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Adult Ministries *Single Focus*

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20*

2009 Summer Picnic

Saturday, September 19

Please plan to attend.



**Life Church of the Plains
is hosting the 2009 Area
Wide Singles Picnic.**

Hamburgers and hotdogs are going to be served hot off the grill and cold drinks will also be provided. But, please plan to bring a side or a dessert to share with everyone else.

We'll have games and live music. *Three Year Flame* will be playing, so get ready to rock-and-roll.

This is going to be an event to bring unmarried, Christian people to get together for an afternoon of food and fun. This time, don't bring the kids. There will be other events where the kids will be invited.

See the map on page 4 for directions to Garvin Park.



Up-Coming Events

- Single Focus Bible Study: Every Sunday, 9:00am
- Single Focus - Prayer for our children: Every Sunday, 8:00am
- Saturday, September 19, 2009: Singles Picnic
- Central Community Church—Fall Festive, October 3.

In your search for the right person. It is not about finding the right one. It is about being the right one.

FINDING V. BEING

Written by Ronda Welsh

Ask yourself: Am I a whole/satisfied person who would add to a relationship and compliment the other person? What do I bring to the table, what do I have to offer in a relationship? Do I bring baggage or assets? Do not just think about these questions, journal everything that comes to mind. This will be the beginning step to your desired result.

As I often explain in presentations I do for singles groups – “I use to bring to each relationship what I called my U-Haul truck of baggage. Having eliminated that load of things from my past, I now bring to each relationship my good qualities that will bless the other person, like being a good listener, etc.”

Let’s say you meet Mr. or Mrs. Perfect Forever and they really have their stuff together. Let’s say they have a ton to bring to the table as far as positive, life enriching attributes. Let’s say they will change your life so immensely for the better because they only bring assets to add to your life and not liabilities to drag you down. Let’s say they have really worked on being the right person, a whole/complete/satisfied person. Let’s say they are ready for a long term, healthy relationship.

Let’s say you two start dating and things seem to be going pretty well, but as the days, weeks and months go by, your baggage starts popping up and creating disagreements, contention, and problems between you. Let’s say you are the one who has the liabilities you bring into the relationship that start bringing the other person down. What do you think will happen? They will likely run for the hills.

On the other hand, let’s say you meet Mr. or Mrs. Perfect Forever and you have defined who you are the areas that someone will be absolutely lucky and blessed to have in their life. Let’s say you have improved the areas you want to better in and you are a more whole/complete/satisfied person just as they are. Let’s say you start dating and things seem to be going pretty well, as the days, weeks and months go by, you two grow closer and fonder of each other and the relationship progresses in a healthy, happy manner. What do you think will happen? You could be together forever!

Out of the two above scenarios, which is the ideal situation you wish to happen?

What do you know the Bible to say about this subject?

Paul warned Timothy to focus on training himself in spiritual fitness. See 1 Timothy 4:7-10

“How many times do we look in the mirror each day? Suppose we looked in the mirror and found mustard smeared around our mouth. Wouldn’t we immediately wash our face and clean up the problem? In the same way, we need to routinely look at our self in our “spiritual mirror,” the Bible. Then if anything is wrong, we can take proper steps to fix it.” See James 1: 21-25

He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. Proverbs 10:17

ACTION STEPS:

Find out more about what the Bible says about *being* the right person.

Make two lists:

One is of all the fabulous, amazing, and terrific qualities and characteristics you have. If you have trouble with this ask your family and friends to tell you the great things they see in you. You should have at least 50 things on this list.

Two is of the top five areas in your life you would like to improve. Do you want to lose weight, become financially stable, be more patient and tolerant, or have a better relationship with the Lord? Again, if you need assistance those closest to you will be able to identify things you may not.

Further action on each list:

For list one – keep adding to it as you discover additional things you love about yourself. These are things that would positively impact another person’s life because you are that way around them.

For list two – for each item you would like to improve on, research and determine one step you could take towards that change. Take one area a month and do at least that first step if not more.

You Should've Been There!!

The night air was cool and crisp as we walked the dusty drive toward the lodge where dinner was to be served. Casual conversation and laughter already set the tone even as folks were just entering the door. So many people arrived a crowd filled the lodge. People made their way upstairs to the loft, and at the same time, gathered around a fire in the hearth that warmed cold new arrivals downstairs. Though many of us had never met, the exchange of warm smiles and friendly greetings brought the crowd closer together — calming whatever anxieties any of us may have felt before coming in.

All were content to visit and make new friends that evening, but the delicious smell of smoked meats made us all very aware of how hungry we were getting. Ice breaker games gave way to a game of follow your nose to the smorgasbord of smoked brisket, pulled pork, brats and all kinds of side dishes that waited for us in the dining room on the lower floor of the lodge.

After dinner, people slowly drifted outside into the brisk night air to gather around the bon fire that, by this time, was burning bright and hot. Of course, while the fire is so hot and the night air so cold, there were those folks who had to get themselves warm one side at a time; they would face the fire to toast on one side, then turn around to toast their backs. Some found that wrapping their hands around a cup of hot chocolate and letting the steam caress their face was another favorable way to ward off the cold night air. We got out the marshmallows, Hershey bars, and graham crackers—and we made SMORES—the perfect finish for a great dinner.

In the distance, we could see part of our group climbing aboard a tracker-drawn wagon into bails of hay getting ready for a ride around lake side property of the lodge. The wagon made several trips so that everyone would get a chance to get a ride on the wagon. Even in the dark of the night while the wagon hobbled along through the woods on a primitive dirt road we could still experience the beauty the lake under a harvest moon. By the time the fall celebration was over, we all had new memories and friendships. You should've been there!

But, if you didn't get to join in the fun last October, Central Community Church is hosting this fall celebration again this year.

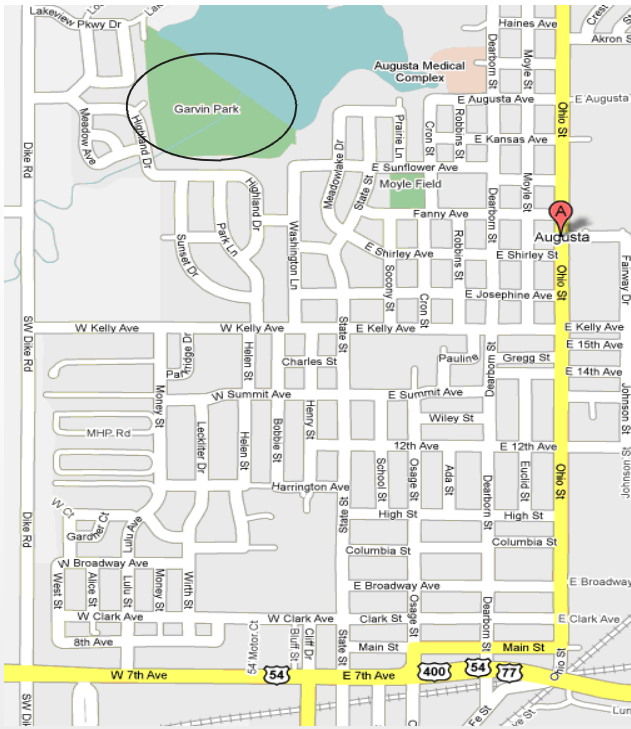
City Wide Fall Party

October 3rd at Cheney Lake

Hayrack rides, BBQ, Bonfire, Music, Games and much more!

Tickets are \$10.00 (bring a friend for \$5.00 more)

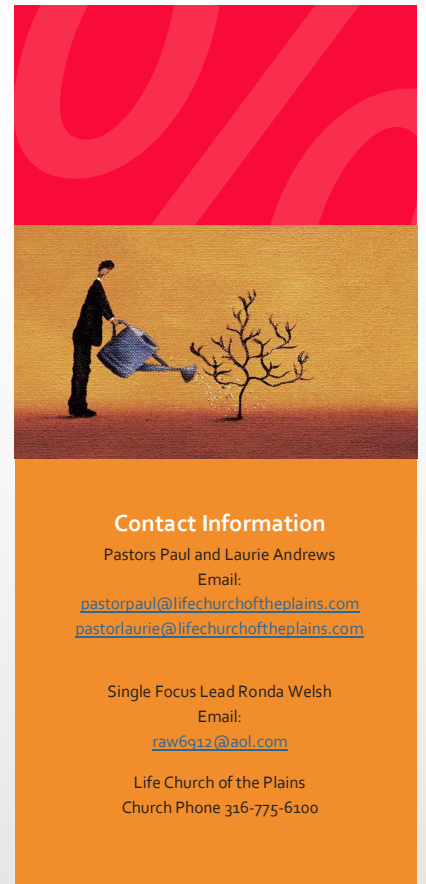




Meet at the theater in Augusta's
Garvin Park.

- 4:00 pm - time to set up for the picnic
- 5:00 pm - fire up the grill, start serving, games
- 5:30 pm - live music by
Three Year Flame

**Y'all bring a camping
chair and a picnic
blanket.**



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Lord, Are You Trying to Tell Me Something??

Failure does not mean I'm a failure;
It does mean I have not yet succeeded.

Failure does not mean I have accomplished nothing;
It does mean I have learned something;

Failure does not mean I have been a fool,
It does mean I had enough faith to experiment.

Failure does not mean I've been disgraced;
It does mean I dared to try.

Failure does not mean I don't have it;
It does mean I have to do something in a different way.

Failure does not mean I am inferior;
It does mean I am not perfect.

Failure does not mean I've wasted my life;
It does mean I have an excuse to start over again.

Failure does not mean I should give up;
It does mean I must try harder.

Failure does not mean I'll never make it;
It does mean I need more patience.

Failure does not mean You have abandoned me;
It does mean You must have a better idea. Amen.

Other Events

LOVE, SEX & LASTING RELATIONSHIPS
continues - Sundays
Time: 9:00 am.
Place: Life Church

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILD(REN)
Do you have or know a child whom you have concern for and want raise up in prayer?
Please join Single Focus in prayer for our child(ren)

BIBLE STUDY @ the Costello's
Mondays at 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS AT LIFE CHURCH
20 Somethings & Adult Services

DINNER/MOVIE GROUP
Saturday, September 26, at 6:30 pm