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AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER



Satan's Plan

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. He said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered Dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a real relationship with Jesus Christ." "This is what I want you to do", said the devil. "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day! "How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life:

- a. Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow.
- b. Persuade the wives to work long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles.
- c. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!
- d. Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that 'still, small voice.'
- e. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive...to keep the TV, CDs and PCs on constantly flooding their minds with non-biblical noise constantly.
- f. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, full of false hopes.
- g. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their men will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives.
- h. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too!
- i. Give them Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny to distract them from teaching their children the truth of God's grace, and Christ's resurrection and power over sin and death.
- k. Let them be excessive in their recreation and return exhausted. Keep them too busy to explore God's creation. Instead, send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, and movies instead.
- l. Keep them busy, busy, busy! And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, they will leave with troubled consciences.
- m. For those who resist these temptations, crowd their lives with so many good causes that they have no time to seek power from Jesus and sacrifice their health and family for the good of the cause.

"It will work! It will work!!"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to have little time for their God or their families, and to have little or no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge!

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Y-oke

With school starting up again, we begin looking at the start of a new Sunday School year too. We've been very purposeful in our efforts reaching out to families in the community - extending invitations and welcoming people, especially young people into the church.

As we progress through August, I encourage you to look around your neighborhood for those you know that are not attending church. There may even be someone in your family. Why not invite them to come for Sunday school, invite them to Rally Day on Sept. 12 and the church picnic following. We need to invite them just as friends expressing that we would enjoy their company along side us on Sunday.

Friends there has never been a time when people needed Jesus Christ more than now. God has called us to do our part in the salvation story. We can continue to grow together, especially if we "put God first in our efforts!" Let us then faithfully "go forth and make disciples of all the nations," or at least our un-churched people of Braidwood.

Peace to all!
Dale

Bible Verse of the Month

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24

Sunday School News

Mark you calendars ---



School after the

September 12th will be our first day of Sunday summer off.

The day will begin at 9:00 AM with our children attending classes followed by our regular worship service. There will be two groups of classes this year. We would really like to welcome the children back with a bang, so activities will be planned for the day.

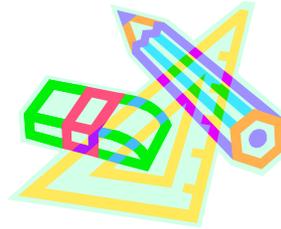
After church service we will have our annual church picnic. This year we are planning on having it here at the church. We will have a cook out and dishes to pass for lunch. There will be games planned and prizes for the winners. So, come one and all to see what will be in store for the day.

This day is also grandparents day. As usual we will plan something special for them on this day.

So, don't forget SEPTEMBER 12th.....



CHURCH PICNIC INFO



The book bags have been made for the school kits we send to World Service. I believe all the items we need for them have been bought and now we just need them put together. There will be 28 of them. Thanks to Ruth for making the bags and Joyce for getting the supplies to fill them.



Now, this year we would also like to send some Baby Care Kits. In order to do this we will need: six cloth diapers, two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies), two washcloths, two gowns or sleepers, two diaper pins, one sweater or sweatshirt (can be a hand-knitted or crocheted), two receiving blankets. Items must be new and under 12 months in size. If you would like to donate money we will be happy to purchase these items if you prefer. We would like to get enough for 10 kits. Thanks.

ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO:
DELMER AND JOAN HAKEY on August 6th.
HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO:
ROBERT AND BUNNY MALY on August 13th.

August 22nd Jim and Sharon Elder
 September 4th Joe and Donna Kalebich
 September 7th Jim and Roberta Neumann
 September 13th Rich and LuAnn Bolatto



AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS:

- 1st Laura Stephens
- 2nd Kathy Gerz & Rich Bolatto
- 3rd Darline Scott
- 5th Luke Vandermyde
- 10th Earl Lavaca & Jared Stephens
- 12th Lori Grant & Will Cathelyn
- 17th Dorothy Hedenschoug
- 25th Pam Tolly
- 26th Tim Freckelton
- 27th Glen Crater
- 28th Natalie Stephens

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS:

- 3RD Elli Jo Jacobs
- 4th Annika Marchi
- 7th Donna Kalebich
- 10th Kevin Marchi
- 15th Josh Bolatto
- 18th Levi Sims
- 22nd Charlene Swearingen
Mike Lamb
- 24th Ruth Bauter
- 30th David Kilpatrick

Read ahead:

Here are the readings for upcoming Sundays in August and September.

*Texts for 8/1/10 OT 18 - Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

*Texts for 8/8/10 OT 19 - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

*Texts for 8/15/10 OT 20 - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2; Luke 12:49-56

*Texts for 8/22/10 OT 21 - Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

*Texts for 8/29/10 OT 22 - Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Texts for 9/5/10 OT 23 - Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

*Texts for 9/12/10 OT 24 - Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

*Texts for 9/19/10 OT 25 - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

*Texts for 9/26/10 OT 26 - Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15; Psalm 91; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



Many thanks to all who helped and or attended the “Shower” for Erin and Ivy. Your outpouring of love and support for them is beyond measure and greatly appreciated.

Back by popular demand:
The Dimensions of Grief & Loss
“Learning to Live with Loss”



by: Clarice Schultz RN, BSN

Clarice Schultz has taught courses on grief and loss for the past 35 years at colleges, hospitals, and churches as well as presenting workshops and seminars for Hospice.

When: Thursday evenings 6:30 – 9:30 PM
September 30 – November 4, 2010

Where: First Presbyterian Church
106 S. Lincoln, Braidwood, IL 60408
For Reservations call 815-458-6317

Cost: \$40.00 (limited seating - call Pastor Dale for reservations
- leave a message on the machine)

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to learn and share and fellowship,