

*Fayette Community Church
Communicator*

June 2011

Ladies Event

The best part of
waking up ...

is

Jesus

in your life!



Saturday

June 11,

2011

5:30 p.m.

\$3.00

Come enjoy dinner, desserts & delightful drinks
and entertainment by "Three Redeemed" while relaxing in
a coffee-shop atmosphere.

(For ladies ages 13 and up; nursery will be provided for ages 4 and under.)

R.S.V.P. is appreciated by June 1st to Shelia at 563-428-4459.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

This month's Wesleyan Women meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 PM. All ladies (ages 18+) are welcome to come fellowship with the ladies of the church as well as enjoy a snack and short devotional (even if you have never attended Wesleyan Women before!) Bring any ideas for fun activities we can do following the meetings in the future!

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Kids' Club and Youth Bible Studies are now suspended for the summer.

Note: College & Career/Young Adults Bible Study will continue throughout the summer. This Bible Study for ages 18 to 35-ish is on Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. at James & Linda Tenney's house (105 North St, Fayette.) Come and enjoy food, Bible study, and fellowship!

OTHER NEWS & NOTES

C.M.B. & L.B.A.

The Christian Ministries Board will meet on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 PM followed by the Local Board of Administration at 7:00 PM.



Tuesday,
June 21st

Ministry Leaders: Don't forget to fill out your activity forms for activities, events & dates in July & August and give them to Kate by the deadline. Forms are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

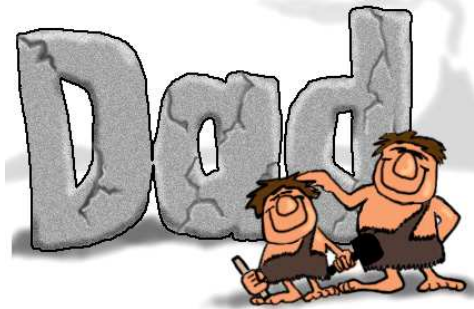
"SIN BUSTERS" YOUTH MINISTRIES

There will be two new devotional series starting this summer (one for Junior High Youth and one for Senior High.) Come to Youth Group on Sunday Nights at 5:30 PM to find out more, and invite your friends!

Please note: There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, June 5th or June 19th.

BIBLE QUIZZING HYMN SING

The quizzers invite everyone to a fellowship hymn sing on Monday, June 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served.



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad.

—Author Unknown

Happy Father's Day!

LET'S CAMP!

(IT'S NOT TOO LATE!)

YOUTH CAMP

2011

FAITH IN MOTION

Senior High: June 13-18

Junior High: June 20-25

KINETIC

OF OR RELATED TO THE MOTION OF MATERIAL BODIES
AND THE FORCES AND ENERGY ASSOCIATED THEREWITH



Junior High – completed grades 6-8
Senior High – completed grades 9-12

See Pastor Ray for registration forms or more
information or visit

<http://www.cedarspringscamp.com/#/campsretreats/youth-camp-2011>

REGISTRATION COST:

\$265 Standard Registration (after May 30)

\$285 At-the-Door Registration

JESUS POSSE

Are you down with the Posse?

Let us not neglect meeting
together as some people do but
encourage one another –

Hebrews 10:25

Kids Camp 2011

July 11-14

Completed Grades 2-5

See Pastor Tenney for registration forms or visit
<http://www.cedarspringscamp.com/#/campsretreats/kids-camp-2011>

REGISTRATION COST:

\$135 for 1st child in household

\$125 for 2nd child in household

\$115 for third or more in same
household

\$150 Late Registration

(for any registrations postmarked
after June 25th)

Mission News

“We look at the world and it seems to us that everything is being shaken. Everything seems to be teetering on the brink of disaster—and yet the undergirding news in Scripture is that we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken ... To engage in mission is to participate in the coming of the kingdom of God ... It becomes a joyous privilege and an adventure of passion and hope” –*Tim Dearborn*

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Week 1: May 29–June 4: Missionaries: Pray for our missionaries and Missionary Kids to be encouraged in knowing that Jesus remembers them in prayer and pleads for them. Pray that they would be one, just as God, the Father, and Jesus, God’s Son, are one so that the world would believe God sent Jesus (John 17:20-23; Romans 8:34.)

Week 2: June 5–11: Global Partners Pacific Area: Islam puts relentless pressure on Christians wherever it has control. Pray for Christians in the Pacific struggling under Islamic rule. Praise the Lord for the extraordinary church growth Wesleyans have seen in these areas. Pray for churches trying to evangelize where Islam dominates.

In many areas of the Pacific, tribal loyalties overflow into the function of the Church. Pray for believers to be made one, just as Jesus and the Father are one—first, Christian, then loyal to tribe and nation. Pray that the Father would give national church leaders and missionaries spiritual insight that transcends ethnocentric bias.

Week 3: June 12–18: Ecuador/El Salvador/Nicaragua: Pray that the Wesleyan ministries within these countries would continue to move forward with the message of the good news, meeting the needs of their congregations and communities.

Week 4: June 19–25: Caribbean General Conference/Philippines General Conference: Pray for God to give national church and conference leaders, local pastors, and congregations complete knowledge of His will, along with spiritual wisdom and understanding (Colossians 1:9 NLT.) Pray for their spiritual growth and their ability to teach, preach, disciple, and witness. Pray for revival to sweep across these island countries, bringing new life in Jesus. Pray for God to show the people His unfailing love and to grant them His salvation (Psalm 85:6-7.)

Week 5: June 26–July 2: Liberia/Malawi/ Nigeria/Sierra Leone: Pray that these countries would be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Pray that lives would be made new by the transforming power and grace of God. Pray for God to raise up more pastors and church leaders.

Matt & Crystal Blake, Europe: “Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support over this last year. As many of you know, we depend on faith promises and financial donations to be able to live and minister in Europe. ... We must be 100% funded in faith promises in order to come back to Czech. ... Please know that we pray for you and thank God for you. Your financial help and prayers are what encourage us! Thanks!”

“From May 5-8th, over 40 church leaders representing 8 European nations gathered together in Croatia. We want to say thank you to the many people who gave financially—\$3,454 came in to help some who wouldn’t have been able to come otherwise ... Our 4 days together allowed us to learn...and fellowship [together] in a way that we don’t often have the chance. We received some good teaching on the church and its mission. ... [and] how we can implement those truths here in our European context. And, we found great encouragement in being able to worship, pray, and even relax together.

One major goal of the conference was that these topics would go beyond just pastoral leadership to include other key leaders of our churches. We recognize...that expansion will come through people in our church who grow into a more active role in ministry. I was able to see significant steps in that direction ... Please pray that the steps taken at the conference would continue to be built upon within the local churches across Europe.

Matt & his brother, John, will be in Uganda, Africa from May 14-May 30 ... help[ing] with the ongoing development of national ministry teams. It will be a great way to expand and learn more about leadership development in a different area of the world.

Please pray for [me] Crystal as I head to Chambéry, France (June 7-12) to visit my friend Eva...She and I started reading the Bible last year, but had to stop due to her being busy. ... Please pray for intentional times for me to share about Jesus.

We have tickets to return! We will return to the USA (to Iowa) on June 30th and then will begin traveling soon afterwards. We’ll give you our schedule for traveling next month.”

Dennis & Mary Ann Barnett, Christian Student Fellowship: “Jesus gladly and willingly paid the price ... Heb.12:2 ‘...who for the JOY endured the cross...’ Love took Him to the cross, and love for you and me kept Him there. We in our weak flesh could not have done it—only JESUS. What compels me to love? King David said, “I cannot give to the Lord that which cost me nothing.” Love held Him to the cross for you and me.

Twice a semester we offer dinners with a distinction called *Dinner 'N Dialogue*. I have the privilege of organizing this event with my husband, Dennis...speaker, meal providers, dinner musicians, children’s program, emailing students, organizing rides, etc. These *D’nDs* are designed for building close relationships; we pray for honest seekers to attend who want to hear the truth, study, and go deeper with Christ. The first *D’nD* in January brought 62 attendees (12 children, 38 international students, and 12 Americans.) ... A number of those in attendance were from the Minnesota Agricultural School of Training (MAST). For many years I’ve prayed for open access to the MAST program. God has shown us favor through Perrier, an intern in that program who is part of CSF. Perrier is a brilliant Christian man of God with a passion for the lost. He told his non-believing professor (in the MAST program,) “I’m called of God to be an evangelist for Him. If God wills, I’ll be back!” Now, Perrier has been offered a position at the U once he completes his Ph.D., and the current department chair advertises CSF events on her blog! We serve an awesome God who delights in answering our prayers.

The last *D’nD* for this semester we had fewer students because many of the MAST students were on field assignments, but the Lord provided an excellent speaker and a good turnout: 21 internationals, 7 children, and five American students. We are ever thankful that we are a part of CSF, where students may hear the gospel, find free furniture, get help with their English, enjoy meals and fellowship, and grow in the Lord. Love compelled Christ to stay on the cross for you and me. Thank you for demonstrating your love for Jesus by being faithful prayer partners and financial givers.”

Passing the Baton: “That’s what we’d like to do over the next 2 years: pass the baton. Our passion for reaching the nations that have come to study at our doorstep has not diminished or changed in any aspect. It’s our energy level that’s changed. After an event we don’t bounce back very quickly...we believe in evangelism and discipleship...we organize many events, but it’s the follow-up that’s lacking. We need help. We need to pass the baton onto the next generation so the work can continue. We are looking for that person or couple to work alongside us in the coming year.

We don’t expect someone to do ministry just like us. We welcome new ideas, new energy. We need someone who shares the same DNA as we do—someone who sees the need and jumps in to meet that need without needing our approval or attendance. We need people we can trust who won’t force their testimony onto others, who will wait upon the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them. We need someone who’d be willing to be a friend. Will you join us in prayer for God to provide this person(s) to join CSF?

This month and part of next, we will take a sabbatical, starting in San Diego ... 40 years ago, Dennis began ministry there through the Wesleyan Church, as a campus pastor with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. ... Then we’ll be off to Queensland, Australia, where we planted churches more than 29 years ago! We look forward to reconnecting with believers [there] as we take part in their church services and ministry, and have a fantastic reunion. We’re so thankful the Lord has graciously provided this opportunity ... [and] for the blessing of the CSF board and the Living Spring’s Wesleyan Church board (where Dennis has served as part-time interim pastor.)”

Note: Dennis and Mary Ann will return to ministry at CSF later this summer as we prepare for another school year. Pray for God’s leading as we look for additional staff to work with and follow the Barnetts’ ministry.

Missions—what is it? Because Jesus healed the sick, we give so there are funds to provide clinics and hospitals and people to staff them. Because Jesus fed the hungry, we give so that others may have food and fresh water. When Jesus says in Matthew 25:31–46 that feeding the hungry and thirsty, tending the sick and imprisoned, welcoming the stranger, and clothing the naked are deeds done to Him, He challenges His followers to faithfulness. The “least” of Jesus’ sisters and brothers are men, women, youth, and children who do not have their basic needs. Mission gifts help to relieve the suffering and to improve the quality of life of these people. Because Jesus expressed love for children and because Jesus taught everyone who came to Him, funds are provided for daycare programs and community centers, schools and learning resources. Jesus told the lawyer that the first and second commandments are to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37–39.) Then He added a new commandment for His disciples to love each other (John 13:34–35.) This is the evidence of discipleship. As Jesus prayed that *the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them* (John 17:24–26,) we pray that the evidence of our discipleship is visible in our love for each other and for our neighbors around the world. Our response is mission giving to our missionaries as they are our hands & feet to those we can’t go to and giving to local causes.

Submitted by Joyce Duncklee