

The Weekly

Big Timber Evangelical Church

Sunday, February 28, 2010

This Week At A Glance:

Monday, March 1, 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, March 2, 2010

Men's Breakfast

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

Trustees Meeting

- 1:00 pm in the Conference Room

Wednesday, March 3, 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

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Communications Team Meeting

- 4:30 pm in the Conference Room

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Mar 1 | Amy Krum, Alice Rasnick
Haley Anderson, Brian & Misti Kober (A) |
| Mar 2 | Amp (Esp) Corbin, Mary Hathaway |
| Mar 3 | Nathan Baker |
| Mar 5 | John Moreland, Emily Schuman
Tom & Donna Smith (A) |
| Mar 6 | Melissa Anderson |

In the Nursery

Today: Kim Winters
Next Week: Judy Young

Criticism and the Cross



THE PEACEMAKING CHURCH

Focus on Marriage Conference



On Saturday, March 27, our church will be hosting **Focus on Family's Focus on Marriage Conference** which is designed to empower you and your spouse to stay faithful, committed and encouraged in your marriage. With Focus on Marriage, you will receive wisdom, encouragement and knowledge from leading marriage teachers such as Gary Thomas, Kirk Cameron, Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott, Francis Chan and Dr. Gary Chapman, all of whom have a passion for seeing marriages thrive – specifically yours! **Due to a generous gift, the conference is free to every couple who desires to attend. Don't miss this great opportunity to grow together as a couple! Sign up today in the foyer.**

Butter Braid Fundraiser



To raise money for their mission trip, the students traveling to the Philippines are selling **Butter Braid Pastries**, a light, flaky, frozen pastry that is hand-braided and comes in a variety of delicious flavors. The Butter Braids cost \$12 and will serve 11 people. Butter Braids are a great breakfast idea for Easter morning. Orders must be received before March 14. To order, find students during fellowship time or talk to Pastor Michael or Liz.

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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. **Membership Class is scheduled for Tuesday nights, March 16 & 23 at 7:00 pm.** If you are interested in participating in the Membership Class, sign up on the list by the secretary's window.



The Peacemaking Church Recap

The Silence that Stifles True Happiness

Resolved: to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness in the other world as I possibly can, with all the power, might, vigor, and vehemence, yea, violence, I am capable of, or can bring myself to exert, in any way that can be thought of." Jonathan Edwards (Resolution 22)

What exactly is happiness? What does it consist of? Does happiness come from an internal disposition or from an outward source? Does being happy consist of having money and things? Or is it something else or from somewhere else that happiness comes?

For Jonathan Edward happiness was something to strive for and to fully obtain, not necessarily just in this world, but in the pursuit of God and the knowledge that there is more to life than just this world with all of its trappings.

What Jonathan Edwards called happiness is what the Bible renders "blessed," which King David literally calls "happineses." The term is plural and points to the abundant, overflowing grace that God showers on those who love him. Scripture tells us that this grace is nothing less than the gift of faith that comes from repentance from sin. And the end result of grace leads to Christ likeness. Grace transforms us to be like Christ – and ultimately that is where happiness is.

What is the source of True Happiness? Where does it come from? King David gives us some hints in Psalm 32:1-2 which says, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit." Another way to say it is, "Oh, the true happiness of the one whose sins are being forgiven, whose sins are being covered. O the true happinesses of a man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

So what does this tell us about happiness? It gives us some indication of where true happiness lays.

1. True happiness is forgiveness for transgressions.
2. True happiness comes from having our sin covered.
3. True happiness consists of the Lord not counting our sins against us.
4. True happiness is the possession of the confessing Christian.

David tells us that hidden sin actually robs us of happiness. He goes on to pray, in verses 3 and 4 "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer."

So what do we do? Well, thank God for making us aware of our sin. This is what we call conviction, for without conviction of sin, we would never move to confession of sin. So it is that God convicts, and we confess. What follows though is forgiveness (the full measure of happiness)!

What is the best kind of sin? O.K., remember this because this is the only kind of sin that you want to keep, if you have to! What is the best kind of sin? FORGIVEN SIN.... Now that's happiness!

encounter Student Ministries



Upcoming Events:

Mar 3: encounter

Mar 10: 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* recovering from open heart surgery.
- *Norris Johnson* who has colon cancer and has had complications with surgery trying to remove the cancer. Pray for healing and peace.
- *Nolan Powell*: pray for Nolan to regain full movement in his right leg and arm.

Summer Camp

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



Update on Greg & Barb Hutchins



Greg and Barb Hutchins are serving with WYWAM in Thailand and just released a newsletter about their ministry and happenings which is available in the foyer. We want to encourage you to keep Greg and Barb in your prayers as they serve there. We also want to invite you to participate in a little surprise being planned for Greg at the end of March. Greg's birthday is coming and he has been desiring a new Macbook Pro to aid him in the ministry. He and Barb currently share a laptop, which is becoming increasingly difficult because of Greg's leadership responsibilities. If you would like to make a gift toward a birthday gift/ministry tool for Greg, you can make out a check to the church and write computer in the memo area. We will try to purchase it and get it to him by his birthday!