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ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other
times by appointment

Office Hours:
M-F, 9a-2p

Wasting Life

There was something different about Morris Siegel, a street person — in Los Angeles, California. On the surface he seemed like your average Los Angeles street person—roaming about in dark alleys, sleeping out of doors, carrying everything he owned in an old shopping cart. And he died the way one expects a street person to die; he was found in an alley, dead of natural causes, heart trouble perhaps.

Something about him was different, though. Maybe it was his three bank accounts containing a total of \$207,421.00.

In 1979, Morris' father died and left him the money. When Morris did not claim it, the Division of Unclaimed Property tracked him down, and his family forced him to accept it. He did not show up at the ceremony when the cash was awarded. He took enough of the money to buy an old car, where he slept in bad weather. Relatives rented him an apartment; he never went there. He died December 14, 1989, with three dollars in his pocket and an untouched fortune in the bank.

Sound Crazy? Well, figure this one out:

A couple of thousand years ago, our heavenly Father ratified His will and left all of His children eternal wealth—life, peace, victory. To this day, many have not claimed the windfall, and some have refused to spend any of it. Lost people shuffle down blind alleys of an empty existence, facing hell for eternity and ignore the salvation promised in Christ. Many Christians are content to live isolated, unproductive lives on this earth, when they have the riches of heaven at their disposal (2 Corinthians 8:9). Trading eternal life for a perishing earth sounds as crazy as Morris (Matthew 16:26).

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Bible Class Promotion

Most of the kids have started school; however we will not promote our kids to the next grade level in our Bible Classes until September when the new quarter begins. Please make sure your children are attending the appropriate class.



Welcome

A genuine and hearty welcome to each of you. Worship is beneficial as we follow the teaching found in I Timothy 4:7-8. “Train yourself in godliness; for...godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.” Godliness is an eternal value.

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time and please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 and under available each Sunday morning. Jama Sottong will be available to care for your children this morning.

Bible Hour, a worship service designed for children ages 3-4th grade and taught on their level, is also available. Children will be dismissed after the Lord’s Supper Observance.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

-The Elders

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Joe Wolf

Song Service led by: Jim Morris

Prayer: Bill Etchison

2– We Praise Thee, O God

15-Step By Step

549– There is Sunshine in My Soul

Contribution

379-If That Isn’t Love

The Lord’s Supper

1st Prayer– Ed Boles

2nd Prayer—Richard Shelton

535-The Glory-Land Way
(Children dismissed to classes)

412-Jesus, Hold My Hand

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 13:14-20
Barry King

Congregation: Psalms 118:24
*“This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

525-He Knows Just What I Need

Announcements: Gary Meeker

414-Anywhere with Jesus

Prayer: Jay Allison

The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes

Questions & Bible Answers



Sunday Morning Sermon: Wisdom Regarding Friendship

Text: Proverbs 13:14-20 14) The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death. 15) Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard. 16) Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a fool exposes his folly. 17) A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy brings healing. 18) He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored. 19) A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil. 20) He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

I. The Value Of Friends

A. A source of comfort

B. A source of good counsel

II. The Choice Of Friends

A. Friends you do not want

B. Friends you do want

III. Maintaining Friendships

A. Things which disrupt friendships

B. Solving problems with our friends

Sunday Evening Sermon:

Faith in A Furnace

Text: Daniel 3:1-30

I. The Command Of The King

- A. The golden idol
- B. The pressure generated by the command
- C. Peer pressure

II. Faith Declared

- A. The charges
- B. Is it true?
- C. The magnitude of their faith

III. Faith Tested

- A. Stoking the fire
- B. The testing of our faith

IV. Faith Victorious

- A. The miracle
- B. Our reward



Before the Father's Throne:

Thelma Smith is in Manor Care, room 118.

Margie Newby, works with **Patsy Smith and Jim Harrison** at Target, is at IU Med Center on ventilator/medication to help with infections, conditions stemming from 3 gastric ulcers. She has a long recovery ahead of her.

Jim Harrison also asks for prayers for **Jeff & Pina Jacoby**, who recently suffered the loss of an unborn son (still birth after 7 mos. along). This would have been their first child.

Bob Moorman's father, **Robert**, is still in Lutheran Memorial Hospital at Ft. Wayne. He has improved slightly. He is still struggling with heart problems but kidneys are now working.

Jean Kendall has had a set back in regards to her congestive heart failure.

Bessie Coppock is in St. John's Hospital, room 604.

Ron Johnson did not have foot surgery last Thursday, it has been rescheduled for a later date. He will be having another heart catheterization on Tuesday.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mattye Gum

OUR HOMEBOUND: Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

OUR NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins, Robbie Dickerson

Manor Care: Selbert & Jewell Braden, Charlie Callendar

Community Parkview, Elwood: Albert Burton

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: LaTheda Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown: Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson, Bessie Coppock

Rawlins House, Pendleton: Betty Wunder

Summitville Convalescent Center: Lola Conner

Bethany Point Health Campus: Jean Kendall

OUR MISSION WORKERS: Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

Woody & Grace Woodcox know of a family who is in need of 2 baby cribs and a house to rent. Please let them know if you can help or may know of someone who can.

"If things are tough, remember that every flower that ever bloomed had to go through a whole lot of dirt to get there."
-Barbara Johnson, author



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Today VBS Review Meeting, 4:45 pm

Today– Tues. Meadowbrook's Golden Anniversary Celebration

Aug. 29 Grades 3-6 Monthly Get Together

Aug. 29 Grades 7-12 Monthly Get Together

Aug. 30 Secret Sister Party, 4:00 pm

Aug. 30 Evening Worship Service led by our young men

50 Years and Looking to the Future

The Meadowbrook congregation is celebrating their Golden Anniversary this week with a Gospel Meeting. We have been invited to celebrate this joyous occasion with them! Jim Harrison, Mike Moss, John Reed and Jim Flowers will be speaking. More info is posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.



VBS Meeting

There will be Review Meeting Sunday at 4:45 pm to discuss what went well with our last VBS and what needs work for next year's VBS. All who were involved are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Secret Sister Party

It is almost time to reveal your secret identity! Those in the Secret Sister Program will meet on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 pm. Please bring a final gift for your secret sister. If you are not currently involved and want to be, bring a small anonymous gift. If you would like to bring

an afternoon snack in to share, you are welcome to.

We will be drawing names for the next term. If you have questions, see Lorna.



Youth News

GRADES 3-6 will meet at the Allison's (5066 Perry Ave., Anderson) for snacks and games on Saturday, August 29, from 2 to 4 pm. *(If rain is predicted we will meet at the church building).*

GRADES 7-12 will meet at the Shelton's (2537 S. 300 E., Anderson) on Saturday, August 29, from 7-9 pm for a bonfire.

Ryan will have some other things planned too!

SIGN UP ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.



Teacher Needed

We still need of a teacher for the Grades 7-9 Wednesday night class. If you can help, please see Richard Shelton.

Ladies Retreat



Ladies, mark you calendars and save the date: September 18-19. Sheila Butt will be the quest speaker. She is the author of Seeking Spiritual Beauty, the book currently being studied in the Ladies Class. We encourage all women to attend. Please RSVP by September 9th.

Happy Birthday to:

Bob Hathcoat.....TODAY!
Dale Wiles.....TODAY!
Verla Wright.....TODAY!
Jerry Gaw.....Aug. 25
Vickie Smith.....Aug. 25
Shirley Allison.....Aug. 25
Jewell Braden.....Aug. 26
Jane Keevin.....Aug. 26
Ashley Reed.....Aug. 28
Gary Zachary.....Aug. 29

Happy Anniversary to:

Barry & Becky King.....Aug. 24
Leon & Marjorie Hollingsworth...
.....Aug. 29

Your Help is Needed

Freedom from Hunger
Bibles for China
Change for Children
Medicine Bottles for Africa

It's in the Valleys I Grow

*Sometimes life seems hard to bear,
Full of sorrow, trouble and woe
It's then I have to remember
That it's in the valleys I grow.*

*If I always stayed on the mountain top
And never experienced pain,
I would never appreciate God's love
And would be living in vain.*

*I have so much to learn
And my growth is very slow,
Sometimes I need the mountain tops,
But it's in the valleys I grow.*

*I do not always understand
Why things happen as they do,
But I am very sure of one thing
My Lord will see me through.*

*My little valleys are nothings
When I picture Christ on the cross
He went through the valley of death;
His victory was Satan's loss.*

*Forgive me Lord, for complaining
When I'm feeling so very low.
Just give me a gentle reminder
That it's in the valleys I grow.*

*Continue to strengthen me, Lord
And use my life each day
To share your love with others
And help them find their way.*

*Thank you for valleys, Lord
For this one thing I know
The mountain tops are glorious
But it's in the valleys I grow!*

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: April Mattox
MIDDLE: David Archer
NORTH: Dale Wiles

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Donovan Archer

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jama Sottong

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Jay Allison
OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Wash
LESSON: Gary Meeker
CLOSING PRAYER: Dan Smith

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- AUGUST 30, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Annie Lippman
MIDDLE: Bob Moorman
NORTH: Drew Smith

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Ryan Cox

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Harrison **P.M.** Ryan Cox

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Jim Watters
2ND PRAYER: Dan Smith

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Kevin Wash
ALTERNATE: Austin Hawkins

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Dave Parson
A.M. CLOSING: Jim Morris
P.M. OPENING: Gary Meeker
P.M. CLOSING: Jim Harrison

NURSERY ATTENDANT: DeAnna Flowers

WEDNESDAY EVENING- AUGUST 26, 2009

SONG LEADER: Ryan Cox
DEVOTIONAL: Bob Moorman
CLOSING PRAYER: Philip Johnson

Goals & Achievements

Attendance

	<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday Bible Class	92
Sunday A.M. Worship	187
Sunday P.M. Worship	115
Wednesday Evening	120

Gifts & Offerings

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,716.78	\$3,953.16	+ \$236.38

AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Bill Etchison	B.R. Hathcoat	Ben Wade
Justin Mattox	Mike Wade	Larry Brown

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

COMMUNION: Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary Meeker

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:

Ages 3-5: Charlotte Meeker & Judy Lippman

Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander	378-6420
Robert Allison, Sr.	534-3569
Barry King	778-4624
Gary Meeker	778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker	778-2868
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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox	643-5152
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SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles	644-5387
EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton	378-3945
FACILITIES, Ray Smith	649-7279
FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson	378-7179
FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith	642-4819
HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges	649-5143
INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison	642-8668
MISSIONS, Jay Allison	649-5607
SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner	642-6991
SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding	724-9428
WORSHIP, Jim Morris	534-4448