

The Weekly

Big Timber Evangelical Church

Sunday, July 25, 2010

This Week At A Glance:

Today

Marathon Men's Ministry
• 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Men's Prayer Breakfast
• 7:00 am at Country Skillet Restaurant

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Student Game Night
• 7:00 pm at the park

Thursday, July 29, 2010

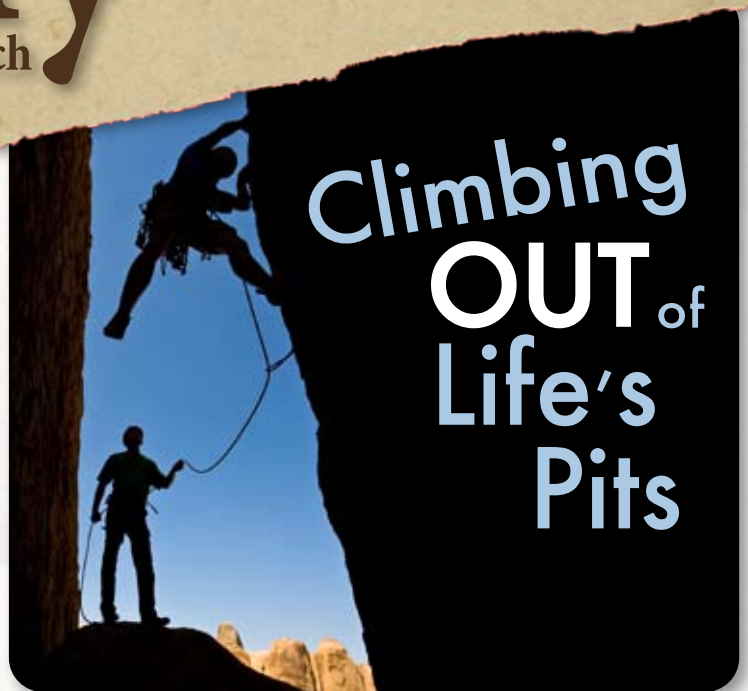
Bebo Norman Concert
• 7:00 pm at Faith E in Billings

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 25 Barbara Green, Yancy Terland
July 26 Marlena Ferguson
July 27 Carol Morris
July 28 Terry Stensaas
July 29 Shawna Plaggemeyer
July 30 Jeff Boe
July 31 Onna Stene

In the Nursery

This Week: Doug & Janine Ensign
Next Week: Karen Dribnenki



Bebo Norman Concert

Bebo Norman will be in concert at Faith E in Billings on Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from the concert benefit Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch. Pre-purchasing tickets is encouraged as seating is limited. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased online at bmcrcministries.org.



Baptisms

Have you been baptized? After a person puts their faith in Christ the next step is baptism. Baptism represents two things. It represents the washing away of sin from our lives. It also represents the death of our old selves apart from Christ and the new birth that occurs when we put our faith



in Christ. **If you are interested in being baptized and want to know more about it, please talk to Pastor Bryan. We are going to celebrate baptisms on Sunday, August 15th at the Otter Creek fishing access, following the second service.**

Super Summer

46 young people responded to the Gospel at Super Summer, 91 recommitted to life as a Christ Follower, and may more were encouraged to go deeper in their walk with Christ... now the fun work of following up with them and continuing the journey! We want to encourage you to pray for the students who attended Super Sumer. Pray for God's protection as they seek to FOLLOW HIM! Also pray that the things God did during Super Summer will carry on in the lives of students!



Climbing Out of Life's Pits

One of the things that we have to realize in life is that just because we are followers of God, doesn't mean everything will always go our way. Sometimes it will even seem like everything is actually going the opposite way.

Remember Joseph? For years most things went wrong in his life. He was hated by his brothers, sold into slavery, just after ascending to a position of leadership in Potiphar's house he was falsely accused of rape and imprisoned. He spent years in prison and was forgotten by family and friends alike. And only after being forgotten by everyone did a forgetful friend remember him and recommend his services to the king whereupon he ascended into the highest leadership position in the land and was used to save all of Egypt and his own family.

But even more so think about Jesus. Upon being baptized the Spirit of God descends like a dove on Jesus a voice from heaven proclaims "This is my son whom I love; with him I am well pleased." What happens next?

Jesus is driven into the desert and tempted by the devil. Later he meets resistance from religious leaders and sometimes from his own disciples

So what does all this mean? I think it means this...

- 1. We have an enemy who is bent on discouraging and destroying us.** Revelation 12:10 says, "The accuser of the brethren... accuses us night and day." In 1 Peter 5:8-9, Peter says, "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings."
- 2. In addition, people will often resist us; sometimes those people will be the same people who should be on our side.** Job 19:19 says, "All my intimate friends detest me, those I love have turned against me."
- 3. We have a sin nature which also works against us to keep us from experience God's forgiveness and doing his will.** This is why Peter also says 1 Peter 2:11-12, "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

So what do we do? More than anything else, we have to remember that "if God is for us who can be against us!" We also have to remember that persistence is the way to deal with resistance and persistence always pays off.

1. We are to be persistent in faith.
2. We are to persist in obedience to God and his Word.
3. We are to keep our eyes on Jesus.

"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood." Hebrews 12:3-4

Now go out and fight the good fight, run the race for which God calls us heavenward!



**Game Night @ the Park every Wednesday
@ 7:00 pm throughout the summer for students
7th - 12th grade.**

Current Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for David Paul Hathaway. Pray for full healing and wisdom for the doctors in figuring out what when wrong.
- Pray for Nolan Powell as he continues chemo treatment and recovers from hernia surgery.
- Continue praying for Kam Arneson as she fights cancer.

Secret Sister

If you signed up for the Secret Sister program, please remember to do something special for your secret sister.

The commitment was to do something special for your secret sister once a month. This does not have to be something big, but just a note of encouragement or a small gift letting your secret sister know that you are thinking of them. The Secret Sister program is designed to encourage each other, so please encourage your Secret Sister! Check the table in the foyer for Secret Sister gifts.



India (Getting Prepared)

We are preparing for our first exploratory trip to India.

Pastor Bryan and Jay Pravecek sent off their visa applications this week and are now in the process of getting ready for this trip. The tentative dates are Monday, October 4th through Thursday, October 14th. Now the hard work of prayer, preparation, raising funds, and working with Pastor Samuel.

Please keep Bryan and Jay in your prayers as well as the trip and future work we may do with Pastor Samuel in India.

They will be visiting two orphanages which we began sponsoring last Christmas and working with Pastor Samuel on encouraging outreach and evangelism in India. They will also have the opportunity to encourage pastors working in India.



Camp on the Boulder

Kent and Jenny Chittenden would like to extend an invitation to everyone to join them Sunday nights at Camp on Boulder through August 15.

Cookout begins at 5:30 pm followed by Praise service at 7 pm. These services will be lead by the Camp on the Boulder Ministry team including Carson Burkholder, Kallie, Jacob and Kevin Chittenden.

