

Children's Ministry Save the date:



**VBS is tentatively scheduled
for June 15-19, 2009...
Pending area school
calendars and closings
due to bad weather.
More information coming soon!!**

April 10, 2009

Good Friday Morning Children's Activity
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Parents together with their children will participate in a hands on activity and devotion time which will be provided by the Children's Ministry Team.

Offering envelopes for Kids Klub Kids are available in their classrooms. If they don't bring them home on Feb. 1, please stop in the next Sunday and pick them up.

First Impressions:

Thank you to all who served as greeters, ushers, communion servers and brought refreshments during the last 3 month (Dec., Jan., & Feb.) rotation.

Your servant heart and hands are much appreciated.

Thank you for sharing hospitality and love to those who joined us for worship!

Sign up sheets for March, April and May Servants along with Ash Wednesday and Holy Week servants will be available on the kiosk by February 15th.



Applying Bible Principles

February Stewardship Series

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. "Jumbo shrimp" is an oxymoron. "Ferocious lamb" is another. "Dumb scholar" is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, "Stingy Christian." Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Think about some of God's good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11). God gives the rain (Job 5:10). God gives health (Jer. 30:17).

God gives life (Acts 17:25). God gives strength (Isa. 40:29). God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).

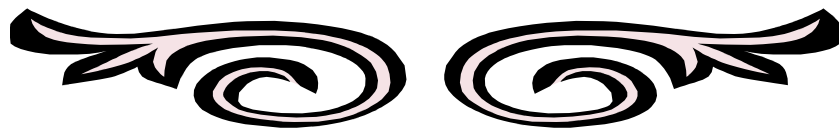
God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9). God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 < for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That's why of all the oxymorons in existence, "Stingy Christian" is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, "What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have."



From the desk of . . .

. . . Bryan DePotty, Youth Ministry Director

AtF ~

SEEK

There is a new opportunity for High School students to discover and grow in their faith this semester. Based on a successful test run last Fall, **SEEK** is a weekly evening bible study. These bible studies are a short three weeks long, take place in the informality of a host home and are meant to offer students a place where they can either seek God for the first time or take their faith to new level. Location and times are available on the website or by contacting Bryan.

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Bring your snow gear to AtF on February 1st. We will head outside for fun in the snow and inside to watch the Super-Bowl. Bring a snack to share.

Crossroads ~

WINTER EXTREME

Pray for Crossroads students as they brave the cool Wisconsin winter to Winter Extreme at Camp Timber-Lee, February 6-8. This winter retreat will offer students winter activities like sledding, tubing and broom ball. A dynamic speaker and great worship will challenge us to grow as Christians. We look forward to a great weekend at our first Winter Retreat.

CROSSROADS SNOW NIGHT

Pizza and a Friend at Crossroads is an opportunity for students to invite friends and have a fun night together. On February 18, we will have fun in the snow. Remember to bring your snow gear and tell your friends too.