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A major disaster kills hundreds and hundreds of people, leaves thousands and thousands without the basics of shelter, food, water, and medical care. Normally all people would bend over backwards to assist them. Instead we have media celebrities suggesting that they be left to their own devices or they use it as a political commentary. This should seriously demonstrate that the concept that this is a Christian nation is nothing more than political fodder.

Matthew tells us that Jesus used the parable of the sheep and the goats to teach us, as followers of Christ, how to respond to people in need. The way we respond to those who suffer is in fact the way we respond to the love of God visible in Jesus. The Gospels all draw out the understanding that we must forgive and love others so that we may truly be forgiven and loved.

Think of it this way; could you play a musical instrument the very first time that you tried to play? I couldn't. I learned to play the violin, the clarinet and the tenor saxophone. Everyone took time and regular practice to be able to play (and I freely admit that I was not great on any of them, but I could hold my own). We can succeed in love and forgiveness by practicing these wonderful gifts.

One of the largest obstacles we face in sharing love and forgiveness and caring for others is our own fear of losing something we need. I cannot do this task, I cannot help that person, I cannot do anything about that, because I don't have the time, the resources, the abilities, the responsibility, etc. It is true that we cannot stop the earthquakes that hit Haiti, the mudslides in

California, the starvation of Darfur, the wars, the hatred, the murders; however we are not expected to deal with everything happening everywhere.

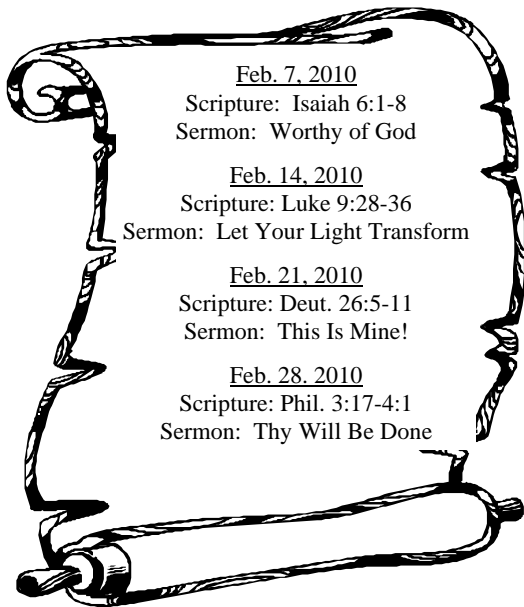
Search your heart for the problem that truly calls out to you. Let God guide you. Then explore how your gifts and talents and resources can be put to use in solving that problem. Say, for example, that you want to help in Haiti. You can send money through the Week of Compassion, you can prepare health kits and infant kits and send them through Week of Compassion. You can get together friends and family to put the kits together. Put out a change jar for the work that will take years to accomplish. Make contact with the mission representatives of our church serving in the area to learn what the real problems are and what could be done to provide help. This method can work for major disasters like Haiti as well as local issues such as literacy, hunger, or homelessness.

This is how we start to love and forgive and discover that we are really loved and forgiven ourselves. Take a step, give it a try. It is a remarkable experience.

Shalom, *Darrell*

FEB. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in February are: Elders – Charlie & Sara Hebenstreit and Deacons – Mitchell Thompson, Kyle McReynolds, Dawn McReynolds & Jessica Hebenstreit.



Feb. 7, 2010

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8
Sermon: Worthy of God

Feb. 14, 2010

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36
Sermon: Let Your Light Transform

Feb. 21, 2010

Scripture: Deut. 26:5-11
Sermon: This Is Mine!

Feb. 28, 2010

Scripture: Phil. 3:17-4:1
Sermon: Thy Will Be Done



Howard Jordan (health)
Novy & Mary Ellen Foland (health)

NURSERY LADIES

Feb. 7	Juliet Nolde
Feb. 14	Donna Staub
Feb. 21	Gidget Hurlbert
Feb. 28	Jo Smith

CMF BREAKFAST



There was no breakfast held in January due to illness. The next CMF breakfast will be held on Feb. 6th at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to attend and to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Ann and David Von Almen.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS



The Lunch Bunch met on Jan. 13th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. We missed many of our regular attendees and hope they will be back with us soon. Those in attendance were: Curtis & Nadine Scaggs and Lonnie & Margaret Hicks. We will meet again on Feb. 10th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Come on out and join the group.



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Toilet Paper
Divided Oblong foam plates
Paper Towels
Creamer
409 Spray Cleaner
Bagged Ice
Juice Boxes



CWF GRACE GROUP

The CWF Grace Group met at 7:00 on Jan. 21st. Nine ladies attended. Winona Smith brought refreshments. We will be hosting our annual Valentine Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 7th right after church. The menu will be meat loaf, hash brown potato casserole, green beans, rolls, assorted salads and desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade. The cost will be the same as last year: \$2.50 for children under 12 yrs., \$5.00 for adults and \$12.50 for families. We hope you all will plan to eat with us that day.



CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M (Mary & Martha) Group will meet on Feb. 25th at 7:00.



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Laundry detergent
Dish detergent
Plastic glasses – 8 oz.
Wash cloths & Bath towels
Plastic silverware
Dishwasher detergent
Toilet paper
Kleenex, small boxes
Paper towels
Hand sanitizers
Household cleaners



Feed My Sheep

We gave approximately 280 pounds of food to the local food pantry in 2009. The Food pantry serves about 90 families in our area every week. Please remember to bring a few cans, jars or packages of non-perishable food to church at least once a month for those who really need our help during these bad economic times.

February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ben Campbell	2 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrell No Bible Study 7:00	3 Choir Practice 7:00	4	5 Mike Hurlbert	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast
7 CWF Grace Valentine's Dinner after church 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF Gidget Hurlbert	8 Cabinet & Board Mtg. 6:45 & 7:30 Theresa Nolde	9 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrell Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00 Jessica Hebenstreit	10 2:00 Lunch Bunch Choir Practice 7:00 George & Betty Poore	11	12 Terry Harper	13
14 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF	15	16 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrell Bible Study 7:00 Curtis & Nadine Scaggs	17 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Choir Practice 7:00	18 CWF Grace 7:00	19 Mary Jane Rogers	20 CWF Planning Meeting at Camp Christian Couples Nite Out Greek Village Rest. 6:00 p.m.
21 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF Fellowship Dinner 6:00	22 Tony & Barbara Hicks	23 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrell Bible Study 7:00	24 Choir Practice 7:00	25 CWF M&M 7:00	26	27 Brenda McReynolds
28 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF "Feed My Sheep Sun." David & Ann Von Almen						

A DAILY SURVIVAL KIT

- **A TOOTHPICK:** to remind you to pick the good qualities in everyone, including yourself.
- **A RUBBER BAND:** to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it can be worked out.
- **A BAND-AID:** to remind you to heal hurt feelings, either yours or someone else's.
- **AN ERASER:** to remind you everyone makes mistakes. That's okay; we learn by our errors.
- **A CANDY KISS:** to remind you everyone needs a hug or a compliment everyday.
- **A MINT:** to remind you that you are worth a mint to your family & ME.
- **SOME BUBBLE GUM:** to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.
- **A PENCIL:** to remind you to list your blessings every day.
- **A TEA BAG:** to remind you to take time to relax daily and go over that list of God's blessings.

This is what makes life worth living every minute of every day.

Wishing you love, gratitude, friends to cherish, caring, sharing, laughter, music, and warm feelings in your heart in the 2010 year.

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