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Aaron Hubner, Major Charles Mann Jr., Steven Peralta, Yuji Dornberg (Jamie Fox's husband), Daniel Page, Major Michal Bruens (Calif.) Brian Brown, Sgt. Ryne Haxton, Joan Skipper, Roy Espinoza Jr., Derek Evans (Afghanistan), Chris Bickers, Jordan Bishopp, Jacob Huckleby, Adam Frye, Nick McCann, David Johnson, Kevin Krause, Vincent Lafoon (England), Josh Newman (Iraq), Heather Romine, Shane Carter, Erik Sheppard, Sgt. Skyler Feller (Iraq), Richard Kelenhofer, Joshua Habing-Martinez, Jesse Pugh, Jonathan Starr (Iraq), and all military personnel.

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Mike Hawthorne, Jake Salm, and Derrick Gaddis

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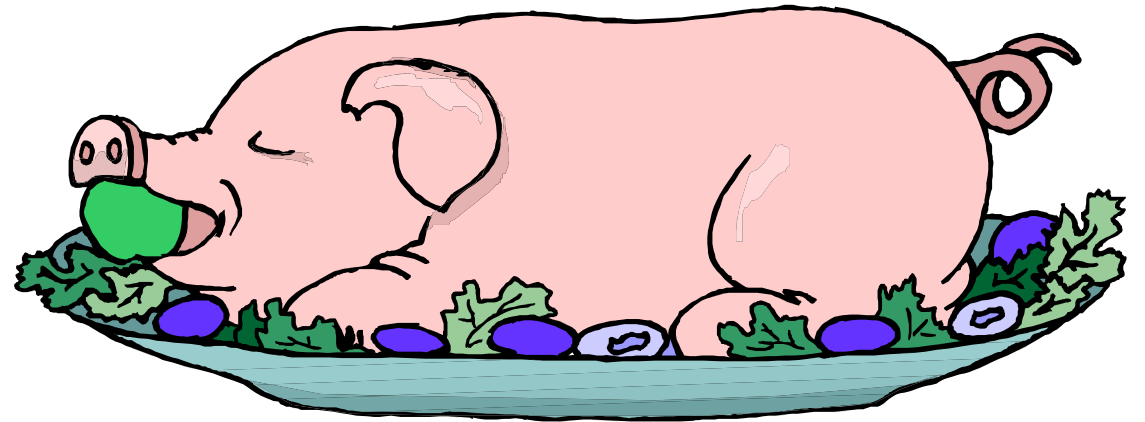
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JULY
2010

Annual Hog Roast
Saturday, July 24
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors. Everything is





SOMETHING NEW!!

Starting July 11 our church will be offering our community a bus ride service to attend Sunday School. At 9:30 on Sunday mornings our church bus will be driving a route around town to pick up adults and children who would like to come to Sunday School.

The bus will leave the church at 9:30 and may be waved down at any point along the route to pick up riders. There will also be four regular stops along the way as it returns to the church in time for Sunday School at 10:00. There will be posters and maps in our foyer, placed around town and in the newspaper showing the route, the stops, and the times.

When Sunday School is over at 11:00, the bus will return everyone using the same route. Please help us to spread the word by telling your friends and neighbors and inviting them to come.

We will be serving simple refreshments in the weekly Sunday School classes so if are willing to supply or help, please talk to Mary Smith. We will also need more qualified bus drivers. If you can help or if you have questions, talk to Brent for more information. Won't it be exciting to see our Sunday School grow???

Bake Sale

On Saturday, July 31 the churches of Milford will be sponsoring a bake sale at the Farmers' Market to benefit the Crossroads Youth Center. Will you please help us by baking your specialty and bringing it to the Milford Farmer's Market (in front of Lookers Bird's Nest) between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. that morning? If it is more convenient, you can drop off your baked goods at Joan Sattler's house, 207 McKinley, on Friday or call her at 889-5366 for pick up service. Everyone is invited to come that day to purchase and enjoy The Market offerings while supporting the youth of Milford.

July-Reading Thru the Bible

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| 1- Proverbs 11-12 | 16-Ezekiel 43-48 |
| 2-Ezekiel 31-36 | 17-John 1-2 |
| 3- Luke 21-22 | 18-1 Thessalonians 4-5 |
| 4- Colossians 3-4 | 19-Leviticus 25-27 |
| 5- Leviticus 19-21 | 20-1 Chronicles 1-4 |
| 6- II Kings 16-20 | 21- Psalms 93-95 |
| 7- Psalms 87-89 | 22- Proverbs 16 |
| 8- Proverbs 13 | 23-Daniel 1-6 |
| 9-Ezekiel 37-42 | 24-John 3-4 |
| 10-Luke 23-24 | 25-II Thessalonians |
| 11-1 Thessalonians | 26-Numbers 1-4 |
| 12- Leviticus 22-24 | 27- 1 Chronicles 5-9 |
| 13- II Kings 21-25 | 28-Psalms 96-98 |
| 14-Psalms 90-92 | 29-Proverbs 17-18 |
| 15-Proverbs 14-15 | 30- Daniel 7-12 |
| 31- John 5-6 | |

Golf Outing

The Annual "Harvest of Talents" golf outing, sponsored by the Milford Christian Church will be held on Saturday, August 7 at Benton County Country Club, Fowler, In.

The outing will consist of 4 person scramble (register as a team or individual) with tee time at 12:30 p.m. Il. time. Cost is \$35.00 per person, paid in advance. Please reply early. This cost includes 18 holes of golf and a meal after golf for all golfers and their families. Contact Wayne Fox 815-889-4641 for more information.

Please Help--

As part of our ongoing effort to reach out to our community, the Evangelism and Outreach committee is going to distribute basic school supplies for children. We need your help to gather the supplies for the bags. On July 11 and 18, we ask that you bring 16 count crayon boxes, pencils, and erasers. On July 25 and Aug. 1, please bring scissors and glue sticks. A box will be in the foyer. Thank you for helping us reach families in our communities!!

News Release

Are your kids ready to have a blast?

Then they won't want to miss a nanosecond of *Operation Space* VBS, the coolest spot in this corner of the cosmos! At *Operation Space*, kids will experience a galactic adventure like no other as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies and dramas. They'll also have a close encounter with God's Word.

It promises to be an out-of-this world experience, so contact us today. It's time to prepare for launch!

Operation Space A Close Encounter with God's Word

Come join us for VBS at Milford Christian Church. Aug. 9-13 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ages 4 years through those going into 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Please pre-register by calling the church or stop by the table in the foyer.

Notes from Gary

Sure enough, life was going to be different and it started the next morning at Sunday Worship. The old fisherman always looked forward to Sundays to visit and catch up on all that was happening with all of his friends. However, this morning there was a somberness in the room as he arrived. The parson pulled the old fisherman aside and explained that widow Telford's Shack was completely destroyed by fire, and she and her two young daughters had no place to go. As the old fisherman listened to the terrible news he was unconsciously clinging to the pearl in his

pocket. For a moment he had forgotten about his good fortune as he let the plight of Telford's misfortune sink in. It just didn't seem right to share his blessing in light of the desperate plight of those around him.

There was no sermon that morning, but rather a planning session on how to help the Telford's. At the end of the day each person had given something to help, and for the time being the family was being cared for. However, the long term solutions were not addressed because what was truly needed was well beyond the churches ability to do.

The old fisherman left church that evening not telling a soul about the exquisite pearl he had in his possession. As the old fisherman snuffed out the lantern next to his bed he began to think about what he should do with his pearl. Sleep came slow that night because every thought of possession and adventure melted away into thoughts about a friend without a home.

As the morning sun peeked through the shutters on the old fisherman's cottage his plan of action had not yet been decided. After a quick breakfast the old fisherman headed down to the mercantile to see what his pearl was worth. As he waited in line for his turn he overheard a young man lay out his plans to start a construction company that would provide the small fishing village with newer and more economical for everyone. The merchant like the idea, but because the man was young and inexperienced the merchant was unwilling to underwrite the business venture.

The old fisherman watched the dejected young man as he walked out the door, and couldn't help wondering what would become of one who had such great skills but no chance to use them.

"Next Please!", was the invitation for the old fisherman to step up to the counter. The old fisherman stood for an indecisive moment not being sure of what he was about to do.

"Well, Can I help you?" The impatient merchant barked. The old fisherman pulled the pearl out of his pocket and laid it on the counter. The eyes of the merchant nearly popped out of his head as he gazed at the magnificent pearl. Never had he seen such a prize in his entire life. The merchant drove everyone else from his establishment and spent the better part of the day negotiating the handsome price that he would pay for the pearl.

As the old fisherman left the mercantile he left with more money than he had ever dreamed of. He really couldn't believe it, but it was real. As the old fisherman made his way home to his cottage, he saw the young man, who had been rejected by the merchant, talking to a beautiful young lady whose tears revealed dashed hopes and a broken heart. The old fisherman knew what was taking place between the young couple, and it broke his heart to think that a life of happiness could be held captive to an ill fated business deal.

As the young girl ran off sobbing the young man, blinded by his tears, turned and almost ran over the old fisherman.

Sorry, you'll have to tune in next month for more.

Love,
Gary