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“so we do not drift away”

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I saw something yesterday that really blew my mind and I'd like to share it with you. A friend had posted a video on Facebook from the 2008 Big Ten indoor track championships in Minnesota. The video was of the women's 600 meter final, in which there were four racers who qualified. Since the track is indoors it is only 200 meters long, so the race is three very short laps. One of the racers in the final was Heather Dorniden, a highly decorated runner who was running before a hometown crowd. The first lap passed by very normally with Dorniden running in a very strong second, and the second lap was much the same until the end. Near the end of the second lap, Dorniden had pulled even with runner in first was passing her when her feet got tangled and she took a fall right at the start finish line. All the other racers passed her by sprinting to complete the final 200 meters of the championship. At this point you would expect Dorniden to simply get up and brush herself off and then jog to the finish line knowing she could never catch the racers in front of her. But that is not what she did. Quick as she could Dorniden got up and started sprinting after the other racers. It was obvious she was running very fast, but there was no way she could catch them...except she started gaining ground on the quickly. On the backstretch she caught the runner in third and blew by her like she was standing still, and as she rounded the final curve she had the last two runners in her sights. With each step she gained a little more and a little more, until literally with her last step she surged even with the lead runner and crossed the finish line too close to call. After video replay, the results came in, Dorniden won the race by 0.04 of a second. She fell but still won the race. (you can see the video at www.godvine.com/Christian-Athlete-Takes-a-Fall-But-Still-Wins-The-Race-378.html).

Paul tells us that we are in a race running to get a prize (1 Cor. 9:24) and that we should strive to win that prize. We know that the race is our life now, and that our running is who we are becoming in Christ as we push in to Him. That every day we seek Him and learn to love Him more and let Him change us we are taking one more step forward in the race to which we have been called. We also all know what it is like to fall in that race. To be running well one moment and then to get tangled up and to take a fall. Here is where we should take a lesson from Dorniden. Not that she picked herself up, not that she tried hard, but that she never forgot the goal at the end and that even her fall could not stop her from pursuing that goal. When we fall, we are tempted to sit out the race, to run away from our goal, which is relationship with God. To look at our scraped up knees and to feel like a failure and then to quit running and sit there a failure. A sign of our growth and maturity as disciples comes not when we fall, but in how we respond to that fall. Do we sit there and feel bad, losing sight of the goal, or do we get up, and immediately run to our Father, who has already forgiven us for every fall and who desires us to finish the race even with skinned knees? We all fall, what happens next is what shows how much you understand God and his love for you. Keep running!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00
Praise Service	6:30
Choir	7:30

Wednesday:

Awana	6:00
Prayer Meeting	6:30

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- Africa Trip
- Youth/Children's Minister

Memory Verse

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

"A Rope Around God"

Well, listen here. You're in for a ride, so grab your chair tightly, put on your boots, and pull your hat down. Oh, and have that horse standing by ready to ride because you never know which way you're going when you throw your rope around God.

When the church family started talking and squawking like crows on a fence, Bro. Kevin told us that he felt God moving us to go on a mission trip. That statement left dead silence in the church building, and that was only half of it. As he stood tall before the church God called him to lead, he spoke the second half. "We need to go to Africa." I smiled like an old possum as I had two thoughts: "I really like this pastor who is hog-tied to God," shortly followed by, "We are in for a fight." I was so ready to run to help him at a drop of hat. I felt the rope pulling me to be a part of this trip, but I wasn't sure if my part was in Africa or here. Now, here is where it gets wild! Are you ready with the reins in hand? Bro. Kevin asked me. Did you get that? He asked ME personally to be a part of this trip. I was like a kid in a candy store thanking God for letting me stand there. Sure as anything, I told him real quick, "I'm in." I didn't know how, but I would help, feed, tend, or even go to Africa.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, God and I talked a lot and I looked at my collection of hippos. I truly know that when you make a move in life, make it with God or don't make it at all. "Lord, do you want me to serve you here on this mission trip, or do you want me to serve you in Africa? Please send your Angels to let me know if I should go to Africa, and could you tell me at least twenty times?"

In the midst of my conversations with God, a friend called and told me that her Daddy died, and asked would

I be willing to come and help her family. You bet! I cut and run, beating her to the church. I found myself in a church pew, moved by the Holy Spirit to slow down and pray for peace and comfort for this family. As the tears rolled down my face, God spoke to me. "Go tell the family that all is well." I jumped out of my seat to see who spoke. There was no one around, so I went back to praying. Then again and louder, "Go now and tell the family that all is well." Realizing that God was speaking, this time I ran to the family to share God's love with them. We cried together in a celebration of life instead of death. You see, this Daddy that had just gone to be with his Savior had spent his life teaching his family to pray and seek God's direction in everything, even death. With his very last breathe, he yelled, "Didn't you see Jesus? He is standing at the door. Let him in! Jesus has come for me!"

During the service, the preacher talked about telling the multitudes about Christ, and afterwards, I began talking to people and inviting them to church. One person, entered the conversation to tell me I should be a missionary to Africa. Another lady complimented my hat and went on to say it would be a good hat to wear in Africa. I thought, "Where is this coming from?" Later, the pastor came up, put his hand on my shoulder, and said, "You should go to Africa." There were over two hundred people at this funeral, and well over 20 complete strangers there came up to tell me I should go to Africa to tell the people about God. My prayers were answered and now I know that I should go to Africa.

Isaiah 12:2 says, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JE-HO-VAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

~Margaret Balderamos



S. Africa Mission Team **July 23-31, 2011**

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The WMU would like to take this time to thank everyone who gave so generously to help us to reach our goal of \$1000.00 for the North American Missions Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We more than met our goal in the amount of \$1614.11. These funds are used to assist the missionaries to share God's word with the multitudes. Please pray that these funds will reach out and touch those who need to have Christ in their lives.

The WMU would like you to pray for us as we come together to work toward completing about 95 Witnessing Dolls for the children in South Africa. Pray for God to use the witnessing dolls to reveal His plan of salvation



through His Son Jesus Christ to these children, and for our team that will be going to South Africa and will deliver them.

~LaVon Johnson

Announcements & Upcoming Events

*** Please notice our announcement in the bulletin in regards to leaving during the service. Please refrain from leaving the sanctuary during the worship service. If you must leave, please do so through the back doors. All children who leave must be accompanied by an adult.

*** Our youth and children's bake sale will be May 15 after the worship service. Please stop by a table on your way out and buy a yummy baked good to support our students going to summer camp.

*** Youth need to start signing up for Summer Camp now. We have a limited number of camp spots this year. All money and paperwork is due no later than May 29. Please see Kayla Jones for more information or if you would like a registration packet.

*** Children's Camp Sign up has begun. Camp is June 13-16 at Alto Frio Encampment. The total cost is \$115.00. Please contact Christy Dziuk or the church office for more information.

*** VBS is June 26-July 1 this year. Our church will be filled with kids needing you to lead a class and tell them about God's love. Please sign up to help in a class. Contact Cathie Griffin or the church office with any questions.

Stewardship

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>
Month:	11,705.14	16,335.13
Year:	46,820.56	65,642.42



CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS 2011

CALEB DZIUK
ASHTON KUNSCHIK



Sound Bytes

It's been so long, since I have seen Your beauty; I want to see You now. It's been so long, since I have heard Your whispers; I want to hear You now. It's been so long, since I have felt you with me; I want to feel You now. It's been so long, since I have let You hold me; Father hold me now. O be exalted, be the King of my soul, I lay down my life and forever I'll know; You will be there in the moment I need you, You have been here, only I couldn't see You. I've been missing You, I've been missing You. It's been so long since I have let You lead me, I want to follow now. It's been so long, since I have said I love You, I want to tell You now.-Nick Thurmond "Missing You."

The above is one of the worship songs used at the Pre-Easter retreat I had the opportunity to go on with our Youth. What an amazing song, and what an amazing sight to see 800 kids between the ages of 12 and 19 raising their hands and crying out to God to be the King of their soul.

Something that was said at the retreat by the camp pastor really struck me on the last day we were there. He said: "It's easy for us to come get away with God, spend an amazing time in worship at a camp and raise

our hands and worship our Savior with abandon, but how many of you are going to be bold enough to take it home with you?" It was something that has been challenging me since we got back. So many times, I get caught up in how the music is being presented technically, or is the microphone I'm using set to the right volume, or are my words and thoughts coming across correctly, and on and on. It gets to the point where I miss the point. The point of anything that I do is Jesus, who is the exalted King of my soul. When I sing, if my singular goal is not to consistently lift Him up and make much of Him, then I'm not doing my job, and might as well be singing anything from a top 40 hit to big band music. When I take the time to focus myself on what amazing things Christ has done for me through His grace and sing to Him out of that heart, He is lifted up.

Let me challenge you as a church member, that before you come into service the next time, take a look at the bulletin, see what songs we're doing that day, find them in the hymn book and spend a few seconds dwelling on the truth in the words for that day. That way, your heart will be prepared when God begins to move through worship of His name. He said as much in His word: *Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.-Jeremiah 29:12-13.* I look forward to worshipping with you!
~Nathan Jones

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May Birthdays

5– Liz Tessman

6– Loree Gilley

9– Brooklyn Osborne

12– Janet Kortz

12– Chloe Patton

14– Stella Belyeu

15– Beverly Wishert

18— Jim Bailey

19– Velma Brown

20– Pat Dziuk

20– Brandon Gilley

21– Dan Gilley

21– Billy Whitfield

25– Ernest Balderamos

26– Lee Roy Weigang

27– Christine Moses

29– Carla Saxon

