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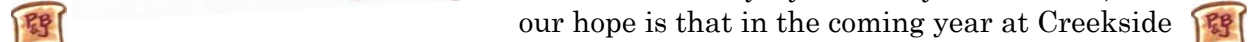
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P B & J Praise, Blessing & Joy



The Worship Team has set a goal for 2009 to spread P B & J. P B & J might stand for peanut butter and jelly in many households, but our hope is that in the coming year at Creekside we will associate P B & J with Praise, Blessing and Joy. Psalm 34:8 reads, “*O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are those who take refuge in him.*” We have done an admirable job as a congregation at sharing our sorrows and bearing one another’s burdens, but this is only a part of the sharing which needs to happen. In the coming months you will be given opportunities in worship to share praise, blessing, and joy, and to hear how others in our congregation have been touched by God’s goodness—and P B & J isn’t limited to worship, to Sunday morning, or even to Creekside—someone from outside of our congregation may hear our praise and joy and say, “Give me some of what they’re having!”

This is not an attempt to avoid difficult decisions or to stop forthright sharing; it is an acknowledgment that *attitude changes outlook, and outlook can ultimately effect outcomes.* The lighthearted presentation of this concept belies a deeper theological conviction: that God is at work for good in our lives, our church, and our world, and Christians should witness and proclaim God’s goodness. This is true at all times, but it bears repeating, especially when times are difficult. We affirm Paul’s words in 2 Thessalonians 5: 16: “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*”

Praise, Blessing and Joy does not take a substantial financial commitment, but it will be a spiritual challenge. It will mean paying attention to how God is at work in our lives, and being willing to share that with others. For some it may mean looking at what we have rather than what we lack. For others, it may, mean speaking encouragement rather than criticism. For all of us, it will mean proclaiming that it is God, and no one else, who upholds us as individuals and as a congregation.

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We believe that anyone, of any age, in any circumstances can spread P B & J. Whether it's an encouraging result on a medical test or a social studies test, a friendship that's lasted 50 years or 5 months, a difficult decision you've wrestled with or a pin at a wrestling meet—we want to give you an opportunity to share that joy with others. February 8 will be the first Sunday of P B & J, but Worship Team is planning ongoing opportunities for sharing and praise. Here are some of them:

- * There will be a time for sharing P B & J in worship. This will not take the place of sharing prayer concerns, but it will be focused on joys.
- * Beginning February 15 there will be “spread sheets” in the fellowship area. You are invited to write Praise, Blessing and Joys on them (include your name only if you choose to), put them in the box provided, and they will be printed in our announcement sheet each week. Spread sheets can be given directly to people—within our congregation or outside of it—to share a word of encouragement or blessing.
- * There will be a focus for prayer or praise each week in the bulletin. We hope that this will keep us looking in the same direction for God's work in our midst

The opening verses of Psalm 34 say, “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.” It is our prayer that we can grow in spirit as we praise God together. Our praise will never be perfect, it is like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich compared to the great feast that God has promised when we are finally gathered in God's kingdom, but in the coming months we hope that our Praise, Blessing, and Joy will fill our hearts and our worship with a foretaste of glory divine.

Rosanna McFadden
for Worship Team



HEARTS in the morning

Start your morning with heart. Enjoy this special breakfast with someone you love!

What you need:

- Your favorite pancake recipe and syrup
- Pan or griddle
- Cooking spray
- Liquid measuring cup
- One 5-inch heart-shaped metal cookie cutter
- Wooden clothespin
- Spatula
- Adult help

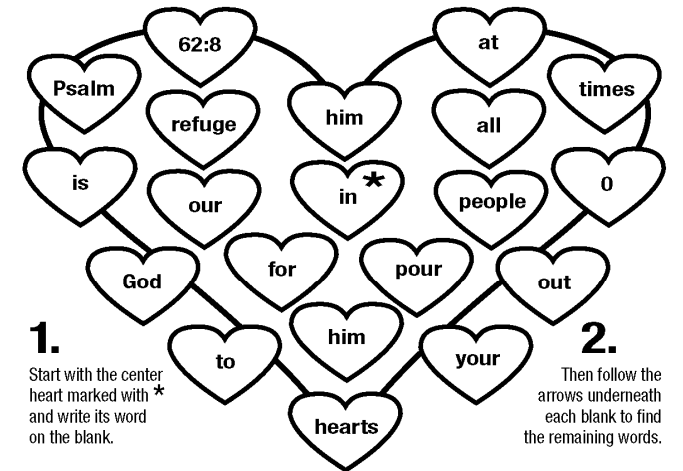
What you do:

1. With an adult's help, follow your recipe to make your favorite pancakes.
2. Spray cooking spray onto your pan or griddle.
3. Pour pancake batter into a liquid measuring cup. (This helps with pouring individual pancakes.)
4. Place the cookie cutter on the pan or griddle. Then clip the wooden clothespin onto the cookie cutter to act as a handle.
5. Pour batter (about 3-4 Tablespoons) into the cookie cutter.
6. Cook until the top is bubbly and the pancake is dry around the edges.
7. When the heart is ready to flip, use the clothespin to lift and remove the cookie cutter.
8. Turn the pancake with the spatula and cook until golden on both sides. Enjoy with your favorite syrup or fruit.



OUR HEARTS

This special Bible verse from the NIV describes what God wants us to do with our hearts.

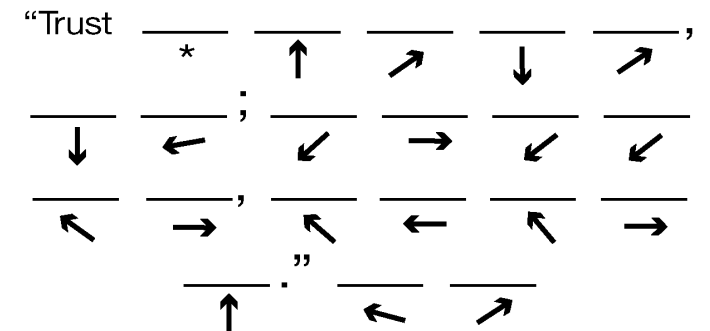


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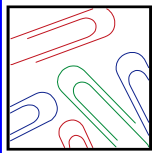
Start with the center heart marked with * and write its word on the blank.

2.

Then follow the arrows underneath each blank to find the remaining words.



Answer: "Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." Psalm 62:8



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

I called the Health Department as requested by the board last night regarding us holding several fund raising events and whether we needed to be inspected again. They said that the answer was "no". The only time we need to be inspected is if we are holding something on a regular weekly/bi-weekly basis and it's open to the public. However, there is a special form that needs to be filled out and submitted 30 days prior to the event. I have extra forms if anyone else needs one.

Cindy

District News Notes

Weather Closings: In case of severe winter weather the district office will close when the Wa-Nee School system closes. Any closure of the district office will be posted to the Announcement page of the district website at www.nidcob.org, or go directly to the Announcement page at <http://nidcob.blogspot.com>.



REGISTRATION - MARCH 8 - SO WE CAN HAVE A CHECK TO CAMP BY THE 20TH.

JAN BIRR



Thank you so much for all the prayers for Gavin. We appreciate everyone's support so much. He is healing well and his digestive system is getting back to normal.

Janette and Scott Metzler

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried When his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, 'I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in it?'



Thank you to all who helped put decorations up in the Church for the Christmas Season as well as take them down.

It would not get done without all your help.

Worship Team



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- Feb. 2 John Zerbe
- Feb. 7 Peter Miller
- Feb. 10 Bill Birr
- Feb. 11 Cheri Howe
- Feb. 21 Michael Soucie
- Feb. 21 Cody Vance
- Feb. 23 Scott Metzler



FEBRUARY Anniversaries

- Feb. 21 Tim & Shelly Randall
- Feb. 25 Keith & Doris Hostetler
- Feb. 27 Chris & Melissa Zimmerman

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

DATE	Worship	Sunday School
1/4/09	107	43
1/11/09	83	67
1/18/09	70	63
1/25/09	80	54



February 1st - Jr. High Sunday

March 22nd - Jr. High Bowling after Sunday School. We will head to Signature Lanes following Sunday School. Plan to bring \$10.00 to cover 2 games and lunch while we bowl. We will plan to be back to the church by 2:00.

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, 'If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six.'

Prayer Requests in Worship

As you read in Rosanna's PB & J announcement, February 8th through the 22nd we will emphasize the positive things God is doing in our midst. The sharing of our "good words" will be separate from our intercessions and concerns. If you want to share a specific prayer request with the congregation during February, please submit it to Pastor David in writing before worship. You may also call David or the church office and we "will see to it" that your prayer concern is known.



YOU ARE INVITED TO CAMP MACK'S ANNUAL DINNER, FEBRUARY 13th. Plan to enjoy hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. with dinner music by "Flutes and More." The evening speaker is Camp Mack's Executive Director, Rex M. Miller. Send names and \$20 per person by February 2nd. Preferred seating is available for tables of six, seven or eight persons at \$300, \$350, and \$400.

"BREAKTHROUGH 2 NEW LIFE, THE 2009 SUMMER PROGRAM BROCHURE, was mailed in December. If you did not receive a Summer Program Brochure, please request one from your Camp Rep. Check out camps for persons of all ages.

NEW FOR 2009:
A RETREAT BROCHURE—describing non-summer, camp-sponsored retreats and events was mailed to everyone on camp's mailing list in January. Check out the variety of offerings! Plan to enjoy a Camp Mack

experience this year! **NEW: FAMILY WINTER ESCAPE** - February 14-15, 9:00 a.m. Saturday to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Come to Camp in the winter! Full Cost: Adult: \$58; Child: \$45. One day / 2 meals: Adult: \$30, child: \$20. **NEW CAMP REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DATE is March 20. Save \$20** - Register by 3/20/09!

Correction to Jan. Camp Corner:
On the Way

Capital Campaign commitments total \$379,403.77.

YOU ARE INVITED TO VOLUNTEER:

- Prairie Restoration days—March 21 and April 18, 2009—Remove trees, shrubs and evasive species.
- Work camps March 23-25 and April 20-22, 2009—Prepare camp for summer. Variety of jobs! Please call the Camp to let us know when you can come.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Feb. 19-22 Quilt Retreat
 March 7 Team Leader Training

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for: Camp Mack Staff, Counselors & Summer Staff

Quiet Place Quote: No one else can give God our personal love. This is our great significance. - Basil Pennington.



Followers of Faith

Please remember to turn your volunteer forms into Angi Marcin by this Sunday February 1st.

Garage/Bake Sale

The response from volunteers for this event is small. We currently have a total of 6 volunteers for this event. The response will need to be much greater this Sunday in order to hold an event this spring. A decision to move forward with this event will be decided after this Sunday's responses are received. A meeting for **February 11 at 6:30 p.m.** is scheduled for the **advertising team**. We currently do not have anyone interested in this team but hopefully volunteers will come forward this Sunday.

Angel Food Ministries

Lodema Hoke was notified this past week that there is no need for our services in this area at this time. This idea has been tabled. A Big Thanks to Lodema for re-searching this service.

Kitchen Info

Sharon Houser was notified this week that in order to hold an event in our kitchen we only need to fill out a form to notify the Health Department. Cindy Harman has verified this with the Health Department and no additional audits will need to be performed. Cindy has also provided me with the appropriate documentation. During an event at least one licensed person must be present. Currently Lois Losee is licensed and Sharon Houser is in the process of becoming licensed. Both these individuals have volunteered on the Followers of Faith Team. A Big Thanks to Sharon Houser and Cindy Harman for following up on these issues.

Cookie/Candy Walk

We have 5 volunteers so far interested in this event. A meeting will be scheduled sometime in March to look into this event.

New Events

Another meeting for Followers of Faith is scheduled for February 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome to discuss more ideas for events. Some possibilities to be discussed at this meeting are: Wishing Well, Concert, Ethnic Meal Nights, Fall Party, Fish Fry and any others you may have think of.

"OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY"

First United Methodist Church-Elkhart will host a health screening on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

On that day, Life Line Screening will offer a variety of health screenings.

- Ultrasound evaluation of the **carotid arteries** that screens for **buildup of fatty plaque**—the leading cause of STROKE
- Painless 6 lead EKG that can detect **irregular heart rhythm**—Atrial Fibrillation
- Ultrasound to screen for the presence of an aneurysm **in the abdominal aorta**—AAA
- Evaluate for peripheral arterial disease (**plaque buildup in the lower extremities**)—PAD
- Ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass **density**—osteoporosis
- **Blood tests**—Complete Lipid Panel, Glucose and C—Reactive Protein

Ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke. 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs and 4 out of 5 strokes can be prevented. The screenings are recommended for anyone 50 and older and anyone 40 and older with high cholesterol, high blood pressure and/or family history of stroke and heart disease. This is a **prevention program**, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent directly to you and then you can follow-up with your own primary care physician. These tests are non-invasive, painless, and are offered for forty five dollars each. There are also several discounted packages available. Pre-registration is a must. Call 1-800-324-1851 for your appointment or for more information.

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

- 3/4—9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship
- 3/7—7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.—Pancake Breakfast
- 3/8—Youth Drop In
- 3/11—7:00 p.m.—Shalom Team Mtg.
- 3/11—7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Team Mtg.
- 3/14 & 3/15—RYC
- 3/17—6:30 p.m.—Church Board
- 3/19—7:00 p.m.—Shalom Team Mtg.
- 3/20—Camp Deadline
- 3/22—Kids Pizza & Card Making



Creekside Kids

We will be bowling on February 21 at Signature Lanes from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.. Cost is \$8.00 per bowler. This cost includes your shoes. Please bring all your friends!

On March 22, immediately following Sunday School, we will be having pizza and making cards for shut-ins. Parents can pick you up at 2:30 p.m.

Aren't we all ready for Spring!?! On May 16th the Creekside Kids would like to help you with your spring planting. If you have a flower bed or pots which need to be prepared for planting or planted, please let Scott Harney or Angi Marcin know.

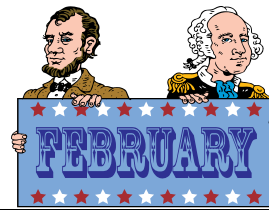
FROM THE MEDIA TEAM

Shortcuts on the website:

Several shortcuts have been created recently to ease navigation to certain areas of the Creekside Church website. If you visit these areas often you may want to bookmark these links:

animals.creeksideconnected.com → Blessing of the Animals website
 bikes.creeksideconnected.com → Blessing of the Bikes website
 choir.creeksideconnected.com → Adult choir page
 garden.creeksideconnected.com → Prayer garden section
 media.creeksideconnected.com → Media Center section
 minutes.creeksideconnected.com → Team minutes section
 prayers.creeksideconnected.com → Prayer requests page

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School</p> <p>JR. HIGH SUNDAY</p> <p>Candy Orders DUE</p> <p>CHOIR</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Volunteer Fellowship</p> <p>6:30 p.m.—Youth Make Candy</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Visioning Team Mtg.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School</p> <p>Youth Pass Out Candy</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 p.m.—Shalom Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m.—Fellowship Team Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 p.m.—Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m.—Advertising Team Garage Sale Mtg.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School</p> <p>CHOIR</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 p.m.—Followers of Faith Mtg.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 p.m.—Church Board Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 p.m.—Shalom Team Mtg.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Visioning Team Mtg.</p> <p>Kids—Bowling</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:45 a.m.—Church School</p> <p>CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MTG.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red;"> <p>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</p> </div>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>