

Brady's "Squared-Off-Edge-of-the-Paper" Honduras 2010

It never ceases to amaze me how much Satan tries to stop God's advances. Our Honduras group experienced everything from lost luggage to exploding cars. It's like Satan was there at every turn pulling everything he had out of his bag of nasty tricks. Discouragement, division and deception are all a part of his résumé and were all felt on this trip. When Peter describes him as "a prowling lion looking for someone to devour," he was dead on accurate.

But you know, he wouldn't have been using any of those tricks if he weren't scared of us.

Say whatever you want about him but Satan is not an idiot. He knows a threat when he sees one. And although 21 people going down to Honduras on their own doesn't amount to squat, when they're so wonderfully backed by a loving home congregation and more importantly by the God of all creation, Satan starts to sweat.

This past week hundreds of people were fed, hundreds were giving medical attention, and right now there are two families who are for the first time living in their own house. Despite all the things that Satan threw at us, through the efforts of the group who went, through the support of our loving congregation, and above all through God's powerful action, lives were changed for Him and doors were opened that will provide opportunities for years to come.

"Resist the devil and he will FLEE from you." -James 4:7

Sermon Notes "Back To School: Some Advice" Lesson #2

I. Scripture Reading Today: Micah 6:6-8.

- A. A True Story to begin our lesson.
- B. God expects us to be kind.
- C. The Bible is filled with random acts of kindness. For Example: (Ruth; Jonathan, David, The Woman from Shunem; Jesus Christ,)
- D. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:31f. (Crestos and Charizomai)

II. Let me tell you the story about a 17 year old boy (Genesis 37-50)

III. Three Lessons For Us Today:

1. When I realize I am not in God's P_____ the desire for revenge fades away.
2. When I acknowledge God's Sovereign H_____ in all that has happened to me. . .
3. When I am truly free of bitterness and r_____ there is plenty of room in my heart for . . .



When John Pfifer walked to his car at the YMCA in Waukesa, WI in July, he never expected to find something for him on his windshield. What he found was a note written by a child with \$1 attached to it. The note read, "this dollar I made doing my chores and I wanted to do something special with it, so I am giving it to you. My name is Joshua and I am 7 years old.

Upon reading the note, John took it into the YMCA and donate the \$1, along with \$10 of his own to the YMCA Strong Kid Campaign. Then at a fundraiser, he told the story, and checks of donations started pouring in. The \$1 he found turned into \$3000 and it was all because of Joshua's idea to pay it forward. The problem was no one knew who the child was.

No one until Mary Steigher, Joshua' kindergarten teacher, came into the picture. She saw the note, recognized the handwriting, and called Joshua's mother, who brought him back to the YMCA to meet John.

7 year old Joshua Thorson shared with John how he came up with the idea. He said after cleaning up his playroom, his mom suggested he put his dollar allowance on someone's car, so they went on a bike ride to the YMCA. The lesson was to do something nice and kind without any expectations. "Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder..." Prov 3:3

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 15th | Fellowship Group Meetings |
| August 18th | Farewell to the Currys |
| August 21st | Senior Saints Pasta Supper |
| August 22nd | 4th Sunday Special Programs |
| August 25th | Wed. Eve. Packing backpacks |
| September 6th | Labor Day Picnic @JB Williams Park in Glastonbury. |
| September 12th | Fellowship groups |
| September 19th | Congregational Potluck |
| September 26th | Leadership Mtg @ 4:30PM |

AREA EVENTS*

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| Sept. 3rd. | Single Retreat @Timothy Hill Camp |
| Sept. 3-6th | Gander Brook Christian Family Encampment |
| Sept. 16-18th | Gander Brook Ladies Retreat |
| Sept 23-25th | Gander Brook Men's Retreat |

* See the bulletin board for more information

Welcome To Our Worship

If you are visiting with us today, you are our special guest. We ask that you fill out the PRAYER REQUEST CARD in the packet you received as you entered and please drop it in the collection plate. We hope that you are encouraged and grow closer to God as a result of being here today.

Church Address:
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Assembly Times

Sunday:
Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.*
Wednesday: Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m.
*Small groups at homes 3rd Sunday eve.

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PRAYER LIST

Our Manchester Family

- **Becky Todd** (waiting for heart transplant).
- **Eleanor Arey**-improved and home (She & Ken have moved to White Oaks Retirement Village)
- Anne Rideout-Improved-in Meadow Brook Nursing Home

Family & Friends

- **Don Bennett** - Northside Minister-(cancer)
- **Chris Kelley**-Jean's son (serious condition)
- **Trudy Wright**-Marsha Adams mother (cancer)
- **Helen Chase**-Mike's mother (critical condition receiving Chemo).
- **Family members** who lost loved ones in the shooting in Manchester this past week.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Jean Kelley reports that her son, Chris (whom we have been praying for) was baptized on Thursday.

Those Traveling

- ◆ **Pat & Beth Courtney & family**-Cape Cod
- ◆ **Leroy Washington**-Georgia
- ◆ **The Rohans**-New Hampshire

Those looking for employment:

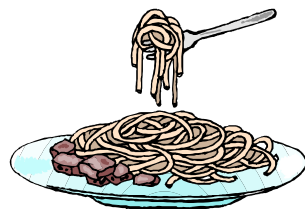
- **Richard Chang.**

In Sympathy

- ◆ **Martiza Barta**-her sister passed away in Guatemala.

To The Parents of 1st-5th Grades

August 21st is our pasta dinner for the Senior Saints. If your child will be able to participate in this event and you haven't contacted Sharon Costa yet, please do so ASAP.



Special request of all members:

If you have photos of church members or church activities over the last 48 years, please bring them to **Janet or Phil Stice** at church, or send them electronically to pcstice@cox.net. They will be scanned and returned to you, and then later used for a 50th anniversary presentation.

WEEKLY RECORD 8/08/2010

Bible Class	167
Morning Worship	250
Evening Worship	89
Wednesday Evening	95
Offering to God	\$6,519.57

Sunday September 5th starts the New Adult Bible Class Year

New books and class room assignments will be available August 22nd. If you have not been participating in these wonderful classes, this would be a great opportunity to join in. If your name does not appear on the new roster, please feel free to join any class or see Jim Lietz for an assignment.

September 26th has been designated as the Sunday to take pictures for the directory. If you have joined this congregation within the last year and have not had your picture taken, please make an effort to take advantage of this make-up day. Dick Courtney will be in the first classroom on the right immediately after worship. If you have any question see Dick.

Jim & Jodi Dean will be leaving for Haiti on 9/4/10 to help build furnishings for an outreach center. The organization they are working with (*hope for haiti's children*) is looking for donations of new twin sheets (fitted bottom & flat). If you would like to send a set of sheets to Haiti, please give them to Jim or Jodi by Sunday, August 29th.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Song Leader— *Phil Stice*

Prayer—*George Caruthers*

Communion Thought — *Gerry Rucker*

Lord's Table

Offering

Scripture— *Micah 6:6-8*

Sermon "Back to School: Some Advice" #2
"Loving Kindness"

Announcements— *Arnie Holmes*

Closing Prayer— *Mike Chase*

Children's Bible Time —*Becky Chapa/*
Megan Bouffard

Toddler's Bible Time— *Paula F./Angelique M.*

Evening Lesson: *Fellowship Groups/*
Communion served @ building 6:00PM

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◆ **Ladies Mark your calendar for Sun Aug 29th for a Wedding Shower for Marla D'Amato.** It will be after A.M services in the fellowship hall. Marla and David are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Sign up sheets on table. Any questions email Christi Garcia. (christilgarcia@hotmail.com) or call her at home.
- ◆ **Anne Rideout** spent a few days at UCONN Medical Center with pneumonia and is now at Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Granby, 350 Salmon Brook. Phone 653-9888. She will be there for a couple weeks. Keep them in your prayers.
- ◆ If you come to the building and open it up please be sure to lock all doors and check them. Some of the front doors get stuck on the bottom and do not catch. Sunday when the building was opened, both front doors were not locked. If you are the last to leave please check the doors!.

ANTHONY'S CORNER

It is obvious that our bodies were not created with the intention of going full force 24/7, the need for rest was created in us by an all wise God who Himself rested after He created the world (see Genesis 2:1-3). With that in mind, we are aware of the fact that even Jesus made time to rest even in the midst of a busy schedule of preaching, healing, and otherwise instructing those apostles who would carry on His work after He went back to heaven. Here in the midst of a time of year when many of us take some time out from our usual schedules, we find as we search the scriptures, Jesus doing the same. Soon after hearing of the death of John the Baptist and in the midst of what must have been a very intense level of ministry to others, we find Jesus telling His apostles to, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Considering the fact that they were all so busy that they did not even have time to eat, no one had to tell these apostles twice, so they got in a boat and got away until they were discovered again by those they had been serving. Considering the fact that there was more work to do later on, it was a good thing that they were able to get some rest if only for a little while.

Many are the preachers and teachers who have likened the Christian race to a marathon. Such a characterization is clearly scriptural (see Hebrews 12:1). That being the case, we must allow ourselves those "times of refreshing" where not only is the body renewed, but the soul is nourished as well as we reflect and meditate upon the words of the Lord, as we rededicate ourselves to the building up of His kingdom. To be burned out is to be rendered useless to the Lord or anyone else for that matter. It is always good and profitable to find that place where we can rest as we allow the Lord to renew our strength so that we may continue to serve Him.

September 19th, Dr. David Burks, President of Harding University will be our guest speaker, followed by a Congregational Potluck.