

CLINTON TORCH

Share God's Love

March 2010

Through Service

Christ's return and you.

For the past few months we have been going through the book of Revelation. It's the story of how God will one day shut down the world he has created. The Bible says that we do not know the day nor the hour that this will begin.

Richard and Marvin were teenagers who were left alone quite often sometimes for days. They enjoyed the freedom of being left alone except for one thing. They detested doing dishes. They put off that chore for as long as possible (I can relate). So in order to keep the kitchen clean they put the dirty dishes in the oven after they finished eating. Soon all the dishes were dirty and the oven was full. Then on the night before their parents would return home they rolled up their sleeves and had a marathon dishwashing session.

Now they never got caught with the dishes dirty but Richard, who became a preacher, would tell this story and say "How ashamed we would have been if our parents had come back earlier than we expected".

Our Lord's return leads us to a similar sentiment. How ashamed we would be if he came back and we weren't expecting him. Don't be stacking your dirty dishes all over—keep your lives clean. So often we lose our sense of urgency. We've got all our lives to make a decision to be a Christian. After Jesus returns for his own, those who have been left behind will face a great deal of trouble. We call it the Tribulation (Hour of Trial). Death, destruction, deceit and danger will reign. It should encourage us to take seriously the Claims of Christ. Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Would you give your life to him? Will you trust him for your Salvation? He wants to accept you and declare you not guilty if you will trust Jesus to take away your sins. Are you getting ready for his soon return or are your sins still hidden in an oven somewhere? Who knows he may come today?

Sermons for March 2010:

7th 'What in the World is Satan Doing?'
Revelation 12:7-17

14th 'The Beast from the Sea'
Revelation 13:1-10

21st 'One World Religion'
Revelation 13:11-18

28th 'Singing a New Song'
Revelation 14:1-5

CCC Book Club

The CCC Book Club's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25th at the home of Ken and Monica Clarke. The group meets once a month on a Thursday in someone's home. Linda Proud has read the five people you meet in heaven and have a little faith and both were written by: Mitch Albom. She says that the titles, being spelled with all small letters, give an indication that the author has a rather unorthodox writing style. Everyone is free to choose for themselves what they want to read and most of the men have shown a preference for historical novels.

CIY (CHRIST IN YOUTH) JR. HIGH BELIEVE

Last weekend 18 young people and 7 adults from our church went to St. Charles, Il. for the CIY Jr. High Believe Conference. It was held at the Dupage Expo Center which is across the street from the Pheasant Run Resort. The theme of the weekend was "The Messiah IS more...SEES more...is calling you to be a KINGDOM WORKER". There were main sessions on Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon in which we were all challenged to be the kingdom workers that God has called us to be.

In addition to the main speaker (Kurt Johnston from Saddleback in California) there was awesome music by the band Foundation Red and singing led by Hetti-Marie. The Untitled skateboard team entertained and amazed us with a variety of skateboard moves and the 321 improv comedy team loosened us up every session with some belly laughs. An artist, Eric Timm used his amazing talents to draw a picture of Christ in small sections. In one session he did his hands, in another he painted the eyes of Christ and at the last session the pictures were hoisted by chains to form the face of the Messiah. It was breathtaking and reminded us that the Messiah died so we could be a part of God's Kingdom.

The theme was reinforced as we left each session and spent some time with our own group and "small group carry out". All of our discussion questions were sealed in fortune cookies and we each took turns reading them and answering and discussing the questions. This past Wednesday we used the last of the questions to review and talk about our experience at CIY. It has been a unanimous decision that we want to experience CIY again next year. Our kids represented our church in a manner in which I was very proud. We didn't have any behavior issues and we had a ton of fun together.

The students that attended were Cheyenne Johnson, Liz Wilke, Aubrey Gluesing, Samantha Matthew, Dalton Matthew, Sam Wolf, Isabel Wolf, Jonathan Boyd, Christopher Boyd, Clarissa Gomez, Kearsten Smith, Kyle Smith, Vanessa Lesniewski, Jordan Lindquist, Tanner Heppner, Tim Dawson, Erin Claussen and Kristi Kilburg.

The adults who attended were Carmen Johnson, Tracia Lesniewski, Gary Tubbs, Ken Greeley, Tom Manning, Peg Wolf and Vera Niles.

We would like to thank everyone in the congregation for helping us financially! Without you, things like this wouldn't be possible and watch with us as we grow and nurture Kingdom Workers!!

Creative Memories Scrapbooking

The next crop class will be on Friday, March 5th starting at 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you like to scrapbook, please join in. Carmen Johnson and Kathy Rehr are hosting this.

Rock River Christian Camp

2010 Spring Work Days

April 10th and May 15th, Saturdays, each workday begins with breakfast at 8:00 a.m., they break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 4:00 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board. If you would like to go over to camp to help out, let Ken know, they would like us to RSVP the Wednesday before so they can plan for enough food and projects. They appreciate all the help they can get.

S. A. W.s (Servants at Work)

Do you need help with your camp tuition, you can work at camp for a week or a week-end to help pay for your camp stay. See flyer on bulletin board about this. Fill out an application and have Ken sign it so we can return it to the camp by May 1st.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 - Manny Doty
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- 6 - Douglas Heppner
- 9 - Beth Brandt
- 10 - Erica Calderon
- 11 - Karen Doty
- 11 - Katelyn Finnicum
- 11 - Chelsea Boyd
- 13 - Matt Johnson
- 13 - Monica Clarke
- 15 - Margret Struve
- 15 - Natasha Snodgrass
- 15 - Jim Proud
- 18 - Kayla Crowe
- 22 - Jenny Green
- 24 - Ellen Shepler
- 25 - Ken Clarke
- 25 - Cheyenne Johnson
- 25 - Kearsten Lesniewski
- 26 - Polly Teachout
- 27 - Philip Holt
- 30 - Duncan Forgey

Happy Birthday Everyone!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- 22 - Mike & Lisa Suessmith
- 24 - Ron & Carey Everson
- 27 - Ed & Linda Shockey

Congratulations All!

MARCH KITCHEN COMMITTEE:

- Carmen Johnson
- Shawna Kent
- Laura Dawson
- Barb McBride
- Jessica Hager

GREETERS FOR MARCH:

- 7 - Donna Faulkner and Jorge Faulkner
- 14- Ryan & Shawna Kent, Jack & Betty Covert
- 21- Margaret Heck, Kerry Widener
- 28 - Becky Niles, Molly Thiessen

NOTICE NOTICE

Women's Fellowship.

Women's Fellowship will be on Thursday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Jean Rouse is hosting and her theme is St. Patrick's Day. Guess who she will be honoring?

Missions Meeting

Missions committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 11th in the PTL classroom.

IN HIS SERVICE – March 2010

8:15 a.m. service:

Devotions **Early service will begin week after Easter on April 11th.**

10:30 a.m. service:

Devotions: **Mar. 7-** Todd Burkhart
 Mar. 14 - Ken Merritt
 Mar. 21 - Don Hall
 Mar. 28 - Matt Johnson

Shut-in communion:

Mike Wolf
Todd Burkhart
Matt Johnson
Dale Teachout

Ken Greeley does communion to hospitals and nursing homes.
If you cannot serve anytime, please find someone to take your place.

Communion & Offering Servers:

Mar. 7 – P. Kibler, T. Manning, D. Heppner, E. Green, M. Oestreich, M. Johnson, D. Teachout, E. Krebs
Mar. 14 – J. Covert, G. Tubbs, Rex Brandt, S. Burmeister, B. Holton, G. Tubbs, M. Wolf, E. Krebs
Mar. 21– E.Green, D. Heppner, M. Johnson, K. Merritt, P. Kibler, M. Wolf, M. Oestreich, T. Manning
Mar. 28 - Rex Brandt, G. Tubbs, Bill Holton, E. Krebs, J. Covert, J. Faulkner, S. Burmeister, E. Green
Elders: Paul Reed, Todd Burkhart, Mike Wolf, Bill Holton
Deacons: Matt Johnson, Ken Merritt, Dale Teachout, Eldo Krebs, Gary Tubbs, S. Burmeister.

Achievement in Figures: Budget is \$2461.14weekly (new weekly amount-new year-new budget)

	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Design.</u>	<u>Attend</u>
Jan. 31	\$1485.97	\$502.47	141
Feb. 7	\$3214.50	\$288.19	133
Feb. 14	\$1755.35	\$89.00	116
Feb. 21	\$2797.10	\$66.23	142
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Missions Committee

The Missions Committee met on Thursday, February 18th. Four ladies were present, they discussed the 'Baby Bottle Boomerang' collection. Joy is asking the congregation to turn in their bottles on February 28th. this money will then go to the Pregnancy Center. Joy has been in contact with IDES and FAME about their involvement with the earthquake in Haiti. IDES reported they will be sending a team to leave in March for the purpose of rebuilding and FAME said they will be sending 2 teams in March. FAME is working with Lifeline Christian Mission. Our Mission team is urged to pray for the people of Haiti daily as well as our congregation.

*The next Missions meeting
will be on Thursday, March 11th at 5:15 p.m.*

2010 Camp Schedule

Camp Session	Grade Entering	Date	Dean	Cost
Family Camp	All families, all ages	May 28-31	Randy Kiger	\$45.00/ person \$160.00 max/family
Teddy Bear 1	1 st & 2 nd	June 18-19	Evelyn Taylor	\$72.00
Teddy Bear 2	1 st & 2 nd	Aug. 6-7	Evelyn Taylor	\$72.00
First Chance 1	3 rd & 4 th	Aug. 1-3	Jerod Walker	\$85.00
First Chance 2	3 rd & 4 th	Aug. 4-6	Jerod Walker	\$85.00
Junior Main	4 th —6 th	June 20-25	Evelyn Taylor Heather Johnson	\$215.00
Junior Wilderness Camp	4 th —6 th	July 11-16	Janice Gadberry	\$190.00
Junior Equestrian Camp	4 th —6 th	Aug. 1-6	Sandy Somers	\$330.00
Jr. High Main	6 th —8 th	July 25-30	Chad Kennedy	\$215.00
Jr. High Adventure Camp	6 th —8 th	July 4-9	Jim Hawkes	\$190.00
Girls Volleyball Camp	7 th -Just Graduated	July 4-9	Ray Jewell Becky Nangle	\$210.00
Senior Equestrian Camp	7 th -Just Graduated	July 4-9	Sandy Somers	\$330.00
Paintball	7 th -Just Graduated	Aug. 1-6	John Thomson Adam Strunz	\$215.00
High School Main	9 th -Just Graduated	July 11-16	Michael Wiley	\$215.00

Check-In will start at **4:00 p.m.** on the opening day of the event.

Check-Out is at **1:00 p.m.** on the closing day of the event.

Please make sure to drop off and pick up your campers at the appropriate times.

Confirmation, Transfers, & Refunds

- Campers will receive confirmation when their registration has been received. An informational Dean's letter will inform campers of event specifics.
- A \$5.00 transfer fee is charged for changing camp weeks.
- No refunds will be given for cancellations made less than 10 days prior to the camp event. For cancellations made 11-30 days prior to the camp event, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded. Cancellations made more than 30 days prior to the event will receive a full refund minus a \$10 processing fee.

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Monthly Planner

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