

PLEASANT DALE ECHO

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From The Pastor's Desk



Summer has just arrived, according to the calendar and it feels like it. Warm and humid today and the sun shining brightly through the office window. It's quiet in the

office right now and these are good times to 'just be.'

Psalm 46:10 is familiar:

Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.

Notice the first admonition is simple, *be still*. How good are we at being still? Are you able to simply sit quietly wherever you are or do you need to be doing something? We need both activity and quietness in our lives. This *Holy balance* allows us to work and play when we should, and to rest when we should. I'm pretty sure we don't rest enough.

Perhaps a reason we don't rest enough is that we're constantly striving after something. In Philippians 4:11 Paul says, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." Notice that for Paul being content was a *learned behavior*. I think there's a correlation between being still and knowing God and learning contentment. As I said in my sermon last Sunday, if we are content with what we have – we find ourselves rich.

As these lazy, hazy crazy summer days with long beautiful evenings unfold before us, may you find time to sit and rest in God. Will you come to know the peace of God in your spirit? I hope you will take time to be still before our God and be rested because of it.

God Bless You All
Pastor Jay

A Note From Pastor Olinda



One of the most fun parts of my job is going places where there are children. Whether it is talking with them on Sunday morning, teaching a class or watching them

participate in various activities they are energizing. I know that when you are a parent of younger children they don't seem energizing, but more often draining. Allow me to explain.

I was privileged to help with the fourth grade class at the Adams Central VBS. I enjoyed helping them learn the books of the Bible and challenging myself to come up with other creative ways for them to learn. It was good to see some of their attitudes change about memorizing and to watch them put forth a good effort. One of the children was really struggling and I spent some time helping. If you were not used to hearing some of the books of the Bible, many of them would be very difficult to pronounce, understand or relate to. How about Nehemiah, Zephaniah, Ephesians, or Philippians? I'm not sure that I've ever heard Colossians pronounced collisions before. I had to smile and realize at the same time that some of our "churchisms" are outside of the vocabulary of the children. Do we speak a language that our children can comprehend? Do we spend time helping them to learn not just words but the meaning behind those words that represent our faith?

While all of those questions were floating around in my head, I got to watch some of the younger children play coaches pitch baseball. What a treat! There is no score kept and no pressure to perform. As I watched the fielders crouch to their field positions and begin their field chatter I noticed a couple of the children bend on down and begin to play in the sand. It was just too enticing to pass on.

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What a great lesson was there for me to learn. How often does God plant something right in front of me? Perhaps it is something for me to learn, a blessing to experience or just a smile for the day. How often do I focus so much on the game that I miss the best part of the experience? As those children enjoyed the sand and the game, I need to focus on all that God has for me. I should enjoy the things in front of me without stressing about life in general and my problems specifically.

Jesus said, "Unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven". Children typically don't let the cares and worries of life overwhelm them. They are able to enjoy the little things in life and always notice the finer details of God's creation. Join me in having an attitude that trusts Christ for everything as a child trusts his or her parents to meet all of their needs.

May you have a collision with God's Word that causes you to focus on Him and his desires for your life.

In Christ,
Pastor Olinda

Faith Keepers



The Plus Ultra, Welcome, and Progressive classes will be the focus of a "Faith Keepers" service July 19th at 6 p.m. You might discover some interesting fact about members of these classes and also learn what has kept them faithful attenders of Pleasant Dale. Come and help honor these special people who have helped make Pleasant Dale what it is today.

Congratulations To

Congratulations to Norm and Diana Chamberlain on the birth of their grandson, Vincent James, on June 4th.



Vincent weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by big sisters Elizabeth, 7, and Katherine, 3. Parents are James and Stephanie (Chamberlain) DiBlasio.

Pleasant Dale will take a special offering on July 19th for the work of Love INC. Please designate your donation for Love INC and place in the offering.

Calling All Faith Troopers



Hey Faith Troopers! Mark the dates for these two special summer activities.

Grades 2-5 will have a sleepover on July 26th-27th. Children can be dropped off at the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Sunday and picked up at the Activity Center Monday at 9 a.m. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, insect spray, and a lawn chair.

Younger Faith Troopers, age 4-1st grade, will have a swimming party at Dan and Christie Beer's on August 5th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children will need to bring a life jacket, towel and sunscreen.



Summer Address



Bill and Penny Gay
Artic Village Post Office
General Delivery
Artic Village, Alaska 99722

Mail can be sent to Bill and Penny at this address until August 1.

Directory Changes

Ross and Linda Buschman
785 Indiana Street
Berne, Indiana 46711

Phone number for Jeff and Julie Luginbill: 223-0990.



The Value Of A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but it creates much.

- It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who give it.
- It happens in a flash, and the memory of it may last forever.
- It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a business, and is the countersign of friends.
- It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble.
- Yet it cannot be begged, bought, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is worth nothing to anyone until it is given away

JULY PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Thank God for the Church staff members.	2 Thank God for the teachers & leaders in the church.	3 Pray for the leadership of the USA.	4 Thank God for our freedoms & our country.
5 Thank God for the opportunity to worship Him freely.	6 Thank God for the women involved in the Daniel Bible study.	7 Thank God for the parents of children & teens.	8 Thank God for the youth leaders.	9 Thank God for the opportunity to further His kingdom.	10 Thank God for the expectant parents at Pleasant Dale.	11 Thank God for the various talents & careers in our congregation.
12 Thank God for 3 youth going to Camp Mack today.	13 Thank God for those who serve behind the scenes.	14 Thank God for the worship leaders & their ministry.	15 Thank God for the teenagers at Pleasant Dale.	16 Thank God for the Camp Mack staff members.	17 Thank God for the ministry plans for the fall.	18 Thank God for those teaching & leading in the fall.
19 Thank God for the opportunity to give financially and of ourselves.	20 Thank God for those serving in the military.	21 Thank God for the ministry of Bill & Penny Gay in Alaska.	22 Thank God for the infants & toddlers at Pleasant Dale.	23 Thank God for the children at Pleasant Dale.	24 Thank God for the adults at Pleasant Dale.	25 Thank God for opportunities to serve in our community.
26 Thank God for six campers going to Camp Mack today	27 Thank God for the Children's Workers.	28 Pray for those who grieve or are sorrowful.	29 Thank God for opportunities to serve pre-believers.	30 Thank God for the friends that you have.	31 Thank God for the challenges He gives you.	

PRAY FOR THE MINISTRIES AT PLEASANT DALE

Responsibilities For July

Nursery Staff

July 5 INFANTS: Brad & Jeremi Schortgen
TODDLERS: Dan & Christie Beer
12 INFANTS: Diane & Nicole Votaw
TODDLERS: Chris & Marah Steele
19 INFANTS: Dan & Mandi Herring
TODDLERS: Boomer & Katie Sprunger
26 INFANTS: Dan & Missy Gentis
TODDLERS: Michelle & Brooke Parrish



Wednesday Night Child Care

July 8 - Votaws
22 - Donaghys

Children's Story

July 5 - Pastor Olinda
12 - No Story
19 - Pastor Olinda
26 - No Story



Children's Church Leaders

July 5 - No CC - 4th of July weekend
12 - Dan & Mandi Herring
19 - Dan & Missy Gentis
26 - Tim & Erin Hoffman

Fellowship Time Hosts

Living Stones Class



Ushers

Lucas Everett, Jeff Bluhm
Mike Miller, Brent Byerly

Valet Parking Volunteers

July 5 - Mike Miller
12 - Brent Byerly
19 - Tim Hoffman
26 - Jed Carter

Special Music for July

July 5-Jenny Girod
12-Chris Liby
19-Susie Byerly & Jeanne Leye
26-Liz Landis



Sound Room Staff

Sam & Clayton Lengerich

July Birthdays

2 ----- Isabelle Schaffter
3 ----- Micah Girod
3 ----- Julie Noblitt
4 ----- Connie Baumgartner
4 ----- Melanie Hendricks
4 ----- Gloria Bingaman
4 ----- Whitney Landis
5 ----- Matt Shady
6 ----- Dean Hindenlang
7 ----- Jane Hirschy
7 ----- Valera Liby
8 ----- Sharron Liby
8 ----- Helen Miller
9 ----- Nicole Votaw
9 ----- Rose Carter
10 ----- Kristen Kolter
11 ----- Dave Meyer
12 ----- Ruth Ann Borne
12 ----- Gale Riley
13 ----- Quincy Beer
15 ----- Brooke Parrish
16 ----- Deb Landis
16 ----- Cooper Steele
17 ----- Connie Shady
18 ----- Jonathan Crandall
18 ----- Lynn Dustman
21 ----- Jay Carter
21 ----- Mycal Rodenbeck
21 ----- Natalie Lengerich
22 ----- Julie Crandall
24 ----- Garrett Mitchel
26 ----- Stephen Rodenbeck
27 ----- Bob Nussbaum
29 ----- Trella Meyer
30 ----- Stephanie Fawcett
30 ----- Craig Heyerly
31 ----- Dave Sommer



July Anniversaries

1 ----- Dan & Mandi Herring
5 ----- Chris & Marah Steele
7 ----- Keith & Stacey Carter
7 ----- Jeremiah & Aimee Klimkowski
8 ----- Shawn & Cindy Moser
9 ----- Bob & Barbara Nussbaum
10 ----- Shane & Alissa Mountz
12 ----- Dave & Sharron Liby
13 ----- Dan & Christie Beer
14 ----- Wayne & Kay Vardaman
20 ----- Mike & Becky Burris



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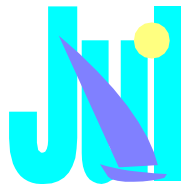
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*“To be the front porch to our community...
where all can gather and be refreshed-
so we all may walk together with Christ.”*

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GRANDPARENTS: Your last opportunity to enjoy a 2009 Grand Camp with your grandchildren, ages 5-10, is August 9-11. Grand Camp includes activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, games, campfires, crafts, story times and Bible study. This summer's theme is "Breakthrough to New Life!" Sign up today.

GOLFERS AND SPONSORS, are you registered to play and/or sponsor the golf outing at South Shore Golf Course at Syracuse on Saturday, September 12th? The \$65 cost per golfer includes fun-filled golf, beverages, prizes and a delicious meal following the event. Proceeds are designated for camper scholarships and program needs.

Labor Day Family Camp registration is due by July 15th. Lodging is assigned on a first-come basis after health needs are considered. Fees increase after July 15th.

Camp Mack Festival Benefit auction begins at 9:30 a.m. this year! Let Mike or Lana Kauffman (574-658-4831) know of your planned auction donations, if possible, by August 15th for advertising purposes. Sale items may be brought to camp the week preceding the auction.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Staff, for energy for the demanding ministry!

Campers, that they may experience God's love!

All of camp's hosted rental camps & guests.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Pedal & Paddle Camp	July 5-11
Youth Camp	July 12-18
Samplers Camps	July 26-28 & Aug. 2-4
Seekers & Finders Camps	July 26-31 & Aug. 2-7
Followers Camp & Sailing Camp	July 26-31
Survivors Camp & H₂O Camp	August 2-7
Alaskan Encounter	August 7-15
Colony Camp	August 14-16