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Ron's Corner

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Greetings,

I am always happy to share some thoughts in the Maranatha newsletter. I am privileged and very thankful to God for the opportunity. And now that I have mentioned thankfulness let me give you some helpful advice. The advice I am about to give, if followed, will have a MAJOR impact on you today and upon every day for the rest of your lives! That sounds like a bold statement now, doesn't it? OK—are you ready for it? Ready or not, here it comes. Live a thankful life, rejoicing in the Lord and thanking and blessing Him for who He is and for ALL the circumstances He has allowed in your life! There! Now I've said it! What do you think? Well, regardless of what you think, if you follow the teaching of the Bible and you live a daily, minute by minute, praise filled life, it will indeed affect you in a GREAT way every day, all day for the glory of God. I had breakfast today with a friend and the waitress was very good. She took my empty plate, she refilled my coffee, she took my order and I noticed how often I said "thank you" to her. Her response was always, "Your welcome". I am not trying to toot my own horn, but I realized that life is so much greater when we have thankful hearts. I am not always thankful. But when I am, everything is better. My whole being is changed simply by changing my perspective of life by being grateful to God. Now this concept is certainly not mine. It is peppered throughout the life changing Scriptures. You read it all through the Old and New Testaments. One of many, many places is in 1 Chronicles chapter 29. "Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; "Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name". God LOVES praise! You see it in 2 Chronicles chapter 20, "And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of ..." You will notice here that the people praised God in spite of very difficult circumstances and BEFORE the victory. Here is another thought: The victories of life come AFTER we express praise and worship to God. Praise sets us free! Can somebody shout: "Glory to God"! It makes me want to get ahootin' and ahollerin! OK—back to my opening thought: I want to give you some advice that will change your day and your life! Do it and it will! God says so!

Until next time,
 Pastor Ron

P.S.-If you have never received Jesus Christ by faith do so today. Start the fall off right. He loves you and died to pay the penalty for your sins, was buried and miraculously rose from the dead and is a living Savior. Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved".

Home School Mom's Advance

October 30-31, 2009

Arrive: Friday, 7:00 pm after supper

Depart: Saturday 6pm after supper or extend your stay*

Speakers: Jana Strong, Susanah Dundore, & Brenda Edmunds

Cost: \$49.00

RSVP before October 6

This is a time for you to get away and be served. You'll leave guiltless and refreshed, ready to take on your responsibilities with renewed vigor.

This program is open to those who are considering Home Education, those just getting started and for those with years of experience. So, invite a friend!

Husbands - We know this retreat for your wife means an extra sacrifice for you! We are offering it with a 100% guarantee! We'll refund your entire fee if you are not satisfied with what your wife receives during this special program.

Babies! We love babies, and all **totally** nursing babies are welcome and will stay with their Moms at all times. Ask about the availability of separate housing.

Free book and supply exchange. Please bring your treasure to share.

See page 14 for registration.

* You are welcome to stay over Saturday night - \$15.00 charge.

Family Fair Day

October 12, 2009

Columbus Day - Rain or Shine

Times: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm No Charge

A fun family day is planned with all ages in mind. Come for as much of the day as you can. Feel free to invite other families! This event is a natural opportunity to allow your neighbors and relatives to experience your faith in action.

Activities include Revolutionary War re-enactments, exploring a fire truck, pressing apple cider, making a donut, face painting, special music, crafts, flower arranging, music, making your own cotton candy and playing old fashioned games. Meet "Maranatha" the clown who will have some treats for you! Plan to have lunch as our guest at the food booth where you'll cook your own hot dog. You will also be able to enjoy the playground and the petting barn.

Please go directly to the registration table upon arrival and pick up your free balloon. Pre-registration is not required. Bring a hat and a windbreaker.
 Please no pets.



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Prayer Requests

- We praise God for our largest ever Father/Son Canoe Trip. There was a marvelous spirit and all had a safe & joyful time.
- Pray for God to provide the necessary finances to finish the new building.
- Praise for five retired couples who worked here for three weeks doing a multitude of projects.
- Pray for four retired couples working here for three weeks this month. Pray for unity, safety and productivity.
- Pray for a newer 4x4 truck for snowplowing and property maintenance.
- Praise for full youth weeks & nearly full family weeks. We are so grateful for all the neat memories made & relationship growth.
- Praise for a wonderful volunteer summer staff who counseled, worked in the kitchen and on maintenance.
- Pray for Chris and Brenda to set and keep right priorities.
- Praise that all bills are paid during these uncertain times.
- Praise - we have recently seen God provide food, etc. to meet our specific needs just at the right time.
- Pray for a good response to our fall programs.
- Pray for wisdom as we seek to have God's priorities for this ministry.

Welcome MAPPERS!

We are so happy to have this retired group with us again. They are working three weeks in both August and September.

These couples arrive with their RV's and tools ready to do a buffet of projects we have planned for them. These groups work four days a week and will relax and tour the area the balance of each week. Since we have no maintenance staff, this group's help is especially needed and appreciated.

Family Retreat

Columbus Day Weekend

Theme: "Creation"

Arrive: 7:00 pm, Fri., Oct. 9 Depart: 3:00 pm, Mon., Oct. 12
Cost: \$160 per family RSVP before October 1

Housing: Cabins and campsites will be available.

Program will include Creation DVD's by Ken Ham, Optional Project times, group games and more! Come join us for a special weekend filled with Christ centered learning, pure laughter and unforgettable experiences. Families learn, work and play together as a unit.

*Cost includes housing, use of all facilities, meals and snacks.

Special Treat - FREE Fair Day on Monday

Summer Ministries

Our six summer programs were comfortably full with the exception of the last Family Week. We continue to be amazed at the wonderful volunteer staff God sends to make the programs successful. This summer over 45 volunteers helped direct, counsel and feed our guests. A special thanks to all! We also appreciate those who gave to allow all this to happen.

End of an Era

At the last Board Meeting it was decided to remove the train track and decaying train station. We haven't been able to use the train in recent years due to maintenance challenges. The train has been a special attraction over the past 20+ years.

Milestone

At this year's Jr Girls Summer Program we were privileged to have our first 3rd generation camper! This young lady's grandmother attended Maranatha when she was a child a number of years ago. She encouraged her grandchildren to come and have a great time.

2009 Fall Schedule

September 19	Ladies' Day Away
October 19-12	Family Retreat Weekend
October 12	Family Fair Day
October 30-31	Home School Mom's Retreat
December 4	Pastor-Teacher and Elder Conference
December 4-5	Men's Advance

2009 Men's Advance

"Dealing with Adversity"

December 4-5, 2009

Cost: Only \$59 for entire program

Arrive: Friday, 6:15 pm for dinner Depart: Saturday, 4:45 pm

Speaker: Dave Edgren

Dave lives in Columbia, South Carolina with his wife Kathy. They have 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren.

We have asked Dave to share concerns dealing with adversity because he has successfully done just that a number of times. He is very transparent and will share how he worked through these times.

Dave is a man of vision who seeks to inspire others. I can recall one time when we were in disagreement over an issue. His response was, "Good men can disagree". You'll be encouraged by his very positive spirit and generous attitude.

Invite a friend to hear this humble man of God as he encourages us.

Campers on Mission

Campers on Mission is a national group of retired RV'rs who travel and assist churches and other organizations.

In July we were blessed with a group of five couples who came from Alabama!

Many projects were completed during their stay and we appreciate their encouragement.

Projects completed:

- ✓ New flooring on center of cabin Hope
- ✓ Curtains made and hung
- ✓ Roofs replaced on cabins Hope and Cherith
- ✓ Sheetrocking at the Summit
- ✓ Wiring at the Summit
- ✓ Cleaning of buildings prior to the retreats
- ✓ Removal, washing & rehangng of curtains in 6 buildings
- ✓ Insulating at the Summit
- ✓ Building of storage rack

At The Edmunds House

Chris turned 60 in August and we just finished our 37th summer of camp.

We enjoyed a very busy, fruitful summer. Rebecca was home for the summer and helped Nathaniel and Keziah with many details of the summer ministries. She is now into her second year at New Tribe Bible Institute in Michigan. We miss her.

We finished the summer off with our own family retreat, which we call cousin camp since our five grandchildren get to spend time together.

Enjoy a peek at the Maranatha website!

Chris & Brenda