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Let's Be a Blessing!

Lenore Jacobsen

Acts 2:44-45: And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common, and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

From time to time, we all have items we no longer need, or services we are willing to offer, and there may be someone in our church body who needs just

what you have, so let's connect! Starting with our second issue (in December) we will include a column entitled "I Need," and "I Offer."

Please contact Lenore Jacobsen at 761-7125, or e-mail her at jimlenore2@yahoo.com.

to advise her of a need you might have, or with items or services you would like to offer for someone else's needs.



Connection News

"Connecting People to God....and each other."
 Volume 1 October 2010



Upcoming Events

- Concert with Karen Peck and New River on October 13
- Women's Holiday Gala tickets on now available for Thurs, Nov 18th @ 6:30pm
- All Church Christmas Party on December 15
- Christmas Musical on December 11-12

Heart2Heart News

by Maryanne Ballance

Heart2Heart Women's Ministries is thrilled to kick off another season of bible study! With over 80 ladies registered to attend Beth Moore's study on the Tabernacle, we are anticipating a move of God that will be life changing. Holiday

Gala 2010 is well on its way with ticket sales already taking place. This year our Gala will take place on Nov. 18th at the Four Seasons Arena ExpoPark. We are blessed to have Sheila Walsh: author, speaker, worship leader, television talk show host, and Bible teacher. We are anticipating a sold out

event, so ladies be sure to purchase your tickets early at heart2heartconnection.org, the H2H booth in the church lobby, or the church office. Registration is required to attend and space is limited. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Mary Ann Ballance at 453-5524.

Pastor's Corner



I was seeking the Lord for direction for the year of 2010 when He spoke so powerfully to me concerning His purpose and fulfillment. In simple terms I was confronted with the question from our Lord asking me, "why did I come?" The question did not stop there but continued with, "and what have I commanded the church to do?" After a very short few seconds the answer rose up in me, "you came to seek and save the lost, (Luke 19:10) and you have commanded us, the church to go into all the world to do the same and to disciple them." (Matthew 28:18 -20) Hearing this from the Lord I knew
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Featured Pastors
 "Andrew and Jen Sheldon
 -Youth Ministry

Youth Pastors Mark Two Years at Central

By Carol Spurgeon

They are so very young! They have just celebrated their third wedding anniversary and are about to celebrate their second anniversary at Central Assembly. Youth Pastors Andrew Dean and Jennifer Ann Sheldon came to Central in October of 2008, and are loving Great Falls. Andrew loves Jen, the people in Great Falls, the Book of James, ultimate Frisbee, and seeing the zeal of those who follow Christ. Jen loves the summers, biking on River's Edge Trail, the Book of Romans, and work-

ing with Andrew. Born in Williston, North Dakota, Andrew's childhood goal was to be a fighter pilot, not a pastor. However, after a year at Trinity Bible College and a ministry team experience, he surrendered to a specific call to youth and evangelism. His heart's cry is to obey God's voice and calling on his life. At age five, he tapped his mother on the arm and said, "I just need Jesus in my heart!" Andrew has one sister
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We would like to help you by informing the members of our church body of services that are available right within our family. If you are interested, please call Lenore Jacobsen at 761-7125, or e-mail her at jimlenore2@yahoo.com. We will publish the name and phone number of your business. A donation for this service is suggested, in order to help offset our printing costs.

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THE "GREAT" GREAT FALLS: OUR CHANGING CITY

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 tive and open our eyes to see what the Lord is doing, especially in city government.

□ Spring 2008: a new city manager was hired. Greg Doyon is a devoted follower of Jesus, worships faithfully in a local church and plays the drums in the worship band.

□ 2009 city elections proved prayer works as the "old" went out and the "new" stepped in.

This city commission and mayor's votes and attitude

during commission meetings prove they desire the best for Great Falls and not individual interests.

□ The first of four prayer/worship gatherings in the City Commission was held in fall 2008. The fourth was held in December 2009 just before the new commission members and mayor took office. Those who attend city commission meetings noticed a change in the atmosphere, and even the media has taken note as many articles reflect more peaceful and productive meetings.

□ The medical marijuana ban miracle:

Greg Doyon reported that the new city attorney worked diligently behind the scenes weeks before the ban vote to convince the commissioners and mayor they could ban medical marijuana from the city – even when the old city attorney proclaimed they could not enforce a ban.

Believe in the miraculous power of prayer. Behind the scenes and headlines, God is at work. Keep praying for a changed atmosphere and righteousness in Great Falls!



Her Mission is Missions

By Jan Wolter

Mark 16:15: He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation"

Suzie Nelsen, our Missions Director at Central, is a woman of vision with a passion for the lost. Since accepting the Lord's call to this ministry and being led by the Holy Spirit five years ago, Suzie has overseen and coordinated numerous mission trips from Central Assembly.

Central Assembly supports over 34 foreign and 14 United States missionaries, as well as two Assembly of God Bible Schools and the Assembly of

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THE "GREAT" GREAT FALLS: OUR CHANGING CITY

By Nancy Knauff

Great Falls Tribune headlines usually shout out the bad news in our city: crime, suicide, combative arguments, and on and on and on. BUT GOD...

Hundreds of prayer warriors/intercessors have been praying for Great Falls, some for over 50 years, crying out to God for His righteousness in our city. In October 2007 Chuck Pierce spoke to a large gathering in Great Falls and proclaimed change was coming. "God has big plans for this city", he prophesied.

I challenge each of us to turn our eyes from the nega

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(Pastor's Corner Cont.)

our direction: "His Heart, Our Mission....A Miraculous Harvest!"

Readying ourselves for the fullness of what God has for us individually, as well as collectively as the church demands our obedience to this Commission. To have the heart of God is to have a heart for the Lost! To follow through on this commission takes exercising of our faith, obedience to works, and faithfulness to prayer both in private prayer closets and opportunities of corporate prayer. Jesus declared that "my house shall be called a house of prayer." This is not just a local (temple) church but rather an individual calling and command to each of us as we are the temple, or the dwelling place of God. The question for each of us is very simply how am I doing in the obedience of answering the Commission and of following the heart of God? This is not condemnation but rather an awakening that each of us would be like Jesus and be able to say, "I am about my Father's business. I encourage you to faithfulness: Faithfulness to pray, faithfulness to share, faithfulness to His commission and His purpose. I pray that the work God has begun in you is continued and that you find yourself walking in obedience to His call and purpose.



Tina Torry is our guest speaker this year. She is the Mother of a daughter, who survived a botched abortion. Tina Torry is a vibrant speaker, anointed by God. She shares her story of having an abortion, yet seven months later delivering her three-pound daughter, Heidi. Tina's miracle birth experience has defied medical explanation. Her testimony of how God

Missions is Her Mission

(cont. from pg. 1) God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri.

Just in the recent past, our church has commissioned two youth trips, one to El Salvador, and another to Chicago, reaching children in a street ministry; a young adult trip to Detroit/Dearborn, ministering to Muslims; two adult construction teams to Glacier Bible Camp; an adult construction team to Browning; an adult construction and medical team to Nairobi, Kenya; and three construction teams to Moldova, to work on churches and the Home of Hope, a rescue center for girls forced into prostitution.

Suzie credits her husband David for his support and partnership in her unending endeavor to see God change the lives of those who "go into the world" in obedience.

Lifeway Pregnancy Services: Plan now to attend the 2010 "Eternal Treasures" Banquet

intervened in this abortion is documented with the Medical University of South Carolina.

Tina has been featured on such programs as Focus on the Family, TBN, The Rolonda Show, a talk show with Linda Ellerbe, and many more. Tina's biography, Short of a Miracle, was released in January of 2002.

The 2010 "Eternal Treasures" Banquet is October 28th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Heritage Inn. Register online at www.life-way.org

West of 60's

by Joanne Bryant



September 16 set West of 60's in motion for the 2010-2011 season.

This program is designed for senior adults, single and couples, 60 years of age and beyond. They meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Ministry Center at Central. A tasty potluck is the usual fare with a planned meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We plan to have the Moldova Missions Team to share testimonies and pictures, times of giving during the Holidays, a talent show, and a testimony of a young lady's salvation and healing. Come join us! We don't card at the door so your age is safe with us!

Opportunities for Prayer

Lenore Jacobsen

James 5:16: The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.

(The Living Bible)

There are times in our lives when we feel the need to have someone pray and agree with us for things going on in our lives – healing, financial needs, important decisions, broken relationships, etcetera. After each Sunday worship service, intercessors are available

to meet with you individually in the Prayer Room, located at the first door on the left of the front entrance of the church.

Men's and women's groups meet weekly, and there are always those who will agree with you in prayer. (Check at Connection Central for times and places.)

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. an intercessory prayer group meets and prays for the needs of the body.

So when you have a

need, we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.



"Opposites"
The negative I see
Builds NOTHING
"Help me _____"

Cast down imaginations!"
Worry's waste of energy

Devotion, however,
One voice to hear
It's Yours, My Lord,
Loud,
Clear.

C. Spurgeon

Youth Pastors Mark Two Years

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Jen wanted to be a medical missionary doctor. She went to church for the first time at age twelve with a grandmother (because Andrew attended the church, and she thought he was pretty cute!) On that day, her heart was so overwhelmed by God's reality and presence that she found her way to the altar.

Thus began her passion and intense love for Jesus, plus her desire for unity and acceptance in the Body of Christ. That intensity remains with her to this very day. Jen is a middle child with two brothers.

Andrew and Jen live in Portage Meadows with a Beagle-Pug named "Jazzy" and a purebred Border Collie named

"Dakota."

Andrew has a degree in Biblical Studies with a Youth minor, and Jen has a degree in Visual Communication, including web design, graphic arts and photography. Together they have a vision for developing leaders and followers of Christ. They sing, they act, and are an inspiration to all of us.

Dessert Recipe

Raw Apple Cake with Caramel Sauce

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 stick butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 4 cups peeled and chopped apples (Granny Smith are best)



Cream sugar and butter. Add eggs and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients and add to batter. Stir in apples. Place in greased and floured bundt pan, or 9 x 13 inch pan, and bake at 350 degrees for approximately 50 minutes.

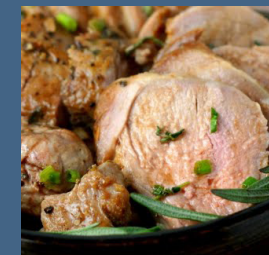
- Caramel Sauce:
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup cream
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup white sugar

Combine and bring to boil. Serve on cake warm. Top with whipped cream if desired.

Fall Fare Recipe

Herbed Pork Tenderloin With Gingered Mashed Sweet Potatoes

- (Serves 2)
- One small pork tenderloin (3/4 pound)
 - 1/4 cup red wine
 - 1 clove garlic, mashed or chopped
 - 1/8 teaspoon each salt and pepper
 - 2 small sweet potatoes (1 to 1 1/4 lbs total), peeled and diced
 - 1 teaspoon chopped fresh ginger
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1 tablespoon butter
- (Then the sauce ingredients and directions for preparation.)



Directions: Heat grill to medium hot. Place pork tenderloin in

a glass dish with wine, garlic, 1/4 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper, and the sage. Marinate, turning, at room temperature for 15 minutes. Transfer pork to grill, reserving marinade. Grill over medium-high heat for 12 to 15 minutes, turning twice, until thermometer registers 145 degrees. Remove from grill; let rest 5 minutes before slicing on the diagonal in 1/2 inch thick slices.

Meanwhile, while pork is cooking, bring sweet potatoes and 1 teaspoon ginger to boiling in lightly salted water. Cook 12 minutes, or until fork tender.

Pour reserved marinade into small saucepan. Whisk in 1/3 cup water, the flour, mustard and sugar and bring to a boil over medium-high heat, whisking occasionally until sauce boils. Simmer 3 minutes and remove from heat.

Drain potatoes, add milk, butter, 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Mash until fairly smooth. Serve sliced pork with sauce and sweet potatoes.

Project Jericho Michael Bradford

First we'd like to thank everyone for their support of Project Jericho. We had our second meeting on the 24 September.

I'd like to take a few moments to explain the vision behind Project Jericho. Our vision is to reach the lost, strengthen the believer, and raise a new generation of Christians dedicated to fulfilling the great commission. We'd like to see every unsaved soul on Malmstrom saved. This may seem like a large request to some, but with God nothing is impossible. We stand on the Word of God and believe He is more than able to perform all that He has promised. Our prayer is that you all would continue to stand and believe with us. We love you and thanks in advance for your continued support.