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VBS

Thank you to all those that helped with this year's VBS! This year we had 56 kids attend and we raised \$,2600.00 for I.C.M.. The cooperation and support of all those involved helped make this such a successful event.

- Joe & Julie Stephon

Revelation Youth Group kicks off another year!

Meetings will begin again on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7pm. Our first meeting will be on August 5th...bring your favorite ice cream topping.

The Youth Group will be raising money to send 100 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our first fundraiser will take place on August 12th. The teens will be holding a car wash during and after the 2nd service.

Italian American Festival

Our Church will be handing out bottles of water with the church logo on them as well as information about our church at the Italian American Festival this year. We need people to work 2 hour shifts.

Thursday August 9th and Friday August 10th from 6-10pm, and Saturday August 11th and Sunday August 12th from 1-9pm. Please call Emily at the church office and sign up to work a shift.

David Dahlstein – Senior Minister

Early Morning Worship: 8:30am

Sunday School: 9:30am;

Morning Worship: 10:30am

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Social

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th

Come with us to the Ragsville Festival

Carpool leaves the church at 5:00 p.m.

Eating at the festival around 5:30 p.m.

Music Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Bring lawn chairs.



**In the event of rain, dinner will be at
The Good House in Ragsville at 5:30 p.m.**

WHERE'S BOB??
Details coming soon!

THE BRICK

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door!

He slammed on the brakes and spun the Jag back to the spot from where the brick had been thrown. He jumped out of the car, grabbed some kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing?!!" Building up a head of steam he went on. "That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?!!"

"Please, mister, please. I'm sorry, I didn't know what else to do!" pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..."

Tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed around the parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He lifted the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped the scrapes and cuts, checking to see that everything was going to be okay. "Thank you and God bless you," the grateful child said to him. The man then watched the little boy push his brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long walk back to his Jaguar... a long, slow walk. He never did repair the side door. He kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention.

Scrapbooking dates for
August are the 3rd and 17th,
from 6-9pm. Don't miss it!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2

-Care Group Mtg.

August 9-12

-Italian American Festival

August 19

-Ezekiel Fish Speaker (only @ 10:30 service,
Dave will be preaching the early svc.)

August 21

-Missions Committee Mtg.

August 23

-Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

Upcoming Sermons

Series “A Church is.....”

- ✓ 7-22: A place where needs are met (Luke 13:10-17)
- ✓ 7-29: A place where people count (Luke 13:18-35)
- 8-5: A place where the humble are exalted (Luke 14:1-14)
- 8-12: A place where the hungry are fed (Luke 14:15-24)
- 8-19: A place where privilege brings responsibility (Luke 14:33)
- 8-26: A place where lost people matter (Luke 15: 1-32)



Nursing Care Centers:

Winona Gilbertson – Park Village
Laura Eames-Luyster – Park Village
Janet Welch – Amberwood
Lydia Page – Park Village
Bob Coffee – Park Village
Glen Griffith – Schoenbrunn Med. Center
Edgar Evans – Park Village

Shut-Ins:

Annabelle Vandevort – home
Velda Kistner - home

Special Prayer Concerns:

Family of Joan Burris who passed away last week.

Jackson Weaver (3 yr. old friend of Stephon's) surgery on 7/27 – pray for recovery and family

Jess Snyder – pregnancy health issues

Kay McClelland – surgery on 7/30

Friend of Jamie Bowland – 3 mos. Pregnant and found out the baby has Spina-Bifida – undergoing amniocentesis to see if it is chromosomal.

Victor Gray (Ray Beal's nephew) having leg amputated as a result of a car accident

Mary Perry – Health Issues

Ken Jones (friend of Carole Brown) 48 yr. old – Triple Bypass on Thursday

Hannah Ricer (friend of Shirley Homan) lung surgery on 7/11

Barry Oiler broken ankle after falling from a ladder

Laura Eames-Luyster's son – having some family difficulties

STAFF AT DOVER FCC

Senior Minister:

David Dahlstein

Our Elders:

Ray Beal

Jeff Neidig

Ken Parrott

Charles Raffle

Our Deacons:

Bill Leeper

Paul Mowrey

Dan Oswald

Ken Page

Our Trustees:

Bob Anders

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Joe Stephon

Keith Stutzman

Church Secretary:

Emily Keith

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Julie Stephon

Wee Worship:

Linda & Kim DeVore

Kids Alley:

Tony & Emily Keith

Phil & Amber Miller

Travis & Gretchen

McClelland

Youth Group:

Joe & Julie Stephon

Nursery Coordinator:

Cathryn Neidig

Behind the Study Door...

I was looking at some books on my shelf the other day and ran across a desk calendar for 1987. It was a gift from one of the families of the church I was serving at the time. I kept it mostly because of the quotes that were included in each week's pages and thought they may come in handy some day (I have used some of them).

I got to thinking about how much our lives change over the years. In 1987 I was a 27 year old father of two little girls. Now, one of those girls has finished college and is pursuing her career. The other will leave later this month for senior year in college. AS for the rest of my brood, they weren't even born yet. In August, I saw a note that said "complete 4 years of ministry." Seemed like a long time then.

While many things do change some things stay the same. Looking at some of the plans in those weeks during the summer of 87, I still saw meetings, camp weeks to work, weddings and VBS. Thinking back, some of those who were in camp and VBS are probably sending their own kids now. Some of those whom I married in 87 may well now be grandparents.

As time marches on, isn't it good to know we serve a changeless God? The Bible tells us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. If we had a changing God, he would not be of much use once he changed. He wouldn't be much different from last year's or 20 years ago's calendar.

Let's give thanks to the God who watches over us every day and every year.

-Dave

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