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PHOTOS

Left: You may hear the rumor that an enormous tree limb fell near where our kindergarten division children were playing hide-and-seek. That rumor is true, and here's a picture to contextualize it. Notice the white spot on the tree where the remainder of the 17" diameter limb was removed. The picture was taken from about where the tip of the branch landed. Several 4-6" diameter branches spread out over about 500 square feet.

30-40 children were all over the place. Yet only one child got some scratches on his back from a leafy whip, and one mother was taken to emergency room due to a bang from a 2" diameter shoot. She appears to be recovering well, with no neurological injury. However, had this accident occurred five minutes before, when game instructions were being given, I would have lost my son, as well as many little children he was teaching. Sigh! We are grateful for every day of life.

Right: This big bee was a stranger within my gates, but I didn't try to stop her from working last Sabbath.

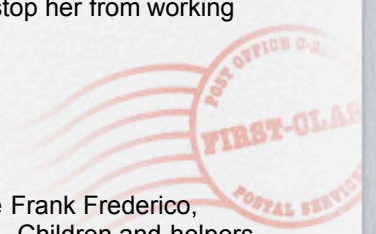
VBS REPORT

I'm not just saying it--this was an unbelievably good week (Well, maybe Frank Frederico, because he has to clean this enormous facility to get it ready for tomorrow). Children and helpers keep coming out of the woods to work. It was a great spirit of teamwork.

Here's how well the week went--it's day #5 and no one is grumpy. The spirit is strong and Norma Osborn is running around with ideas for next year.

These events don't always show immediate fruit for the kingdom. It's great to connect our many young helpers with the church, and to see themselves as valuable, capable, authorized participants with Christ. Neighbors and friends of the church are usually impressed and thankful for this ministry too.

Tomorrow, when we have our celebration, all of the families are invited for breakfast at 9, followed by the children leading in worship. Look for unfamiliar families and be friendly, would



you?

Thanks, all of you who gave time, gifts, talents, prayers and cheer.

10:00 WORSHIP VBS Celebration

Organist, Bruce Rasmussen

Piccolo Trumpet, Karl Keller

Songs of Worship, Scriptures and drama by the Crocodile Dock Crew

Sermon | Corinth, the Party Church, #3, "How to Tear Up Your Team," Tim Mitchell

Suzie Ermshar writes, "FYI - a group of 13 ESL students from California Preparatory College in Redlands, CA will be worshipping with us tomorrow. They will be accompanied by two adult sponsors. I understand Spanish is their native language. Some are from Mexico, others from Spain and Italy."

If any of you speak Spanish or Italian don't be shy about welcoming them.

11:15 STUDY HOUR

CHILDREN

Ages 0-2 | New Recruits, Stage 1

Ages 2-3 | Deck Officers, Stage 2

Ages 4-5 | Systems Control, Stage 3

Grades 1-2 | Navigation Team, Stage 4

Gr. 3-4 | Flight Crew, Stage 5

Gr. 5-6 | Astronauts, Stage 6

Gr. 7-8 | Angwin Ave., Room 3

High School | Teen Room

ADULTS DISCUSSING THE LESSON QUARTERLY

SS Room #5 | Richard Clark

Fellowship Circle: Post-collegiates/Professionals, New Family Room

Fisher Hall 158 | Jean Sheldon

Training Chapel | Doug Ermshar

ADULTS DISCUSSING VARIOUS THEMES

Paulin Choir Room | Morgan and Andy Chinnock "What Happens When Two People

Meet: A Journey to Ethiopia"

"12 Steps" | Jo & Tom Lee Education Building Basement

TLC4 Classroom | Dan & Betty Skeoch, Romans 6

FIVE FACTS ABOUT OUR MID-YEAR BUDGET (John Hughson)

1. The bad news is—We are in a recession. The good news is—God is still in charge!
2. Our 2009 Church Budget was cut by \$16,530 or 3% in anticipation of a tough economy. More recently, we are now closing the office on Wednesdays to cut salary costs.
3. Our January through June spending is \$4,729 below budget!
4. Our 2009 deficit to date, even after the above steps, is \$46,313 compared to \$34,004 in 2008 at mid point of the year.
5. We need every family to continue giving faithfully to our local church needs. Thank you for all you have done and will do!

NEW TECHNOLOGY

The OMNI project is nearer to completion with the installation of a new **wireless sound system** in the Fireside Room. It's been a great blessing for VBS, and people who hold meetings, receptions and other events there in coming years.

Three new **video cameras** have been installed in the sanctuary, thanks to Odie Weir and some private donors. Odie hung the cameras and also the first of several video monitors to appear around the church campus. The first monitor is in the narthex, and will enable people to see what's going on during services without opening the doors. Ultimately we hope to have monitors in childcare areas, so that parents who take their children out will still be able to enjoy the service. A future step is to provide closed circuit service to Scales Chapel and the Fireside Room.

A few years ago St. Helena Hospital provided wonderful **wireless hearing devices** for use in the sanctuary. If you have a friend or relative who has difficulty hearing the service, please remind them to come to the Deacons room before the service. If you have a favorite set of headphones you would like to use, it is likely that they will fit into the jack on the wireless set.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANGWIN HOSPITALITY SEMINAR. LouAnne Aaen demonstrates Summer Canning and Preserves, **Sunday, July 19, 8:30-10:00 am**, Fireside Room.

NEXT SABBATH we worship in Paulin Hall Auditorium as the Hispanic Youth Conference meets in our Sanctuary.

RIANDA HOUSE SENIOR CENTER in St. Helena is offering all sorts of arts, games, lectures, and exercise opportunities this summer. Show up at 1475 Main Street, email julie@riandahouse.org or call 963-8555 for events.

PATHFINDERS Watermelon and Softball, tomorrow, July 19, 6 pm, at PUCE. Current and prospective Pathfinders and their families. Pathfinders is for ages 10 and up. Call Nicole Hasso for information, 965-9515.

"FAMOUS JEWISH SONGS" featuring Rachel Joy Hyman at Yountville Church today, 3:30 pm. 1920 Finnell Rd.

PEACHES (Faye Alberta Freestone) are being sold to raise funds for the Cloverdale SDA School. Call Michele Privat to place your order at 857-3174. Prices: Small lug (40-48 peaches)/\$20; Large lug (60-72 peaches)/\$30.

60+ PRIMETIME. Don't miss the Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Lincoln theater in Yountville on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 each. Call 965-7297 to sign up. Only 8 tickets left.

MESSIAH'S MANSION is coming to the Calistoga Fairgrounds, August 15-23. Sponsored by the Yountville, Calistoga, Elmshaven and St. Helena Adventist churches, this life-size replica of the Mosaic wilderness tabernacle is a scaled copy what it would have looked like to Israel. Free tours will run from 1:00-7:00 pm daily. Admission is FREE. For more information about Messiah's Mansion see <http://www.messiahsmansion.com/>.

CALENDAR

MONDAY

6:30 pm Hardball with Vern Jeske, Ages 7-10

TUESDAY Pastor on-call: Norma Osborn
8 am-3 pm Community Services Thrift Shop open
10:00 am Soccer, Ages 7-13
6:30 pm Coed Slo-pitch Softball

WEDNESDAY
6:30 pm Hardball with Vern Jeske, Ages 7-10
6:30 pm Beginners' Clinic for weekly tennis
7-8:30 pm Community Tennis, PUC tennis courts
7:00 pm Mountaintop Prayer Meeting, Training Chapel

THURSDAY
10:00 am Soccer, Ages 7-13
11:30 am Neighborhood Table Lunch, Fireside Rm.
6-9:00 pm Angwin Food Pantry, across from SS #2

FRIDAY
6:00 pm Youth Vespers
8:35 pm Sabbath begins

NEXT SABBATH
10:00 am William (Father Mac) McIlmoyl speaks, "A Lost Son Comes Home"
Ragazzi Boys Choir
8/1 Tim Mitchell speaks, 1 Corinthians 4 & 5
8/8 Grove Sabbath, Potluck, Tim Mitchell speaks, 1 Corinthians 6



PASTORS CORNER (Tim Mitchell)

Some questions for you to consider, perhaps with friends.

- What is the kingdom of God? Is the kingdom the same thing as the church?
- When Jesus began to preach, he said, "The kingdom of God is near." What did he mean?
- Is preaching about the kingdom of God a 1st century notion, or does it have implications in our time?
- What theological difference does the idea of a kingdom make? What practical difference does the idea of a kingdom make?

