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FROM PASTOR DAN'S DESK

The Perfect Party

I recently read a blog posting titled, Hosting the Perfect Party. It was by an anonymous blogger named The Nester. Here is what she wrote:

We had a perfect get together.

The ham was stone cold for too long and refused to get hot.

I had one drape out of 4 hanging.

Our yard was 90% weeds.

Most of the 30 people had never met each other.

There were believers and non-believers.

There were happy marriages and hard times.

New Yorkers and die hard Southerners.

Babies and teenagers.

English and Spanish words.

There were 4 different colors of paint samples on the walls.

Real plates and paper plates.

Store bought food and homemade.

I didn't even remember to take a decent photo.

But, we connected.

It was absolutely perfect and I wouldn't change a thing.

I pause and ask myself: Would I host a party when my house and yard is in disarray? Would I host a party where I may be the only connection between the attendees? Would I serve cold ham? Would I invite people with differing world views and cultures?

I also pause and ask myself: What would my thoughts be if I attended a party like this? Would I be overly critical? Would I be making comments under my breath? Would I be plotting an early exit strategy from the party? What would I think of the hosts? What would I think of the others?

Oh my, have I given in to the worlds definition of perfectness? It's not just about the externals and tangibles. It's about connection: connection with God and connection with others. Yes, aesthetics can help but at the same time we have to be careful that we don't focus so much on making sure everything is perfect, that we miss the whole point of the gathering!

This reminds me of Sunday morning worship gatherings. At times, I think all of us, myself included, look for the perfect song, perfect voices, perfect instruments, perfect reading, perfect sermon delivery, perfect prayer, perfect clothes, perfect flowers, perfect you fill in the blank. We risk missing the true perfectness of what our worship gathering is about: Connection! Connection with God and connection with others.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan

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Wear Red for Pentecost

The office will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.



Newsletter DEADLINE

The next newsletter deadline is Thursday May 20th.



UPDATE RE. WOMEN MINISTRIES NATIONAL PROJECT: New Day for Children, a new faith-based organization started by members of Oakland Covenant Church to rescue teens from prostitution, has begun working with its first resident, says Executive Director John Blankmeyer. New Day is seeking grants from major donors, will not seek or receive government funds because of the organization’s commitment to being a faith-based program.



The Department of Women Ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church is raising funds to provide seed money for the school as the third phase of its successful Break The Chains anti-trafficking initiative. A video of the project was shown at a morning worship service here at Kerman Covenant in February as part of the observance of Women Ministries Sunday.

The need for the ministry is increasing, Blankmeyer says. “The social service system is collapsing, agencies are closing their doors, and more kids are winding up on the streets”. The idea for the school was born out of a task force created at First Covenant Church after members were surprised to learn how extensive human trafficking is in the United States. Undercover detectives told the church that more than 100 minors are being trafficked in just the Oakland area.

LOCALLY, Turning Point Pregnancy Care Center continues to provide assistance and education to women who experience an unplanned pregnancy. This is a local effort begun as the fulfillment of a dream Pat Goosev had for our community. There are ample opportunities for both financial and hands-on volunteer help as God continues to open doors for this ministry..

LOOKING FOR >>>>>

>>>>> New Ministry Ideas,

New Help and Volunteers to serve on the Women Ministries Leadership Team and Ministry Teams. We will evaluate the past year’s events and ministries, and your input is very valuable and welcome to this process. As new women enter our congregation we want to get the word out regarding opportunities to connect with other women in friendship and service. You can contact Barbara Nord, Susan Hornor, Donna Burdine, Julie Weis or Dena Yates.....or write your comments on the back of the Connection Card we use on Sunday mornings.

WATCH FOR AN INVITATION TO CHECK OUT THE NEWLY-DECORATED WOMENS LOUNGE...

This project should be completed by early May and there will be an announcement of a special dedication and celebration to mark the completion.

Future meeting dates for The Women Ministries Saturday Morning Book Club are:



- * May 22nd 8:00 a.m. @ Carolyn Scott’s house – The Scarlet Thread (Francine Rivers)
- * June 26th 8:00 a.m. – place TBD – Half Broke Horses (Jeannette Walls)
- * July 31st 8:00 a.m. – place TBD – The Measure of a Man (Sidney Poitier)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next pancake breakfast will be held on May 10th from 8:00am until 9:15am. Come enjoy some hot pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee before the worship service begins. Anyone interested in helping should mark the back of your Connection Card!



Mark your calendars and save August 15th for a special day of celebrating Kerman Covenant Church's 40 year anniversary. Plans are currently being worked on but may include a potluck among other activities. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.



Ship Ahoy! Thank you to those who have volunteered to come on board for the High Seas Expedition. We still need many more Mateys (volunteers). If you have any sea worthy items or paraphernalia like a ships wheel, sailor caps, large ropes, nets, etc. Please contact your captains: Josie Garcia, Kristy Newman or Donna Burdine. We will study our maps (have a training meeting) on the evening of June 5th with a galley of grub (dinner) for all VBS volunteers, so mark your calendars. If you have signed up as a volunteer, contact one of your captains and let them know if there is a particular area in which you would like to serve. We will be watching the weather for smooth sailing ahead!

Turning Point Pregnancy Care Center



Change for Babies Campaign starts Mother's Day. Precious baby bottles will be available for you to pick up, fill with change, cash or checks and return by Father's Day.

The center is quickly running out of new baby items. There will be a designated basket in the entryway of the main sanctuary (if you would like to drop off any donations) Thank You.

May 6th is the National Day of Prayer. A 7:00pm service is being planned for that date. Please mark your calendars and plan to be here.



Friends at Kerman Covenant Church, I wanted to take this time to thank you for your prayers during my long

illness. I am on my way to recovering, having started physical therapy today. I miss you all.

Beth Inman

Beginning August 22.....A five week study on *The Me I Want to Be: Discovering God's Best Version of You* by John Ortberg. This will be a congregation wide study to help us learn to be thriving and flourishing Christ-followers. The five sessions include:

A car wash will be held on Saturday, May 8th from 9 am until 1 pm in church parking lot to benefit Dallas Nord's internship/mission project with Thrive Africa. Please see Dallas with any questions.



1. Discovering the Spirit
2. Renewing My Mind
3. Redeeming My Time
4. Deepening My Relationship
5. Transforming My Experience

May 23, 2010 - Save the date after church for a Pentecost Celebration. We are celebrating the last day of Children's Sunday School with a Pentecost Celebration. We have planned a picnic lunch with hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks provided. Please check your connection card if you plan on participating. Participants



are asked to bring a salad or a dessert to share. There will also be games, crafts and activities to learn about the Holy Spirit for all ages. If you have a gift of being able to read a Bible verse in a language other than English please also check your connection card or contact Sue Logoluso.

Karyn and Eric Sorenson, ECC missionaries from Guam, will be taking 15 Pacific Island University students and six staff on a nine week performing



tour. The students will be ministering through song, dance, testimony, and island-style expressions. The purpose of the concerts is to raise awareness of the unique ministry in Micronesia through PIU. All of the students are from the remote islands. It will be a great opportunity to experience first-hand the fascinating culture of the Micronesian students. Biola Congregational Church will host one of the concerts on Sunday evening, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this sure-to-be exciting performance! Also, host homes are needed for staff and students! Please let Pastor Dan know if you are able to host.



UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW:

April 30-May 1 – Confirmation retreat at Camp Sierra.

May 21 – Fusion is going to see the Fresno Grizzlies. This activity is **free!** Space is limited to 30 people, and the sign up is in the Fusion room. If you do sign up, make sure you are going. Since it's free, if you sign up and don't go, you are taking away someone else's ability to go! Remember Philippians 2:3-5!

May 23 – Confirmation Sunday. Graduating Confirmation students, you'll be expected to participate in the service!

May 25 – Guys' Bible study end of the year celebration BBQ night... starting at 6!

Additional things without a date at this moment...

+ The city is tentatively putting on a Youth Block Party at Kerckhoff Park. This will be targeted towards middle school and high school students. Fusion should be able to have a booth at the party, as well as many of us there participating. Look for more information from Pastor Theo when it becomes available.

+ Mr. Shannon Guidry (the 4th) is working on nailing down some service projects for Fusion. *The service projects are not just a guys' Bible study thing, but for everyone involved with Fusion!*

TOPICS...

S2 (Sunday School): Promised Power

Guys' Bible Study: James

Mid-week Youth Group: Fusion 1.0 (Middle School) – Consider Your Ways (Haggai)

Fusion 2.0 (High School) – Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time

30 HOUR FAMINE:

We had a total of 15 people take part in the 30 Hour Famine, April 9-10. A big thanks to all of you who so generously gave canned food, even though you weren't expecting Fusion to stop by. Your generosity was a very clear teaching moment to the youth! The canned food went to a food ministry in Mendota that provides meals for 250 families a week. Students were also involved in raising funds, though the total amount raised for World Vision has not been tallied yet as students are still bringing in their money.

PROMOTION TIME!

On Friday, June 4th, Fusion will be having the 7GOP: 7th Grade Only Party to welcome in the new members of Fusion! So if you are or your youth are currently in the 6th grade, circle June 4th on your calendar! There will be a time for parents to come and get acquainted with how things are done in Fusion. Hey, almost 7th graders, we are looking forward to having you in Fusion VERY, VERY SOON!!!

GUYS' BIBLE STUDY

The final guys' Bible study this spring will be on May 25th with a special BBQ night. Pastor Theo wants to thank Shannon Guidry for leading the study this spring and Josh Daniels for leading the study last fall. Also thanks to Kevin Carlson and Keith Krum for their leadership in the group.

GOOD NEWS T-SHIRT

Jesus told his disciples — and us — to go into all the world and preach the good news. Wherever you go, this cool T-shirt will help spark conversations about your faith.

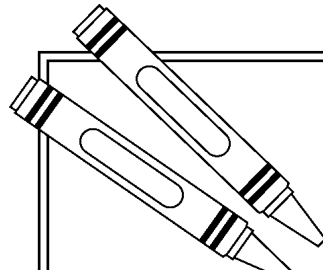
What you need:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Plain white, cotton T-shirt
- Permanent markers
- Goggles (optional)
- Eye dropper
- Rubbing alcohol
- Clothes hanger

What you do:

1. Cover a table with newspaper. (Work outside or in a well-ventilated area.)
2. Place a piece of cardboard inside your T-shirt. (This keeps pen marks from going through to the other side.)
3. With permanent markers, draw a design of large circles, spirals, hearts, etc.
4. Wear goggles while dropping rubbing alcohol onto your designs with an eye dropper. As the alcohol permeates the permanent marker, the color will break up and spread in interesting ways.
5. Hang the shirt to dry.
6. When the shirt is dry, place cardboard inside it again. On the front, write “I have some good news to share with you.” You can also write a Bible verse.






Just for KIDS


“I am with you always.”

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus’ disciples and should follow his same instructions.

Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.



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Answer: “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:15-Gathering

9:30am-Worship

10:45am-Fellowship

GROWING TO IMPACT KERMAN FOR CHRIST 11:00am-Sunday School, Bible Fellowship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 7:47am-Youth Leadership See Morning Schedule 6:00pm-I Am Second	3 11:30am-Lunch Bunch Bible Study	4 9:30am-Ladies' Crafts 7:00pm-Boys Bible Study 7:00pm-Leadership Prayer (CE)	5 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 4:00pm-GRAPPLE 7:00pm-Fusion (CE)	6 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's) 7:00pm-National Day of Prayer	7	1/8 9:00am-Thrive Africa Car Wash
9 8:00am Pancake Breakfast See Morning Schedule 6:00pm-I Am Second	10 11:30am-Lunch Bunch Bible Study	11 9:30am-Ladies' Crafts 1:30pm-Country View Visit 7:00pm-Core Ministry Team Mtg 7:00pm-Boys Bible Study	12 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 4:00pm-GRAPPLE 4:00pm-Emmy Gutierrez Fundraiser (KHS MPR) 7:00pm-Fusion (CE)	13 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's)	14 Lantz/McAdam Rehearsal	15 Lantz/McAdam Wedding 6:00pm-Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
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23 Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday See Morning Schedule 6:00pm-I Am Second	24 11:30am-Lunch Bunch Bible Study 7:00pm-Bunco (MB)	25 7:00pm-Boys Bible Study	26 6:30am-Women's Study Group (Goosev's) 4:00pm-GRAPPLE 7:00pm-Fusion (CE)	27 6:30am-Men's Breakfast (Maria's)	28	29
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