

The Newsletter

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A new small group is getting ready to gear up and this one's a specialty group. It's a Men's group that will begin meeting on Sept. 11, 2010 at 9am. We will gather for our first meeting at the First Watch at 80 W. Kemper Road, Springdale, OH 45246 in the Princeton Plaza (west of Tri-County Mall). There will be a sign up sheet on the office window so we know how many to expect. We look forward to seeing everyone there

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.We serve at **CHOSEN** this month on August 11th and 12th. Please check the sign up sheet to see how you can serve. Thanks!

Misc. News

Yard Sale Success . . . What a great success our Annual Yard Sale was this year. We raised over \$2,100 for Saint Rafael's Medical Mission. This means folks who don't have the resources for Dr. visits and medicine can now receive health care treatment. This means hope!

Plus! The things that were left over from the Yard Sale will be used to help furnish St. Rafael's and will be sold in their Thrift store (or if the persons needing the items can't afford them, they will be given to them.

Thanks to all who donated item, made food, and worked especially, the coordinator, Lynn Adams. Lynn has a passion for this ministry and works tirelessly to make sure this Yard Sale is a great success.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY . . . has begun a study of the Book of Revelations during the Sunday Morning Small Group Bible Study. "If you're afraid of the "Book of Revelation" come to our Bible Study and learn why you shouldn't be. Come to Bible Study Small Group and find out how God ended His book, "The Bible." The study began a couple of weeks ago, but it's not too late to join in.

DIACONATE SERVING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST . . . Jeri Pendergest, Frankie Ittel, *Debbie Ittel, Tad Adams, Tonya Storck, Terri Cox. *captain for the month.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . Congratulations to the newly weds, Jana Brown and Mike Mullins who were united in marriage in Gatlinburg on July 31st. Another service was conducted at the West Chester Medical Center for Jana's parents and aunt who could not make it to Gatlinburg. Best wishes to the happy couple!

AS I SAW IT...

For a few days, this old mouse was in heaven! One day I discovered the Fellowship Hall completely filled with stuff. Now you may wonder why I was in heaven with all the stuff; because the stuff provided me thousands of hiding places to watch you humans at work. And WOW! what an amazing amount of work you did, not for yourselves, but for others. I've heard good things about this St. Rafael's place and I've heard good things about how much you raised for their Medical Ministry.

I even heard that your human pastor took the lock off his wallet and spent some money because his wife told him to.

Speaking of your human preacher did you hear he got lost on top of a mountain in Gatlinburg in the dark. Here's a word of advice . . . leave earlier!

You will notice a change in the look of the newsletter. Your human pastor's new computer cannot be changed to use the old format. The new computer cannot add a customized printing format, so we're trying this new template. There will probably be some glitches in this new look (like the line running through this post that we haven't been able to remove.)

Until next month, Freddy



JOHN'S JOTS

Donald Miller's book, "A Million Miles in a Thousand Years", is an interesting story of Miller's life. He talks a lot about his story and the idea of our own story. He tells about the Voice that comes to him and offers him suggestions about how his story should go. He confesses that if he had just listened to the Voice his story would be better.

Of course, the Voice he's talking about is God's voice. Miller admits to having many occasions where he heard God's voice and decided, for one reason or another, not to follow it. He says that in

hindsight, he realises now, that it would have led him to a better story and a better life.

We all can identify with him, can't we. We've all had times when we've heard God's voice telling us to do something and we didn't do it. We will hear the voice and toss it aside, thinking that it really wasn't God's voice we were hearing, it was our own projections.

The only thing I can do about those missed opportunities is confess them and repent of them. One amazing thing to God is that when God comes back and whispers to us (that's how Miller describes God's voice, as a whisper), we can be ready to act in faith and trust. Easy? No, but by acting our faith is enlarged and our relationship with God is deepened.

Is God whispering to you right now? What is God's saying to you? How are you going to respond?

Shalom,

Pastor John

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lois Johnson – Shut In

Kim Vangen – rehabbing her new hip.

Vada Lee Accirido – Lois Johnson's sister-in-law, has cancer.

Hershel Estridge – Lois Johnson's cousin, dealing with health issues.

Lynn and Tad Adam's Grandmother -- ill at her home.

Ron Hurst – dealing with kidney issues.

Chosen-Prayers for the will of God in the lives of the staff and guests.

Those who lives have been affected by job loss and financial uncertainty.

Gene Thomas – in West Chester Medical Center.

BIRTHDAYS --- AUGUST

Lois Hill	3
Lucy Carey	10
Danny Vangen	17
Ray Scheffler	18
Myrna Caudill	24
Jon Moxley	27
Jeri Pendergest	31

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