



## From Pastor Ron...

July 7, 2010

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9,10)

I once read about a man who was truly caught "between a rock and a hard place". He found he was suffering from two very different medical problems each requiring very different and very strong medications for their treatment. To compound the problem, both infirmities offered serious consequences to the man if left untreated. The real dilemma, however, was that the two medications could not be taken simultaneously, leaving the man with a very difficult decision of which ailment to treat and which to leave unattended.

Life doesn't always offer us easy choices. Some are difficult and complicated. Sometimes we are left with the choice between the "rock" and the "hard place".

The Apostle Paul certainly knew something about being "between a rock and a hard place." In his letter to the Philippians we find him longing to leave planet Earth -- to experience the joys of Heaven and escape his own physical pain -- yet knowing that staying and furthering the Gospel in this world is the right thing for the moment.

Paul found the courage for his decision in God. "My grace is sufficient for you", God told the weary disciple, "My power is made perfect in weakness."

Though the choices we must make and the outcomes we may face are not always what we may desire them to be, they fit perfectly into God's plan and purpose for our lives. He simply wants us to be dependent on him, not our health, our things, or other people. On Him.

In the long run, that should be an easy choice.

**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](http://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!

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

**CALENDAR CHANGES.....**

- Please note that the next Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> (not July 12<sup>th</sup>) at Brandon and Alicia Eyrich's at 7:00 pm.
- Also, our Quarterly Business Meeting has been moved to July 25<sup>th</sup>, (not July 18<sup>th</sup>). It will be held immediately following our Sunday School Classes. The main topic of discussions will of course be our Building Project. Please plan to attend. We need your input.

**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 7 Bible Study/Fellowship Time at Eckberg's @ 7:15 pm  
Youth Bible Study @ Jim & Ashley Thicksten's
- Thurs. July 8 Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 pm
- Friday July 9 **Terry & Shelley Wilkens**
- Tues. July 13 **Susie Knickel**
- Wed. July 14 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 11th...**

- Nursery Jan Unruh
- Greeter Susie Knickel
- Fellowship Joan Seger
- Scripture Tom Hammer
- P.Point/Sound Ashley & Matt