

February 21, 2010

pastor's pen 

Warning. Danger. Hazards ahead. God at work....Live at your own risk.

Risk is the only way we can really know God. You see it from one end of the Bible to the other. Look at the names in the **Hebrews 11** Hall of Fame.

Abraham took the risk of leaving the greatest city of his time to go to an unknown country. **Sarah** took the risk of having Isaac at the age of 90. Abraham again took the risk of offering up Isaac before he knew that God would provide a ram caught in the thicket. **Joshua** took the risk of facing Jericho with no way to overcome it. **Rahab** took the risk of siding with Israel when no one else among her people would. And others like **Jeremiah**, who endured the risk of being rejected and persecuted or **Shadrach, Meshac, and Abednego** who took the risk of walking into fire or **Daniel**, who took the risk of sleeping with lions.

Honestly, with God, risk really means risk, and it can cost us all we have. But when we take risks with God, we gain all He has. We can never know God in His power and love without taking risks with Him.

Risk demands trust. In fact, risk is another word for trust, a trust that calls for us to give up our control and security to rest in His control and security—before we fully know what that means. It would not be trust if we knew what risk means for us. That's the key to knowing God: we have to trust Him before we know what trusting God means. It can mean anything from the greatest joy imaginable to the deepest struggle possible. Probably both.

Amazing, isn't it? If we refuse to take a risk with God because we're afraid it will cost us everything and that refusal ends up costing us everything. We have to realize that it is risky to turn down God's risk. With God its risk or nothing. There's no in-between. **Excerpts taken from Knowing God in Times of Risk by Dr. Bill Lawrence**

Consider..... Jeff

DOMINGO

GRADES 6 - 12

SUPERSTART! Kid's in 4th-6th grades! You can still sign up for **SuperStart** to be held in Bloomington on March 5th - 6th, *but it must be done by this Sun, Feb. 21st*. Cost: \$40 (*assistance is available*).

CIY: We are going to Holland, Michigan this year for **CIY Move Conference** from June 21st - 26th. The cost per person is \$300. (Much of this can be offset if you participate in fundraising, but all participants will be required to pay a deposit of \$35 to sign up.) Who can go? Anyone who will be a freshman next year thru those High Schoolers graduating in 2010. See Jon for details.

ABF ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

There will be a basket in the foyer for anyone interested in donating to the Sunday School Offering. Since we haven't had Adult Sunday School class the past 2 Sundays our offering totals have suffered. We need, on average, approximately \$75 per week in offerings to keep up on our expenses by last year's figures. This is important since the S.S. Dept. has always been self

supporting. Please remember to contribute to Sunday School so we can continue to offer you and your children a quality Christian education. Thanks!

The following adult classes are currently available every Sunday, 9:45-10:45:

The Truth Project - Truthseekers Sunday School Class will be starting Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project" and you are invited! **We will start this class next Sunday, Feb 28th**. We meet in the last classroom on the left (down the first hallway). Please see Mike Bochart if you have any questions.

The Way - Following Jesus may be simpler than you think. Host - Ed Taylor

Look At the Man - through the Bible with Bert Nordhielm

Christian Sisters - through the Bible with Anamarie Morris

connection 

Each Wednesday @ 5:30 pm. Be sure to sign up in the F.H. today! (\$3 for single, \$5 for couples, \$7 for families) followed by an Adult study and youth activities for grades K-5.

 **FOOD4ALL**

Orders are being accepted for FOOD4ALL this Sunday between services and during the week between 10 am & 1 pm. Starting this month, online orders can also be placed at <http://www.greatfoodforall.com> (select "Find a Host Site/Order On-Line" & type in our zip code). Check out this month's menu in the foyer and share

with a friend. FOOD4ALL is a faith-based organization that offers quality food at significant discounts. This is a community-wide ministry and anyone can place an order. We also accept donations to help those within our church family. Stop by the order table in the foyer for more details. Thanks!



Washington Christian Village
Volunteer Day: Tues, Feb. 23, 9 am.
Questions? See Anamarie Morris.

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The total amount collected for IDES for Haiti was nearly \$1900!

Church Activity Cancellations Due to Bad Weather: Check your e-mail/radio stations if there are questions. WCIC91.5 fm; WPEO1020 am; WBNH-88.5fm; and WMBD-1470am.



Join us this Thursday, Feb. 25th as we travel to Heart House in Eureka for a fun night of games and sweets. Please bring approximately 20 individually wrapped sweet treats to exchange (like you would for a cookie exchange). Some ideas include mini-candy bars, chocolate kisses, individually wrapped brownies, packs of gum, etc. They can be homemade or store bought. Sign up on the bulletin board in the F.H. (look for the pink sign-up sheets, next to the Connection sign-up) if you plan on attending and please indicate if you would like to carpool. We'll meet in the church parking lot by 6:10 pm to ride together to Heart House. If you'd like to meet us there, we plan on arriving by 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kara McClintock @ 444-1751 or kbmccintock@gmail.com.

"How Sweet It Is" that Circle of Friends will be having a Ladies Banquet on

Saturday, March 27th! Mark your calendars to hear speaker Chantell Mills & music by "Higher Degree". If you are interested in helping make this day a "sweet" success, please see the sign up sheet that will be available after each service on Sunday.

Help is needed in the following areas: Program/ticket/poster designer; Ticket sales; greeter & ticket collector; foyer set up; kitchen help; server/clean up crew coordinator; dining room set up & deco; video display/design; emcee/prayers; and promotion of event;



Congregational Meeting Today During the Sunday School Hour. (9:45 am)

EQUIP '10 Ministries: This weekend, Friday & Saturday – see poster in the F.H. for details.



Offering, 2/14:..... \$6,433.40
YTD offering: \$54,687.81
Gen. Fund exp YTD: \$49,001.95
Attendance, 1st service: 140
Attendance, 2nd service: 129
Total attendance, 2/14: 269

Workers Today (2-21)	
SS Nursery	P Heller, T Mason
Wor. Nursery	C Powers / N Sinn, M Beebe
Kings Kids	Groff's / A Sanders
Wee Worship	S Frazier, E Roberts / E Neal, C Worthington
CARE Ministry	JBochart,GBrowning/McClintock's
Greeters	Gerth's / Shawgo's
On Call Staff	Jeff - 256-0929
Deaconess for Feb.:	Char Hackett, Joyce Schupp
Communion Med:	Bert Nordhielm
Offering Med:	Terry McQuillen

Workers Next Week (2-28)	
SS Nursery	A Kamp, D Froebel
Wor. Nursery	Huelsmann's / Bochart's
Kings Kids	Volz's / M Fisher
Wee Worship	B Osborn, P Connaughton / N Sinn, F Keehma
CARE Ministry	M Bochart, R Nelson / K Taylor, M Beebe
Greeters	Vaughn's / J Hunzicker, G Wilson
On Call Staff	Jon - 202-4349
Deaconess for Feb.:	Char Hackett, Joyce Schupp
Communion Med:	Dick Sinn
Offering Med:	Andy Farraher / Mark Jarrett



HOSPITAL: Mike Smithee – farm accident – Tony's brother; Vera Miner – Marlene Robison's sister; Steve – pancreatitis, gall stones – Edna Neal's nephew;

AT HOME: All of Our Missionaries; Our Leaders and our Men & Women in the Armed Forces; Mike Spain/family - Judy Spain's son; Al Dunham; Betty Hawkins - Donna Barrett's sister; Christian Harr - MacDonald's nephew; Myra Snyder - sister-in-law of Tony Snyder; Dale Wise; Ben Powers; Edna Gold - Norma Sinn's mother; De Hamilton; Ron Black; Janelle Ely - Eleanor Tripp's granddaughter; Alyssa Brucks - Jane Youngs granddaughter; Mary Geisz – Stan's ex-sister-in-law; Erma Kemper; Tony Smithee; Andrea Scott - Gloria Berlett's niece; Cathy Wells - Char Hackett's friend; Bryan Beebe; Jere - Leona Stiltz's nephew; Sally Stout - Taylors' friend; Mary Snyder; Butlers; Tara Beenev - Caleb Henley's friend; John Tucker - Bill Groff's brother-in-law; Carl Johnson; Eugene & Margret Shurts - mission trip - Ruth Belmont's parents; Shirley Beach - Sherrie Frazier's aunt; Archdale/ Patterson family; Susan –Rick Mason's sister-in-law; Tommy Wagner's grandfather; Edith Buttrum - Amanda Sander's grandma; Dale Kumpf - Debbie Schertz's aunt; Jacqueline Landreth - Bambi's daughter; Patr - Lori Thomas's grandma; John & Sally Schaffer - Shanna Gerth's parents; Bev Haselhorst - Kara McClintock's friend; Linda - pray for family - Debbie Schertz's friend; Jane Young; Ron Boone & Robyn Eaton – Clang's friend; Kennedy Rathjen – 2 yr. – heart surg. recov. – Beebe's friend; Doug Meeks dad; Lexi Helfrich –terminal cancer – Milestone's friend; Kim Wade – Christy Archdale's friend; Brian Brubaker – health – friend of Jane Young's; Kaitly Alcorn – surg. recov. – friend of Megan Lewellen; Kayla Meskas-recov.-accident – Greg Wilson's niece;

SHUT-INS: Bob Chaney - WCV; Margie Bess - broken arm - Assist. Living - Snyder Village; Virginia Alig - Snyder Village - Mary Snyder's Mom; Gwen Kubley; Sara Siever - WCSupported Living - Rm#1230; Lucile Post; Juanita McCollum; Gloria Berlett; Wilma Wright - Ginny Brownings grandmother; Louise Thurman - Bob Thurman's mom - WCSupported Living;

(To add to or update this Prayer Concern list please contact the office. Thank you.)