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BC Family Theater presents...
"The Little Rascals"



**August 14th
 at 6:30 PM**

Invite your neighbors and friends!



Newly Formed Missions Team

Team Sunday, August 14th at 12:30 PM,
 Pastor Jeff will be hosting a Missions Luncheon for anyone interested in serving on the newly formed Missions Team. If you are interested in being a part of promoting, planning, and participating in missions please sign up to attend this luncheon. More information and a sign up sheet can be found in the fellowship hall or by calling the church office and speaking with Jeff. Thanks!

Prayerwalk August 20th at 8:30AM

ATTENTION: Students, parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone interested in giving a prayer boost to our community schools. The prayer team is sponsoring a prayerwalk at the Clare, Farwell and Harrison Public Schools on Sat., Aug. 20th at 8:30 AM. Why is it important to prayerwalk rather than just pray at home for the schools?

Prayerwalking indicates to God that we are really serious about our concern. It also brings to mind matters we might not think about if we weren't on site. Would you take an hour of your time at home to pray for the schools? We know that praying together focuses our prayers in a way that praying alone cannot do. So please join us at:

Clare Schools –meet at the High School parking lot at 8:30 AM

Farwell Schools –meet at the United Methodist Church parking lot. 8:30AM

Harrison Schools –meet at the football field parking lot at 8:30AM

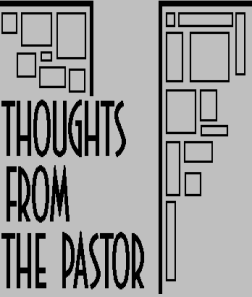
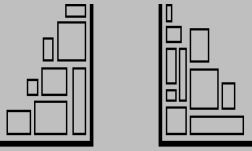
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Amazing Race August 21st

Come to church in August and be part of the Amazing Race! Each Sunday will focus on a different stage of the amazing "Christian" race, culminating in a church-wide Amazing Race on August 21st. Plan on being here in August!





Making Disciples Made Easy

- ▶ Cultivating
- ▶ Planting
- ▶ Reaping

You may be noticing that I seem to be repeating myself lately. That's ok. I am doing it on purpose. I really want us all, including me, to remember and practice certain principles of making disciples. You may not know this, but statistically only about half our congregation is in attendance each Sunday. Many are there every week, but many are sporadic, so it averages out to about half our people are actually in church on a given Sunday. So, theoretically, I should preach the same sermon two weeks in a row in order to make sure that all hear it. So, I am repeating myself some in order to make sure all are able to get the message. I am also repeating some of the same principles in my SS class called "As You Go", and here in the newsletter article. I am not repeating myself just because I'm getting old, but because these principles are the ones upon which I want to build our church's ministry.

What is a disciple? It's a learner. That's about it. Classically, a disciple was like an apprentice, learning from a master craftsman. Jesus chose His twelve so that they might be with Him, and over the course of time, they learned all He wanted them to know.

The first principle of being a disciple is **Learning**. The best disciples are teachable. "The Word of God is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness..." 2 Tim 3:16. The Word of God is the instruction manual, and the Holy Spirit is the instructor. "Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God" 1 Cor. 2:12-13. The Holy Spirit teaches us the principles of God's Word, but if the principles aren't in our hearts, He has nothing to teach and apply. A disciple hangs on the words of the Teacher, so if you are a true disciple of Christ, you will be hanging on the words of the Bible. A good disciple knows a little more today than he did yesterday, and a little more tomorrow than today.

The second principle of being a disciple is **Proximity** to the Teacher. A disciple in Jesus' day would walk so closely to the Rabbi that the dust from the Rabbi's feet would cover the robe of the disciple. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" James 4:8. How near are you to the Teacher? A good disciple will draw near to Jesus, the Teacher in prayer and meditation. Relationships are developed by spending time in close proximity. You only get to know Jesus by spending time with Him. Take time

to pray, listen, meditate, and express your love for Him for sacrificing Himself for you.

The third principle of discipleship is **Process**. A disciple is on a learning path from gaining knowledge to applying them with wisdom to gaining real understanding. Proverbs 4 says,

"...Give attention that you may gain understanding, for I give you sound teaching: Do not abandon my instruction...Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!..."

The beginning (or primary goal) of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom, and with all your acquiring, get understanding!" A disciple seeks to gain



understanding, not just facts and how to apply them. Understanding the principles behind the commands of God is the goal. Seek understanding. Why does God say what He says? Why this or that commandment. Your goal is to understand, not just to know God. A

good disciple is applying the truths of today so that they become part of life. Understanding comes as we practice the truth. "Solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil." Hebrews 5:13.

The fourth principle of discipleship is **Reproduction**. 2 Tim. 2:2 says, "The things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." When you understand a subject, you are equipped to teach it to others. God's goal for you is that you will be well taught so that you may teach others after you. Reproduction is the goal. Jesus wants Christians, little Christs, and lots of them. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. We have experienced that love, and now are to love others as Christ loved us by being and making disciples.

The question, then is this, Are you a disciple? Are you teachable, or have you decided that you know enough? Are you practicing Proximity to the Teacher? Do you practice getting close and spending time with Jesus? Are you gaining understanding, or just accumulating facts? Are you introducing the principles you have learned to others? Are you reproducing? Let's make that our goal, personally and corporately.

Pasta Nelson

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Insight Ministries

WHY SHOULD WE STUDY SEX?

1. God created it. Sex is God's idea, not man's! God pronounced it very good. What are the implications of this?
2. We need a biblical perspective. We have been bombarded with the world's approach and God has a lot to say about His design.
3. We get the wrong philosophy about sex in many parts of life. (T.V., advertisement, Hollywood, web, etc.) Who or what has shaped your philosophy? Sex is one of the words we need to rescue from abuses by the world.
4. We are commanded to preach and teach all of God's Word – Matthew 28:19-20. You can't get around this topic if you teach the whole counsel of God. If Scripture adequately equips, it certainly includes this topic.
5. It is an area of special satanic attack. Many individuals and families go down under the bombardment of this attack.

Media exploits it and wears away at standards. This is what pornography does.

6. Many over-emphasize it. Epitome of life – An idol - Sex is everything!
7. Some de-emphasize it. Sex is only for reproduction. God also created it for pleasure and to increase intimacy between a husband/wife.
8. Many believers are very sinful in this area. Astounded at what is happening in Christian homes. Are you immature or in open rebellion against God?
9. We need to be prepared to teach our children. If you don't, others will.
10. It is a symptom of other relationship problems. Men/women were created with many unique differences that need to be learned and understood. Ignoring or failing to address these differences/problems will lead to bigger problems.

Do you know God's standards concerning this topic? Do you know His principles that He expects each of us to follow in our everyday lives? Anything holding you back?

Answers to many of these questions concerning sex are being addressed in new Sunday School classes that began this month. In September, I will be giving a sermon concerning the topic of sex. I hope to see you there.

Dave Luther
Pastoral Counselor



FAMILY FUN DAY!

PLACE: Brown Corners Church
DATE: August 28th
TIME: 5:30 PM



Hot dogs and Kool-aid will be provided, please bring a dish to pass. **Invite your neighbors and friends!**



Leota Farrell,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

So how's the Building Plan Coming?

The plans the Building Committee has put together are in the hands of the Architect. When he gets them finished, we can put together a materials list and figure out an approximate cost. If God has stirred you to give to the building project, you don't have to wait. You can give anytime. Just designate it so it can be properly assigned.

OUR BUILDING FUND COULD USE A BIT OF A BOOST...



New Books in Our Library...



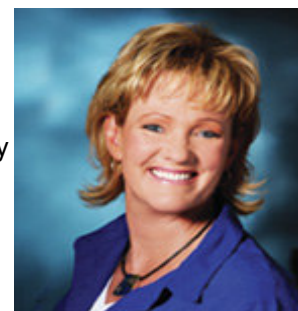
author John Eldredge
"Wild at Heart" ★★★★★

God designed men to be dangerous, says John Eldredge. Simply look at the dreams and desires written in the heart of every boy: To be a hero, to be a warrior, to live a life of adventure and risk. Sadly, most men abandon those dreams and desires-aided by a Christianity that feels like nothing more than pressure to be a "nice guy." It is no wonder that many men avoid church, and those who go are often passive and bored to death. In this provocative book, Eldredge gives women a look inside the true heart of a man and gives men permission to be what God designed them to be-dangerous, passionate, alive, and free.



author DiAnn Mills
"Texas Charm" ★★★★★

Reviewer: [Karen O'Connor](#) from www.amazon.com
 Texas Charm is a must-read book—four complete novels in one volume. Romance, intrigue, suspense and plenty of Southern charm. Heartwarming plots, believable characters, human interest situations that anyone can relate to. Another winner from popular author DiAnn Mills.



author
 Karen Kingsbury
"Fame"
 ★★★★★



author
 Terri Blackstock
"Blind Trust"
 ★★★★★

Heros of the Faith Books — Biography —

1. Fanny Crosby
2. CS Lewis
3. Charles Spurgeon

CSI & Bible Groups to Begin this Fall

Here we are in the thick of summer and it is time to start planning for Fall CSI (Community Special Interest) & Bible Study Groups. Many of our groups have taken a break this summer and are meeting occasionally or not at all while some are meeting regularly. Most groups will get going again in September and will be open for new members. We need new groups so more can get involved. To start new groups we need new leaders. Is God nudging you to start a group? Maybe you have some friends or neighbors who you would like to get together with and study the Bible or maybe you have a hobby or fun activity you would like to participate in with some old and new friends. While you are sharing your favorite pastime or a Bible Study you can share your faith to encourage other believers and witness to your friends. If you are interested in starting either a Bible Study or CSI group come to our New Leader's Training, August 22nd at 7:00 PM to find out how to begin a group and submit a leader application. If you are interested in joining

a new or existing group September 11th will be our big "Plugged In" where you will have the opportunity to see which groups are available, talk to group leaders and sign up to join a group. So the two dates to remember are August 22nd if you are interested in starting a new group and September 11th to join one. Don't miss out on this opportunity, training for new leaders only happens twice a year, this fall and then again in January. Leading a group is a great way to share your faith, serve our wonderful God, and grow in your faith. If you are feeling that nudge, give it a try. If you are looking for a place to belong, grow in your faith, and find friends, joining a group is for you. It is almost time to switch gears from summer activities to a fall routine. Let's make loving and serving God and loving others the center of our routine.



-Wendy Kindel

Small Group & Alpha 2005 Calendar

AUGUST

Aug. 22nd
 7:00 PM
 New CSI & Bible Study Group Leader's Training

Aug. 27th
 8:30 AM-12:00 Noon
 Membership Class

Aug. 28th
 Sunday Morning
 Sign up for Alpha Task Force

Aug. 29th
 6:00PM
 Alpha Task Force & Leader's Training

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4th
 Sunday Morning
 Alpha Participant Sign up

Sept. 6th
 6:00PM
 Alpha Task Force & Leader's Training

Sept. 11th
 Sunday Morning
 "Plugged In"
 Sign up for Alpha, CSI & Bible Study Groups

Sept. 12th
 6:00-9:00 PM
 Alpha Introduction Dinner & Video



The Clare County Fair

presents
Christian Recording Artists...

Mark Schultz with Band

and Big Daddy Weave

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND
AT 7:30 PM



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

- ▶ At the Clare County Fair Office, located under the grandstands Phone: 1.989.539.9011
- ▶ And through Tickets Plus at 1.800.585.3737, or at any Meijer's Store. Tickets are \$16 plus a service charge, which varies with the point of purchase.

Gospel Sing, featuring... **The Calvarymen**
Sunday, July 31st at 7:30PM Free Admission

New Class Offerings Beginning in the Fall

Grow in Your Walk – This study is the follow up to Grow in His Word and will last for over 30 weeks. It will challenge you to become all that God desires you to be. This class will be offered Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and Monday mornings at 7:00 AM. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

Grow in His Word – This study lays the Biblical foundation for Christian growth. You will gain an understanding of the Bible which will open your eyes and heart. This class will be offered Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30PM and requires a 38 week commitment. Sign up in the fellowship hall!

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After everyone has assembled, we will divide into teams of two or three and proceed to the school. You will only be expected to prayerwalk around one school building, pausing to pray at each room or section of the building. If you have a preference for elementary, middle or high school, let the coordinator for that site know about your preference. If we have enough people at the prayerwalk, we will also include the alternative education buildings.

We will have booklets available for each school with floor plans, indicating the teachers, grades/courses taught in each room and other activity rooms. We will also include suggestions for prayer topics for each school. We will give each child who joins the prayerwalk a Prayer Card with 9 suggestions for praying for their schools. We are planning to invite children and teens to participate in the prayerwalks, as well as parents and teachers. It would be great if this could become a family event, with all ages expressing their concern for the school system and offering prayer on behalf of the school itself, the teachers, other staff and the students.

If you have any questions about the prayerwalk, please contact, Carol Hampton (386-9738) or any other prayer team member.

do not know Christ, while encouraging one another

Wild Kingdom exists to equip students to reach those who

as we exalt Christ and seek opportunities to serve others.

WILD KINGDOM

Summer Events!

Junior High

August 7th

“Survivor”

meeting @ T.J Merritts home

5:30-8:30 PM

August 14th

Summer Finale

Wendy Kindel's home

5:30-8:30 PM

August 21st

No Meeting

August 28th

Family Fun Day

@ the church

Senior High

August 7th

“Survivor”

meeting @ Wendy Kindel's home

Time to be announced

August 14th

Ed & Judy Novak's home

3:00-9:00 PM

August 21st

“Amazing Race”

1:00-10:00 PM

August 28th

Family Fun Day

@ the church



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"The Little Rascals"
August 14th at 6:30PM

News & Dates to Remember...



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July 31st

Gospel Sing at the Clare County
Fairgrounds

7:30 PM

"The Calvarymen"

FREE ADMISSION

July 2nd

In Concert at the Clare County
Fairgrounds:

**"Mark Schultz w/Band
and Big Daddy Weave"**

7:30 PM

Tickets are \$16 plus service charge

August Meetings Tuesday, Aug. 9th

Teams Meet 7:00PM
Prayer 7:45PM
Ad Board Meets 8:15PM

August 14th

BC Family Theater presents...

"The Little Rascals"

6:30 PM

August 14th

Newly Formed Mission
Teams Meeting
12:30 PM

August 20th

Prayerwalk

8:30 AM

(see page 1 for meeting places)

August 21st

Amazing Race

August 22nd

CSI & Bible Study Leaders Training

7:00 PM

August 28th

Family Fun Day

5:30 PM

(see page 3 for more details)

September 11th

Plugged In

Join a new CSI or Bible Study group