated, and now wearing pants from the "husky" side of my closet, I decided something needed to change. I started eating a slow carb diet. I read that people who keep food photo diaries made better eating decisions so I started to take a photo of all my meals. I stopped eating snacks after dinner and quit drinking soda. I started going to a trainer three days a week with some buddies from work.

And in the middle of this new found discipline, I realized something disappointing:

I apply more focus and purpose to my diet than I do my deity.

With gusto I was now devouring spinach and drinking massive amounts of water. I was eating legumes by the bushel, two words I had never even used before. I was killing myself in the gym with a football style weight sled called the "proowler." I made a commitment to being healthy and was executing that commitment with ferocity.

All the while ignoring my faith.

I'd read the Bible, if I thought of it.

I'd grab a quiet time, if nothing else came up.

I'd pray in between things, if I could fit God into the margins of my day.

And although my pants started to fit better after a few weeks, my heart and soul continued to suffer as I treated God like a casual hobby, not a critical savior. Have you ever

done that? Have you ever said, "I just have such a hard time maintaining a consistent quiet time! I'm just not good at forming habits!" Meanwhile, your diet is on point, you never miss an episode of your favorite TV show and your weekly progress reports to your boss are a well organized thing of beauty.

I probably wouldn't have been so bothered by my realization about my diet if the Bible was fuzzy on this issue, but it is unfortunately not. Here is what Proverbs 3:9 says:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops"

That word, "firstfruits" is a powerful one. We're not called to give God the last scraps of our fruit, the remainder, but rather the "firstfruits." Now clearly, there are financial ramifications to that verse, but what if it's bigger than that? What if we're called to give:



The Trouble with Fruit (continued from page 8)

The firstfruits of our time.
The firstfruits of our creativity.
The firstfruits of our focus.
The firstfruits of our energy.
The firstfruits of our love.

Can you imagine what church would be like if members gave the firstfruits of their creativity to the Lord? We complain that the church is cheesy sometimes. Of course it is, we've been feeding it rotten fruit.

Can you imagine what church would be like if we gave the firstfruits of our love? We like to take shots at the church for being unloving and judgmental. Of course it is, we've been feeding it rotten fruit.

Can you imagine what it would be like for your life if you gave God the firstfruits of your time? I can't because all too often I've given him rotten fruit. But I'm trying to change that and I've already learned something new in the process.

When I give God my firstfruits in the morning, when I start the day with him, it's like putting on 3D glasses. The rest of the day looks different. I can see his hand more clearly, hear his voice louder, and feel his touch closer.

I'm not perfect at the firstfruits concept. At heart, this is an "I'm failing, but don't want to" post. But with grace and hope, I'm working on being more deliberate with my firstfruits. Let's stop giving God our last fruits.

-- [Jon Acuff](#)
(from the Blog "[Stuff Christian's Like](#)")

<http://www.jonacuff.com/stuffchristianslike/>



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A Visit to Pacific Island Ministries

By Doug Heidema

With the electrical power shutdown for the night and an overcast sky shrouding the stars, a swarm of flying insects targets any lights. A mosquito net suspended over the bed filters out and offers refuge from most of the unwelcome creatures spiraling over the computer screen. I am not camping, but in the PIM mission house closest to the Sepik River of our former Ambunti home.

It has been a year since my last visit and this time, thanks to a friend from church, I came ready to battle those unseen viruses and other such things that strangle a computer's performance. With my two "understudies", Clinton and Jacob (both young and eager students) we have had a resounding success in cleaning up all of the mission computers. Clinton and Jacob now have the techniques to carry out any future maintenance.

My winter white skin just wasn't ready for the tropical sun. A Sunday trip to a village church resulted in sunburned hands and ankles. Thankfully now almost a week later it has healed, and I hope to get out of the offices to explore other

areas. I have led a session on digital cameras for eight of our staff. Hopefully this will help them improve their photos. I also work with different office staff trying to help their work flow a little smoother. Of course, other tasks still remain to be done before leaving Ambunti on the twentieth of April. The mission facilities have some electrical problems to sort out, and I am sure I will find some other things too. As a mere human I don't solve all the problems, just help with a few and hopefully don't create any more.

Opportunities to share from the Word often arise, be it in morning devotions, with those I meet while walking around, or the church services attended. Next Sunday, I have been asked to preach ahead of time, rather than right during the service.

One statement often heard in Papua New Guinea is this, "A mission must help every one." This may be joined with a favorite Bible verse of even non Christians; Mathew 7:7.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Through the years I have heard a number of appeals for help. Given that missions generally do not have pockets with unlimited depth, some folks can not be immediately helped. God's guidance is always needed. This time I have heard several requests, one is for funds to provide treatment for a young boy who has cancer in his



Mukachuwa Buria, needed a battery for her alarm clock and the time reset. That was easy. Her deceased husband had helped in translation of the New Testament into Waskuk one of the local languages during the 1960's

mouth, others include school fee assistance for higher education.

In Reno, Leah is receiving a conglomeration of care and help from different folks. I am thankful to each one of you, as is our staff here at Ambunti for your part in making my trip a possibility.

God Bless You All

PS - Today while walking to the school I saw a number of people with fishing spears. A large run of eels is in progress. In the past I have eaten a number of local foods, but this is where I draw the line.

Doug Heidema is a member of Covenant and 30 year missionary to Papua New Guinea. This letter was written by Doug on his most recent visit to [Pacific Island Ministries](#) in April 2011. Though Doug has since returned to the US, we thought you might be interested to learn of his adventures while serving the people of Ambunti. ☩



Are You Ready To Grow?

News from the Covenant Community Garden Group

By Barbara Mize

Plans and activities are in progress for the expansion and planting in the garden on the west hillside behind the church.

There are several new raised beds that have been built, yards of top soil have been added, and some cool weather plants (onions and peas) have already gone into the ground. About 250 seedling starts are basking in a sunny exposure awaiting their graduation to becoming plantings in our well-prepared garden beds.

This year, we have plans

for potatoes, beets, carrots, onions, peppers, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, squash and corn. Is your mouth watering just thinking of this flavorful summer produce?



Under the direction and planning of Bob Christian, our garden ministry is growing. Last year we learned what grew well in our area. We battled ground squirrels and other marauding critters and believe we have conquered them with "bed covers." We have plans to donate a greater amount of produce to some agencies in our community and to track our produce yield. We look forward to blessing our church family with some of the harvest too.

Our Garden Group would like to invite anyone who would enjoy this ministry to join with us. Here are some reasons you might like to join: there are not too many meetings (only a few per year), lots of different activities such as planting, watering, harvesting and weeding to choose from. The hours are flexible, but, due to the short growing season in Northern Nevada, we really get busy towards the end of the summer. Bob Christian, as a certified master gardener, has a wealth of expertise and experience; you will learn a lot about vegetable

gardening as you work alongside him. Gardening is good exercise, gets you outdoors and its' fun to work with others in the garden. Best of all, your efforts will serve others who need and will enjoy the fruits of your labor. If this sounds like your kind of "growing service", watch the Covenant Connection for Covenant Garden work opportunities, call Bob Christian or the church office. Let's get growing!✝

[Covenant's Community Garden](http://www.rgj.com/article/20110417/NEIGHBORHOODS03/104170301/Reno-s-Covenant-Presbyterian-Church-reaping-what-s-sown) was recently featured in an article in the *Reno Gazette Journal*. To Read this article see: <http://www.rgj.com/article/20110417/NEIGHBORHOODS03/104170301/Reno-s-Covenant-Presbyterian-Church-reaping-what-s-sown>

Treasurer's Report March 2011		
	MTD	YTD
<u>General Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$25,622	\$88,132
Expense	\$34,145	\$91,097
Net	\$-8523	-\$2,965
<u>Building Fund</u>		
Revenue	\$1,892	\$33,858
Expense	\$0	\$0
Net	\$1,892	\$33,858
<u>Parking Lot Loans Paid</u>		
	\$0	\$26,000



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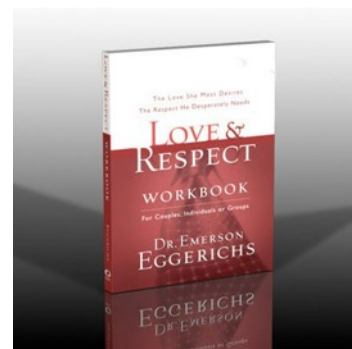
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- Dr. Emerson Eggerichs



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Potluck & Meet Danny Fierro 6:00 pm <u>HS Youth Group</u>	2 6:00 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u> 	3	4 9:00 am <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 4:45 pm <u>Kid's Choir End of Year Program</u> 6:15 pm <u>JH Youth Group</u> 7:45 pm Praise Team	5 7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u>	6 6:00 pm - 10:15 pm <u>Love and Respect Marriage Conference</u>	7 7:45 am <u>Men's Bible Study</u> 7:45 am - 1:00 pm <u>Love and Respect Marriage Conference</u>
8 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm <u>HS Youth Group</u>	9 6:00 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	10 9:30 am <u>Florence Circle</u> 5:30 pm Deacons 6:30 pm Fellowship 7:00 pm Administration 7:00 pm Mission	11 9:00 am <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 6:15 pm <u>JH Youth Group</u> <u>MOPS</u> 7:45 pm Praise Team	12 7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u>	13	14 7:45 am <u>Men's Bible Study</u> 
15 Chimes Deadline 8:30 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm <u>HS Youth Group</u>	16 6:00 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	17 1:00 pm <u>Martha Circle</u> 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting	18 9:00 am <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 6:15 pm <u>JH Youth Group</u> 7:45 pm Praise Team	19 7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u>	20	21 7:45 am <u>Men's Bible Study</u>
22 8:30 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm <u>HS Youth Group</u>	23 6:00 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	24 10:00 am Chimes Folding 6:30 pm Session Meeting	25 6:15 pm <u>JH Youth Group</u> 7:45 pm Praise Team	26 7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u>	27	28 8:00 am <u>Men's Prayer Breakfast</u> Youth Spring Celebration @ Six Flags
29 10:00 am Worship Service 11:30 am Congregational Meeting 6:00 pm <u>HS Youth Group</u>	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 6:00 pm <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>	31 	<p><i>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.</i> 2 Corinthians 9:6</p>			

Celebrate May!



Birthdays

- 1 Bob Christian
- 3 Fred Crist
Hyun Jae Gweon
- 6 JoAnn Dunseath
- 7 Greg Geiger
- 8 Doug Heidema
- 9 Suzanne McAdams
- 12 Pastor Jay Hull
Lee Simpkins
- 14 David MacDonald
Allan Flikkema
- 18 Roberta Ramsey
Marie McIntyre
- 19 Angel Aiyuk
- 20 Norm Sheldon
- 21 John Pierson
Laurie Polzin
- 22 Debbie Crist
- 23 Katie Orphan
- 25 Kay Blakely
- 30 Glenn Miers

Anniversaries

- 2 Margaret & Ray Westhafer
- 7 Linda & Will Davidson
- 15 Michaun & Colin Hayes
- 20 Phyllis & Dave Wilks
- 21 Jodi & Guy Ray
Amanda & Chris Schlatter
- 23 Lisa & Paul Wilson
- 24 Janet & Kent Hoekman
- 30 Kellie Crosby- Sturtz &
Ken Sturtz

Grandma Warson's Ice Cream Dessert

Submitted by Becky Conrad

This recipe, from my wonderful Grandma Warson was served at the Ladies Luncheon in February. Many of you have been asking for the recipe. Enjoy!

- 1 Small package Vanilla Wafers, crushed
- 2 c. powdered sugar
- 2 squares melted unsweetened Baker's chocolate
- 1/2 c. butter
- 3 eggs, separated
- pinch of salt
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 Carton (1/2 gallon) Vanilla Ice Cream
- Walnuts (if desired)

Mix sugar, chocolate, butter, salt and egg yolks. Put in top of a double boiler. Heat mixture until creamy but do not boil.

Beat egg whites stiff and fold in the mixture in the double boiler. Add vanilla.

Put half of crushed vanilla wafers in 9 X 13" pan. Pour chocolate mixture over layer of wafers.

Slice ice cream and lay on top of chocolate mixture to make a layer of ice cream over the chocolate. Cover with the rest of vanilla wafers.

Add walnuts if desired.

Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for several hours before serving. Keeps well in the freezer for 4-6 weeks. †

