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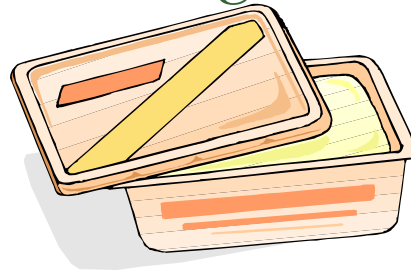
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A Lesson from a Margarine Tub

By: Pastor Will Hesterberg

When the world is drowning in one serious crisis after another, it may not seem like much to complain about, but sometimes I really get frustrated with margarine tubs. Let me explain.



When I eat popcorn, I want it buttered, I mean, really buttered. So as the popcorn is popping, I head to the refrigerator for the margarine (the cholesterol-lowering kind, of course) to drizzle on the hot, fluffy, white puffs. I know I probably should have gotten the margarine out first, but time is ticking. I open the refrigerator door and see a dozen yellow margarine tubs staring at me. What are the odds of finding the right tub the first time? I pry off the first lid and then another. Meanwhile, the microwave timer dings, and the popcorn begins cooling.

What is this stuff? Oh, yes, yesterday's oatmeal. Next, leftover green beans. I rip open the next tub – turkey and dressing from last November. Green stuff. At last, I find the creamy margarine and plop a blob on the popcorn. It just sits there! The popcorn is too cold to melt the margarine.

There is a lesson here! The label we see on the outside should be a good indication of what is inside. That applies both to margarine tubs and to people. If people label themselves "Christian", then the character

of Christ should also be on the inside. To wear Christ's name and yet take the path of sin, spiritual apathy, or unbelief simply does not fit. Such people are not what they claim to be; they provoke disappointment and cynicism

wherever they go. John, one of Jesus' disciples, said, "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did" (1 John 2:6).

Most Christians have momentary faith lapses. When we do walk away from Jesus, we can do several things to get back on the right path. The first is to admit to ourselves and to God that we have not been following Jesus. The second is to ask God's forgiveness and renewal. The third is to make use of the resources God offers that help us develop Christ-like character inside: resources like prayer, personal Bible reading and study, obedience to the Holy Spirit's directions when we read the Bible, living our faith in daily acts of kindness, worship, and involvement in God's family, the church. Being involved in a church enables fellow believers to "pry open the lid" of our lives to help us see whether the contents of our character match the claim of our words. They can encourage and lovingly challenge us to examine our hearts, attitudes, and actions. These all help us to be sure that the label "Christian" fits.



Concord Worship Service Attendance :

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April 19 - 146

April 26 - 148

May 3 - 136

May 10 - 143

May 17 - 165

New Harmony Worship Service Attendance :

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April 19 - 36

April 26 - 39

May 3 - 25

May 10 - 33

May 17 - 40

Adult Sunday School Class



Sensational Summer Sunday School Scoop

By: Doug Doyle

Listen up, all you super cool cats and chicks!! Concord's Sunday School is the groovy place to be this summer! We start off at 8:50 a.m., for our Stunning, Stupendous, Sunday School Starter Session. You never know what might happen during those first ten minutes. Don't miss out! Be there or be a rectangle with equal sides; I mean "Be there or be square!" After the Starter Session, we have classes for all grades.

There will be more surprises ALL SUMMER LONG! There's no need to wonder what you are gonna do, 'cause we've got the cure for the Summertime Blues! If you don't know what some of this stuff means, ask your parents. If they don't know, ask someone really old, like Pastor Will!



Summer's Coming; Are you Going?

By: Pastor Will Hesterberg

Are you attending our adult Sunday school classes this summer? Summer is not the time to miss Sunday classes, especially with the two classes we are offering this summer. One class will focus on personal finances and the other on worldviews.

The first class, "God's Money, Your Opportunity," certainly comes at an opportune time, considering our current economic environment. We will address strategies on how to eliminate and then stay out of debt, how to develop and stay on a budget, and how to understand and apply Biblical stewardship. During the classes, we will work on very practical concerns and discover what God has to say about money.

Jesus actually spoke more about using money than about most other issues while on earth. Money comprises a large part of our lives and pursuits. The way we use money reveals much about us: what we trust, what we value, and what we worship. Money can also become a great tool to serve God, to build His kingdom, to build our faith, and to tell about the God we trust.

Our second class, "Whirled Views or Worldviews?" will delve into how we look at our world. A worldview is a comprehensive, cohesive understanding of the world and our place in it. This worldview serves as a set of glasses through which we observe everything and then interpret what we see. It colors how we see everything – politics, economics, psychology, philosophy, the arts, etc. We all have a worldview, whether we realize it or not. Our worldview helps us answer the big questions, like "Who am I?", "Where am I?", "Why am I here?", "What is wrong with the world and with me?", "What is the remedy?".

The Christian worldview provides trifocals through which Christians look at creation, sin, and restoration to answer these essential questions. In this class, we will consider how Christians should think and see in these areas, as opposed to how non-Christians think and see. Our aim will be to discover how we can live and communicate with others at the crossroads where Christ/Christianity and culture meet.

So with summer coming, we hope you plan on being in Sunday school.

Summer Reading Recommendations

If you have ever wondered what the pastors are reading, or what they have recently read and recommend, then this article is just for you! I asked the pastors for their reading lists, and they provided me with several good choices:

From Pastor Darren:

1. ***Idols of the Heart: Learning to Long for God Alone*** by Elyse Fitzpatrick. This book demonstrates how "false gods" generate the garden variety sins of irritability, self-pity, escapism, and anxiety, as well as anger, despair, addictions, and panic. Fitzpatrick shows how Jesus Christ retakes our lives from these idols, setting up his reign over our attention, loyalty, and affections.

2. For guys - ***Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God*** by C.J. Mahaney. This has been one of the best books to help me learn how to renew and rekindle my affections for my wife by studying her and surprising her throughout the week.

3. ***Respectable Sins*** by Jerry Bridges. He writes, "The motivation for this book stems from a growing conviction that those of us whom I call conservative evangelicals may have become so preoccupied with some of the major sins of society around us that we have lost sight of the need to deal with our own more 'refined' or subtle sins."

4. ***Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*** by James L. Swanson. This was a book that from the very beginning was hard to put down.

5. ***John G. Paton: Missionary to the New Hebrides*** by John G. Paton. From his childhood he writes, "As we rose from our knees in family prayer, I used to look at the light on my father's face and wish I were like him in spirit, hoping that, in answer to his prayers, I might be privileged to carry the gospel to some portion of the heathen world." During his days living in the New Hebrides he tells of his un-

usual and fearful experiences. He writes, "Next day a wild chief followed me about four hours with his loaded musket, and, though often directed it towards me, God restrained his hand."

From Pastor Will:

1. ***The Prodigal God*** by Tim Keller, as I reviewed in an earlier Newsletter, focuses on the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and particularly on God, represented by the father in the parable. Keller plows new territory in that He looks at the fact that all of us, having left home with God, long for home again and find various substitutes for our true home. Keller also looks at what the elder son should have been like, namely Jesus, the true elder son who comes looking for us, the younger prodigals.

2. ***A Tale of Two Sons*** is John MacArthur's attempt at understanding the parable of the Prodigal Son. By now, you can see a theme in some of my reading, as I have become utterly fascinated by the depths of this parable. This is a "to read this summer" book for me. John MacArthur has always given very thoughtful studies from the Scriptures and largely from a reformed perspective, so I'm expecting this book to add to my understanding of the great parable.

3. ***The Good Life*** by Chuck Colson considers how we live our lives, what we pursue, and how we will answer the question Private Ryan tried to answer near the end of his life: "Did he live a worthwhile life considering the sacrifices of the men sent to save him in WW II." Colson chronicles how various people, some well-known and some not, have attempted to live "the good life." Using these examples Colson challenges us on how we define what is "the good life."

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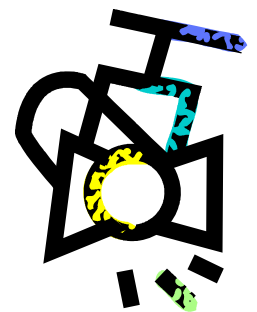
Children's Summer VBS Program at Concord:

Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - VBS

Hurry! Register today to save your spot! Pick up your registration form in the church lobby.



Summer Reading - (Con't from Page 3)

Fellowship & Ministry

Building & Grounds
C-Konrad Kloos 939-3156
C-Bud West 939-6857

Custodians
C-Marty & Karen Gleich
286-3892
C-Debbie Ripplinger
473-9376
NH - Abigail Miller
281-6788

Deacons
David Wetzel 939-3475

Fellowship Refreshments
NH-Nancy Nobbe
939-8058

Flowers (Sunday)
Marge Hansen 939-8543

Meals Coordinator
Rita Wetzel 939-3475

Missions
Ken Cooper 282-7781

New Harmony Ladies
Dayna Miller 281-6788

Nursing Home Services
David Wetzel 939-3475

Set-Up Coordinator
NH-Clyde Limestall
939-8164

Supper Club
Brenda Wetters 939-4830
Clif Asselmeier 281-4777

VBS Director
Kimberlee Doyle 939-5042

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4. ***Leadership for Women in the Church*** by Susan Hunt presents very insightful studies of a number of women in the Scriptures: Hannah, Ruth and Naomi, Esther, Priscilla, and Mary and Martha. Hunt uses their examples to show us the kind of character qualities that should be present in women who desire to lead by serving others. I heartily recommend this book to all our women in the church who long to find or to be godly women, and who want our women's ministry to really glorify God and serve our women.

5. ***The Faith: Given Once, For All*** is Chuck Colson's latest offering, coming out of his prison ministry work and observations of our cultural direction. Colson believes that most evangelical believers really do not understand Biblical doctrine and have little foundation for living and sharing their faith. Many Christians really do not know what they should believe or what Christians have always believed in the past. The subtitle of the book really captures the purpose of the book. "What Christians believe, why they believe it, and why it matters." I would challenge every person at Concord to read this book this summer. I know I will be reading this book this summer.

From Pastor Dawson:

The Ten Commandments a manual for the Christian Life by J. Douma, published by P&R press. This book digs into the Ten Commandments and shows their practicality for Christians today. It also gives principles for interpreting the laws in our modern society and circumstances. It is a relatively easy read with more in depth materials if you want to look deeper into the Word.

2. ***The Heart of Evangelism*** by Jerram Barrs, published by Crossway Books. This takes witnessing and presents it in a Biblical fashion. Since most meaningful inter-

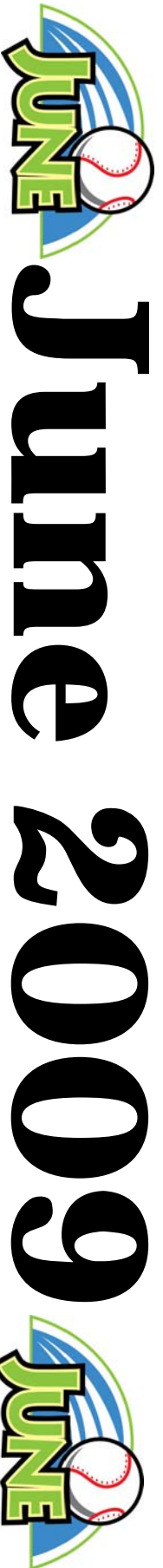
actions we have today are based upon relationships, why wouldn't the way we share our faith have the same emphasis? Barrs takes Paul's various presentations of the Gospel message through the book of Acts and shows the principles we can apply to our presentation. In his caring way, each reader can see the importance of caring and listening to present the good news of Christ to those about whom we care.

3. ***The Privileged Planet, how our place in the cosmos is designed for discovery*** by Guillermo Gonzalez and Jay W. Richards, published by Regnery Publishing, Inc. Has God shown himself to us in His creation? Is there evidence for earth having a privileged place in the universe? Gonzalez and Richards do a masterful job in making the complex understandable. This is a fascinating book that shows many ways in which earth is unique and well positioned for those on its surface to observe and explore the universe.

4. ***The Great Divorce*** by C.S. Lewis, published by Macmillan Publishing Company. It is a short book that describes the afterlife in a different way than we typically think of it. What is the nature of sin and what effects would it have on us if God's Grace did not mediate it among us?

5. ***This Present Darkness*** by Frank Peretti, published by Crossway Books. The world around us is filled with much more than we can typically see with our eyes, but that does not mean that we are by ourselves or are helpless. The prayerful battle of God's forces is a fascinating story. Ashton is just a typical small town. But when a skeptical reporter and a prayerful pastor begin to compare notes, they suddenly find themselves fighting a hideous New Age plot to subjugate the townspeople and, eventually, the entire human race.





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Annual Rpts Due Bridge 12:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study at Joni's 6:30 pm Deacons 7 pm	2	3 C-Choir 7:30 pm	4 Teen Girls' Bible Study at the Smiths 7 pm	5 Ladies' Bible Stdy at Cov. Br. 8:30 am Care Groups 6:30 pm Scrapbooking 7 pm	6 Music Team 8:30 am NH Steering Com. 10:30 am
7 Communion Deacons' Sunday Care Groups	8 Bridge 12:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study at Joni's 6:30 pm	9	10 Ladies' Bible Stdy @ Gruchalas 9am C-Choir 7:30 pm	11	12 Ladies' Bible Stdy at Cov. Br. 8:30 am	13 NH Ladies at Annbriar 8am Music Team 8:30 am Iowa Mission Trip
14 Iowa Mission Trip Garden Place 2pm	15 News Articles Due Iowa Mission Trip Ladies' Bible Study at Joni's 6:30 pm	16 Iowa Mission Trip General Assembly	17 Iowa Mission Trip General Assembly C-Choir 7:30 pm	18 Iowa Miss. Trip General Assembly Stephen Min. 7 pm Teen Girls Stdy 7 pm	19 Ladies' Bible Stdy at Cov. Br. 8:30 am Iowa Mission Trip General Assembly	20 Music Team 8:30 am Iowa Mission Trip
21 Father's Day Can Food Drive Care Groups	22 Ladies' Bible Study at Joni's 6:30 pm VBS 5 pm	23 VBS 5 pm	24 VBS 5 pm	25 VBS 5 pm	26 Ladies' Bible Stdy at Cov. Br. 8:30 am VBS 5 pm	27 Music Team 8:30 am
28 Fellowship Meal WTC meeting Oak Hill 2pm Col. Conv Ctr 3:30pm Care Groups	29 Ladies' Bible Study at Joni's 6:30 pm Session 7 pm	30		Sundays: Concord Sun. School: 9 am Worship: 9:55 am New Harmony Worship: 8:45 am Sun. School: 10:20 am		

Breaking the Idols of Your Heart

By: Dan B. Allender and Tremper Longman III

Reviewed By: C E & P Staff Contributor

Breaking the Idols of Your Heart is a unique approach to an important Bible book. We want to encourage our readers to read and study Ecclesiastes. It is a world and life view book that enables us to understand the importance of a biblically Reformed worldview and how to distinguish non-Christian thinking “under the sun,” to Christian thinking “above the sun.”

This book possesses high quality, depth, and practicality, as do Allender and Longman’s other writings. I am impressed with its sound biblical approach, its contemporary handling of Scripture, and its faithfulness in interpreting and applying the Word. Both writers have unusual insights into the postmodern mind because of their sound biblical and theological ability to bring the Scripture to bear on our setting.

Breaking the Idols of Your Heart has a message for each of the generations in our culture, but especially for the busters (and the younger boomers and older millennials who border each end of the buster generation). We have seen the younger generations, especially since the 1960s, chase one thing after another to try to bring meaning to very frustrated, confused, and lonely lives. They chase after power and control, but come up empty. They chase after relationships, but are not satisfied. They chase after pleasure, but find meaninglessness. They chase after spirituality (as the younger generation is definitely doing), and finally after immortality. The problem is that chasing after these things is like chasing after the wind. “Hey, that sounds familiar,” you say. Indeed, it is the message of Ecclesiastes.

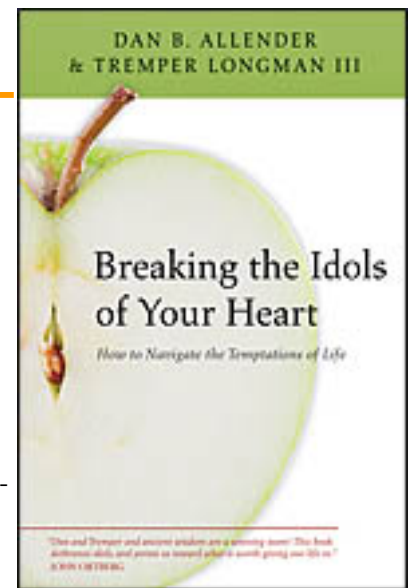
Breaking the Idols of Your Heart is actually a topical study of Ecclesiastes set in a contemporary narrative. Noah Adamson, the main character, is a young businessman who is chasing after the wrong things to find meaning and to deal with problems that have followed him into adulthood. His wife, Joan, while more passive, is also searching for meaning. Though they profess to be Christians, their lives are generally empty because they are pursuing things that cannot fulfill.

Through each episode in the book, the reader will identify with the feelings and experiences of the characters.

Like Acts 17 in the New Testament, Ecclesiastes is one of the most contemporary books in the Bible. Pagans are not the only ones who seek meaning through vain pursuits; Christians fall into the same trap. We chase after relationships and find that, while we are relational, relationships wrongly sought after leave us empty. God intends us to exercise self-control, but trying to be in total control doesn’t satisfy either. He made us to work, but work motivated by envy becomes an idol and also leaves us unfulfilled. The message of Ecclesiastes, illustrated so powerfully in this book, speaks to good and necessary things in life that can actually cause us deep emptiness and meaninglessness when we elevate them above their rightful place. Today, few people—even Christians—understand how to keep things in their rightful place.

Breaking the Idols of Your Heart helps us see that if we replace God’s purpose with any other purpose, we will not be satisfied. The only way to experience meaning and fulfillment is to seek a life with God through Jesus Christ at the center. The message of Ecclesiastes and, consequently, *Breaking the Idols of Your Heart* is that we can live “under the sun” with a sinfully short-sighted perspective, or we can live “above the sun” and see how God is the answer to all that we long for in life. This book reminds us of the reality that St. Augustine expressed: our hearts are restless until they find rest in God. I am intrigued by the authors’ development of that message and challenged to work out a strategy to teach this to rising generations.

Buy, read, discuss, and teach this book. Follow carefully the development of a Christian mind with a world and life view perspective, and you will be blessed far beyond your expectations.



Happy Father's Day!
Sunday, June 21, 2009



The Balance of Power

By: Pastor Dawson Miller

This past week I received a humorous e-mail asking the question, "How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?" Using the personalities of various breeds, the writer shows how some dogs work together; others want to do anything but change a bulb. We often wonder how many of us will it take to have the impact to bring a Biblical perspective back to our neighborhood and to our community?

In Judges 7, we find that Gideon has been called by God to defeat the enemies of Israel, the Midianites. He gathers 32,000 fighting men and begins to prepare them for battle. But God stops him and says, "You have too many men... In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her, announce now to the people, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" Imagine any U.S. commander giving the order to men who were going into combat that anyone who was afraid could leave. Twenty-two thousand left, leaving Gideon with 10,000 men, a precarious predicament.

But God was not done; He spoke to Gideon again and said, "There are still too many men." If he were hoping to defeat the Midianites by shock and awe, 10,000 men would probably not be enough by Gideon's standards, but he was faithful to God's di-

rection. Gideon obeyed God and took his men down to the water and told them to get a drink. The ones who lifted the water to their mouths were told to go home; only the ones who lapped the water like dogs were kept in this fighting force. All in all, Gideon began with 32,000 men and ended this process with a whopping 300.

As the story continues, the battle was an utter romp, because God defeated the Midianites, using those 300 men in His plan. Paul tells the church in Corinth, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us" (II Cor. 5: 20a). God does not need our assistance, but He chooses to use us and give us a part in His victorious plan.

For Gideon, his men blew trumpets and smashed jars and held torches. That is not earth-shaking work, but those 300 men were faithful in their task. When Paul tells the church in Corinth to be ambassadors, he continues by saying that they were to strive to be reconciled to God. This is a summary statement of living the Gospel. We live in such a way that the Gospel is evident in our lives, showing how we love one another, how we love our community, and how we love our neighborhood.

How many people does it take to change the world?



Monthly Fellowship Meal

Our monthly Fellowship Meal is normally scheduled for the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

However, during June and July, our fellowship meal will take place on the fourth Sunday. The June Fellowship Meal will be Sunday, June 28. All are welcome!

We ask that families provide two dishes, and singles provide one dish. Since we have limited oven space, please bring your dish baked/cooked and ready to be put into the warming oven. Also, please label your dish as to contents and add any instructions that the kitchen crew might need to serve the dish. This is very helpful when there are many dishes to get ready.

Clean-up duties are rotated each month among our fold groups.

Getting to Know Shirley Badger

By: Donna Maguire



Although born in Wheelwright, Kentucky, Shirley Badger is more of a Detroit, Michigan, product. She was four when her family moved there, so her father could work for Chrysler Corporation. They eventually moved to Warren, Michigan, where Shirley attended high school and then the Detroit Business College. She worked for Sherwin Williams in Michigan for ten years. Future work included a position as executive assistant to the vice president of engineering of a heating and air-conditioning firm in St. Louis, where she worked for fifteen years, before retiring in 1985.

Michigan is also where she met her future husband, Oliver Badger, a native of West Tennessee. One of his brothers lived on her street in Michigan, and Oliver was there one summer, working to earn money to attend the University of Tennessee as a pre-med student. They were married in 1960, but Oliver was soon drafted, so they moved to Fort Knox, Kentucky, living there for the two and a half years of his service. Their daughter Dawn was born during this time.

After her husband's discharge, Michigan again became their home. They lived in Detroit for a couple of years, while he worked for the Hooker Chemical Company. Shirley and family moved to Waterloo in 1964, as Oliver had family in the area, and he was employed by the Brown Shoe Company. In the late 1980s, Shirley and her husband lived in Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee, for four years, involved in the motel business. She continued to live there for one year, following his death in 1994, eventually selling her house and returning to Waterloo in 1995.

Shirley was raised attending a Bible Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. She was baptized at the age of eighteen. In her early years in Waterloo, Shirley served as Choir Director at the Waterloo Baptist Church for several years. During part of their time in Tennessee, they attended a PCA church, which she liked. She began attending Concord Presbyterian Church in 1978 and returned to it in 1995.

Although Shirley has not traveled to Belize, she has sponsored two children from Belize who were in need of surgical attention: Roseanne, ten, who lived with her for a year, and Sergio, seven. Both children were placed with her through the Belize Crippled Children Organization and Rotary International. She cared for them in her home, took them to Shriners Hospital, and kept in contact with their parents. She plans to sponsor another child in June.

Shirley is a person of wide interests and hobbies. In high school, she played softball and basketball, and enjoyed roller skating. During those years, she competed in the Michigan State Speed Skating Competition, winning two medals. She fished nearly everyday she lived in West Tennessee. She has traveled to Germany twice, to the Panama Canal, to Alaska on a cruise, and to Canada to ice skate. Every year, she visits relatives in Michigan. She enjoys music, plays the piano and organ, and sings in the choir, often as a soloist. She is into gardening and landscaping. She may have retired from business in 1985, but she has not retired from living her life well, for herself and for others.

Bottle Drive Reminder

During the months of June, July, and August: Pick up an empty bottle at Concord and return it, filled with loose change. Families, please encourage your children to donate loose change and fill up their baby bottle for the Life Network Bottle Drive. This is a great Summer Missions Project!



Annual Meeting Reminder

Concord and New Harmony's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Concord. We ask that all members attend.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to discuss the annual reports, receive an update from the Session concerning Concord and New Harmony, hear of plans for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, discuss the new budget, and elect officers.

Please save the date and plan to attend.



Baby Needs Drive Reminder

Don't forget to drop off baby items at Concord during the month of June. In honor of Father's Day, we are collecting items to donate to Life Network. The following are items they especially need:

- #4 and #5 Diapers
- #2 and #3 Baby Food
- Toddler Foods
- Baby Formula (Enfamil Lipel w/iron)
- Exer-Saucer
- Crib Sheets
- Hooded Towels
- Dreft

Thank you for your generosity!

Concord/New Harmony April Financials

General Fund Receipts: **\$21,130**

(Concord: **\$18,177** New Harmony: **\$3,953**)

Weekly Average: **\$5,532**

Expenditures: **\$24,365**

Receipts needed wkly for 08/09 Budget: **\$6,213**

YTD Receipts (General Fund): **\$240,383**

YTD Expenses (General Fund): **\$241,489**

2008/2009 Budget (ending 6/30) : **\$323,120**



Our Two Locations

Please worship with us at one of our two locations:

Waterloo - Concord

338 Covington Drive, Waterloo

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Columbia - New Harmony

Sunday Worship at the Monroe County YMCA
(Located on Rt. 3 between Waterloo & Columbia)
Worship: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:20 a.m.

Our New Harmony Ministry Center is located at:
207 North Main Street, Suite 106, Columbia

Family Fun For June

By: Jenny Bullock

Summer is finally here, school is out, and the kids are ready for the blissful summer months of sleeping in, hanging out with friends, and staying up late! Sadly for us parents, we continue to have the same schedule that we have all year long, making summertime a bit less magical for us. So, how do we add special activities into our family schedule without taking a three-month vacation from work? I think it can be accomplished with some good old-fashioned family teamwork and cooperation!

For example, since school is out, children have three months of freedom from school-work and tests, providing them with more time to help with household tasks, yet impacting their overall schedule very little. If Mom and Dad have less on their plate, then our time and energy is available for other activities. Everyone wins! So, kids, before the universal groan escapes your lips, just remember that Mom might be more willing to take you and your friends to the mall Friday night if you have taken time during the week to help with laundry, dust the furniture, and vacuum the floors. And, you will have learned a valuable life lesson in the process – the art of negotiation.

The following are several tips for your family to enjoy:

Do not over-schedule your summer!

This is so easy for all of us to do. Make sure you leave the majority of days open and let your kids enjoy the slower pace. Give them the chance to be creative with their time – you may be pleasantly surprised by their developments.

Family Meeting – Gather the children around the dinner table and ask for their input on what they would like to do this summer. Try to get them to think beyond “sleeping in” or “watching TV”. Be sure to write down their ideas and give them consideration when making summer plans. In addition to the fun items on their list, also ask them what they would like to learn this



summer.

You will probably be met with puzzled expressions, and, when that happens, be sure to throw out a few examples: learn about a different country and/or language, study a period of time in history, memorize specific Bible verses, perform a scientific experiment, improve their math or reading comprehension, practice their musical instrument, etc.

Special Parent-Child Day – This is especially important for families with several children. Set aside one day for each child to spend individually with his/her parents. Talk to him/her ahead of time to find out what he/she would like to do on this special day and if reasonable, do it! Take some time and plan ahead. This can be a special memory for the children and a great opportunity for some wonderful communication.

Impromptu Picnic – Throw dinner in a picnic basket, grab the kids, and head to your favorite park one week-night. Enjoy the peacefulness (leave the cell phone at home)!

Enjoy a parade – Not many communities throw a parade on a Tuesday night in June – but that is exactly what happens on the third Tuesday in June in Waterloo! The Porta Wesfalica Parade is scheduled for June 16 – take along chairs or a blanket and some goody bags for the kids to catch their summer supply of candy!

Old-Fashioned Pen-Pal – Encourage your children to take up writing to a far-away relative. Have them write letters that actually require an envelope, stamp, and mailing address. Most children enjoy receiving mail – this is their chance to also send it. You can make this a family letter by having all family members add on a paragraph or two about themselves. It is a great way to connect with a distant relative while also improving language skills.

Ice Cream? – Yes, ice cream always makes the list of fun things to do together!

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281-4882

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Announcements

C-Erin Stumpf 281-4364
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Pray for our Iowa Mission Team

Please be in prayer for our Iowa Mission Team: Konrad Kloos, Jeremy Boxdorfer, Adam Fox, Clyde Limestall, Jayne Spearing, and Jon Stitzel.

The team will be traveling to the Cedar Rapids, Iowa area, June 13 - June 20 to perform construction work and other tasks as needed to minister to those who received severe flood damage to their homes last year.



June Schedules

Children's Church - Concord

- June 7 - Ginny & Ben Bennett
- June 14 - Jenny Bullock & Katie Wilson
- June 21 - Dana Kiphart & Kaila Badger
- June 28 - Dawn & Kylie Sweatt

Nursery - Concord

- June 7 - Verna & Abbie Hopkins, Shawna Jones
- June 14 - Dawn & Kylie Sweatt, Beth Bicklein
- June 21 - Tammy & Emma Eustis, Kim Strellis
- June 28 - Nel Saul, Margie Hansen, Melissa Allen

Refreshments - New Harmony

- June 7 - Nancy Nobbe
- June 14 - Carole Harres
- June 21 - Sue Meppiel
- June 28 - New Harmony Ladies

Greeters - Concord

- June 7 - Lorraine & Mark McConkey
- June 14 - Marcy Meyer & Margie Hansen
- June 21 - David & Rita Wetzel
- June 28 - Joy Schewe & Joe Ripplinger

Greeters - New Harmony

- June 7 - Cort & Becca Hubbard
- June 14 - Dayna & Abigail Miller
- June 21 - Nancy Nobbe & Clif Asselmeier
- June 28 - To Be Determined

Fellowship Meal Clean-up:

- June 28 - Steve Glynn's & Ron Schewe's fold groups

Floor Waxing Team:

- June (downstairs) - Dennis Bullock & Jon Stitzel

Deacon of the Month:

- Kent Nurnberger



Congratulations! to Mandy Rehfeldt, daughter of Mark and Mary. Mandy recently graduated from nursing school.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays:

- 1 – Tyler Spearing Sr
- 2 – Jason Williams
- 5 – Alexis Hicks, Emily Hopkins, Christine Miller
- 6 – Abigail Miller
- 7 – Daniel Bicklein
- 8 – Laura Mueller
- 10 – Anita Dennison
- 12 – Adam Sweatt
- 13 - Lindsay Espenschied
- 21 – Katy Bennett, Corina Vogt
- 22 – Betty Dietz
- 26 – Danny Boxdorfer, Brittani Cygan
- 27 – Sue Goodnick
- 28 – Darren Smith
- 29 – Brenda Wetters

June Anniversaries:

- 1 - Konrad & Joan Kloos,
Darren & Gretchen Smith,
Tyler & Paula Spearing
- 7 - Tim & Donna Maguire
- 14 - Mark & Shawna Jones
- 21 - Ken & Camille Cooper
- 25 - Floyd & Loty Jones
- 28 - Doug & Kimberlee Doyle

