

GRAPEVINE

July 30, 2009

Parson to Person

“BLESSED ARE THOSE...WHO WALK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE, O LORD. THEY REJOICE IN YOUR NAME ALL DAY LONG!” PSALM 89: 15,16

The discipline of walking for health is a good method to help us shape up during the summer season. Walking is also a wonderful metaphor for shaping up our spiritual life!

It has been suggested that walking works best when you remember certain suggestions:

“Walk Tall” ó Don’t lean over. Keep your back straight. Posture is important!

“Look Ahead” ó Look toward a goal and walk to it on the horizon.

“Stay Loose” ó Keep open hands. You tend to tighten and tense up all over if you clench your fists. Breathe!

“Make a Commitment” ó To get the major benefits of walking you have to keep at it. Results become evident over time.

“Walk with a Friend!” ó If you walk with a friend it’s easier to cover the distance and keep the pace. A friend makes the difficult places more bearable. A friend encourages us to keep going.

These simple suggestions can strengthen our walking program. We’ll be happier and healthier. I’m also sure that you can quickly see the analogy of staying in shape spiritually by applying the suggestions above:

“Walk Tall” ó Paul writes about pressing on toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. We must keep stretching and reaching higher and higher!

“Look Ahead” ó The author of Hebrews tells us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us! Keep looking toward Jesus!

“Stay Loose” ó God’s word reminds us to “have no anxiety about anything for the Lord is near.” Breathe in God’s peace. Relax. Cast all your cares upon Him; he cares about you and is with you every step of the way.

“Make a Commitment” ó Commit and recommit each day to God. Tell Christ you will follow Him forever, wherever he wants you.

“Walk with a Friend!” ó Jesus will walk with you! He said, “Lo, I am with you always.”

PRAYER: Gracious God, Thank you for the gift of this day. Help me to walk in your ways. Keep my heart flexible and strong! Help me to make a commitment to shape up my life both physically and spiritually so that I can become the person you created me to be. In Jesus’ name, Amen

(adapted from RLV)

May you walk in the Light of God’s Love this summer!

Candace

Inside:

- Rally Day Pig Roast & All-Church Picnic
- New Members Class
- Pastor Dave’s Installation Service
- Faithful Journey Book Group

Thank You:

A big "Thank You" to Allen Duncan and Lee Weber for allowing me to help them remove several old air conditioners, helping to create much needed storage space.
Don Clark—Church Sexton

Thanks, Nancy!

Thank you to Nancy Cook for providing a cool, refreshing conclusion to VBS. Following a pizza lunch for the aides and older children on the last day, we took the children in Grades 3-5 to the Cooks' pool for a swim. Thanks, Nancy for inviting us, providing snacks and being a great hostess. It was a wonderful ending to our week of "Water Stories from the Bible"!

To my church family,

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful cards and letters I received for my birthday. It is so nice to have so many thoughtful friends who remembered my birthday. It is really a blessing to know all of you. My thanks to Ann Cook and Pat Lowe for treating me to lunch at Rosie's Restaurant in New Oxford. All of you good friends made this day a wonderful occasion. Again, many thanks!

Gratefully Yours,
Dan Anderson

Lucy, We Couldn't Have Done It Without YOU!!

Now that we have returned from a wonderful and very successful trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, we are mindful of all the work done by each member of our team before and during our week there. However, one member of our group spent hours and hours sorting clothes and many other items prior to our departure, and that was Lucy Breighner. First, Lucy set up a table in Paideia House and sorted and bagged until Paideia House was FULL! Then she set up shop in the MacAskill Room and continued her work until everything else was sorted and put on the Wal-Mart truck.

Thank you, Lucy, from all of us and from the Indians who benefited from your hard work.

Upcoming Events:

August Music Schedule

August 2	8:15	Araya Duo Larry Bullis
	11:00	Classic Trombones Larry Bullis
August 9		Chelsea Cook Kyleigh Grim
August 16	8:15	Jill Althoff Robin Divizio Dana Witt
	11:00	Jill Althoff Leo McGuire
August 23		South Dakota Team
August 30		John Tschop

An Exploring Membership Class

will be held on the following dates:

- Sunday, Sept. 20 4:00—5:00 p.m.
(Dinner to follow)
- Sunday, Oct. 4 4:00—5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 11 4:00—5:00 p.m.
(brief meeting with the
Session to follow)

(We're skipping Sept. 27, so everyone can attend
Pastor Dave's Installation Service @ 4:00 p.m.)

Contact the church office to reserve your place.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, Sept. 27 @ 4:00 p.m.

Installation Service for
Rev. Dr. David C. Wright

Refreshments will follow.

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1	7:30 p.m.	Araya Duo
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	9:30 a.m.	Burden Bears Workshop
August 3	7:00 p.m.	Mission & Interpretation
August 4	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Workshop
August 5	12:00 p.m.	Men's Interfaith Luncheon
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
August 5, 12, 19	6:00 & 6:30 p.m.	Historic Church Walking Tours
August 6	6:30 p.m.	Worship & Music
August 9	12:15 p.m.	Property Committee Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
August 10	7:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group WILL NOT meet
August 11	7:30 a.m.	Habitat Board Meeting
August 13	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline
August 23		South Dakota Sunday
August 24	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Team Meeting
August 25	7:30 p.m.	Personnel & Administration
August 27	12:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline

SUMMER CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  UNPLUGGED

During the months of July and August, Contemporary Worship will turn down the amps while still tuning into the Spirit! Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for a refreshing, relaxing time of creative worship, prayer and praise.

RALLY DAY
CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Plan to stop by Fellowship Hall before or after you worship and check out the displays of the many ministries and missions of this church. RALLY DAY is a great chance to learn more about *your* church family, meet new people, and enjoy our kick off to a new year of activities and service in Jesus' name.

Our annual ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST will be held at the Ag Center pavilion on Old Harrisburg Road (across from the Weis Market & HACC Campus) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Together we will be kicking off the Church year with fellowship, food and fun games!!

Bring a friend while you're at it!!!

Last name beginning with A to M bring a dessert

Last name beginning with N to Z bring a salad or side dish

(Because last year we began running low on food midway through the serving line, the Fellowship Team respectfully requests that **your dish is large enough to serve 8 – 12 people**.)

Please bring your own complete place setting(s) and a serving utensil for your dish.

If you are attending the picnic, please let us know the number in your party attending by contacting Rev Nyiri at 334-1235 ext 4, gpclou@embarqmail.com, or use the tear off form below.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST
Sunday, September 13, 2009; 1 to 3 pm

Name _____


I will be at the picnic on Sunday, September 13 at the Ag Center.

There will be _____ in my party.

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Noon, Thursday, August 13, 2009**