

The Weekly

Big Timber Evangelical Church

Sunday, February 21, 2010

This Week At A Glance:

Monday, February 22, 2010

Women's Bible Study

- 9:30 - 11:30 am downstairs in Sun. school area

Women's Intercessory Prayer Group

- 4:00 pm in the conference room

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Men's Breakfast

- 7:00 - 8:00 am at Country Skillet Restaurant

Annual Meeting

- 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Women's Bible Study

- 9:30 am at the church; childcare is provided.
- Questions? Call Terry Stensaas: 932-4139

encounter Student Ministries

- 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the church

Choir Practice

- 6:30 pm at the church

Friday, February 26, 2010

PMC Pie Social

- 3:00 pm at the PMC

Saturday, February 27, 2010

The Leadership Challenge

- 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 22	Josh Fjare
Feb 23	Cienna Fossum & Jeff Fremont
Feb 24	Brycen Lehman Orlando & Kim Chavez (A)
Feb 26	Don & Sheena Bray (A)
Feb 27	Mitch Goedell & Carrie Lahmen

In the Nursery

Today: Julie Terland & Rhonda Groff
Next Week: Kim Winters

The Silence that Stifles True Happiness

Psalm 32



THE PEACEMAKING CHURCH

Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 pm we will have our Annual Meeting for the church to discuss the happenings of the past year as well as vote and approve the budget and leadership of the church for 2010. Join us for this important meeting in the life of our church!

Also pick up a copy of the 2009 Annual Report in the foyer to look over before the Annual Meeting. (One per household, please.)



Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of our church or wanting to know about our church? Membership Class provides information about the vision, values, history and doctrine of the church. We are tentatively scheduling



Membership Class on Tuesday nights, March 16 & 23 at 7:00 pm. Typically it takes two nights to get through the material. If you are interested in participating in the Membership Class, sign up on the list by the secretary's window.

Thank You for Your Support

Thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Banquet last Friday night! The student going on the Philippines Mission Trip enjoyed serving you and providing a great evening for those who attended. Thank you for helping them raise about \$1000 toward their trip in June.



PMC Pie Social

Our church has been asked to coordinate the PMC Pie Social on Friday, Feb. 26. If you would like to make a pie (no cream pies), contact Louise Dribnenki at 932-4127.

The Peacemaking Church Recap

Making Peace through a Prompt "You" Turn

Our natural reaction to conflict is to blame others and focus on their wrongs! It's been the human predicament since Adam and Eve. When God entered the garden looking for Adam he was nowhere to be found. Only after God went looking did Adam say, "I hid from you because I was naked." God knew. He knew Adam's knowledge of sin now affected their relationship. Adam blamed Eve... "The woman you put me here with made me do it." Eve blamed the serpent. Neither one of them took personal responsibility for their actions. And ever since then the Garden of Eden is replayed in every heart on a daily basis. Every one blames something or someone else for their problems and their sin and since that day there has been cascading conflict in our world.

The pervasive tendency to blame others for conflict is so natural that we don't even have to teach it to our children. As soon as they can mouth the simplest words, they begin to shift the focus from their own wrongs to others, "He took my toy!" "She hit me." "He did it too!"

Here are some things to think about when it comes to conflict:

1. **Our natural reaction in conflict is the blame others and focus on their wrongs.**
2. **The blame game always makes conflict worse.** Accusation often escalates conflict.
3. **You can change the course of a conflict through a prompt "U" (You) Turn.** Instead of indulging in the habit of blaming others or emphasizing other's sins, first Jesus teaches us to carefully look in the mirror as the first step toward peace and reconciliation. He encourages us to "confess" the planks in our own eye so that we can then see clearly to help others see how they have sinned or contributed to conflict. We are to model confession before we seek confession.
4. **Genuine reconciliation and lasting change requires a transformed heart.** When God saves us he gives us a new heart that enables us to repent from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. This transformation of heart is both an event and a process. The event triggers a life-long process in which the Holy Spirit slowly and steadily transforms our hearts and minds so we can put off evil desires and behaviors in order to please God (Rom. 12:1-2, Eph. 4:22-24). As he exposed our sinful desires to us, we can then confess them and seek his forgiveness and ask him to help us find contentment and security in Him alone.

The next step then is to confess the ways that we sin against those around us, particularly when we have been a contributor to conflict. This requires soul searching. It requires a deep look into the desires that rule our hearts, such as greed, control, envy, and selfishness.

Now our natural inclination is to run away from conflict or engage it in ungodly ways (fighting, murder). Jesus has opened up a different way. By his grace we can make a humble "you turn" through looking deep within, acknowledging sinful desires, confessing the "logs" and being set free from the blame game.

This then, will set our feet on the path of peace, reconciliation, and lasting change.

encounter Student Ministries



Upcoming Events:

Feb 24: encounter

Mar 3: connexions

Be praying for the Encounter Student Ministries as they are in the midst of a series called "Life Hurts, God Heals." All of us have hurts, especially students, that need to be healed. Pray for the students and youth leaders as they unpack hurts in order to allow God to heal.

Prayer Requests



Please be praying for the following prayer requests:

- *Sheena Bray* is undergoing chemo and radiation treatment everyday for the next six weeks.
- *Bob Green* had a small heart attack this week. Pray for his recovery and for Barbara.
- *Danielle Mullens* is having test to determine what is causing her to have double vision. Pray for wisdom for the doctors to figure out what is going on.

Summer Camp

As snow blankets the ground, summer seems a long way away. However, summer will be here before you know it! **Make plans now for your family and children to spend time this summer at Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch.** Brochures are available in the church foyer detailing all the camps this summer and their costs. The church provides half scholarships for all children attending camp. Contact the church office to receive a voucher for a camp scholarship. Registration for all camps takes place online. Register soon and save money on camp this summer!

- Jr. High & High School Super Summer (1 week together)
 - July 12 - 17: \$215 until March 15th
 - register early as space is limited to 275 students
- Junior Camp (entering grades 4, 5, & 6)
 - June 28 - July 3 & July 26 - July 31
 - \$200 until March 15th



Missing Coffee Mugs



The Fellowship Committee who is in charge of Sunday morning fellowship is on the look out for missing white coffee mugs that have disappeared from the church kitchen. If you find them or borrowed them for an event, please return them to the church. Thank you!

Save the Date & Your Treasures

The students going to the Philippines in June for a mission trip will be having a garage sale on May 15th to raise money for their trip. Please be thinking of items you could donate to the garage sale. Unfortunately we cannot accept donations until we are closer to that date, but save the date and your treasures to donate!