



From Pastor Ron...

July 14, 2010

LIFE FOR TODAY: "Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun. However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all." (Ecclesiastes 11:7-8)

As I began my early morning walk Tuesday I turned around and noticed a beautiful rainbow forming in the west while in the east the morning sky was providing a brilliant sunrise. Overhead, however, a small strip of gray clouds had formed and within moments I was in the midst of a downpour.

As that scene unfolded it reminded me of the perfect grace, mercy, and goodness of our God. Looking at that sunrise through the falling rain I was struck with the brilliance of the light it cast. Everything was so...clean. The rainbow behind me gave me a sense of comfort and security.

We often stand in the rain showers. Life doesn't always go the way we had hoped. It's not always fun and it's not always fair. Just remember; the rains always end (remember God's "rainbow" promise?), the sun will shine again, and life will be all the sweeter after the shower.

BUILDING UPDATE... Progress continues. Many of you have asked about helping on various projects. We do need your help and we are working on a list of projects and developing work teams. We will be putting you to work! Make sure you stop by and check out all the progress. We will continue to post pictures on the church website www.erieefree.com regularly to keep you up-to-date!

PARDON OUR MESS!... No good thing is accomplished without mess! Please be patient during these coming months as we continue our construction project.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES.... We will continue our Adult Study/Fellowship Time tonight at the Eckberg's at 7:15 and our Youth will be meeting at Jim & Ashley Thicksten's. Please join us!

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST.... I am asking for prayer for our friend Richmond Wandera, who spoke at our church for Compassion weekend. Yesterday in Kampala, Uganda, several explosions ripped through crowds of people gathered at a restaurant to watch the World Cup finale. This act of terrorism is being linked to the group al-Shabab, an extremist Islam group in Somalia. The restaurant where the attack happened is located just blocks from Richmond's church. I recently received word that Richmond and all of the staff members of The Pastor's Discipleship Network are ok. However, Richmond and several members of his church and staff lost dear friends to the attacks. The pastor's conference was supposed to be starting this Friday, and it appears that they will continue as planned. Please be in prayer for Richmond and his staff; that they will be able to come to grips with the loses of their friends and be able to find the strength they need to provide hope and guidance for the pastors of Uganda during this time of chaos.

Jim Thicksten

MISSIONARY NEWS.... Our next visiting missionaries will be Todd and Missi Marsden who will be with us this Sunday, July 18th. You won't want to miss seeing them and their family and hearing about their ministry in East Asia.

FCA UPDATE.... Please be praying for our FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Ministry this week. A number of Erie area students are attending FCA camp in Pella, Iowa. Pray for God to move in their hearts and lives. Also, be praying for our FCA leaders under the guidance of Jason and Julie, as they look forward to a new ministry season ahead.

FALL MINISTRIES.... Yes, it's only July but Fall will be here before we know it and that means the beginning of our Fall ministries. Let's begin praying now for all the right leaders to step forward and for the students that will be attending.

CALENDAR CHANGES.....

- Please note that the next Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 19th at Brandon and Alicia Eyrich's at 7:00 pm.
- Also, our Quarterly Business Meeting has been changed again. Date TBA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS... If you have an announcement, prayer request or information you would like to share with your church family, please let us know. We have forms on the office door for your use or you may e-mail us with your information. All admissions will be included in both the newsletter and the bulletin unless otherwise requested. Let's keep our church family informed and up-to-date on our happenings!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & EVENTS...

- Today July 14 Bible Study/Fellowship Time at Eckberg's @ 7:15 pm
Youth Bible Study @ Jim & Ashley Thicksten's
- Thurs. July 15 No Worship Team Practice
Adalene Norman
Ron & Judy Eckberg
- Sun. July 18 Todd & Missi Marsden join us during our Worship Service & Sunday School Hour (No Quarterly Business Meeting)
- Mon. July 19 Executive Board Meeting @ Brandon & Alicia's - 7:00 pm
- Wed. July 21 Bible Study/Fellowship Time at Eckberg's @ 7:15 pm
Youth Bible Study @ Jim & Ashley Thicksten's

PRAYER CONCERNS...

- Continue to pray for Sam Melton
- Bonnie Eyrich's brother-in-law, Bill Brinkman
- Jim Thicksten's Grandmother diagnosed with chronic neutrophilic leukemia (very rare, no cure)
- Keep Kindyl Weber's Mom in your prayers.
- Pray for Lori Norman's mom, Shirley
- Prayer for our expectant moms - Julie Norman & Nicole Lukehart
- Continued prayer for Dorothy and Kerry Slayden
- King's Kloset – for leadership and for financial needs
- Pray for our servicemen and servicewoman all around the world
- Pray for the many people whose lives have been impacted by earthquakes and other acts of nature!

SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, July 18th...

- Greeter Jerry & Lori Norman
- Nursery Lori Norman
- Scripture Eric Brands
- Fellowship Debbie Lanzen
- P.Point/Sound Alicia & Brandon