

**July 11, 2010**

**pastor's pen** 

In Matthew, Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations," and in Acts, He asks us to be His "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

So, as the Church, we are expected to proclaim and teach about Jesus to every people group in every place, starting in Jerusalem (our hometown), then Judea (our region), then Samaria (foreign lands – even those of our enemies), and in case we missed anything, to the ends of the earth (everywhere else). This is our mission.

Unfortunately, the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century church must face two major stumbling blocks in its efforts to accomplish this mission:

**(1) WMS–Wal-Mart Syndrome.** We can't GO because we are HERE. In other words, we are spending all of our time inside the church – busy, busy, busy. There is built into modern Christianity a terrible temptation to be a super-market, a place where you can find everything you need – just like Wal-Mart. You want music? We have Christian music. You want movies? We have Christian movies. Want to read a thriller? Got it. One-stop shopping.

There is, of course, nothing inherently wrong with any of this, but if we are called to reach out to "all nations" and to preach to and teach new people, the key is "new people," and they are not "in here," they are "out there." Sure, we are no longer "of the world," but we are still called to be "in the world." (John 17:13-19)

**(2) CML-Catastrophic Memory Loss.** Often, we spend so much time in the

church and related activities that we forget what it was like before we understood the whole "Jesus-thing."

Have you ever thought to yourself, "Why would anyone not come to church?" Or have you used the word "sanctification," when talking to your un-saved neighbor? These are both symptoms of CML. Either you were never a "pre-Christian" or you've been a Christian so long, you don't remember what it was like.

So, how do we inoculate ourselves against WMS and CML? This could be a whole column all by itself, but Paul offers a simple solution:

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. ~ Colossians 4:5-6*

The key? Look for opportunities and make the most of them. Get out of here and meet some people who don't go to church. Take your earbuds out when you are at the gym. Talk to the people next to you on the bleachers. Be a Den Leader. Coach little league. Be grace and truth. Listen, listen, listen. You do not need to have every answer all the time, but offer grace and whatever truth you have. And when they start to ask the tough questions, invite them to a Q Place group (for more info, visit [www.QPlace.com](http://www.QPlace.com) or talk to me). GO!

Blessings,



**DOMINGO**  
 GRADES 6 - 12

**Domingo - Tonight** we're going to Kartville!! Leaving from WCC parking lot

at 6 pm, will return approx. 9 pm. Bring \$10 for rides/mini golf, plus any extra if you want snacks or drink.

 **heart-house**

**Garage Sale:** At Heart House on July 14-16 from 8-12 each day. Donations are welcome. They are not accepting adult clothing, large appliances or furniture.

**vbs** vacation bible school 

**High Seas Expedition:** August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. 6-8:30 pm. See bulletin board in the foyer for items needed for VBS. We still need lots of volunteers to help! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. **Closing program to be held Sun, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. There will be one worship service that day.**

Each year at VBS, children are challenged to serve others through Operation Kid-to-Kid. Last year we collected school supplies to donate to area students and were surprised by how many were in need. This year, we hope to partner in an even greater capacity by assembling backpacks filled with all the supplies a student needs. Please join with us in serving the Washington community schools by donating a backpack that can be filled with supplies. By donating a backpack, you can allow the children at VBS to focus their contribution around supplies and meet the needs of as many students as possible! Backpacks can be brought to the church anytime before August 1st. Thank you for your participation in being the hands and feet of Christ!

**31**  
May  
**calendar**

The July Council Meeting will be held tomorrow evening, Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM. If unable to attend, contact Stan Geisz @ 745-8440.

**Easter Seals - "Team Luke and Friends":**

Easter Seals is sponsoring one of the nations' "Walk with Me" fundraisers. All money raised goes to help Easter Seals help members of the community with disabilities. Easter Seals has played a huge role in our lives by helping us with our son Luke. The walk takes place in Bloomington at the Cornbelter's Stadium on July 24<sup>th</sup>, with registration beginning at 7:30am. If you are interested in sponsoring or joining our team, "Luke and Friends", you can do so online by following the links from the WCC e-mail or go to <http://specialkids-mom.blogspot.com/> and click on the link on the left, "Team Luke and Friends". If you can't access the internet but wish to help or have questions, please contact Sheri Young (359-3634) or [ssyoung03@yahoo.com](mailto:ssyoung03@yahoo.com)

**NO JR WORSHIP FOR THE SUMMER.**

**Sign Up for Little Galilee Christian Assembly Summer Camp. Schedules - in the Foyer.**

**circle of friends**

Circle of Friends is hosting its annual summer get-together at Fired Up Pottery (in the back room) in Peoria. Please join us for a fun time on Thur, July 29th at 6 p.m. Invite a friend or family member and enjoy getting creative! Studio fee is \$8 (to paint) & pottery piece prices range from \$3 on up (you pay for the piece you choose to paint). Bring \$\$ if you want to order pizza with the group and/or please feel free to bring a treat or drink to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the F.H. We need a head count by July 21st. Any

questions, call/email Cara Getz: 369-6333 / [carrot\\_cake78@hotmail.com](mailto:carrot_cake78@hotmail.com)

**FOOD4ALL**

FOOD4ALL is a grocery ministry that offers quality food at discounted prices. July orders must be placed by July 15 by visiting the info booth after worship services, during the week in the office from 10 AM and 1 PM, or on-line at <http://www.greatfoodforall.com/> (select "find host/order on-line") Pick up a menu and share with a friend! This month's pickup is Sat, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Donations are being accepted to help those within our church family. Jars of Clay orders may be placed at that time also.

**Statistics**

Offering, 7/4:.....\$12,686.65  
YTD offering: .....\$218,500.64  
Gen. Fund exp YTD: .....\$212,083.14  
Sunday School offering: .....\$70.00  
Attendance, 1<sup>st</sup> service: .....124  
Attendance, 2<sup>nd</sup> service: .....117  
Sunday School attendance: .....105

Workers Today (7-11)	
SS Nursery	Burtons
Wor. Nursery	J Geisz, E Hobbs / Getz's
Kings Kids	Groff's / L Libotte
Wee Worship	Born's / Jarrett's
CARE Ministry	RMason, BNordhielm/McClintock's
Greeters	Groff's / Libotte's
Deaconess for July: Char Hackett & Joyce Schupp	

Workers Next Week (7-18)	
SS Nursery	Howards
Wor. Nursery	C Powers / N Sinn, M Beebe
Kings Kids	Groffs / L Libotte
Wee Worship	Farraher's / M Fisher, K Thurman
CARE Ministry	JBochart, GBrowning/McClintock's
Greeters	C Lewellen / Geisz's
Deaconess for July: Char Hackett & Joyce Schupp	
Communion Prayer: Mark Zotz	
Offering Med: Steve Peterson	

**prayers and praises**

HOSPITAL: Myra Snyder – cancer, shingles, and now has fallen and broken her hip - Tony Snyder's sister-in-law; Karen Patterson – back surg. - Amy Sinn's friend;

**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; Christian Harr - MacDonald's nephew; Edna Gold - Norma Sinn's mother; De Hamilton; Alyssa Brucks - Jane Youngs granddaughter; Mary Geisz – Stan's ex-sister-in-law; Erma Kemper; Tony Smithee; Bryan Beebe; Jere - Leona Stiltz's nephew; Sally Stout - Taylors' friend; Mary Snyder; John Tucker - Bill Groff's brother-in-law; Carl Johnson; Eugene & Margret Shurts - Ruth Belmont's parents; Susan – Rick Mason's sister-in-law; Edith Buttrum - Amanda Sander's grandma; Jacqualine Landreth - Bambi's daughter; John & Sally Schaffer - Shanna Gerth's parents; Bev Haselhorst - Kara McClintock's friend; Doug Meeks dad; Lexi Helfrich – Milestone's friend; Kim Wade – Christy Archdale's friend; Ernie – Sinn's friend; Bob & Liz Chaney; Katie Peters – Amanda Sander's friend; Brandon Hill; Archdale/ Patterson family; Dorothy Olson – Jane Young's friend; Bob Kennedy – Howley's friend; Deb – Sue Volz's sister; Joanna Frost – Howley's friend; Ben Powers; Liz Noe – Amanda Sanders friend; silent request – marriage/finances; Denise Welch– Jennifer Fisher's mom; Carolyn Sneed – Marilyn Brown's sister; Theresa Reed; Janelle & Jennifer - Eleanor Tripp's granddaughters; Mike Smithee & his wife – Tony's brother; Ward – Edna Neal's brother; Don Schertz – Miles; Mignonette Wise; Devon Kepfner – Brooke Wagner's friend; Gary Fitzgerald; Donna Wilcoxon – knee surg / Houter family / Brenda Smith – husbands job - Cara Fitzgerald's friends/co-workers; Robyn Eaton – Clang's friend; Kyle Lee – Hodgkins lymphoma – WCHS student; Vera Miner – Marlene Robison's sister; Brenda Oedewaldt – back pain; Robin Tessier – Kim Taylor's sister;

**SYMPATHYY:** Our sympathies go out to the family & friends of Dale Wise who passed away last week. Also to friends and family of Ron Boone who passed away last week. Then to Debbie Walker and family as her father, Bill Wilson, passed away last week.

**SHUT-INS:** Margie Bess - 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; Louise Thurman - Bob Thurman's mom - WCSupported Living;

