



NEWSLETTER
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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

From the Desk of...

Pastor Bonnie

As I attended the Memorial Service today for Ray Craig, husband of Rev. Layloni Drake, I was caught up in a story shared by Rev. Ron Colwell in his sermon. Here's the gist... A little boy was given the gift of a nickel. Some of you remember when a nickel could buy a LOT – a loaf of bread, three fresh donuts, an 'air mail' postage stamp – those were the days, huh?! Well, this little boy's mind was racing at the thought of what he might purchase with his nickel – a whole pile of candy – an oversized pack of baseball cards – but then he came upon a fireworks stand. His pulse raced at the thought of what a celebration he would have with all the sparklers and rockets he could buy. He'd be the envy of every boy in town! The shop-keep looked at the nickel and then at the boy – and as smoothly as any carnival worker you've ever seen – he palmed the nickel and returned to the boy one lone, skimpy, hardly-can-hear-it pop firecracker. You can imagine the boy's disappointment.

Have you ever felt like life has short-changed you? Have you ever headed out bursting with optimism and high hopes, whistling on your way to work, only to have the world burst your bubble? Have you ever wondered, "Why me, Lord, why?" Ray Craig was younger than me. His children are just beginning their adult lives, just starting to spread their wings. Why was this good Christian man's life cut short?!

Why do Macen and Shea have to suffer cancer? Why are so many in the Sturges family so sick? Why can't doctors repair Ray Dile's liver? Why do our loved ones suffer dementia? Why do so many struggle to pay their bills and put food on the table? Why are our communities riddled with drug and alcohol abuse? Why do some suffer brain tumors and bat bites, Parkinson's and leukemia? *Why does life shortchange us so?*

Back to the boy and his one skinny firecracker... Slowly a smile crept over his face. He lit the firecracker and tossed it onto the table holding all those sparklers and rockets he had so hoped for! The boy had his celebration!!!

When life seems to shortchange us, God reminds us that HE gave us everything we need – Saving Grace in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. And HE continues to give us everything we need. He is the maker and sustainer of all that was, all that is, and all that ever will be. In HIM we have life eternal. In HIM we have our mansion in the heavens. In HIM let us place our hope!

Jesus says, *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; but I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* John 10:10

We are never shortchanged by Jesus !

-Pastor Bonnie



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Got *your* movie picked out yet?
We have three more weeks in
July to fill with sponsors!

Wednesday Family Movie Night Schedule		
Date	Sponsor (your name goes here!)	Movie
2-Jul	Terry Ann Moore	Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade
9-Jul	Elaine Darnell	Star Wars
16-Jul	?	?
23-Jul	?	?
30-Jul	?	?

Wednesday's 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall... come get your popcorn & enjoy the show!



Thanks for YOUR DONATIONS!

Here's the 'MISSION MOUNTAIN' of donations to Houchen Community Center, gathered at this year's Annual Conference in El Paso.

Other beneficiaries of special offerings included the Back Door Mission Project (Odessa TX support for over-run infrastructure, providing a Wed. night meal & religious classes), Mission House (Las Cruces hospitality house), and Lydia Patterson Institute (financial scholarships for students at this on-the-border school.)

Mark Your Calendars...

Bible Guppies are on Summer Break – Enjoy your Time Off & Camping !

June 29 – 5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Potluck, 6pm hosted by Mountainair UMC.

Friday July 4 – Estancia City Celebration in the Park! Details TBA.

July 6 – Celebration of Independence, wear your red, white & blue to Worship!

July 6-11 & July 7-11 – Music and Promise Seeker's Camps @ Sacramento – Have a Great Time
Luke, Jenna, Sydney, & Alex!

July 15 – Road Runner Foodbank & Promised Land Ministries food distribution, 3pm in Mountainair



Monday, July 21 – How about a Night Out at Isotope Park?
Contact Rev. Terry Ann (384-2616) for details!

Wednesday, July 16 – Estancia Trustees, 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 23 – Estancia Ad Council, 4pm in
Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 18 – Come feed Estancia School Staff in honor of their return
for the 2014-15 school year. We'll be blessing them with a spaghetti
luncheon and gifts of Pencil Bouquets to start their year off right!

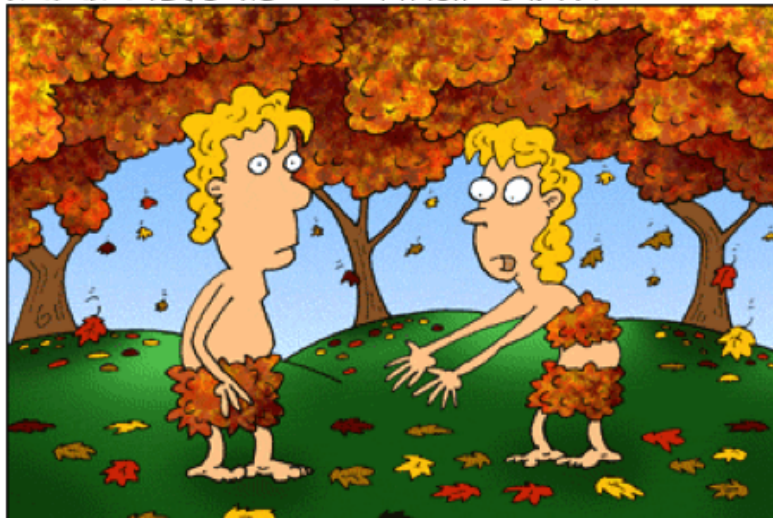


Tuesday, September 9 – \$Fundraiser\$ – Help deliver grilled sandwiches and lunch fare to School
and City employees.

Sunday, October 19 – Laity Sunday – One of YOU at Estancia UMC and One of YOU at Mountainair
UMC will get to preach while Pastor Bonnie is spending the weekend in Prison (@Kairos
Ministry, of course!)

Friday, October 31 – Trunk or Treat – got your costume picked out yet?

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR
CLOTHES?

Grace Unplugged (Movie Night Wednesdays at 6 PM)

I hope you all have taken the opportunity to attend our summer movie nights on Wednesdays. If not, take a couple of hours and come watch and learn with us! In mid-June we watched a newly released film called *Grace Unplugged*. It is a Christian film about a family's experience as their only child launches into adulthood.

As adults and teens know, our struggle to move from childhood to adulthood is confusing. Part of the process of growing up is finding answers to questions like: Who am I? What am I going to do with my life? Who and what will I become? Why are my parents bugging me? Why should I follow the rules? What do I believe about God and Jesus? What do I stand for? We watched the main character struggle to find herself and her independence as she searched for answers to these questions. The limitlessness of the "world," with all its temptations, was waiting to pull Grace in and hold her captive. She put God aside to pursue stardom and fame. Paul warns the Galatians in 3:3: *Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?* Our children are just as tempted as Grace. When God is our compass and our road map, we are less susceptible to the seductions of the world. When each decision about our lives is framed by conversation and prayer with God, we are more likely to make wise choices.

As parents, our worst fear is that our children will make choices that do not honor God or themselves. We want our children to walk on the path that will help make their lives successful, minimize mistakes and prevent the "I wish I would have" conversations. Sometimes our best effort to protect and guide our children escalates into arguments and teen rebelliousness. Grace felt suffocated by her father when he tried to protect her from the evils of the world. Their relationship was so fraught with anger and mistrust that she left to figure it out on her own. As painful as it is for us to watch, we cannot protect our children from everything. They need to make mistakes in order to learn. They need to have enough room to grow (again, with a strong Godly foundation) and parents need to be there to scoop them up if they look like they are going to crash. When parents build a solid foundation of faith, love, and reasonable, consistent boundaries for their children, finding the answers to life's questions are much easier. Ephesians 6:1-4 states: *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" - which is the first commandment with a promise - "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth" and Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Finally, *Grace Unplugged* is like the parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32). As excruciating as it was to give his son his inheritance and watch him squander it away, the son came back and realized the errors of his way. The father welcomed him back and celebrated his return. When we step, jump or dive off of God's path, He and Jesus welcome us back with open arms regardless of how foolish we have been.

We have a great line-up of movies in July. Join us!!

-Melanie Chavez

JESUS LOVES ME (Senior Version)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."
(CHORUS)

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day. (CHORUS)



Church in the Park

Father's Day Sunday service was celebrated at the Estancia City Park with guest Billy Isadora, and Novie Keith accompanied by Bill Simms. Both the Estancia and Mountainair churches gathered with an attendance of 32. Pastor Bonnie provided the yummy cinnamon rolls from the Frontier Cafe along with the drinks. Everyone had a great time singing and worshipping together.

-Vickie Coburn



Come, Travel, See, Laugh and Learn!

You are invited to come and go, see, laugh, and learn as we travel and visit other churches and communities in our area. How many of you know how old the church in Mountainair is? Have you ever been in the UM church in Moriarty? Or Peralta? Have you stopped long enough to see the downtown areas of each town? Want to try a new restaurant?

We are hoping to organize each month an opportunity to go visit one of the area churches. Most will be shorter trips, within an hour of here, however, there are some that may be further away. Not all the churches will be United Methodist. We'll tour the buildings, then hopefully the town and have lunch.

So, if you would like to come and go with us, let us know. Carolyn Moore and myself are planning these outings. They are not official church tours, but we are inviting all from the church to come along. We may even just go to local places like the courthouse or library, etc.

Our first outing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Mountainair United Methodist Church where we will be met by members of the church there who will share their history with us. Along with that, they will tell us of their current ministries. About 11 am we will go to a couple of galleries and / or to the headquarters of Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument. Lunch is on our own. Our choices are the Ancient Cities Café, the Shaffer Hotel, or a picnic in the park. If you would like to go and/or need a ride, please call us at 384-2616.

-Rev Terry Ann Moore

Batter Up!

What does baseball and Christianity have in common?

- 1. Baseball is a game/activity meant for an individual (the player) to not only play for themselves, but for a team. A Christian is called upon to live that way of life and to be a part of a Church and do things with others.*
- 2. In Baseball they have the main coach, their assistants plus trainers who have their own thing to do along with the players. In our Christian life we have the "Big Boss" – God and others that lead us... –Jesus and the Holy Spirit.*
- 3. In Baseball the # 3 is important as they have the rule of three 3 strikes you're out and 3 outs, the inning is over. In the stories we read in the Bible there were 3 wise men who traveled to see Jesus after his birth, and Jesus is a part of what we humans call the "Trinity"...God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.*
- 4. The number four represents 4 items that are very important in directing the base runner towards home to score. They are the 4 bases, first, second, third and home plate. In the Bible, we have the 4 gospels as the word that directs us home –Heaven . Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.*
- 5. In Baseball there are 5 very important people that make sure the rules and regulations are followed. They are the 5 umpires. The number 5 does not immediately point to a bible verse, but think of this: There were 5 that traveled close together making the rules and regulations----Jesus-----Peter, Andrew, James and John.*
- 6. In playing Trivia can you name or say one of the following answers to these questions: a) can you name 6 men from the Old Testament who endured the hot and the cold in defense of their faith...often their names are said in 3's....and b) 6 men known for their defense who wore the #6...*

Answers: a) Noah's sons, Shem, Hamm and Japeth; 3 men of faith in Daniel's time, Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego.

b) Players: Steve Garvey, Al Kaline, Stan Musial, Joe Torre, Bobby Cox and Jeff Bagwell.

- 7. In baseball there is a tradition in the middle of the 7th inning, when those who came to the game, stretch and take a break and sing....it is called the 7th inning stretch. In most parks they sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." In Genesis 1 we read of a time when God had been busy creating and he took time to stretch and relax..God created the world in 6 days and rested the 7th.*



8. In the American League only 8 of the players go out on the field to bat. The 9th, the pitcher, has a replacement called the designated hitter. In I Samuel we see that Israel asks for a king, but the king, Saul, did not please the people. Soon a call came to have someone take his place. Samuel, the prophet, thought he'd try out Jesse's sons. The first 6 didn't make the team, but the 7th, did! They now had the full list of players ... The king's name was David.



9. There are 9 innings in a game unless it goes into overtime. Many people leave early and don't come back. They don't even thank the teams for playing a good game. Jesus once healed 10 lepers. How many came back and thanked him...one!..the other 9 went on their way.

The game is over after the 3rd out in the bottom of the 9th inning. The big difference now, between baseball and Christianity, is when we feel like we are out....Christ invites us back to home plate and to start the game over. **Amen!**

We'd like to invite you to go with us when the Albuquerque Isotopes take on the Sacramento River Cats, on Sunday, July 20th at 6:05 p.m. This is the night the Isotopes have set aside as "All Faiths Night." Reserved Level Seats are only \$8.00 each for all religious affiliations and denominations. We need the money by July 6th if possible and should be given to Vicky Coburn, our Church Treasurer. She will call to let me know how many tickets you are buying. They will accept a church check for payment. We will pay for the tickets and get them picked up and handed out. All who would like to go can either meet us at the Church and go together, or meet at the Isotopes ball park.

Any questions call 384.2616.

Bethel Community Storehouse---

We received word, this year, that the United Way is not going to award Bethel another grant. Therefore, we will be losing \$35,000 that had been used to purchase food over the past few years. If anyone can donate to this cause, it would be much appreciated.

In an effort to tell Bethel's story and the ministry that is done there, the Board of Directors would like to hire a videographer from Estancia to tell the story. (Most of you know him and his family.) With the loss of grant monies, our budget is very tight so we are soliciting donations to help with this project. We are trying to raise \$1000 at this time. All donations should be designated for this particular fund.

If you have any questions about this information or about Bethel, please contact me at 384.2616. I am the Estancia UMC's representative to the Board.

In Christ's Service, Terry Ann Moore



Thanks to Christopher Huffman

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29 5th Sunday Sing Mountainair		1	2 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	3	4 4TH OF JULY Celebration in the Park	5
6 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair Celebrate Independence	7	8	9 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	10	11	12
13 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	14	15	16 4:30 PM TRUSTEES 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	17	18 Roadrunner Food Bank Mountainair	19 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
20 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair 6 PM Isotopes Park	21	22	23 4:30 PM Ad Council 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	24	25	26
27 9 AM Worship 11 AM -Mtair	28	29	30 6 PM MOVIE NIGHT	31		



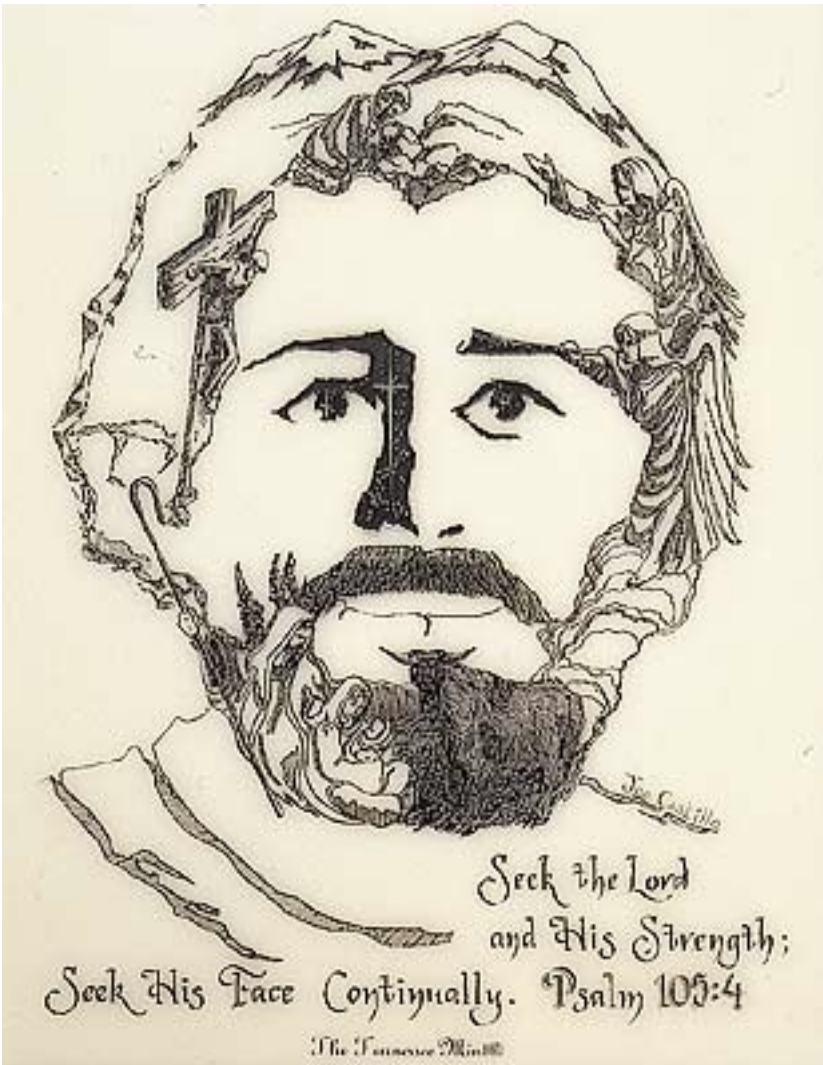


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The 'longer' you look at this picture, the 'more' you see.



The gentleman who drew this is Joe Castillo. He went to Asbury Theological Seminary. He did this during a chapel service. He told the Gospel story of each part of Jesus' life - and **was making the drawing as he told the story!**

The lines the artist used to draw this picture of Christ depict scenes in Christ's life.

God is waiting to use your full potential.
May God Bless You and Yours!