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June 2010 Pastor Randy Richards
Sunday School 9:45 ~ Worship Service 11:00

A note from our Pastor

School's out and it's summertime!! I hope all of you have a really good start to the weeks ahead and are able to find some time to relax, play outside, cool off by a pool, and maybe take a much needed vacation. Speaking of vacation, Vacation Bible School is here! I look forward to VBS and being around all of the children and youth that attends. My prayer is that our children and the neighborhood children are taught some valuable and life changing lessons about the Bible and God's Love for all of humanity. I would love to see lives being changed and souls being saved. Please be very much in prayer for VBS, the director, Kim Counter, along with teachers and workers. Much time and work is put into organizing and overseeing VBS and as your pastor I really appreciate people being willing to "step up" and see that VBS is a success like it always has been. In addition to VBS, please keep our summer revival, the 4th week in July, very much in our prayers. I will have more to say about revival in next month's Pastor Notes, I'm sure.

June is also "Dad's" Month. Happy Father's day to all of the dad's. Year by year, as my children get older, I have come to realize that a dad's role and responsibilities are very great and challenging. I appreciate my own dad more now than I ever have. I have come to realize that being a Dad is an ongoing learning experience which is full of errors and mistakes which I sometime wish for a "do over". But as with much of life experiences, there are not many opportunities for "do over's" when it comes to a father's action or non-action. As fathers, we can only pray that God will allow us to learn from our mistakes and that our children will forgive our shortcomings. Like most fathers, I want the best for my children. I want to be able to be there for them and help them in any way possible. I want them to succeed and reach their goals and dreams in life. I want them to know that with God's help and strength that all things are possible. However, our children must also learn the reality of failure. One of the hardest things for me as a father is to realize there are certain situations that my children need to learn the lesson of failing and growing from their failures. With this in mind, I can only imagine what God feels like when he watches our failures. How it must hurt him to have to let us sometimes fail and face adversity. But he allows us to fail and have difficulties, so that we will grow in our faith and dependence on him. So I have come to understand that during some of the troublesome times of my failures and falls in life, it is not that God has turned his back on me. On the contrary, he has been right there all the time to lift me up after falling and allow me to learn and grow in my relationship to him. So, as I look to my role of being a father, I hope I know when, where and how to step aside and allow my children to learn from their mistakes and failures and when they do fall be there to lift them up and love them unconditionally like a father should. Bottom line is that we, as earthly fathers, cannot physically always be there for our children, but may we teach them that they have a Father-God who is omnipresent and will never leave them nor forsake them.

Happy Father's day!
In Christ's Love,
Randy