



**September 2008**    **Pastor Randy Richards**  
Sunday School 9:45 ~ Worship Service 11:00

### A Note From Our Pastor:

Special announcement!! **NO-EXCUSE Sunday next week!**

"In order to make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are planning a special no-excuse Sunday.

1. Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in."
2. Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late on Saturday night.
3. We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will cave in if they show up for church services.
4. Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.
5. We will have hearing aids for the parishioners who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loud enough." There will be cotton for those who say, "The pastor talks too loud."
6. Score cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.
7. We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
8. There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner too.
9. One section of the church will have some trees and grass for those who see God in nature, especially on the golf course.
10. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to create a familiar environment for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you in church!"

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I thought you might find the above amusing plus your pastor (yes me!) came up short for an **excuse** for not remembering to write his Pastor notes this month and had to come up with something at the last moment, and I came across the above which many of you have probably read before about church attendance. However, all joking aside, I do sincerely thank God for all of you and your continued faithful attendance at Mt. Pisgah.

We really have had great attendance since our Revival, and I am truly grateful. You are the Church! And chances are if you are reading this at Church then much of the above probably does not apply to you, but unfortunately it may apply to many apathetic Christians who don't see the need to attend church on a regular basis. Without each you there is something missing. Whether you realize it or not your presence is needed and desired each and every Sunday. As a Church Family, we love and appreciate each other as being special gifts to the body of Christ. We are family and I am thankful for the love I can feel toward and from all of you. Let's do what we can to keep coming and encourage others who may not be attending church that their presence, too, is missed and needed.

In closing, one word about Church Camp! Aloha! What a Blessing it was! A big THANKS, again, to Danny and Linda Bearden who put so much time and love into making it such a success. I had a great time in the Lord and with each of you. And everybody remember, despite what Gilligan thinks, there's no such thing as GHOOOSTS!

In Christ's Love,  
Randy