



HILLTOP NEWS

October 2008

Mike's Musings



Beyond Our Imagination

PINE VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

Join us for our celebration dinner.

You won't want to miss an exciting announcement!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine..." Ephesians 3:20

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Appetizers served at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

A minimum donation of \$25 per person is requested.

Please RSVP by September 30

724.752.1661 or pine.valley@verizon.net

YOU'VE GOT SPAM!



Tim Van Arsdale had the special privilege of writing and publishing a book filled with stories of God's work at the Medina cafe.

The title of book I is: *You've Got Spam!* a refreshing collection of e-mails regarding mercy ministry.

You've Got Spam! is a collection of 37 e-mails Tim has sent to inform supporter's of all God is doing. He's also included NEW e-mails along with some of the positive and interesting replies from volunteers, donors, and people on the e-news list. You'll find the stories inspirational and encouraging. They'll strengthen your faith in God.

To read a free excerpt from the book and learn how to purchase a copy, visit www.youvegotspam.info

SANAMI

(See a Need and Meet It)

Council has approved the motion to replace the roof on Leona DeRosia's home. Anyone in the church family who would like to help is welcome.

Weather permitting, work will begin Friday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m. and continue on Saturday, October 11, at 7:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided by Faith Circle on Saturday.

If the weather is in question, call one of the Deacons (Mike Bernd, Myron Bonzo, or Duane Stuck) to see if we will be working.



Please remember to save your newspapers and place them in the red shed at the far end of the parking lot.

Our main source of papers was the Times, but they have since started printing in New Castle and we are no longer able to get them.

If it is more convenient, you can drop your papers off at one of our farms, which include Tom Weil, Bryan Yeck or Ralph Young. Thank You!

The garage project is well underway. As a reminder, we ask you to keep this project's progress and funding in your daily prayers.



To date, many have been gracious in giving to this very worthwhile project. If you have not yet had an opportunity to give or would like to give more, it is not too late!

Thank you again for your prayerful consideration to this need. The Trustees

On Sunday, October 5, after the worship service, a free-will offering will be collected for the Big Knob Fire Department to assist their purchase of a carbon dioxide tester for people who inhale smoke at the scene of a fire.



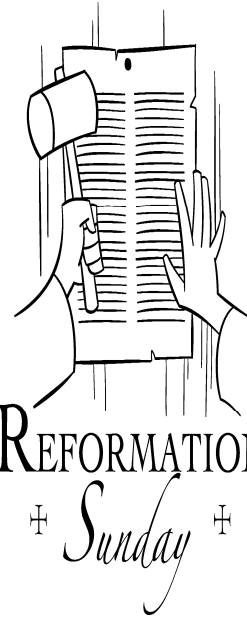
Fall Grace Group: The Power of the Gospel

Join Pastor Tom and Ana for provocative discussion, fellowship, Bible study, prayer and dessert as we look at **“The Power of the Gospel.”**

This six week Bible study is based on Scripture and material used in Gospel Transformation. Topics to be covered are: What is true repentance?; Repentance and Transformation; The Power of the Spirit; The Desire of the Spirit; Life in the Spirit; and Grieving the Spirit.

This Grace Group will be at the Smith’s home: 370 Ridge Rd., Marion Township on Thursdays at 7 pm., beginning October 9. Child-care will be provided.

Come to any or all the lessons and discover what the Gospel can do in you!



**PCA Churches
Reformation Conference**

Sunday,

October 26, 2008

6:30 pm

Geneva Field House

**Guest Speaker:
Dr. George Scipioni**

Enter the campus at the north end (35th Street) to take the road to the Field House.



Holy Communion will be observed on Sunday, October 5, during the worship service.

If you are a shut-in, or know of someone in need of Communion, please contact the Elders (Michael Pflug or Wayne Harley), or contact the office.

Recipe Corner**Baked Beef Stew** *By Marcella Young*

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| 1 14½ oz can diced tomatoes, undrained | 2 lbs. lean beef stew meat, cut into 1” cubes |
| 1 cup water | 4 med. Carrots, cut into 1” chunks |
| 3 tbsp. quick cooking tapioca | 3 med. Potatoes, peeled, quartered |
| 1½ tsp. salt | 2 celery ribs, cut into ¾ inch chunks |
| ½ tsp. pepper | 1 med. Onion, cut into chunks |
| 2 tsp. sugar | 1 slice bread, cubed |



In a large bowl, combine tomatoes, water, tapioca, sugar, salt and pepper. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour into a greased 13x9x2 inch or 3 quart baking dish. Cover and bake at 375° for 1 ¾ to 2 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender.

People In the Pew: Susan, Jade & Hunter Farnsworth by Pastor Tom

When one of the Steelers hurt their knees and need an ACL brace, the brace most likely came from the company where Susan Farnsworth works. She handles billing and other paperwork at Elizur, a provider of orthopedic, prosthetic supplies and durable medical equipment to doctors in Western Pennsylvania. Susan likes her job and appreciates the company's pro-family atmosphere.



As single mom, Susan must juggle her job and the needs of her two children, Jade (5) and Hunter (3). Fortunately her boss has a large family and understands what parents need to do when their children are sick. Susan has a good attitude and focuses on supporting and nurturing her children.

Susan grew up in North Sewickley and attended Riverside. After high school, she went to Geneva College and graduated with a degree in accounting. While in college, she visited a variety of churches with friends. In her sophomore year, she was worshipping at New Brighton Christian Assembly and heard the gospel in a way that made sense. This was when she understood her need to have her sins forgiven and trusted Christ as her Lord and Savior.

One of her favorite passages is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." Susan works hard to be a loving mother to Jade and Hunter, following these precepts. We are grateful to the Lord for adding Susan, Jade and Hunter to our grace driven family at Burry's Church.



Practices for the Children's Christmas Musical will begin on Sunday, October 5 after church until 1:00 p.m. Children from kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to participate.

Please pack a small lunch for your child to eat quickly, so that we can start practice right away. We still need lots of help! If you have any extra time to volunteer (lunch clean up, setting the stage, etc.), please contact Stacie Aland (724-453-0515) or Hedy Pflug (724-843-5451).



"Hello, Al's Office Supply? While I admire your gumption, I'm afraid these offering envelopes are too big."

AMAZING RACE



Anyone Hungry?

The E.T.C. embarked on their first E.T.C. event of the 2008 school year. We kicked-off with an Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt that extended all over the county. Each team was given two hours to figure out a list of clues that would lead them to their destinations. Then the team had to get a team picture at each location to prove that they had been there. Points were awarded for each picture provided.

Team Bernd was in the lead until I asked for a volunteer to pray for the meal. Then a person from Team Shaffer quickly volunteered to get the bonus points that pushed them ahead...to win the competition. The winning team members were awarded a servant from the losing team. Team Bernd members had to make a plate of food for each of the Team Shaffer members.

I think that everyone had a fun time at the event as the adult volunteer staff and our young people interacted throughout the evening. We then had a lesson after the meal, and I shared a message about "Living Just Like Jesus." The first chapter of Max Lucado's book, *Just Like Jesus*, was read to the group, and then the young people were challenged to start thinking about how their lives would look differently if Christ were living it in their place. Lucado's theme in the book is, "God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus."

Wow, what a profound statement. God loves me just the way I am, but wants me to be like Jesus! This will be our theme for the 2008-2009 school year. We will be challenging the young people of the Burry's Church E.T.C. Youth Ministry to be like Jesus. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on this Amazing Race for the prize for which Christ died to give us!

~ Chuck Horstman
Youth Director

**GET INTO THE
WORD, SO THAT
THE WORD CAN
GET INTO YOU!**



Hello, welcome to Krispy Kreme.
May I take your order?



St. John's "Burry's" Church Youth Ministry

ETC CALENDAR

Saturday, October 4

**5:30 pm Survivor Game
Night @ Fairview Church**
(We should be back around 10:00 pm)

"Fairview Survivor"
*is nothing like the TV
show. It is an original
game created by the
people of Fairview.
I've been told that it is
like a combination of
release, a counselor
hunt, and capture the
flag.*

Sunday, October 5

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm E.T.C. Youth Group

Sunday, October 12

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm E.T.C. Youth Group

Sunday, October 19

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm E.T.C. Youth Group

Sunday, October 26

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
6:30 pm E.T.C. Youth Group
(Game Night)

DAILY DEVOS

Let Chuck know if you
would like to be added to
the daily devotional e-mail
list. We send them out
each Monday.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Carrie Young | 1 |
| Kelly Barger | 4 |
| Mike Dengel | 4 |
| Hunter Donley | 4 |
| Heather Douthitt | 4 |
| Michael Pflug | 6 |
| Joey Brunner | 7 |
| Jenna Concelman | 7 |
| Evelyn Young | 7 |
| Kevin Merriman | 8 |
| Tyler Pflug | 8 |
| Paige Young | 8 |
| Samuel Tweed | 10 |
| Samantha Harley | 13 |
| Bill & Linda Rahn | 2 |
| Donald & Sella Shaffer | 2 |
| Bryan & Jeri Yeck | 2 |
| Todd & Melanie Snavelly | 7 |
| Mike & Julie Bernd | 10 |
| Paul & Nancy Alexander | 15 |
| Mark & April Donley | 15 |
| Wilmer & Sara Bonzo | 18 |



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| Jean Gold | 14 |
| Eleanor Gray | 14 |
| Laura Pflug | 14 |
| Helen Fogel | 15 |
| Peggy Barger | 17 |
| Evelyn Smith | 19 |
| Francis Pflug | 20 |
| Katherine Smith | 20 |
| Robert Young | 20 |
| Merrill Pflug | 26 |
| Elva Harley | 27 |
| Joy Zahn | 27 |
| Jay Lansberry | 29 |
| Pat Sheets | 30 |
| Linda Rahn | 30 |
| Robert & Marcella Young | 18 |
| Tim & Carrie Young | 18 |
| Kevin & Tammie Merriman | 19 |
| Brad & Lori Baker | 20 |
| Mel & Pat Sheets | 21 |
| Charles & Barbara Blinn | 22 |
| Mike & Darci Goudas | 24 |
| C.J. & Debra Smith | 26 |



Dear Church Family,
 On behalf of my family and myself, we want to thank Pastors Mike and Tom for their visits to the hospital, also for the prayers and cards during Russell's illness and funeral.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for my birthday.

Virginia Zahn and Family

To Our Church Family,
 Our thank you to all for your monetary gifts, flowers, food, and cards, mostly for all your prayers. This tragic death of our son, David, is unbelievable. All of your prayers, love and support have gotten us through this tragedy. Our thanks to Pastor Mike for the nice service.

God Bless everyone,
 Butch & Donna Tallon and Families

The Playground Committee would like to extend a Thank You to Leroy & Twila Young who recently purchased a great picnic table for the playground area that matches our swings!

Many have already begun to put it to good use!
 Thank you again!

August Box Score Averages

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| Sunday School | 114 | General | \$3,203.99 |
| Worship | 208 | Benevolence .. | \$1,227.70 |



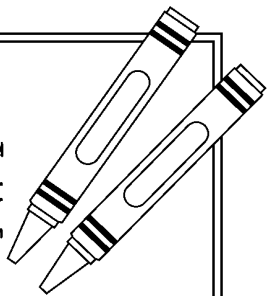
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"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1a

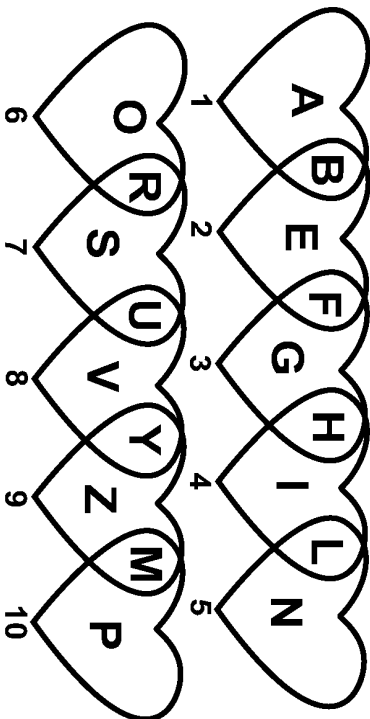


Just for **KIDS**

THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV). Do you remember what the second great commandment is?

Use the code below to discover it.



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Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."