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Trains of Thoughts:



PATIENCE – VIRTUOUS PATIENCE

Be really honest now – HOW DO YOU LIKE WAITING? You know, when the light turns green and the car ahead of you doesn't move because the driver is: a) reading a book; b) putting on makeup; c) talking or texting on a cell phone; d) slumped over the wheel for a thirty-second "power nap". I'm sure you know where the horn is located on your steering wheel. ... Or how about standing in the checkout line at your favorite grocery store or Walmart? There's a game that we sometimes play, called "Guess-which-line-will-move-the-fastest-and-get-in-it" – and like a lot of folks on "The Price Is Right", we guess wrong. ... Or how about waiting to get a haircut; or waiting in the drive-thru at McDonald's? Oh, I know – how about being a healthy and well patient just waiting for a check-up in a doctor's office full of sneezing, coughing, hacking, disease-and germ-ridden sick folks?

My turn to be honest – I don't relish the idea of waiting and I have impatient moments. And while I think I'm more patient than I used to be – I AM – there's still have a lot of work for me to do in this area of my life. That's probably true in your personal life, too. We would do well to listen to reminders from the Word of God ...

"They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint" Isaiah 40:31

"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion.

For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!" Isaiah 30:18

"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the Salvation of the Lord". Lamentations 3:25, 26.

Okay, you may be wondering, "Mike, what's with all this PATIENCE stuff?" Well, first of all, I want to commend you for your continuing patience as we serve the Lord together in our extenuating circumstances. As of the date of my writing – October 14th – we begin our FOURTEENTH MONTH IN EXILE from the physical facilities of South Side Christian Church (hard to believe, isn't it?). And while a lot of work has been done in the rehab/rebuild process (thanks to Precision Construction and many of our own volunteers), much work remains. Though we hope to "go home" soon, we're still relying on much goodwill from the Performing Arts Center, Trinity church, Westminster church, the Town of Munster: we'll forever be indebted to them and many others.

You may ask – "Do we have a specific date for our return to our own place?"

The fact is, we can only return when the Town Building Department gives us clearance. Thus, my only response can be – "Patience, my friend. Patience". In the meantime, we NEED TO RENEW OUR STRENGTH, because there's a WHOLE MESS OF STUFF TO BE MOVED "BACK HOME" from storage. So get rested up – and get ready to "Go Home!"

Yours in His Love and Service, MIKE

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Mike's Sermon Title

October 25
"5 Kernels of Corn"
Psalms 103:1-5

November 1
"Shaken!"
Acts 4:23-35

November 8
"How Do We Rebuild
After A Disaster?"
Nehemiah 1:1-6

November 15
"Thanksgiving's Empty Chair"
Luke 15:25-32

November 22
"Enter His Gates"
Psalms 100:105

November 2
Guest Speaker
Tony Burrell

Christian Youth Volleyball



The loss of the South Side gym has not slowed the beginning of our volleyball season. We've had lots of kids show up for practice. There's still plenty of time for your child to play in our league if they want to. We hold practices on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings check the bulletin for times and places. Experience is not required and we have teams for each skill level from beginner to advanced. Our season will begin in January with games probably on Friday night and Saturday morning. Matches will then be on Saturday mornings for the next nine weeks. More detailed schedules will be provided to each player. Volunteers are needed on Saturday mornings to help call lines and to work at the scorers table. It's not real complicated to learn if you have never done it before. Financial donations are also being accepted for: new volleyballs, referee fees, and other league equipment. If you want to donate please see me for more details. Steve Clark

Indiana Christian Youth Convention
November 20-22
Anderson University,
Anderson IN
Grades 9th thru 12th
Cost is \$80 plus money
for five meals
Deposit is \$40.00 asap

For details get a brochure/registration from
Pastor Steve

Volleyball Practice Schedule

Sunday 4:00 - 5:30 pm Advanced
@ Suburban Bible
Monday 7:00 - 8:30 pm Beginners
@ FCC Dyer
Tuesday 6 - 7:30 pm Intermediate
@ FCC Dyer

South Side Christian Church Leadership

Elders

Paul Anderson 219-756-7832
Paul Burrell 219-836-2705
Howard Caine 219-922-1225
Lynne Cowan 219-718-6967
Jeff Hayden 219-932-7334
Tim Tucker 219-558-8218

Elders Emeritus

Carroll Austin 219-365-5668
Everett Thomas 219-985-9781

Trustee

Paul Burrell
Dan Chapman
Ruth Mann

Deacons

Debbie Burrell
Jacqueline Cowan
Pam Fordyce
Kathleen Hayden

Deacons (cont)

Richard Jay
Mary Jay
Ruth Mann
Ted Misdom
Jennifer Moore
David Nolen
Mike Paprstein
Rachel Thomas
Patricia Zaborowski



New Baptisms

Mary Linn Gricus, Linn Marie Terzich and Mike Terzich were baptized on Thursday, October 15th at Dyer Christian Church by Mike Gillespie. We welcome them into our Christian family.

South Side's Temporary Office

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9362 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321

Phone: 219-836-2110
Office Hours:
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Joan and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for frequent prayers and regular financial Support you have made on behalf of, and to the Christian Service Center You are a faithful partner in our ministry.

Because you care, the Christian Service Center has been able to witness to hundreds of families who once lived in our community. Some of our converts, Roderiok Murray and Floyd Barnes, are active in God's kingdom and serve as leaders. Darrel Winters and Jessie Roberson are Preaching the gospel These souls are some of the results of Your missionary endeavors.

Together we are changing lives for all eternity. Thanks for your unfailing support.
God bless your ministry
Yours in Christ,
Elroy M. Leach.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP/USA

Amy DeVries

Hello Church Family!

This past year I've truly experienced the joys of working with college students: seeing their passion for Jesus, openness to the Gospel, and desire for authentic community.

As I start a new year, I'm looking forward to mentoring more students as they navigate college life and decide whether or not their faith will be an integral part of their future I will also be administrating retreats and events geared toward new freshmen, helping them to feel welcome in our fellowship Mainly, I will be working with a small group of students who live in dorms that are struggling to grow I hope to encourage and challenge them in their outreach to non-Christians as they build community with each other'

If you would like more information on my ministry or how you can partner with me in God's work through prayer or giving, contact me atagdv26@gmail.com or (217) 841- 5733

SSCC Happenings



SUNDAYS ADULT BIBLE STUDY

8:30 AM
Christian Friendship
At Howard/Debbie Caines
1250 Fitzgerald, Munster

8:15 am
Seekers at St. Paul's
Lutheran - Door F

10:00 am
Worship Services
PERFORMING
ART CENTER
1040 RIDGE
ROAD
MUNSTER, IN

BIRTHDAYS

- 16-Oct Carl Jantzen, Elah Kayser, Jerre Stookey
- 17-Oct Tom Brown, Sandy Gee Alyssa Larimer
- 18-Oct Heather Tucker
- 19-Oct Roger Anderson
- 23-Oct Missy Elder, Jon Funston Valerie Theodore
- 25-Oct Tom Fornaciari
- 26-Oct Kerry Carty
- 29-Oct Kyrie Brown, Barb Kissee, Jennifer Moore
- 30-Oct Robert Campbell
- 1-Nov Derrick Cash
- 5-Nov Colin Campbell
- 10-Nov Richard Forsythe, Vickie Thomas
- 12-Nov Greg Cameron
- 14-Nov Marilou Beshears, Christy Paulauski
- 16-Nov Jill Scheeringa
- 17-Nov Olivia Paprstein
- 18-Nov Don Childers, Melda Diggs Linda Earley
- 20-Nov Ray Brechner, Mark Murphy
- 21-Nov Christian Misdorn
- 23-Nov James Kessler
- 25-Nov Joshua Nolen
- 27-Nov Tammi Redlarczyk
- 29-Nov Raymond Brumm
- 30-Nov Tony Burrell, Viola Hill



4:00 - 4:45 PM
Kids Club
1-5th Grade

4:45 - 5:00 New Kids Club
Bell Practice
At Trinity Reformed
8411 Columbia Ave,

**Sunday 6:00 pm at
Community Park
Social Center**
8751 Lions Club, Munster

**Junior High Fish Heads 6-8 grade
BEC High School
9- 12 grade**

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Studies

8:45 am
Call Laura Carpenter (844-6020)
For location and details

9:00 am
Call Jennifer Moore (864-8547)
Childcare provided

Coming in January 2010...

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Reading Program 2010-2014
Each month a book of the Bible will be designated as selected reading.

Our Sunday messages will be drawn from the book of the Month selection

Details in the next newsletter



Loyal Friends Ladies Group 12 Noon

For locations and dates
Call Ruth Mann
932-9085

Kara Ladies Group 7:30 pm

November 2 (next mtg)
At Maria Barrows
7922 Monroe, Munster
1st Monday of every month

Ruth Group 12 Noon

Meet at Michael's Restaurant
For dates call Daree Tarvin
836-5916

Thank you

Dear Members: I sincerely appreciate the calls from Mike and your calls and cards. Also from the ladies Groups. My prayers are for a good recovery on our church. It sounds wonderful. Love and God Bless to all of you Catherine Rodda

HOW TO SPOT A SCAM

Many e-mail scams are fairly sophisticated and hard to detect. However there are signs to watch for, such as a e-mail that:

- Request detailed or an unusual amount of Personal and/or financial information, such as name, SS number bank or credit card account numbers or security related information, such as mother's maiden name, either in the e-mail itself or on another site to which a link in the e-mail sends the recipient.
- Dangles bait to get the recipient to respond to the e-mail, such as mentioning a tax refund or offering to pay the recipient to participate in an IRS survey.
- Threatens a consequence for not responding to the e-mail, such as additional taxes or blocking access to the recipient SS funds.
- Uses a really long address in any link contained in the e-mail message or one that does not start with the actual IRS Web site address.

WHAT TO DO

The IRS does not initiate taxpayer contact via unsolicited e-mail or ask for personal identifying or financial information via e-mail. If you receive a suspicious e-mail claiming to come from the IRS, take the following steps:

- Do not open any attachments to the e-mail in case they contain malicious code that will infect your computer
- Do not click on any links, for the same reason. Also, be aware that the links often connect to a phony IRS Web site that appears authentic and then prompts the victim for personal identifiers, bank or credit card account numbers or PINs. The phony Websites appear legitimate because the appearance and much of the content are directly copied from an actual page on the IRS website and then modified b) the scammer for their own purpose.

Contact the IRS at 1.800.829.1(14)_7.

Paws Resale Shoppe

If you are looking for stylish, inexpensive furnishings and houseware items, look no further. The Paws Resale Shoppe, located in downtown Highland, has everything you need to furnish a dorm, apartment or home. From gently used bedroom sets to televisions or dishes, Paws has everything you need to make your space cozy and beautiful. Paws also has jewelry, toys, books and other items at great prices.

All proceeds from Paws Resale Shoppe go directly to the HSCA to help us continue our mission of sheltering animals and finding them loving homes.



Paws A Resale Shoppe
2817 Jewett St., Highland, IN 46322
(219) 838-PAWS
Open: Tues. - Sat. 10 am - 4 pm
Donations Accepted: Mondays 10 am-2 pm



OUR MISSION

To glorify the living God by multiplying ourselves through the demonstration of Christ's love; bringing each person into a meaningful relationship with the SSCC family; establishing each member as a life long student of God's Word; and preparing and commissioning each family member for service.

Weekday Preschool

Many people have asked if the Weekday Preschool is meeting since the flood. The answer is YES!!! Trinity Reformed Church (corner of Ridge and Columbia) having graciously let us use their basement as our Preschool classroom space. They have been extremely gracious to host us. We are still enjoying our time there!

The weekday Preschool lost a lot in the flood as well, and we continue to slowly rebuild as we can Your continued prayers are appreciated

We continue to accept new students!!

Brenda & Sharon