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### Sunday Morning Services

8:15 am

### Chatterbox Cafe

8:00 am

### Worship

(Karen Language)

8:45 am

### Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

(English Language)

## ATTENDANCE

May 22 130

May 29 158

June 5 176

June 12 148

June 19 124

## God's Glory Shines Bright



When I was a young person I used to wonder what the phrase "the glory of God" meant. I knew it probably meant something big and bright .....something spectacular. Now that I am older I am learning that God's glory is the revelation of God's power and nature; the manifestation of his characteristics. You will know when God is revealing himself whenever your faith is active.

Vacation Bible School was very special this year because our church prayed and expected great things from God. We had plenty of workers, good weather, a youth visiting from Iowa whose life was transformed, a church member who was surprised by a visit from our singing kids, gracious mission offering collected by the children, and a record number of children attending. God's love and presence was so evident and his power to renew, give life, and spread joy and hope was so exciting!

### Blessings

Pastors Flint and Deb

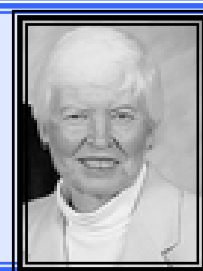
### FAMILIES

Father God, we lift up to you our families. We pray for peace in our homes. We pray for You to pour out your love. We pray that you would protect our families from evil. We pray that you would create places where children can be raised safe from violence. We pray that our families would be drug-free. We pray against pornography threatening marriages. We pray for parents to hunger for You, God, to be in their home and seek ways as a family to honor You. We pray for ALL parents in our county to receive the strength and wisdom to step into their God-given purpose. We pray that our homes would be places where families experience first-hand your love, grace, mercy and truth. Amen.





## NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



### ""MY PLATE""

We have heard about the 'Food Pyramid' for many years. This has been changed to "My Plate" and has been in affect just the last two months. The hope is that it will be easier to follow and people will learn to eat less.

#### ☛ BUILD A HEALTHY PLATE

Before you eat, think about what goes on your plate or in your cup or bowl. Foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, and lean protein foods contain the nutrients you need without too many calories. Try some of these options. Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.

- Eat red, orange, and dark-green vegetables, such as tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and broccoli, in main and side dishes.
- Eat fruit, vegetables, or unsalted nuts as snacks they are nature's original fast foods. Switch to skim or 1% milk.
- They have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but less fat and calories.
- Try calcium-fortified soy products as an alternative to dairy foods.

#### ☛ MAKE AT LEAST HALF YOUR GRAINS WHOLE.

- Choose 100% whole-grain cereals, breads, crackers, rice, and pasta.
- Check the ingredients list on food packages to find whole-grain foods.

#### ☛ VARY YOUR PROTEIN FOOD CHOICES.

- Twice a week, make seafood the protein on your plate.
- Eat beans; which are a natural source of fiber and protein. • Keep meat and poultry portions small and lean.

#### ☛ CUT BACK ON FOODS HIGH IN SOLID FATS, ADDED SUGARS, AND SALT

Many people eat foods with too much solid fats, added sugars, and salt (sodium). Added sugars and fats load foods with extra calories you don't need. Too much sodium may increase your blood pressure.

#### ☛ CHOOSE FOODS AND DRINKS WITH LITTLE OR NO ADDED SUGARS.

- Drink water instead of sugary drinks. There are about 12-18 teaspoons of sugar in a 12-ounce can of soda.
- Select fruit for dessert. Eat sugary desserts less often.
- Choose 100% fruit juice instead of fruit-flavored drinks.

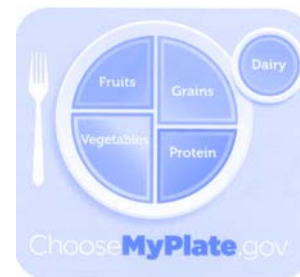
#### ☛ LOOK OUT FOR SALT IN FOODS YOU BUY - IT ALL ADDS UP.

Compare sodium in foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals and choose the foods with lower numbers. Add spices or herbs to season food without adding salt.

#### ☛ EAT FEWER FOODS THAT ARE HIGH IN SOLID FATS.

- Make major sources of saturated fats-such as cakes, cookies, ice cream, pizza, cheese, sausages, and hot dogs-occasional choices, not every day foods.
- Select lean cuts of meats or poultry and fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese. • Switch from solid fats to oils when preparing food.

Eat the right amount of calories for you. You can get your personal daily calorie limit at [www.ChooseMYPLate.com](http://www.ChooseMYPLate.com) and keep that number in mind when deciding what to eat. Be physically active your way. Pick activities that you like and start by doing what you can, at least 10 minutes at a time. Every bit adds up, and the health benefits increase as you spend more time being active.



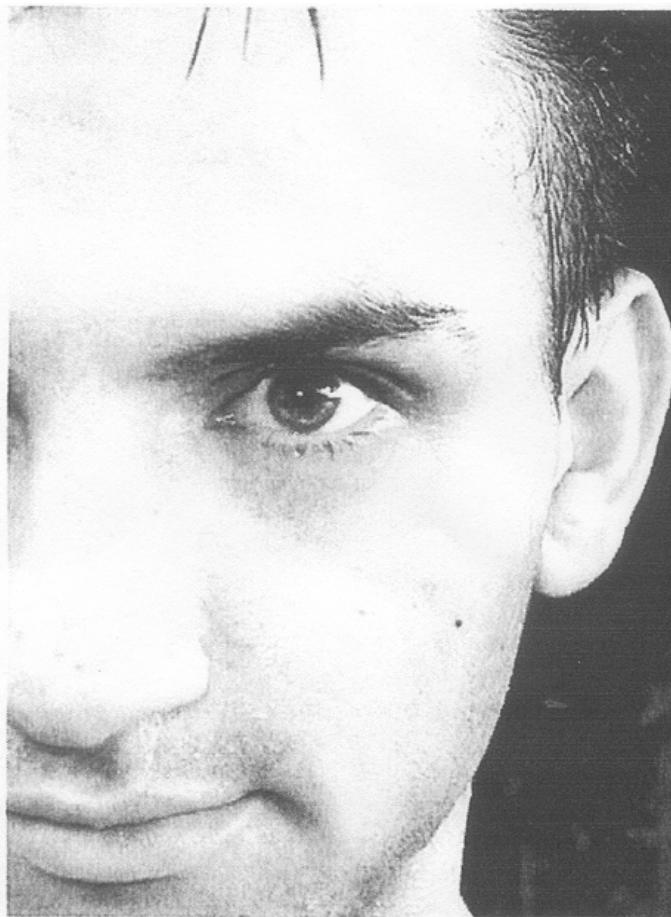
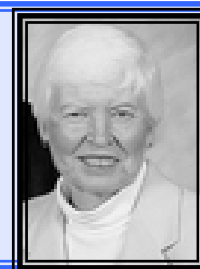
**WALK TO JERUSALEM** Our Walk this year began on March 27 and ran to May 21, for 8 weeks. It was an attempt to walk to Jerusalem, and we made it across the water with no problems. We also made it to Jerusalem with no problems. Although we are still short a few individuals final miles, we have managed to go 7287 miles. We not only made it to Jerusalem, but were able to walk around some of Israel for about 800 miles, in spite of your fearless leader missing the last two weeks, but you all did very well without her, Congratulations!!! We had 45 walkers signed up, but 2 didn't quite get started, so for the most part we had 43 walkers. Remember that every Walker counted. Our highest walker went 624.25 miles - as expected that was Mulu Zerihoun. It's amazing how far you can walk when you don't have a car!! Our lowest walker walked 16 miles, and the rest were everywhere in between. Remember that every mile counted, and what was important, it got all of you out to increase your walking and your exercise to improve everyone's health, and that is what this is all about. In a short time we will have a congratulation service for all walkers from 16 to 600. Congratulations to all of you.



Your Fearless Leader



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## JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH!

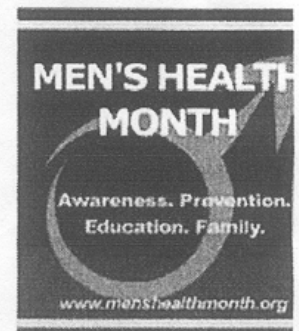
Research shows that:

- Men do not see physicians for a physical exam nearly as often as women
- Men are dying of the top causes of death at higher rates than women
- Men are more likely to be uninsured than women
- Approximately 30,000 men in the US die each year from prostate cancer

### THE GOAL OF MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

Alarming statistics show that men's health is at great risk. On average, men die almost 6 years younger than women and suffer higher mortality rates for the top causes of death. The lives of hundreds of thousands of men will continue to be threatened unless immediate action is taken to combat this growing crisis.



### SCHOLARSHIPS FROM FBC

Application forms for the 2011—2012 scholarships are available at the Welcome Center. All applications must be completed and returned to Willie Phillis by July 3, 2011, for approval from the Christian Education Board. Questions should be directed to Willie Phillis @ 762-7172.

### BLACKHAWK CAMP REGISTRATION

Blackhawk Camp schedules is posted on the Youth bulletin board. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY OR CHECKS DIRECTLY TO BLACKHAWK CAMP.** FBC will be paying half of the cost. All registration and money will be handled by Willie Phillis and sent to Blackhawk. Our Karen friends should see Hei Roh Htoo or Willie Phillis to register. If you have any questions concerning dates or cost, please contact Willie Phillis @ 762-7172.

Your Youth Ministry Search Committee is working. Please pray for them.

<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>ADULT</b>
Htoo Ka Paw	Flint & Deb Miller
Paw Ka Kuh	Marilyn Fields Trinrud
Maggie Hinton	Nancy Lee
Sydney Hinton	
Emma Newell	
Jennifer Schweitzer	

### June and July Welcome Center Dates

	8:30-9:30am	9:30-10:00am/20 minutes after worship
June 26	Willie & Ron Newenham	Jane & Tom Olmsted
July 3	Paula Newell	Marilyn Anderson/Lillian Dyer
July 10	Teresa/Paige Ewers	Laura Sierra
July 17	Donna O'Neill	JoAnn Parmley
July 24	Mulu Zerihoun	Mary Zahnley/Kathryn Yocom
July 31	Melba Moody	Ann Watkins

### WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES FOR 2011:

May 15	\$13,545.41
May 22	979.00
May 29	1,508.00
June 5	4,737.00
June 12	3,832.00
June 19	1,091.00



### ABMEN/GRR SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR

The ABC/GRR is recruiting sufficient volunteers to keep abreast of ministry and disaster relief needs in Illinois and Missouri. They are looking for new members who are willing to take on the challengers of 2011 and beyond. Additional info is available to anyone considering a move to Disaster Relief Coordinator: needs to be very organized and familiar with electronic communications. The contact person to volunteer to help is Jon Dainty—cell (309) 256-4697 or home (309) 686-6631.

### URGENT PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please pray for Doh Soe and his family—both here in Rochester and those still in the Mae La camp. No one knows what has happened to Doh Soe. The Karen community has put out word to other Karen communities in the U.S. and around the world to see if anyone has seen them, but they don't think he'd have left without telling anyone. So far police are not saying it's foul play, either. Not sure what that may be based on. [www.whec.com/news/stories/s2148967.shtml?cat=565](http://www.whec.com/news/stories/s2148967.shtml?cat=565)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**RIVERSIDE UNITED METHODIST CLOTHING MINISTRY**  
**RIVERSIDE WARDROBE**  
 Hours:  
 Thursday, 3—6:00 pm                      Saturday, 9—12 Noon  
 Or by appointment  
 2418—41st Street, Moline, IL                      (309) 764-3992

**NO CHARGE FOR ANY CLOTHING**

**RED HAT  
 LUNCHEON  
 JULY 7, 2011  
 ???????  
 WATCH FOR  
 DETAILS**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 We need to grow spiritually together. We strengthen one another as we study God’s word and pray together.....as we share our lives. Come and join us this Sunday for the restart of the Seeker’s Class. God bless you!



**BOOMER/BUSTER FELLOWSHIP FOR JULY**

Please mark on your calendar for July 14th at 6:00 pm for the July Boomer/Buster Fellowship. Please come and bring friends for good food, good fun and most of all, good fellowship. Jane and Tom Olmsted will be hosting the dinner. Please RSVP Jane or the Church office no later than Monday, July 11th. Thank you.

**VACATION TIMES FOR PASTOR FLINT AND DEB**  
**Thursday, July 7 through Wednesday, July 13**  
**Thursday, July 21 through Monday, July 25**



## SonSurf Beach Bash Awesome Blast Dudes!

Vacation Bible School 2011, **SonSurf Beach Bash**, was GNARLY, AWESOME, MEGA-MONDO, EPIC DUDES! A total of 71 children and 60 helpers splashed around SonSurf Beach during the week of June 13-17. The children or "SonSurfers," explored the wonders of the beach as they discovered the Big Answers to their Big Questions about Jesus. Five essential Bible verses - including John 14:6 - helped them understand who Jesus is and why they need Him. At **SonSurf Beach Bash**, the kids learned that there is only one truth: JESUS!

A tremendous thank you goes out to those in the church family who gave of their treasures, time or talents in helping to make Vacation Bible School 2011 such a wonderful success. Thank you for all the donated materials, supplies, money, and food via the Sticky Notes at the SonSurf Beach Supply Board. Thank you to all the lifeguards, health center helpers, craft center workers, registration helpers, kitchen helpers, and van drivers for generously giving of your time and talents. Thank you to Pastor Flint for running around the beach taking pictures everyday and putting together those awesome Smilebox presentations. Thank you to all the helpers who came the week before VBS to cut out craft materials and assist with the preparations. HUGE thank yous to the following people. Your willingness and enthusiasm to share your love and knowledge of God and to help with the smooth running of the week is **greatly** appreciated:

### Pre-K and Kindergarten Lifeguards

Jill Barnhart, Maggie Hinton, Paula Newell, Deanette Irizarry, Laura Walker

### 1st and 2nd Grades Lifeguards

Chance McWade, Shawn O'Neill, Koadi Jacobs

### 3rd and 4th Grades Lifeguards

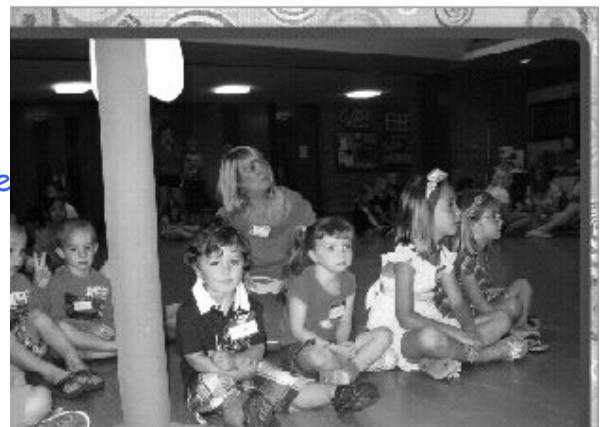
Sydney Hinton, Emma Newell, Anna Brahm, Taylor McCune

### 5th & 6th Grades Lifeguards

Willie Phillis, Meagan O'Neill

### SonSurf Registration

Bev Nelson and Shirley Lofgren



## SonSurf Crafts (Week Before and Week of VBS)

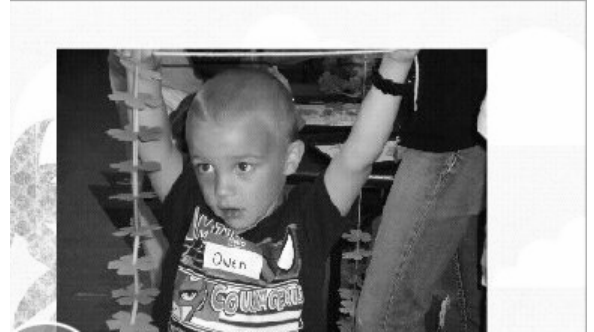
Donna O'Neill, Jo Ann Parmley, Lucy Anderson, Susan Gritton, Hilda Fry, Nancy Crawford, Julie Rodell, Fran Buller, Tim Knobloch, Joseph Lilian, Gordon Li, Ryan Beauchamp, Leonore Kistler, Cinda Kistler, Kelly Crowe, Paula Newell, Emma Newell, Willie Newenham, Willie Phillis, Bev Nelson, Carol Lear, Dorose Harrington, Jill Barnhart, Melba Moody and Mike O'Neill

## SonSurf Bible Story Center

Willie Newenham and Barb Chaney

## SonSurf Health

Sandy Claerhout, Barb Miller, Dorose Harrington



## The Snack Shack

Jan Harmon, Dean Harmon, Darcy Killian, Ann Pearce, Bill Pearce, Melba Moody, Julie Rodell, Stacey Lane

## SonSurf Beach Transportation

Dean Harmon, Bob Moody, Joe Turner

## Beach Clean-Up

Wayne McWade, Kathy McWade, Shane McWade and Chance McWade

## SonSurf Administration and Advertising

Joan Holmes and Pastor Deb

## Official SonSurf Photography

Pastor Flint

The planning process for this year's Vacation Bible School began in March with a VBS workshop to select the curriculum and a direct mailing to the children. In less than three months, a fantastic Vacation Bible School was assembled for the children to learn and enjoy. Last but certainly not least, a huge THANK YOU to all the CHILDREN who attended VBS this year and to the parents and care givers who brought them each day. I hope your memories of **SonSurf Beach Bash** will last for years to come.

Sincerely, Pam Crowe

*"Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life;  
no one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*



*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*



*James 5:16 (NIV)*

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Barb Miller  
 Chasity Lentz  
 Cathy, Jackie & Don McGill  
 Chris Dawdy  
 Chuck Botkin (family member of Mary Anderson)  
 Chuck Carlson (friend of Lillian Dyer)  
 Dale Sholl (3 month old baby)  
 David Miller  
 Esther Fields  
 Fran Hogue  
 Gene Pool  
 George Nelson  
 George Rogan  
 Jacob Schweitzer  
 Jane Laedeke  
 Jan Harmon  
 Jennifer Johnson (Johnson's relative)  
 Joe Sierra  
 Joel Buller  
 Jeannette Wood  
 John Walker  
 JoAnn (Mary Bash's friend)  
 Kari Bray Jackson  
 Laura Brennan (Joan Holmes' Friend)  
 Linda Lentz  
 Linda (Friend of Theresa Ewers)  
 Marilyn Marye  
 Mindy Swank & Family  
 Nick Creger (friend of Frys)  
 Pearl Crusier (Rosewood)  
 Peggy Bryce (Johnson's Friend)  
 Roy Harrington  
 Sharon Angelo

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY**

Dorathy Foster (Park Vista)  
 Eleanor Lewis (Park Vista)  
 Betty McBride (Park Vista)  
 Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)  
 Hulda Miller (Solon, Iowa)  
 Gladys Williams (Home)  
 Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)  
 Phyllis Boardsen (Hope Creek)  
 Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)  
 Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)  
 Myrta George (Texas)  
 Cathy McGill (Home)  
 Grace Orton (Home)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

John Crowe Jr. MD	Dustin Hergert
Kristine Mattison	Nick Uzelac
Chris Ruff	Wm. Robert Crouch
Anthony Mathis	D.J. Gladfelter
Galen Ryan	Lauren Hugel

### **REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER**

HAITI  
 Kihomi & Mabudiga Nzunga  
 COSTA RICA  
 Lillian Solt  
 CENTRAL MEXICO  
 Chuck & Ramona Shawver  
 EL SALVADO  
 Kim Kurshner  
 OKLAHOMA  
 MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,  
 Betty Martin  
 USA  
 Duane & Marsha Binkley

# Thanks

Dear Church Family and Friends:

May 31, 2011

This is a belated thank you to the many people that were involved in my becoming a Life Deacon. My first thanks go to Susan Gritton, Chairman of the Diaconate. Next is Martin Newell who prepared the slide show of my background. Recently Dr. Flint Miller gave me a series of photos taken during the ceremony. I knew all of the Life Deacons listed except the first one and it is quite an honor to be in this group.

Roy Harrington

Thank you to all of you for your many prayers, concerns, visits and cards while I was in the hospital getting NEW knees. I didn't expect to be there for 3 weeks, but that is how it goes. Your cards and visits helped the time to go by and your many prayers helped me to heal. My knees are doing well. That's what the therapist tells me and I'm slowly getting my stomach back in order. Having such a loving Church family means a great deal to both Jim and myself. Thanks to all of you.

Barb Miller

Thank you for your prayers and cards in the loss of John's mother, Virginia Crowe, on May 21st. The sentiments touched our hearts during this very sad time. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family.

Sincerely, John and Pam Crowe

Thank you to the American Baptist Women for selecting me as one of the Women of the Year. What a great honor it is to have my name mentioned along side such faithful women of the church. I am sorry I was not there to celebrate the evening. I miss you all, and keep you close in my thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Christ, Shelley Gradel

Thank you for all your prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards during my recent surgery and speedy recovery. God Bless You!

Marilyn Anderson

## GRADUATION, 2011



Bryce Evans - graduated from SIU Edwardsville on May 7, 2011 with a Bachelor Biological Science, concentration on Medical Sciences. He has a goal to pursuer a career in dentistry.

Blake Evans - graduated from BHC East Campus on May 19, 2011, with an Associates of Applied Science, concentration in Horticulture. Blake has started his own lawn business.

Bryce and Blake Evans of the sons of Paula and Mark Evans, and grandsons of Lucy Anderson and Connie Evans.



### HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Hope it's not too late to wish all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and fathers-to-be a Happy Fathers Day. I recently saw this quote from an 8 year old girl that's about her dad:

"During my piano recital, I was on stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."



Barbara Chaney

### ANOTHER THOUGHT ON FATHERS

Last Sunday when Pastor Deb was giving the prayer she used the word "abba" to describe our Heavenly Father. It brought to mind an essay I read from the Benedictine Sisters entitled "The Lord's Prayer: A Loving Conversation." It sounds just like what our Pastors Flint and Deb would say about this prayer that's close to all our hearts. Here's an excerpt from that essay:

"Theologians surmise the Lord's Prayer must have come as a surprise to the disciples. Raised on the psalms and formal religious ceremonies of the Old Testament, they might have expected elaborate preparation and formal, lengthy recitation when they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. But Jesus responded with the simplicity, intimacy and confidence of a child petitioning a loving parent. He prayed to *Abba*, which in his native tongue of Aramaic meant Daddy."

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanks to Pam Crowe and a host of volunteers, last week our church hosted another successful VBS, SonSurf Beach Bash. The children learned bible stories, learned how to stay healthy, had healthy snacks, had crafts, learned songs about Jesus, etc. They were sometimes noisy, wiggly and always delightful children. This was Pam's twelfth year leading bible school. Thank you Pam for another wonderful week.

### KALINGA MINISTRY

Recently Dr. Marita Vioria of the Philippines, spoke to our church about her work with women and children who are trafficked into prostitution. They help these women and children acquire job skills, redirect values and goals and facilitate social re-entry into a community of faith. The ministry's dream "is of a society that makes visible Christ's healing love and compassion."



### THEY'RE BACK!

We can look forward to 24 July. That's when Pastors John and Ruth Peterson will fill in for our pastors who will be on vacation from 21 to 25 July. In September, the Peterson's will be interim pastors at FBC in Cordova IL. Pastor Kathy Remley is retiring after 20 years in the pulpit. We wish Pastor Remley wonderful retirement full of God's love.

### A BAPTIST PASTOR SPEAKS ON TOLERANCE

On 17 May 2011, Welton Gaddy, a Baptist pastor and president of the Interfaith Alliance, spoke these words:

"As a Christian minister who is a pastor of a local congregation, it is important to me for our nation and our world to know that not all Christians promote hate, attack religions different from their own and seek to desecrate the Scripture of others." These words were intended to demonstrate respect for Islam in the wake of Qur'an burnings in recent months. Dean of the National Cathedral, Sam Lloyd, said, "Few things are more important for the future of our world that to respect, to honor and to commit ourselves to the well-being of every person."

**CONGRAULATIONS ARE IN ORDER:** Theresa Ewers, who works in Registration, was selected as a Model of Excellence Finalist for the month of May at Trinity Regional Health System. Good work, Theresa. (Theresa is the daughter of Nancy and Joe Johnson, and the mother of Paige and Lynn Ewers)



Blessings, Barbara

## "THE SOLID ROCK"

*"All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents, and the floods rise and the storm winds beat against his house, it won't collapse, for it is built on rock."(Matthew 7:24-25)*



**JILL BARNHART**

Picture a young boy growing up in a home without love, and totally unaware that God even exists. For him, Sundays are spent roaming the streets looking for anything to take his mind off boredom and loneliness. The school he attends won't allow the Bible to be seen and certainly NOT taught. Doesn't this sound familiar? The amazing part of this story is that it could easily be a child we currently know, but the boy to which I have referred grew up in the early 1800's. His name was Edward Mote and that was his existence as a child. At the age of sixteen, his employer took him to a church service and that was the first time he had ever experienced the word of God. Edward immediately responded to the salvation that can only come from a relationship with Jesus Christ. He decided that day to serve our Lord first as a businessman, and later as a pastor.

Throughout Edward's life, he tried to teach people how to build a relationship with God that would enable them to discover their life's purpose and direction. Edward knew all too well what it was like to live without security, love or hope and the assurance of Christ's grace. He knew without it, there was nothing solid to build a life on or a firm foundation on which to stand. Several years after his conversion, Edward wrote the song "The Solid Rock" as an affirmation of his incredible belief that God is indeed our "solid rock."

*"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

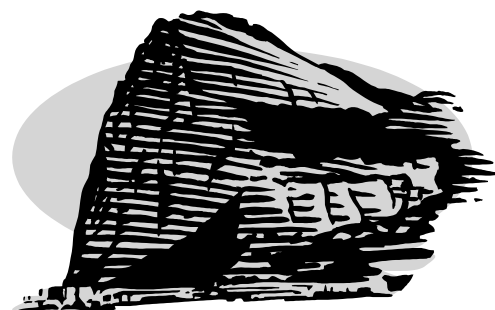
*When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ the sold rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand."*

Will you choose today to build your life on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ - the solid rock? He offers a life of security, love and hope. The "sands" of the world change because they're based on things that don't last and are fleeting. They shift because of life's problems - the things that can make us uncertain and afraid. However, if we construct our lives, our beings, on Jesus Christ, we know we can stand solidly and rely on Him to weather each storm.

Blessings and peace, Jill Barnhart



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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**JULY 2011 Newsletter**

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## WORD CENTERED PRAYER

At Word-centered prayer recently we laughed after we prayed for a set of keys to be found (the pastors keys), and they were found after a week. (A man found them in his driveway. He contacted the YMCA to get the name associated with the key card.) Then we prayed that an Ipod would be found, and it was. (Buried more than a year in a cushion). Then we prayed for another set of keys to be found (Willie Phillis'), and as we were leaving our prayer meeting, Melba Moody pulled them out of her purse saying, "These don't feel like my keys." She had accidentally picked them up that morning at Vacation Bible School. So the prayer group chuckled that we seemed to have a special talent of praying for lost things. Maybe we could raise money for the church by renting out our talent! Ha!

Of course, prayer doesn't work that way. A prayer is always a request of God. The way God answers (or chooses not to) is up to him. Yet we can know that God always hears our prayers, and that they have impact. We just don't always know what impact they have. In any case, it's okay to bring our requests to God no matter how big or small. We remember that Mary, the mother of Jesus, seemingly pestered her son into turning water into wine so that the host would not be embarrassed by running out, and so the wedding celebration could continue. Having more wine for a party may seem like a trivial thing, but Jesus took her seriously. After some coaxing he fulfilled her request.

Our prayer group on Wednesday nights (6:30) prays for more than keys. Most of the concerns are about needs within our church, or personal needs we've been asked to pray about. And God hears each petition, great or small. We have seen the work of the church move forward on the wings of prayer. We have grown closer to God and to each other as we've meditated on God's Word together. It's a refreshing experience. And we still have room for more people. Each one is free to participate to the extent they fill comfortable. Come join us - Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., in our Prayer Chapel.