

“the *SON*-Light eNews”

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From the Pastor’s Heart

As Christians face this second decade of the twenty-first century, we face unforeseen challenges and opportunities. We must pray for a spiritual revival... a spiritual revival!

The kind of revival we need is one that will restore an “inward heart of devotion” to Christ Jesus that expresses itself in a constant clinging to the Lord. As Deuteronomy 30:20 reminds us, “the Lord is your life.” When we are not clinging closely, but drifting away from Jesus, we are moving away from “Life Itself!”

It’s no wonder the Psalmist affirmed “but for me, it is good to be near God (Ps. 73: 28). Even though he was a servant of the Lord, he also knew the vital importance of being “near God.)

I fear many of us today no longer recognize the importance of being “near God”!. Just going to church on Sunday doesn’t necessarily mean that we live “near God”! Knowing all kinds of scriptures and doctrinal positions doesn’t make me a “clinging” Christian either!

The truth is not all of us continually live near God. Otherwise, why would scripture invite us to “draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith”? (He. 10: 22). Or why would we need to be encouraged as we are succinctly entreated to “come near to God and He will come near to you”? (Ja. 4:8).

It is quite possible for us to believe in Jesus Christ, but to live on the fringes of “the outside will of God” according to His Word. Can we imagine how different our lives would be if we just concentrated on holding fast to the Lord and cried out when anything pulled us away? Just think of the peace and joy that would be our daily blessing as we made an indelible impression that would make people searching for spiritual direction turn to Jesus!

If we can show through our lives that clinging to God is the only antidote to the listless, empty living so many experiences today, we have shown Jesus! We have been spiritually born again so we can live “near God” and cling to Him desperately for our daily portion of grace and strength. We must all stay in intimate communion with the Lord! Let us stay close to God and live our lives as workers together under the plan of God.

Blessings. Pastor Richard

Monthly NEWS Information

March 6th:

- ✓ **Junior High Fundraiser: Acquire the Fire** The Junior High Fundraiser will have a Spaghetti Feed right after Church. Chris Collins is meatball cook! Leonard Perkins is Italian family’s secret recipe for Spaghetti Sauce maker! Suggested donation: \$5 or more. The “Feed” will help the Junior High group to attain enough funds for **Acquire the Fire** held April 8th – 10th in Sacramento. **Acquire the**

Fire event will feature Biblical Teaching, Relevant Speakers, Youth Leader Training, Parent Training, Serious Worship, Great Bands, and Compelling Drama. Help our Junior High group to be able to have the opportunity to attend this worthy event those dates.

- ✓ **Destiny Fellowship's Annual Financial Statements** Members, only, may pick up their annual financial statement at the Welcome Desk. One per family.

March 12th.

- ✓ **Junior High Walk-a-Thon** You may team to help raise funds for Acquire the Fire. The Parson's Jr. Hi. Is where the team will be walking. Support the team with cheers and donations for their walking.
- ✓ **High School Air-Soft Team** All play dates are every other week, beginning March 12th. Your personal release forms **MUST** be into Pawnee Pleines hands **BEFORE** any individual may participate. Don't let the lack of a signed personal release stop you from having a great time. Equipment has been purchased, and Pawnee is locating a field for the games. Check your Church Bulletin during month for more information .

March 13th

- ✓ **Destiny Fellowship's Annual Business Meeting** This will be the 11th Annual Business Meeting. 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

March 19th.

- ✓ **Dedication of the Memorial Chapel, at Veteran's Cemetery near Igo at 11 am.** At the same time, "**Missing in America Project**" will honor and bury 25 Veterans, who have never been honored before. There will be a light lunch served.
- ✓ **Women's Spring Luncheon** There is a guest speaker, who will address areas in our life that have keep us from being who we were intended to be. We tend to have clutter in our minds and life. The luncheon will be a salad bar and desert held in the Fellowship Hall at 11 am to 3 pm. Join the fellowship with other women for an entertaining few hours.

Dates Not Set for March:

No other information on dates at this time.

Classes

"Welcome to the Family"

This class began February 6th. Sunday, 9 am, Sunday School Wing, rm. B115.

This class is really exciting. It's always amazing to think that you can know so much about the Bible, but when you begin looking at some of the "basics", you will be amazed as to how much has been forgotten or that had simply never been learned certain truths. Please join each Sunday morning, as the class explores all of the wonderful things the Word has for us. You will be glad you did!!!

INSPIRITIONAL MOMENT

Be the Change by Martha Bolton (from <http://www.ourprayer.org>)

Ever wish you could do something to change the world but you get discouraged because there's only one of you and you don't know where to begin? Well, chances are you can't change the world all by yourself, at least not all at once. But you can change it, one act of kindness at a time.

Consider these 11 ways you can change the world. It only takes...

1. one compliment to make someone feel appreciated.
2. one visit or call to end someone's loneliness.
3. one show of trust to make someone feel trustworthy.
4. one offer of hope to end someone's hopelessness.
5. one request for help to make someone feel needed.
6. one person listening to make someone feel important.
7. one burst of laughter to make others want to join in.
8. one outstretched hand to pull someone to safety.
9. one person caring to make someone feel valuable.
10. one act of forgiveness to erase someone's guilt.
11. one hug to make someone feel huggable.

Spiritual Well-Fare

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am

- **Communion Sunday:** 1st Sunday of the month
- **Bible Studies:** Sunday, 9 am
“Welcome to the Family”, SS Bldg., Rm. B115 (starting 02.06.11)
“Soul Care”, CE Bldg., Rm. C106
“Pillars of Faith”, CE Bldg., Rm. 102
- **Deacon’s Fund & Food Basket** 1st Sunday of the month. Give a financial gift and/or canned or non perishable food. “If you see a brother in need....”
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 1st Sunday of the month @ 6 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Church Library** Is open on Sundays: 9:45 am until 10 am. 12 Noon to 12:45 Rm. B118

Sunday Children Ministries

Nursery Nursery through kindergarten opens Sunday, 9:30 am, SS Bldg. Rm. B101.

Elementary Children 1st grade through 5th grade class: “BIG CITY”, CE Bldg. Rm. C108.

Junior High 6th through 9th grade class: “GRAPPLE, CE Bldg. Rm. C104.”

High School: 10th through 12th: Bible Study. CE Bldg. Rm. C103.

High School Christian Music Band The leader of the forming band is Dave Hayes. Practice is Sunday after Sunday Services in the Sanctuary

Other Bible Studies During Month

Bible Studies: Intercessory Prayer Wednesday, 6 pm, CE Bldg. Rm. C106

Bible Studies: “How to Wage Spiritual Warfare and Win” Bible Study Wednesday, 7 pm, CE Bldg. Rm. C106

Bible Studies: Lifeline Prayer & Worship 2nd Friday of each month. 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bible Studies: Women’s Ministries They are studying at present, “Bait of Satan” by John Bevere. Call for the addresses of the individuals homes.

- Evening Bible Study- Monday: 7:00 pm, Brenda Anderson’s home:
 - Monday: 7:00 pm, Kathryn Livingston’s home:

“The Bait of Satan” is concluding in March. A new Bible Study will begin later in March. It is going to be about the issues of boundaries. Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend give you biblically based answers to these and other tough questions. Show how to set healthy boundaries with your parents, spouses, children, friends, coworkers, and even yourself. Cost of the book and study guide is \$20. Order your copy at the Welcome Desk.

Christians often focus on being loving and giving, yet they forget their own limitations. Have you ever found yourself wondering?

- ✓ Can I set limits and still be loving person?
- ✓ How do I answer someone who wants my time, love, energy, or money?
- ✓ Why do I feel guilty when I consider setting boundaries?

Young @ Heart 55+

- Meet on Tuesdays, unless noted under Monthly Calendar Changes
- Potluck: 5:30 PM Service: 6:30 PM

Other Ministries in the Church

Men’s Ministry

- Breakfast, 3rd Saturday every other month. Next Breakfast is April 16th.

The Bible on One Page

Have you seen the Bible on One Page? The link below will take you to the *New American Standard Bible* (NAS) from Bible Gateway. While on your computer, maybe you would like to read one (1) chapter a day from any Book in the Old or New Testament. Give the computer a workout for the Lord!

http://www.preceptaustin.org/the_bible_on_one_page-nas.htm

Want Ad

Hey all you fishermen. We re in the process of putting together the game room that will house two (2) regulation pool tables and an air hockey table. We want to do the decorating to “lure” you in! We are looking

for antique or vintage fishing equipment... old rods and reels, tackle, tackle boxes, vests, hats, nets, caught fish baskets, anything except worms, bugs, bait, or anything made of “flesh”...plastic or rubber lures, sinker...typed up fishing stories... no beer signs, no bar signs... fishing signs are OK, though. This room promises to be lots of fun.

- Watch the bulletin for the Open House date when we launch” this ministry!
- Oh, don’t let me forget! We are looking for old fence boards or barn siding to repurpose in the game room.
- And, if you are good with woodworking, we could possibly use your skills to help build some of the ”surprise” elements in the room.

We anxiously await your donated fishing gear and old wood and woodworking skills!
Blessings, Pastor Richard

Special Notes

Thank You!!

The High School Group wishes to thank all the participants who contributed to making their fundraiser on Sunday, February 20th such a great success. And, particular thank you to Pawnee for her marvelous lasagna. No matter whether you liked the meat or the spinach, they were both excellent.

Monthly Calendar Changes

- ✓ None known at this time.

Your Input is Needed

eNews is only as good as the information presented.

- Do you have a **Testimony** to share?
- All **Ministry coordinators** will be responsible for sending in the information on your Ministry. Please see submittal information. If more than one ministry, please send each separate so as there is no confusion.
- **Editor Note:** Remember, “the SON-Light eNews” is our monthly news about our Church. Your editor will do the best possible for both you and our Church, but the editor is only able to do so with help from you. Thank you so much for all your cooperation. This is going to be a good year for us and the Church.

Submittal information

Use Times New Roman, with 10 - 12 point.

Or you may send via land mail to office or hand carried in written form at approximately 150 – 200 words.

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