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May 6th
 National Day of Prayer
 Observance

May 9th
 Mother's Day

May 16th
 High School Graduate
 Recognition
 (during morning services)

June 5th
 Walk for Life for Hope
 Pregnancy Center

June 29-July 4th
 Creation 2010

May 2010

ROUTE 28
11:00 AM

Worship Service

We will be taking a break for the summer. Our last Sunday will be May 23rd and resume in September.



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GOOD NEWS

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National Day of Prayer Observance May 6, 2010

National Day of Prayer Task Force Chairwoman, Shirley Dobson, said in a written statement that U.S. leaders have called for a day of prayer during times of crisis since 1775, but the tradition is under attack.

On April 15, 2010, a federal judge in Wisconsin ruled that the National

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How about a Trip to the Holy Land?

After having been to the Holy Land, I've seen the Bible come alive. Many folks have said they would like to come along next time. Well, if that's you, let me know. We can plan a trip for Winter/Spring of 2011 or 2012, or even in the Summer, though it's pretty hot then. A trip would cost about \$3000, so begin saving your pennies.

Please Stop Giving!

(To The Projector/Screen Fund)
 The Special Projects Fund for two projectors and screens for the sanctuary has been fully funded and more. The extra will go toward future improvements to the stage lighting. Thank you for your generosity.

Spanish Anyone?

Welcome back to the Dices. After two semesters of Spanish Language training, Jeff, April, and kids are back in town. They will now be working about ¾ of the year for us and ¼ for UB Missions, helping establish connections between North American and Central American UB churches. Jeff will also be helping set up and maintain pastoral training in the CA churches. Welcome back.

 **Camp Living Waters Shower**
 Watch for the display for a paper and supply shower for CLW.

Que Pasa?

So, Que Pasa? Or, what's up with you? How's life? I bet if you asked that question of 10 people, you would get 10 responses like, 'Fine', 'Ok', or in the old days, 'Hunkadory'. (I'm not sure if that's spelled right, or if there is a right spelling.) But of those 10 people who say things are fine, how many would be telling the whole story? Most likely, things are not fine, but they aren't about to tell you all that's wrong.

Why don't we tell others what's wrong in our lives? Maybe because we don't trust them. Maybe we know they can't help anyway, so why tell them? Maybe it's too personal. Maybe because they are the problem.

The Bible says to bear one another's burdens. It also says if you are suffering, pray. It also says to cast your cares on Jesus because He cares for you. Bearing each other's burdens means to shoulder some of the weight for your friend. Many times we can't do anything to change a situation, but knowing that someone cares helps.

So, just in case your days aren't going so well, here are a few Biblical tips that might help.

If you don't know what to do in a situation, ask God for wisdom. James says God gives wisdom generously and without reproach, which means that He doesn't scold you for not knowing. He knows we aren't full of wisdom, but He is. So, ask Him, but ask in faith. If He gives you direction, take it. Second guessing only makes you uncertain again. Back to square one.

If you have physical ailments ask God to heal you. He is our Father and wants good things for us, but James

says that sometimes we do not have because we do not ask. So ask! God might just heal you. If not, then assume God has work for you to do in the midst of the pain and ask Him to work through you. (By the way, there is no guarantee of a pain free life for Christians.)

If you have relationship problems, ask God to give you what you need to do on your part to make things right. If you need to forgive, forgive. If you need to ask forgiveness, then ask. If you need to rebuild love, take the advice given to the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2 and 'do the things you did at first'. Pay attention to your spouse the way you did at the beginning of your relationship when you were trying to impress him/her. Flowers, dates, candy, and kind words all are part of the equation of a happy relationship, but we tend to forget them after a few years of marriage. Remember them again.

If you are out of money, ask God. Ask Him for money for essentials. Reevaluate your spending habits. Start on a new path financially. Be the best worker your employer has ever had. Check your giving habits. Malachi 3 is clear that when we rob God of His tithe the devourer is given license to destroy our resources. So, our giving is also a protection. God doesn't need our money, but we need to give.

When you are down, get busy serving someone else. We are often disappointed in life because we think we are not getting our fair share. Remember, we don't have a fair share. Philippians 2 says that we are to have the attitude that other's needs are more important than our own. So, ask God whom you can serve. Get your mind off yourself and onto others.

When life seems empty obey a command of God. Jesus, and James agrees, that blessings come to those who practice obedience to God. Find a command of God and obey it. Blessings come to the obedient. God can't honor someone who is living outside His will.

Does life weigh heavy on your mind? Concentrate on today. Jesus says that every day has enough trouble of its own, so don't worry about tomorrow. Let yesterday's pains go, and don't add tomorrow's problems to today. Concentrate on today and let God deal with yesterday and tomorrow. Today probably isn't all that bad, after all.

Life happens, and often life happens to be disappointing. But, it doesn't have to defeat us. 'I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.' Tell someone who can help bear your burden without telling someone else.

—Pastor Chuck Malson
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Day of Prayer is unconstitutional because it amounted to a call for religious action. Two dozen members of congress condemned that action saying prayer has long been part of the country's history:

President George Washington made the first proclamation for a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer on October 31, 1789. In 1952, a bill was unanimously approved by Congress and signed by President Truman, setting aside a National Day of Prayer. In 1988, congress and President Reagan established the first Thursday of May as the specific day for the observance each year.

Observances of the National Day of Prayer are allowed while the judge's ruling is reviewed. Brown Corners Prayer Team is sponsoring an observance this year at 7:00 PM. on Thursday, May 6, 2010. This year's theme is "**For Such a Time as This.**"

—Carol Hampton

Walk For Life For Hope Pregnancy Center

(Two places to register)

Place: Pere-Marquette District Library, Clare **or** Gladwin City Park-South, Gladwin

Date: June 5th

Time: Registration begins at 9:00 or register on line at

www.hopeinharrison.org and click on our Contact Page. Once registered it will only take about an hour! You will still have plenty of time to spare, if you have other plans!

Any questions call Hope Pregnancy Center at 539-3911 or talk to Jane Domke.



Youth Ministry

SUNDAY NIGHTS

5th-8th Grades

5:30-7:00 PM

9th-12th Grade

7:15-9:00 PM

Spring Youth Work Project

We are raising money for our bus to Creation. We paint, mulch flower beds and even prep gardens. Call Pastor Steve Evans, (989) 240-7023, to reserve your work crew.



Recognize High School Graduates

May 16th

graduates in morning services.

Creation 2010

June 29th-July 4th

(Open to current 8th-12th grade students)

Note to Parents: Youth that participate in work projects can save up to \$100 off the total cost of the trip.



Children's Ministry

We would like to share a few great things going on in the Kids Klub Ministry at Brown Corners so you can rejoice with us also!

We have seen several children accept Jesus as Savior recently. The children are growing spiritually and living for Christ in their actions. They expressed their love for Jesus during our "Bible Buck" shopping night in Kids Klub (1-4th graders). We saw children share their "bucks" with those who didn't have many, gave some of their purchases to ones who only had one thing, and they bought for other people not just for themselves. Children earn "Bible Bucks" by memorizing Bible verses, doing their homework and attending church. They are also inviting and bringing their friends to church with them.

I thank God for all our dedicated

teachers who are instructing the children in God's Word and are passionate to see them transformed into spiritual giants.



During your prayer time please remember the children in Kid's Klub who are inviting unchurched friends to a special party we have planned. Our prayer is that we can reach not only these friends but their families too. These kids are real "missionaries" and are not intimidated as adults often are.

On Mother's Day Kid's Klub will be presenting a special musical presentation, thanks to Myra Walls who is working with the children.

—Leota Farrell,
Children's Ministry Director

Blessing Bags

Green grocery bags (Blessing Bags) are still available to fill and give away or fill and return to the blessing bag display for someone else to give. Many bags are being filled and given away. Thank you. Now the youth is joining this ministry. There will be a container near the display for non-perishable items so you can fill a whole bag or contribute to filling a bag. When enough items are received the youth will fill the bags and deliver them. You can still give away your own bag or one that is available. If you would like some help figuring out what to donate a list of suggested items is available.

