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Cindy's Chalkboard

One of the themes from our Vacation Bible School program this year really stuck with me. The children learned about Joseph and his brothers in Genesis 37:1-24. Joseph was a dreamer...

Would you call yourself a dreamer? Not just someone who has dreams at night, but someone who looks at the future and dreams what it could be? In this Genesis account we find one of the Bibles' true dreamers. Joseph has dreams often, but he doesn't know what to do with them, or what they mean.

We have dreams, too. We think about the future. We wonder if the path we are on is leading us to what God would want us to be. Sometimes we lose sight of the dreams that God has for our lives because we lose hope. Life wears us down, or our dreams seem pretty impossible when we are faced with the realities of our everyday life. God gives us permission to dream because we worship a God of endless possibilities. That's what Joseph found out when he was sold into slavery. What started out as a pretty scary situation... ended up just the opposite. God saved his entire family, and on top of all of that, Joseph became the second most powerful person in the Egyptian Empire!

We all have dreams for the future, and so does the church. God is doing some pretty amazing things in our midst – and I have no doubt he has some wonderful possibilities for our future. Where is God leading this faithful congregation at the corner of 56th and New Haven Avenue? What could we do if we were willing to step out in faith? When we dream the dreams of God, there is no end to what might eventually become reality. Join me in praying for this church every day. With God, let us pray and dream of all the possibilities, together.

Walking the journey with each of you,

Pastor Cindy

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROUND-UP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Be thinking about how you want to decorate your classroom and what delicious goodies you'll serve to all who visit your class on this day. It's a day for visiting other classes, meeting members of that class and learning what they are studying. If you aren't already a member of a class, this is the perfect time to join one!

DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH

**BRING YOUR FOOD ITEMS TO NEW HAVEN KITCHEN BY 4:00 PM.
IF YOU ARE SERVING,
PLEASE BE HERE BY 4:45.**

DAY SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Hello Church Family,
As you are aware, school is starting soon and this means that our Day School will be up and going too. I am trying to get things together for the Free Open House Spaghetti Dinner and of course need help. Since school hasn't started yet and the dinner IS for the parents and children, I need the church to help me put the free dinner together. I need some spaghetti cookers (done beforehand at home and then brought in a ziploc to the church the day of), some cookie bakers (need about 10 people to make 2 dozen each), some people to help set the tables and chairs up that day (August 19th), some helpers in the kitchen and in the gym that evening (serving and refilling bread/drinks), and some helpers to check parent/children in and to give name badges. Please contact me via email or phone to let me know if you can help. I appreciate everyone's graciousness. The children receive the blessings for all that we do! The event is August 19th starting at 5:00 pm and done by 7:00 pm. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Adult Sunday School Classes *Come join us at 9:45 am!*

Room 185: Discovery Class

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

Room 209: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class

A Study on Grief and Suffering

Parlor: Christian Living Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 183 Interlude Class

The Books of Acts/Jesus Freaks

Room 205: Journey's Class

"Christianity and World Religions"
by Adam Hamilton

A CHESS FUNNY

A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. He watched the game in astonishment for a while.

"I can hardly believe my eyes!" he exclaimed.
"That's the smartest dog I've ever seen."

"Nah, he's not so smart," the friend replied.
"I've beaten him three games out of five."

The UMW has been asked to help with items for VIM to take on a Bolivian Mission Trip to teach quilting:

Fabric pieces (1/4 yd. or larger, quilt weight) needles, pins, thread for sewing & quilting, pin cushions and thimbles.

**Please leave in donation box by
Sunday, August 29th.
Cash/gift cards are welcome, too!**

Church Ladies with Typewriters! (Submitted by Cynthia Mabrey)

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning:

"Jesus Walks on the Water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 pm in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us beat Christ the King.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT
COMING IN SEPTEMBER!**

**Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18.
Methodist Boys Ranch on Lake Tenkiller.**

Join us to cook out and stay in the cabin Friday night and/or for a service project and fellowship, crafts and outdoor activities on Saturday all day!

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE! \$20 per person, \$40 per family (meals included). Please contact Susan Lamkin to reserve a spot or with your questions! More info to follow!

Dinners For 8 Back by Popular Demand!!!

We are planning dinners for the Fall already for our growing numbers of interested individuals and couples. Save the dates - September 10, October 15 & November 12.

Please contact Susan Lamkin if you are interested! We need more hosts and everyone is welcome - even just for one meeting! A great way to get to know more of your New Haven Family...child care provided at the church.

NEW MEMBERS!



On Sunday, August 15th, we welcomed Kurt & Elisa Connelly into membership at New Haven and their 2 year old daughter, Emma Paige, was placed on our preparatory roll.

They attend the 11:00 service. Please give them your warmest welcome and let them know how pleased you are to have them be a part of our great church!

Opportunities of the Week

August 22-29, 2010

SUNDAY, August 22

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 6:00 pm Disciple I Orientation/Parlor

MONDAY, August 23

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

TUESDAY, August 24

- 5:15 pm Youth Guitar
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Adult Guitar
- 7:00 am Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

WEDNESDAY, August 25

- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, August 26

- 6:00 pm Band Practice

FRIDAY, August 27

- 7:30 pm AA Gym

SATURDAY, August 28

SUNDAY, August 29 "Youth Sunday"

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Youth sponsored lunch:
Everyone invited!
- 5:30 pm UMY

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, August 15, 2010

8:45 am- 60

11:00 am- 104

Total- 164

Due to the Labor Day holiday, "New Haven Reads" will meet on September 12th at 4:00 in the parlor. For this discussion, you need to have read "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett.