

Fayette Community Church
Communicator

September 2010

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LINEUP

KIDS CLUB: GRADES K-5

BLAST! GRADES 6-8 *(NEW!)*

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: GRADES 9-12

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

COLLEGE & CAREER BIBLE STUDY

6:00 PM at James and Linda Tenney's house

WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.
(STARTING SEPTEMBER 15TH)

Trustees & L.B.A.

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

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

On September 15th we will be starting anew the 6-week study called "The Perfect Blend"—a study on how to share your faith in everyday life. Those who have already been through this study have testified to its eye-opening effectiveness in helping Christians understand their role in evangelism and discipleship. Please contact Pastor Tenney if you are interested in joining!

Wesleyan Women

This month's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30 PM. (Please note: this is not the third week of the month, as usual.) Please contact Ellen Post for more information or if you have any questions.

Recipe Corner

Bacon-Wrapped Jalapeño Thingies

- 20 Whole Fresh Jalapeños, 2-3 Inches in Size
- 2 8-oz. Cubes Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 Lb. Thin (regular) Bacon, Sliced into Thirds

(If you have them, slip on some latex gloves!)

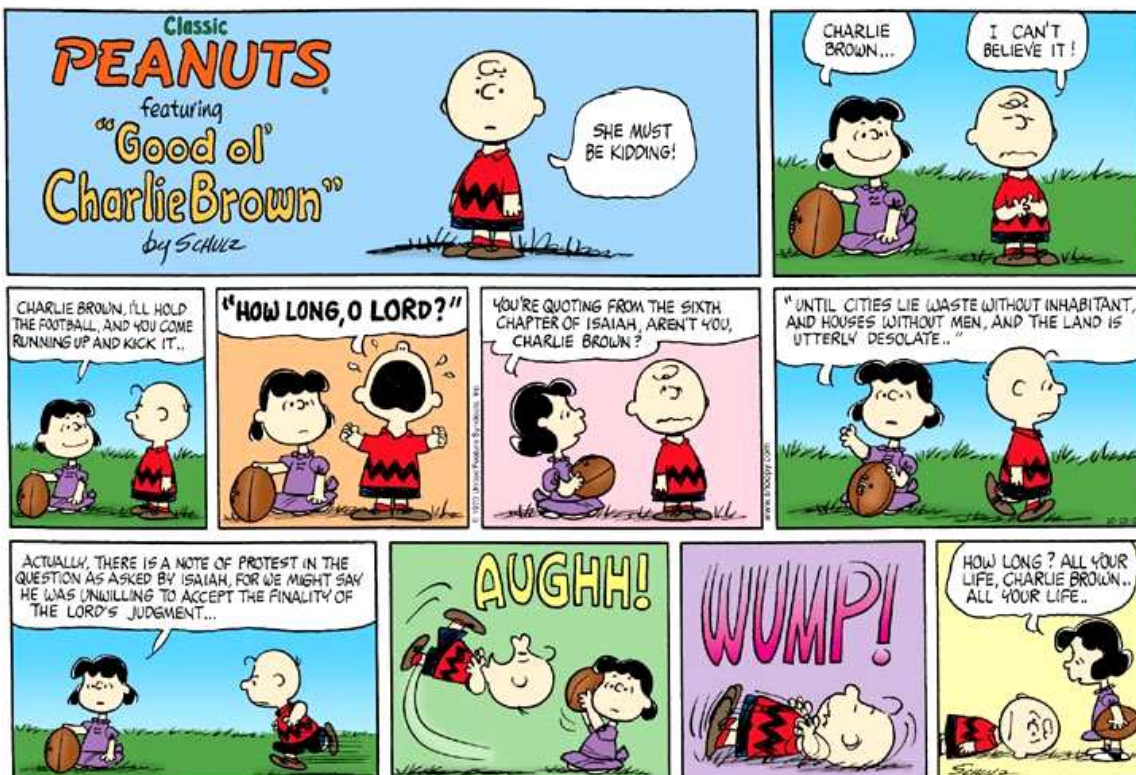
1. Cut jalapeños in half, length-wise. Remove the seeds and white membrane (the source of the heat; leave a little if you like things *HOT*.)
2. Smear plenty of cream cheese into each jalapeño half.
3. Wrap with bacon pieces (1/3 slice.)
4. Secure with a toothpick through the middle.

(At this point, you can freeze them, uncooked, for later use.)

5. Bake on a pan with a rack in a 375° oven for 20-25 minutes. (If, after 20 minutes, the bacon doesn't look brown enough, turn on the broiler for a couple of minutes to finish it off.)
6. Serve immediately, or they're also great at room temperature.

Submitted by Kate Adams
From "The Pioneer Woman" (Ree Drummond)
<http://thepioneerwoman.com/>

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please submit it to Kate Adams by placing it in her box at church or e-mailing it to her at kateadams@iowatelecom.net. (Recipes are shared when room allows.)



COMING SOON!

“Are You a Good Man, Charlie Brown?”

A worship series based on Charles Schulz' comic strip, **PEANUTS.**

From the Pastor's Pen

I would like to share with you a brief outline of the seven practices Andy Stanley discusses in his book, “7 Practices of Effective Ministry”—a book I have asked the LBA and Creative Team to read, as I believe it to be the best book I have found in my years as a pastor to help anyone build a truly effective church. (And if you have not already, I encourage all of you to find a copy of this book and read it as well.)

(The following is an excerpt from the book, pages 10-11.)

... So what are these seven practices?

1. *Clarify the Win.* It is impossible to know if you are making progress if you are not clear about your destination. This means examining each and every event and program and asking the question, When all is said and done, what is it we want to look back on and celebrate?
2. *Think Steps, Not Programs.* Your programs should take people somewhere, not simply fill up their time. Ask yourself, Where do we want our people to be? What do we want them to become? Is our programming designed to take them there?
3. *Narrow the Focus.* Focus is the key to achieving excellence and making an impact. Each ministry environment should be designed to do no more than one or two things well.
4. *Teach Less for More.* The less you say, the more you will communicate. You will be more effective at every level of your organization if you say only what you need to say to the people who need to hear it.
5. *Listen to Outsiders.* The needs and interests of insiders have a tendency to determine the agenda for the organization. This is especially true of the church. Focus your efforts on those you're trying to reach, rather than those you're trying to keep.
6. *Replace Yourself.* One day someone else will be doing what you are doing. Whether you have an exit strategy or not, ultimately, you *will* exit. So embrace the inevitable and prepare now for the future.
7. *Work On It.* To maintain your relevance, your sanity, and your effectiveness, you must carve out time in your schedule to step back and evaluate what you are doing and how you are doing it.

Notice something missing? Conspicuously absent here is any discussion about prayer, the Holy Spirit, and dependence upon God. Though absent from the book, these things are certainly not absent from the culture of North Point or from any healthy church.

In fact, the seven practices have proven an answer to our fervent prayers as we sought to create a church that reflects the mission of our Savior. ...

As your pastor, I too have spent countless hours in prayer, searching for a way for us to fulfill the Great Commission and become the Church God has designed us to be—one filled with people whose hearts are breaking for the lost, and who are actively trying to reach out beyond our walls and help others find Christ. I truly believe that by employing these practices, our church can—and will—accomplish great things for Christ!

See you in Church!

Pastor Tenney

Mission News

“Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, above all that we ask or think...Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!”

—Andrew Murray

Monthly Scripture Focus: “Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.” (*Mark 10:27 NLT*)

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Week 1: August 29 – September 4: Missionaries and MKs:

- Pray that our missionaries and MKs would hold on to the promise and be convinced in their souls that nothing “will be able to separate (them) from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38 NLT).
- Pray that they would remember and claim the promise that they “can do everything through Christ, who gives (them) strength.” (Philippians 4:13 NLT)

Week 2: September 5 – 11: Global Partners North American Campus Ministries:

- Pray that students on Wesleyan college and university campuses and Wesleyan students attending other colleges, universities, and seminaries would hear God’s call for workers to join in the harvest. Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare their hearts to be receptive to cross-cultural ministries. Pray for them to be faithful to God’s call upon their lives.

Week 3: September 12 – 18: Global Partners Asia Area:

- Pray for the international leaders and pastors, along with their spouses and children, of the Wesleyan churches across Asia. Pray for the Lord to supply their needs, to protect them from those who would cause them harm, and to provide them with good health and balanced family lives.
- Pray for the Wesleyan Bible Schools throughout Asia and the several hundred students that are being trained for ministerial work.

Week 4: September 19 – 25: Brazil/Colombia/Venezuela:

- Pray for Wesleyans in these countries to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel within their communities. Pray that they would also be “doers of the Word” (James 1:22) by reaching out to help those in need.

Week 5: September 26 – October 2: GP Caribe Atlantic Area:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit’s anointing upon local church pastors as they shepherd their congregations. Pray for the ongoing training seminars being offered to encourage and hone pastors in their ministries.
- Pray that God would raise up missionaries from the Caribe Atlantic area. Pray for God to increase the capacity of Caribe Atlantic local churches to mobilize and send missionaries into new fields.

World Hope International: Donor Impact 2009: September: Two powerful storms in successive weeks affected a reported 7 million and left more than 800 people dead in the Philippines. In response, WHI sent emergency relief to our partners in the country, who distributed the aid to those most in need. WHI provided food for victims and also contributed to the cleanup and restoration of several churches. WHI launched the response in partnership with The Wesleyan Church of North America and The Wesleyan Church of the Philippines. Upon receiving aid from WHI, one village mother from Luzon said, "...But God is wonderful and mighty because He assured us of His presence through friends like you."

October: With the help of WHI Anti-Trafficking staff, the government of Sierra Leone was able to successfully prosecute a case of human trafficking for just the third time in their history. A former social worker received a 22-year sentence after one of the girls he was holding captive escaped to a local police station. WHI staff facilitated the case against the man and worked to protect and care for the victims. In Cambodia, the 500th girl received care at WHI's Assessment Center, which cares for girl survivors of human trafficking and rape.

November: LEAP, WHI's microfinance institution in Liberia, has grown up fast. Since 2008, total clients have increased from 9,929 to 20,438 and LEAP's loan portfolio has increased from \$665,029 to \$1,172,498. It also drastically improved its performance and has even become profitable. LEAP already serves more clients than any other bank in the country (including commercial banks.)

December: WHI Launches Adelphé': The Adelphé' program is a partnership between women in the US and Cambodia for the purpose of fighting extreme poverty and sex trafficking through the promotion of sustainable community development. Adelphé' empowers women and their communities through providing access to the following services: Health, Agriculture, Education, Income Generating Activities and Village Leadership and Adelphé' sister capacity building.

Dennis & MaryAnn Barnett: "Thanks for your prayers and support! Our support has been amazingly consistent in spite of donors leaving this life. Other CSF support has declined. So there is now only one other full-time staff + us. Joy Carlson's joined us part time to help in support development. Pray we get up to speed telling about this ministry on Facebook, Twitter and other social media."

Butch & Trish Alexander: "A note full of THANKS for your support of our work in Haiti. We are settling into the new normal and doing well. Please continue to pray for the people here as hundreds upon hundreds are still homeless. It could take years for the government to make new homes happen here. God Bless!"

Haiti is no longer in the forefront of the media coverage but the misery goes on for millions. The Alexanders report that \$8000 of WISH (West Indies Self Help) quake relief funds transported 144,000 Meals Ready to Eat and 127,000 lbs. of beans, rice and oat-meal. WISH is also providing assistance for the workers to repair their homes, allowing those families to move back inside.

Wesleyan Native Ministries Prayer Requests: *Pray for open hearts and God's favor in the Native communities where we currently partner and where we hope to expand to. *Pray for a movement of greater partnership between Native and non-Native churches, pastors and leaders. *Pray for the healing of racism, which many Natives are faced with on a regular basis. *Pray for protection from spiritual warfare and personal attacks. *Pray for Native ministry leaders to have courage to preach, lead and love in the face of opposition. *Pray for wisdom and vision. *Pray that God continues to raise up Native leaders who will reach their people for Him. *Pray for funds we need to achieve our mission. Our ministry budget need this year is over \$500,000. *Pray that God would help us identify leaders in... Phoenix – 94,000 natives there, with only 10-12 churches reaching maybe 1500 people; Los Angeles – 200,000 Natives, with only 8 active churches reaching less than 2,000 people; Chicago – 50,000 natives, and no native church; Canada – Many major cities in Canada have large Native populations and few Native churches."

Submitted by Joyce Duncklee