

Mayflower Notes...



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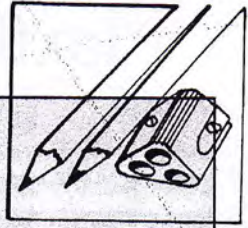
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Pastor



Dates to remember in September..

September 6 *Labor Day*

September 11 *Second Saturday Supper*

September 12 *Rally Day*



Outreach Projects

August

School clothes
Backpacks

September

Food Bank
School clothes

Head Usher

Naida Kenyon



Mayflower NOTES – August/September 2010

From the Pastor's Desk

The Names of God

This, of course, is the short list; as there are literally hundreds of names of God throughout the Scriptures. Through the summer months, the covenant names of God – those names attached to Yahweh (Jehovah) – became a sermon theme, on and off. We looked specifically at these names of God because they uniquely reveal His character – not His job description. This (& more) is who God is and Who God will be to us who have a relationship with Him through Christ Jesus. Do you want to know God better and have a better relationship with Him? Here is a good place to start.

Yahweh. Until the Dead Sea Scrolls, Jehovah was the more common translation. Found in the Old Testament more than 6,000 times, translated as “The Lord” or “The Lord God” in our English Bibles, meaning “I am who I am” as revealed to Moses in the burning bush of Exodus 3:13,14.

Yahweh-Jireh: The Lord My Provider. Revealed to Abraham in Genesis 22:14 when he was going to offer Issac up as a burnt offering and God supplied a ram instead.

Yahweh-Rapha: The Lord My Healer. Revealed to Israel in the wilderness at Marah in Exodus 15:26. A great story how a tree turned poisoned water into drinking water.

Yahweh-Nissi: The Lord My Banner (or Victory or Freedom). Revealed when Aaron & Hur supported Moses' hands holding up the rod of God while Joshua and Israel defeated the Amalekites in the valley below in Exodus 17:15. Supporting one another is good.

Yahweh-Qadesh: The Lord My Sanctifier. While many in the church world think it is their job to straighten out other people, it is the Lord who “sets apart” and makes His people holy. Leviticus 20:7,8. He is good at it and really doesn't need any helpers in this area.



From the Lay Leader:

As much as I hate to admit it, it looks as if summer will come to an end once again this year. The stores are showing “back to school” items, and East Lansing landlords are cleaning and painting and fixing in preparation for a new wave of MSU students. Mayflower, too, is thinking about Rally Day and a new season of choirs. Mayflower has not been totally at the beach this summer, though; things have been happening.

The biggest change is Doris’s retirement. Lots of us have never known a Mayflower without Doris in the office. I hope she realizes how much we all appreciate the way she has been keeping the Mayflower ship sailing smoothly for a long, long time. Thank you very, very much, Doris!

Sharing the building on Sundays with Antioch Church is also something new. As I write this, we are about to start, and by the time you read this, the system will already be in place. Church congregations are often accused of being unwilling to make changes, and I am proud to be part of a congregation willing to accept new things!

Several fund-raising and entertainment projects are being planned. Our first Game Night was such fun that we are going to repeat the format sometime in the fall.

On October 29, we will have a festival of Piano Ragtime Music. The performers will be Chrisann Lowe, David Bandfield, and Bill McHarris, and they have a toe-tappingly great program planned. We will move the Fellowship Hall piano into the Sanctuary (the hope is to roll it out the door, around the corner of the building, and up the handicapper ramp!) so the pianists can play singly and also together. After the music there will be dessert in Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be sold ahead of time as well as at the door, and we hope to get the attention of ragtime enthusiasts from all around town.

In November, Fred Lowe plans to host a Lifting Meet here. The competitions will be held in Fellowship Hall. They will last all day, so we hope to offer lunches for them to purchase. I’ll bet we’ll have no problem getting volunteers to help with this exciting event!

Blind Ambition by: John Canary, A Cup of Chicken Soup for the Soul

Charlie Boswell has always been one of my heroes. He has inspired me and thousands of others to rise above circumstances and live our true passion.

Charlie was blinded during World War II while rescuing his friend from a tank that was under fire. He was a great athlete before his accident and in a testimony to his talent and determination he decided to try a brand new sport, a sport he never imagined playing, even with his eyesight . . . golf!

Through determination and a deep love for the game he became the National Blind Golf Champion! He won that honor 13 times.

One of his heroes was the great golfer Ben Hogan, so it truly was an honor for Charlie to win the Ben Hogan Award in 1958.

Upon meeting Ben Hogan, Charlie was awestruck and stated that he had one wish and it was to have one round of golf with the great Ben Hogan.

Mr. Hogan agreed that playing a round together would be an honor for him as well, as he had heard about all of Charlie's accomplishments and truly admired his skills.

"Would you like to play for money, Mr. Hogan?" blurted out Charlie.

"I can't play you for money, it wouldn't be fair!" said Mr. Hogan.

"Aw, come on, Mr. Hogan...\$1,000 per hole!"

"I can't, what would people think of me, taking advantage of you and your circumstance," replied the sighted golfer.

"Chicken, Mr. Hogan?"

"Okay," blurted a frustrated Hogan, "but I am going to play my best!"

"I wouldn't expect anything else," said the confident Boswell.

"You're on Mr. Boswell, you name the time and the place!"

A very self-assured Boswell responded "10 o'clock . . . tonight!"



Summer Camp Experiences

When I went to camp, I saw old friends and met new ones. While I was there they had a theme, which was make a difference. We talked about the Roman Centurion, Jesus, Jeremiah, and The Woman at the Well, who all made a difference in the Bible. Even though I went to church camp, I'm suppose to have fun, like doing arts and crafts, swimming, singing, etc.(other things you do at camp). Some of the cabins names were named after Indian tribes. While I was there I came out of my comfort zone while doing the higher course on the high ropes. The food there was the best camp food there is. My brother and I would like to thank the church for sending us to camp and hope to go again next year.

Morgan



Camp is about making new friends, having fun and learning about Jesus Christ. For fun, you climb a climbing tower, go on a zip line, swimming and playing on the aquajump, aquaglide, and aquatower. I knew 5 people in my cabin from last year and 3 new ones this year. The food was delicious. My favorite was the breakfast burritos we had on Friday. We learned songs and studied the Bible.

Dominic

Supporting Rob Boes

Please take a few minutes to write or send a card to Rob Boes. He is currently taking Basic Training and could use some friendly mail. His address is:

PFC Boes, Robert
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Fort Jackson, SC 29207-6809



Please put PLT 1 on the back of the envelope.

Music Musings September 2010

I was recently loaned a little book entitled “God Always Has a Plan B.” The authors are women who speak at the Women of Faith conferences. There are so many meaningful, poignant paragraphs, as well as Bible verses throughout this helpful book.

Let the Lord have his complete way with you. He loves you so much and has for greater plans for you than you can ever have for yourself. And he does make everything beautiful in his time. Allow God to move in you powerfully. Yield to his voice—calling deeper—higher still. He will take you there. Kathy Troccoli

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Psalm 143:8

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. Isaiah 35:10

I will need to search for my own copy, since I must return this one at some point!

We have tools to help us in our walk; the primary tools of scripture and prayer, and the secondary tools of other Christian writers. Their words are also very helpful and healing.

Choir schedules shall resume September 2: Bells at 6:00, Choir at 7:30.

Youth Bells? To be discussed
Hope to see you there!



Chrisann

Clothe A Child for School 2010

You can help kids feel good about going back to school!

Judson's Love Clothing Center serves over 800 children with clothing during August and September! Mayflower members have the opportunity to be a part of this great effort by collecting New and Like New clothing or by donating funds (designate the check) to purchase new jeans, socks and underwear. Judson depends upon the entire Church Network for all the clothing they give to families in need. Please bring the clothing to Mayflower or make your donation to Mayflower with the notation "Love Clothing Bank" on it. We will take the donations to Judson.

Items needed: Size 4 Toddler through Teens - shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts
jeans, pants
new socks &
underwear
khaki pants,
white shirts (for school uniforms)

Winter coats are also needed (kid sizes especially, but others are welcome). These should be clean. Remember Judson is the first clothing bank to give out coats (in October!).

Backpacks & School Supplies

Last year hundreds of children were helped with backpacks through The City Rescue Mission and the Christian Services network church partnership. Mayflower is again collecting backpacks and school supplies for August distribution. Please bring these items to Mayflower and they will be delivered.

Items to be included: Backpacks (new), scissors, notebooks, pencils, rulers, pencil boxes, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, paper, folders, crayons, markers, colored pencils, 3 ring binders, glue sticks, small dictionaries, Bibles & New Testaments

Any questions,

Noreen Boes

