



Valley Baptist Church Newsletter June 2009

At the May meeting of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (IMB), the trustees reluctantly put a temporary freeze on appointing new missionaries (stories available at imb.org). This decision was in response to the fact that our Southern Baptist missions giving is not keeping pace with the number of believers God is calling out to missions. This is sad news.

First, I would like to say "thank you" to all of you Southern Baptists who give to missions. As you may know my family served for 10 years in Japan with the IMB. We were and still are very grateful for your generous support.

That said, we must act now. We must get funds to the IMB in a big way, and fast. We cannot afford one missionary being delayed even for one day. McMinnville has 32,000 people and probably 20 evangelical churches, some with hundreds of members (keep in mind that Oregon is one of the least-churched states in America). In Japan, there is 1 evangelical church for every 20-25,000 people, and that church would have about 30 members. So, if McMinnville were in Japan, rather than 20 evangelical churches with a few thousand members, there would be 1-2 churches and less than 100 members. The numbers get even crazier when you compare the Bible-belt to the rest of the world.

Are we ashamed of these numbers? No, praise the Lord for these churches in America. But we do have a responsibility, a responsibility to ensure that our prayers, our people, and our pocketbooks are used as tools to spread the Gospel to all the world.

In our last assignment before leaving Japan, I was the strategy coordinator for North and East Tokyo. Our target people numbered 8.1 million people. How many Southern Baptists were working on that target? Yours truly and his wife - 2. Around the world there are millions of precious souls waiting. We must do something to get the gospel-bearers on the field and we must do it quickly.

In this era of bailouts, I am proposing an IMB bailout! We have over 40,000 SBC churches in America. If each church collected \$500 in June, that would provide an additional 20 million dollars to the IMB. Some churches will give less, many can give a lot more. Let's get it done.

Let's do it – an IMB bailout in June! In addition to our regular tithes, let's give a gift, big or small, and mark the envelope "IMB Bailout" or "mission's gift" or something similar.

Thankful for each of you,

Ronny

❖ **VBC Family & Music**

Hymn of the Month – Trust and Obey #447

1. When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
(Refrain)
3. But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
(Refrain)
4. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.
(Refrain)

In Sunday Morning Bible Study we have been studying 1 John. We have been going through 1 John and looking at verses where certain words are used and seeing what insights we can gain from what scripture says about those words. For example, we looked at the word light. Following is our outline we used.

1. **1 John 1:5**
This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is **Light**, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:4-6 (in Context)
2. **1 John 1:7**
but if we walk in the **Light** as He Himself is in the **Light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:6-8 (in Context)
3. **1 John 2:8**
On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true **Light** is already shining.
1 John 2:7-9 (in Context)
4. **1 John 2:9**
The one who says he is in the **Light** and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.
1 John 2:8-10 (in Context)
5. **1 John 2:10**
The one who loves his brother abides in the **Light** and there is no cause for stumbling in him.
1 John 2:9-11 (in Context)

If we take these scriptures, you may want to look at them in your Bible so you don't miss the context, we can focus on what John is saying about Light. From these scriptures we can see that:

- God is Light
- In Him (God) there is no darkness at all
- If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light: 1) we have fellowship with one another, 2) the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin
- The darkness is passing away
- The true Light is already shining
- The one who hate's his brother is in the darkness
- The one who loves his brother abides in the Light
- If we abide in the Light there is no cause for stumbling

At this point you can summarize what you learned from looking at the word Light as it is used in 1 John.

You might try this method of study with other words in 1 John like: darkness, love, commandments, sin, and any other significant words. Remember to look at them in context. This is just one method to help you as you dig deeper and seek to understand what the author is really saying. Keep reading and studying. God Bless!

Bobby

Sunday June 14th We are going back to the gym Fellowship at Unionvale Gym 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

❖ **Women's Ministry**

I received a Women of Faith email recently that really spoke to my heart and I wanted to share a portion of it with you. Sandi Patti is the author and she has some great insight into how we can live our lives walking as Jesus walked:

"St. Frances of Assisi said, "Share Christ at all times...use words only when necessary."

There are people, every day that come across our path needing a little "Jesus love" to be shared with them. The other day my mother was in Panera and when she got up to the cashier to pay, the young man said, "Ma'am, your meal has been paid for you." This completely took my mother by surprise and she inquired as to who the "angel" might be. The cashier pointed to a young man (about 50+) who was sitting by himself in the corner. My mother went up to him and said, "Sir, I just have to say thank you for my meal." Then she added, "You're paying it forward, aren't you?" To which he responded, "Why yes ma'am, I am" So my mom thanked him again and said she would "pay it forward" at the next opportunity.

That is so like Jesus. He always did amazing things for people and then said (my paraphrase), "Let's just keep this between us for now." Little miracles change a person's day, or an attitude, or (especially) a lifetime.

How can you share Jesus with someone today without using words? Maybe the lady in the grocery line with four kids under the age of six needs \$20 in her hand. Maybe a neighbor needs a dozen cookies. Maybe someone just needs a hug or a compliment. Funny story—I read in the paper that one of the fraternities at Purdue University (I think—I'm not sure) set up a table on campus and as a fundraiser they were "handing out" compliments. I love that—they would say, "Fabulous shoes." or "Love what you've done with your hair." or "Professor So 'N so said you are his favorite student." Whatever someone wanted or needed to hear. I love that.

So take a risk—give someone a shout out today. See the surprised yet delighted look on their face. You are, after all, "sharing Christ at all times...using words only when necessary." This will definitely make their Ordinary Day *A Grand New Day!!*"

Bridal Shower for Dinah Gish

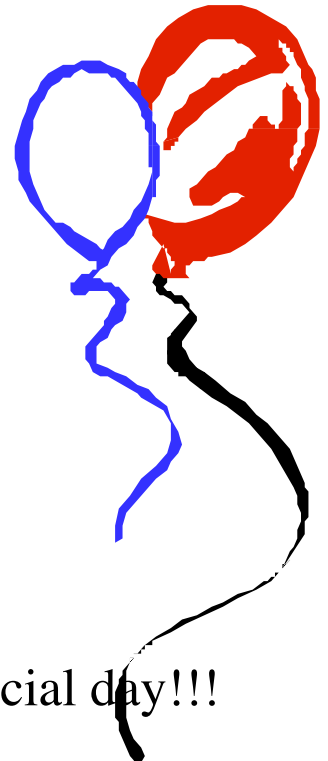
On July 11th, a shower is planned to celebrate with Dinah who will be married in August. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on that day. Details will be announced in June.

Carrol Bowerman

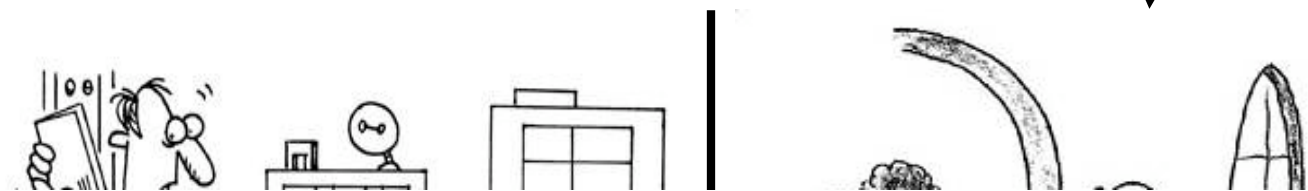
"Dinner for 4" groups - be sure to plan your June meal.

June Birthday's and Anniversaries

June 1 st	Emily Sanchez
June 5 th	Helen Schulte Onan & Wanda Hill
June 9 th	Ronny & Kathy Cooksey Tarlton & Wanda Taylor
June 10 th	Katie Howe
June 13 th	Micah Cooksey
June 16 th	Mark & Kelly Menne
June 22 nd	Noel Maca
June 23 rd	Tammy Bailey
June 26 th	Lois Prewitt
June 30 th	Skyler Rodgers Auna Selberg



Have a GREAT "*Jesus Loves You!*" special day!!!



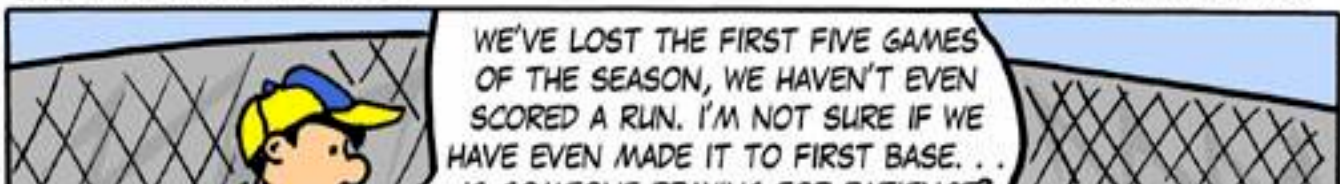
Upcoming Events

- June 8th Quilting – 6:30 pm
June 10th Business Meeting – 6:30 pm
June 14th Fellowship at Unionvale Gym
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
June 21st Father's Day
No Fellowship Meal
June 22nd – 26th Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 12 noon
Living With Character
June 26th Parent's Night VBS
July 4th Fellowship at the church

Wednesday's - Worship & Prayer - 6:30 pm
Monday's - Men's Bible Study – 6:00 & 8:00 am

D.K. PREACHER'S KIDS

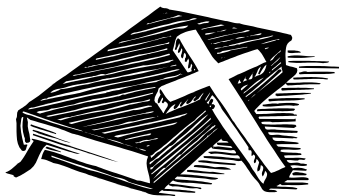
BY DAVID AYERS



Vacation Bible School
June 22nd – 26th
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
at Valley Baptist Church

Living With Character

Attentiveness
Obedience
Truthfulness
Responsibility
Self-Control



Ages: 4 yrs old – 12 yrs old
There is no cost to attend

The smaller of our two mortgage loans is nearing the goal!
Since January of this year, this principal
amount has gone from \$23,000 to \$11,000!

*Join us for Sunday Morning Bible Study.
These classes are a great opportunity for you to
be involved in a smaller setting with other believers,
encouraging one another in the Word.*



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BAPTISTS THERE ARE?

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