

July 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

Worship Every Lord's Day

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

I remember watching what many fans call the "Most Memorable Moment" in Major League Baseball on September 6, 1995. That was the night that Cal Ripken, Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's record for consecutive games played, a record that had stood for 56 years and many deemed unbreakable. Ripken surpassed that mark on September 6, 1995 by playing in his 2,131st consecutive game. Ripken eventually voluntarily ended his streak at 2,632 games in 1998. Ripken played every single game for his team for 17 years!

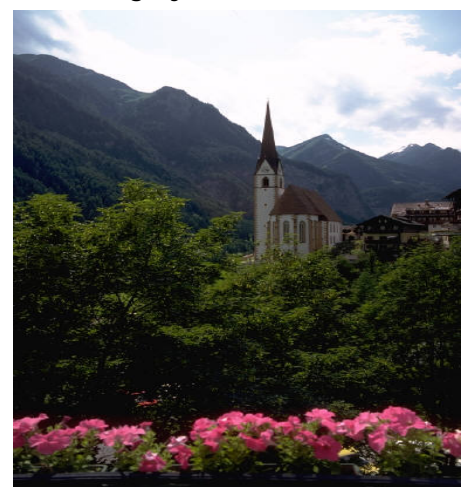
I often think of Cal Ripken when I think of Hebrews 10:24-25, which says: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." The writer is encouraging Christians not to neglect meeting together. That is to say that Christians should meet together on the Lord's Day to worship the Lord.

Every Christian should aim to be like Cal Ripken in terms of never missing a worship service. Of course, Cal never had an injury that kept him out of a game, which is really remarkable. Christians sometimes get ill or have accidents. However, I must say that too many Christians skip worship services for

the flimsiest of reasons. I have heard of Christians skipping worship services because of tiredness, friends or family visiting, vacations, travel, and so on.

Brothers and sisters, that should not be! Make it your goal to attend worship services every Lord's Day – unless there is a truly unavoidable reason (such as an illness). I especially mention this at this time because summer is a time when so many of us travel and are tempted to skip worship.

This summer I have worshiped every Lord's Day at a number of different churches. And it has been glorious! It has been such a blessing to meet together with Christians in different churches to worship our great God and Savior. Let me encourage you to do the same.



Our Mission

To bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his church family, develop them to Christlike **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God's name

Special Events:

- ◆ June 4—Patriotic Family Picnic
- ◆ July 9-13—Incrediworld Vacation Bible School

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Last month we talked about the second in a three part series on community building. The topic was the different ways that sharing could build community. We are to share one another's space/goods/time, our needs/problems, and our beliefs/thinking/spirituality. Sharing our goods/space/time means giving unselfishly of our time, money, shelter and other practical ways of helping. Sharing our needs/problems means that we are all sharing with each other both burdens and encouragement. Sharing our beliefs/thinking/spirituality means that we are teaching, admonishing, encouraging and loving one another.

This month, we will look at serving one another and how that will help build community. The first way that we can serve one another is through accountability. James 5:16, Romans 15:14, and Ephesians 4:25 all talk about accountability and being honest with one another. Without accountability, we will be hard pressed to grow. Accountability helps us attack our sins, build up our habits, and grow together in the Lord. Hebrews 3:13 tells us to "encourage one another daily." Not only is this good doctrine, but it also implies an understanding and sharing level that will not be there if we are not sharing our sins and struggles with each other.

Next, we need to serve one another through forgiveness and reconciliation. Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:13, Galatians 5:26, James 4:11, and Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15 all talk about our relationships with one another. Christians in community will not give up on one another. We must never tire of forgiving and/or repenting and seeking to reestablish our broken relationships. Notice too that the verses in Matthew *both* tell us to go to others if there is something wrong between you and someone else. In short, it is *always* your move to repair relationships in community. Too often, bitterness and selfishness keep us from moving forward in our relationships and hinder growth of the individual as well as the growth of the body as a whole.

Finally, we must serve one another's interests rather than our own. Hebrews 10:24, Romans 15:1-2, and Galatians 5:13 all tell us to encourage one another and look out for others over ourselves. We must have the servant heart that is prevalent throughout the Bible. We must be actively seeking out and deliberately looking for the needs around you. Hebrews 10:24 tells us that we should be giving deliberate consideration to build up our brothers and sisters in Christ. Galatians 5:13 has the Greek word *douloi*, which is the same word that James uses to describe himself in the beginning of his letter. The word means bond-servant or slave and in Gal 5:13 we are told to be *douloi* of one another.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer says: "A man who confesses his sins in the presence of a brother knows that he is no longer alone with himself; he experiences the presence of God in the reality of the other person." By serving one another, especially through accountability, forgiveness, reconciliation, and looking after each other's interests, the church will grow strong in the gospel together. This growth will not be a few people becoming smarter and more mature, but the church as a whole growing in its Christ-likeness and witness in the world. Have a great month!

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Please Pray for 2012 VBS!

July 9-13, 2012

Pray that God will give the gift of eternal life to kids though VBS this summer.

Pray that we will worship the Creator—Redeemer even more as we all learn more about His incredible Creation in a learning community of all ages.

Please pray...

- In your personal prayer time.
- In your family prayer time.
- In a prayer time on Sundays in Rm. 21 from 12:00-12:15, and on June 10-July 15.

Pray that we as a VBS Adult Staff and Youth Interns would be as effective as possible in sharing the Good News about Jesus with children by...

- Being prepared to share the Evangelism Explosion booklet for children.
- Being quick to see opportunities that God has created.
- Being creative in using words that kids understand.
- Being wise in engaging parents about out talks with their children.

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Here's a personal Prayer for VBS Staff & Youth Interns:

"Lord, I am weak, but You are strong! Help me to have confidence in You and in Your desire to save. Help me to believe that Your Spirit can open the heart and mind of an unbeliever. Help me to know that You can overrule the circumstances of my life to bring me into contact with those in whose hearts You are working. Help me to have the courage to make the most of the opportunities You place in my path to share Your truth with those who don't know You. Help me to speak clearly when I try to present Your Good News. Help me to be in some small but faithful way an example of the Gospel that I claim to believe and that I say has saved and is transforming me."



Women's Ministry

By Ginny Bremer

Thank you

Thank you to Nancy Kirkpatrick for changing the ladies' room décor to coordinate with the VBS creation theme. Our children will enjoy the animal pictures.

Looking Ahead

There are no planned women's activities for July. We encourage everyone to pray for and become involved with our VBS program and attend the Fourth of July picnic.

Our next Sister-to-Sister has been planned for Saturday, August 4th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Stevie Riley's home. Our theme will be health and wellness for the mind, body, and soul. Mark your calendar and plan to attend for fun, games, exercise, and a devotional, as well as great food and fellowship. More information will be available in the church bulletin as the date approaches.

We are planning a tea for the ladies at a tea parlor in Temple Terrace. Our target date is October 6. Be on the lookout for information next month.

Another great October opportunity for growth and fellowship is a two day retreat. On October 19 and 20, Covenant Presbyterian Church has arranged for a retreat at FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City, FL. Tara Barthel will be the keynote speaker, having four sessions in the two days. Her topic is entitled, "Fear Not: Finding God's Comfort for My fearful Soul." She is a wonderful speaker! Retreat brochures, which are found in the narthex and on the visitor's table, give detailed information about Tara, the cost, the schedule, and includes a registration form and directions.

We will have our regular WM 15 meeting on the second Sunday, July 8, 2012 at 12:00 in room 23. Plan to attend to share ideas and plan future events.

44 Funny Church Bulletin

Bloopers To Make You Smile

By Rev. Charles Specht*

I hope the people at your church know it is okay to smile every once in a while. Even laugh occasionally (but not during the pastor's sermon, please!). Sometimes I think we take the things

that happen at church a bit too seriously.

Do you know what I mean?

No, I'm not talking about things like sin or theology or repentance or anything like that. Certainly those things have their place and should always be taken quite seriously, indeed.

Actually, I'm talking about the *lighter* things that happen in and around your church. Like the things that appear in your Sunday morning church bulletin, for example.

Rarely does anyone ever create the Sunday bulletin and then run it by the pastor or a few sanctified editors for things like punctuation, clarity, etc...but maybe we should. Why do I say that, you ask? Well, read the following list of actual church bulletin bloopers and you'll understand why.

These are funny, embarrassing, hilarious, and...oh, just read them yourself. Enjoy, and share them with someone at your church who needs a good laugh!

1. Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontin-

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Adult Christian Education & Fellowship
Bob Guest

Children
Eileen Fritz

Emptynesters
Jan Ousnamer

Greeters & Welcome Table
Bill & Nora Jeffries

Growth Groups Session

Hospitality
LeeAnn DeStefano

Men's Bible Study
Jeff Beams

Men's Ministry
Brian Carrier

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Women's Bible Study
Betty Pothoven

Women in the Church
Ginny Bremer

Youth
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ued until further notice.

2. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

3. The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

4. On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.

5. Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.

6. The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

7. If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.

8. Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

9. Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.

10. We are grateful for the help of those who cleaned up the grounds around the church building and the rector.

11. A worm welcome to all who have come today.

12. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

13. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

14. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

15. The ushers will come forward and take our ties and offerings.

16. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

17. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

18. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

19. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.

20. Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

21. Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheet.

22. Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

23. The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

24. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

25. Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30p.m. Please use the back door.

26. The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.

27. The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

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Missionaries Supported by TBPC

Mission to the World

Esaie & Natacha

Etienne

Ken & Tammie

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Carla Stevens

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Nathaniel & Cherita

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Dr. Oscar & Elizabeth

Alvarez

Chamberlain-Hunt

Academy

Pam Johnston

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28. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
29. 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
30. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
31. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.
32. The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
33. The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
34. A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.
35. Today's Sermon: How Much Can a Man Drink? with hymns from a full choir.
36. Hymn: "I Love Thee My Ford."
37. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
38. Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
39. Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING conference: "*The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.*"
40. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
41. Ushers will eat latecomers.
42. Tuesday at 4PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
43. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
44. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.

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July Birthdays

- 6—Christine Todd
- 6—Joey Weir
- 6—Eli Nichols
- 9—Rick Hallstrand
- 14—Earl Myers
- 14—Isaac Nichols
- 16—Barbara Hess
- 17—Rayna Burger
- 17—Hudson Collier
- 17—Zach Gawrych
- 17—Debbie Jordan
- 18—Bob Moore
- 21—Eileen Fritz
- 22—Gertrude Hunter
- 23—Pat Smith
- 29—Bob Koryus



July Anniversaries

- 2—Peter and Ling Wu
- 12—Phil and Chris Lear
- 12—James and Melissa Nichols
- 18—Rene and Lili Palacio
- 19—Tony and Bett Correa
- 23—Roy and Gertrude Hunter
- 25 —Brian and Alisa Carrier
- 31—Jerel and Heather Tomasello

July 2012*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study	2 10:00a Staff Meet- ing	3	4 Independence Day 4:00p 4th of July Family Picnic	5 9:30a Summer Story Hour- Preschool 10:30a Summer Story Hour- Elementary	6	7 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; 7:00p CMA Span- ish Bible Study
8 8:45a Children's Sunday School & CE&F/Worship Service; 10:30a Worship Service; 2:00p VBS Work Party	9 9:00a-12:00p VBS 10:00a Staff Meet- ing	10 9:00a-12:00p VBS	11 9:00a-12:00p VBS	12 9:00a-12:00p VBS 7:00p Missions Committee Meet- ing	13 9:00a-12:00p VBS	14 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; 7:00p CMA Span- ish Bible Study
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22 8:45a Chil- dren's Sunday School & CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service	23 10:00a Staff Meet- ing	24	25 12:30 Pacesetters' Lunch 6:00p PHOS Youth Group	26 9:30a Summer Story Hour- Preschool 10:30a Summer Story Hour- Elementary 7:00p Leadership Team Meeting	27	28 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; 10:30a 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study
29 8:45a Sunday School & Adult CE&F; 10:30a Wor- ship Service	30 10:00a Staff Meet- ing	31 6:00p VBS Work Party				

*Due to the number of events scheduled, we cannot fit all Sunday activities on the monthly newsletter calendar. Please consult the online calendar at <http://prem.calendars.net/tbpc> for the complete schedule of activities on Sundays in April.



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The Sunday Schedule

Time	Location	
8:45 AM	Classroom Wing	Sunday School for Children C. E. & F. for Adults
10:30 AM	Sanctuary	Worship Service