



A word from God

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

Hebrews 11:6

The more I read and recite the above scripture verse the more I understand what a wonderful thing faith is. First I see faith as the way to please God. Throughout the Bible we have examples of people who have chosen to believe that God is real and trust Him for everything about their life. Abraham’s faith was so strong that it was counted to him as righteousness. Moses had so much faith in God that once the burning bush encounter had occurred he responded to God without question, even asking God to show him more of Himself so he could find more favor. The Apostles believed in Jesus so much that at His command to follow Him they dropped everything, left families and followed. The next powerful element of this verse is that we have been given the right to approach God. The only condition, believe that He exists and that He rewards faith, and there is no limit to how many times we can approach Him. We can talk with Him anytime and any place and know that He is hearing us. And closely tied to this is element of the scripture is that He rewards us who are serious about seeking Him. Faith in God is so powerful and so beneficial to the person who will believe in Him. He is just waiting for us, desirous of our calling on Him and eager for our belief in His wonderful provisions. How is your faith today?

Pastor Frank

Adult Ministries

- **Men’s Bible Study Saturday mornings 7:00am in room 6 of the church. We are in an in-depth verse by verse study of John. Neat way to meet new friends and grow in deeper in your knowledge of God’s Word.**
- **Adult Bible class Sunday morning 10:45am Studying Genesis.**
- **Monday night Men’s Bible study is starting a study of “Disciplines of a GODLY MAN”. Start time @ 6:30 pm**

Happenings



- Prayer partners are needed. This isn't a plea, this is a mandate. People need to be praying during the morning services. The power of God is seen in changed lives when people are praying. The message from the word of God is more powerful when people are praying. Check it out. Come in on Sunday and see what goes on. Small Groups leaders I challenge you to pick a Sunday service each quarter and make it your ministry to pray during that hour.
- This Sunday July 26th will be last chance to signup for the Sacramento River Cats Faith and Family Night August 8th. It will be a fun filled evening with a pregame show by Radical Reality, Raffle Prizes and Post-Game Fireworks. Seats are still available so don't miss out
- **BUILDING UPDATE: THE PLANS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY. The county currently has our plans included on the docket for August. Particular areas to pray for: That we would have affordable water; that the county will approve the plans without comment; that we will not be delayed.**
- **Commitment to the expansion: Following this Sunday the commitments will be counted to see where the expansion project stands on money. Next weeks Pulse will contain the amount an any helpful details. If you have not committed yet and would like to, fill out a commitment card or just write your commitment on a piece of paper and put it in the offering bag on Sunday. Don't forget to sign it.**
- **Struggling with the possibility of a job loss? The support group meets tonight at 7:00 in room 4 of the church. If you are interested in joining this group please e-mail dennis-gottier@yahoo.com. Many great job leads have been offered.**

KidZone



- **Crocodile Dock VBS 2009 July 20th -24th** . Thank you to all our volunteers. We are having a great time at VBS this week!
- **Promotion Sunday is August 2nd** . We will say a sad good-bye to our 5th graders as they advance to Middle school. Look out Wildside here they come!
- **Family Camp August 28th-30th** Parents sign up this week for a wonderful family experience at Lake Francis. Your kids will love it!
- **AWANA** registration for next school year will be held on September 2nd 2009.
- **Parenting Class 13 week DVD series " Essentials of Discipline" by Dr James Dobson** Starts August 16th during second service. Facilitators: Mark and Robin Miller. Signup sheet locate at information table in the front entrance of the church.
- **"Parent Link" and "Parenting Tips"** Free by email! Just contact Lovina Kirkpatrick: Kid-Zone@surewest.net to be added to the distribution list.

Visit asckidzone.org for more KidZone information!

Students



Starting next Sunday Aug. 2nd, we'll be meeting together as an entire student ministries group. The meeting will be during 1st service at 9am followed by joining together for our church's 2nd service at 10:45am. We'll have a great time worshipping, learning and having a lot of fun together!

Continental breakfast: We need your help with this:

A continental breakfast will be served in the youth room on Sunday morning at 9am, starting on August 2nd. Our hopes are to attract more of a crowd...the breakfast offerings will be bigger and better. We need volunteers to make this work. I would like to set up a monthly rotation of the same folks bringing the same items month after month. Ideally we would like a "main" item (bagels, danish, muffins, coffee cake), cereal and milk, fresh fruit and juice. The church hospitality team will provide coffee and tea every week. A pump pot for both hot water and coffee will be in the youth room, along with cream and sugar. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to be involved in this ministry. Wendy Jackson [wj40@sbcglobal.net]

Wildside:

We're having an **End of Summer Pool Party** at Jen and Isaac's (7744 Nisenan Ct. Antelope) on Aug 2nd from 1 to 3pm. Incoming 6th to 8th graders are invited. Please bring appropriate swimwear and \$5 for the bbq lunch.

Our **Thursday nights are getting ready to start** up again! We hope you're all ready because we're back on Thursday Aug 6th with a new time 6:30 to 8:00pm. Wildside will be better than ever...we'll see you there!

707:

Rush Week starts next Thursday! This is our first event of the new year and we hope that current 707 students and incoming freshman participate. Please see 7-0-7.org for more info, saving your spot, and the permission slip. It's going to be a great time and we hope you can all join us!

Our **Tuesday nights are getting ready to start** up again! We hope you're all ready because we're back on Tuesday Aug 4th from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Some changes are coming your way so come and join us!

College Ministry

Lighthouse college ministry meets **Monday @ 7:00 pm at the church.** This new ministry is proving to be an enjoyable time of getting to know others, discuss our faith and worship our God. We are studying the book by Francis Chan "Crazy Love". Look forward to seeing you here.

This Week



**Sunday message to be brought by Pastor Frank DeLange –
Message title is: “Growing Deep-The Evidence of Real Faith ”**

May God richly bless each of you as you look to Him for leading and guidance, your church leadership.