



THE GOOD NEWS

JULY 2010

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends and Church Family,

I have been thinking this morning about how we tend to navigate through life. At one time the standard for most travel was the sun by day and the stars by night. Later somebody discovered the magnetic north pole and came up with the idea of a compass. At some point in time explorers began making maps. Actually these were probably drawn even back in the days of "sun and stars," but not to Rand McNally quality. And in the last decade, at least for personal use, we have had the benefit of GPS and satellite technology to help us find our way. Even young school age kids know what the Garmin or TomTom on the dashboard is for. That's right, it is the thing that keeps mom from suggesting that dad stop to get directions! I am somewhat addicted to maps and hardcopy myself; something I learned from my dad. With a few minutes of work I normally have the picture fixed in my mind where I am headed. These wonderful tools have kept me from being lost, as well as some bad parts of town.

All these things, however, haven't completely solved the questions of where we are going and how we're going to get there. Many people have traveled through life at breakneck speed only to discover that their "maps" have led them to a destination they didn't expect. They were told that if they just take this path or that path that they would end up "happy and fulfilled". Result: Dead End! Others didn't trust the compass, maps, or GPS, opting instead to take their own road. In the end, they were empty on the inside and totally clueless as to where they were.

The best map I have ever read was they

one that was marked well with warning signs. One of them said, *there is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death*. For years I tried to navigate through life in a way that seemed right to me...and I was dying. But the map with all the warnings offered a son rather than the stars to guide me. Ultimately, this map has enabled me to negotiate every lousy road and obstacle in life. I've discovered that even the roads that were not desired have enabled me to become a better driver as I have steered toward my destination. The destination is a place I've never been before, but that's what makes this trip exciting.

When I was a boy my family only took a few vacation trips, but I think the classic question was "When are we going to be there?" As I grow older I've learned that the answer is probably "All too soon!" So instead of wondering "When?" I've decided to enjoy the sights along the way. There are too many things we miss if the only thing on our mind is arriving. Besides, what we do (or fail to do) along the way will be the subject of a very important conversation with the Son and His Father when we arrive.

While you are traveling this summer along the journey to the Father's House be sure to follow the directions he has given us. You'll find them in the big map book called the Bible. John 14:1-6 will help you know the right road to take. When in doubt, follow the Son.

In His Grip,
Art Helin



wild for Adventure?

Then **HANG OUT** with us at **SonQuest Rainforest**

Please join us for fun and excitement!

Registration Forms available in the Narthex.

July 19 - 23 6:30-8:30 pm

(date/time)

Craft Items Needed for VBS

- Nude knee high hose (sheer toe)
- White pillow cases
- 2 liter clear, clean plastic bottles
- Peel and Stick magnet strips
- Duct Tape in many colors and styles
- Medium weight burlap type twine

Place items in bins in the narthex.

Thank You!

**Teacher, Co-Teacher
and all Volunteer Meeting
(including Skit Actors)**

July 10, 2010

9:00 a.m. Room 201

**Youth interested in helping paint
the mural walls should also come!**



On June 28th, Harold Knepper ended his long journey here on earth and went home to the Lord. He was born on April 4, 1906. He grew up in Cleveland and lived in Northfield since 1937. He and his wife had been active members of NPC ever since. He was an Elder, a Deacon and a member of the committee that worked on the merging of the two congregations that created the church we have today. His daughter, Bev Meyer and her husband Rich are members still today.

A memorial service will be held Saturday July 3 at 11:00 a.m. at NPC. Family will receive visitors beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Living Area.

(The Sonshine Committee will be preparing a luncheon. Contact Loraine Ellett if you can assist.)

GOLF OUTING BEING PLANNED!

Do you like to play golf, or at least follow the ball around a golf course on a nice sunny day. Then you may be interested in joining a members and friends of NPC for a fun golf outing with our friends from Victory Baptist Church,



Please sign up in the Narthex or give John Jackson or Roger Burt a call. Plans are being made for an outing in late August or early September.

The outing will support our mission efforts here at NPC.

More information and details to follow.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We appreciate your continued faithfulness during the summer months.. Please contact a member of the committee if you have any questions.

June INCOME: \$ 8,141.00
 EXPENSES: \$ 12,337.00
 (does not include 6/27 data)

Thank you to the new team of counters that has been assembled to rotate on Sunday mornings:

Jack Stitt, Tim Maholm, Rich Enczur, Dave Cavanaugh, Tom Hall, John Jackson, Bob Scott, Steve Tartaglione

Simple Supper and Prayer July 8 6:30 pm at Loraine Ellet's

PANTRY ITEMS CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED

The Women's Association will continue to collect food items for the Macedonia Emergency Center. They need dry, boxed nonperishable food items such as: Spaghetti noodles and all other types of pasta either in a box or bags as well as rice, instant potatoes, cereal, hamburger or tuna helper, crackers jellies and Jams.



There is a container in the narthex where church families can drop off their donations on Sundays or any other day they are in the building. We will continue to collect them as long as they are being donated.
THANK YOU!



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| Berne Evans | 1-Jul |
| Jessica Russo | 3-Jul |
| Jack Peters | 4-Jul |
| Cheryl Emch | 5-Jul |
| Eleanor Weisenburg | 6-Jul |
| Kristi Merryman | 7-Jul |
| Emily Brooks | 8-Jul |
| Joe Russo | 8-Jul |
| Kenzie Tartaglione | 15-Jul |
| William White | 15-Jul |
| Nathan Geshke | 17-Jul |
| Cheryl Scott | 21-Jul |
| Lauren Dusek | 25-Jul |
| Mike Satola | 25-Jul |
| Erin Satola | 30-Jul |

