

**FROM THE PASTOR
JIM GARRISON**

The city of Jerusalem was in a sad state. Through their disobedience, the Israelites had been taken into captivity, and their city had been demolished. Remarkably, they kept their identity and fifty years later they were allowed to return and rebuild the temple. Twenty years later still their walls had not yet been rebuilt, leaving them vulnerable to the attacks of marauding bands. To remedy the situation, God raised up a leader, Nehemiah, to lead the people in rebuilding the wall and rebuilding their nation. It was a big job, a daunting task. Nehemiah brought many skills to the task, but he knew it was beyond his own ability. Nehemiah knew that if the task were to succeed, it would be God that made it happen. So before even asking permission to start the project, Nehemiah turned to the Lord in prayer.

The joke goes, "When all else fails, follow directions." How often we approach prayer the same way. How often we approach our tasks relying on our own wisdom and skills, and only if things go wrong do we resort to prayer. When all else fails, it's probably because we forgot to pray. It would be more efficient to pray for guidance than for rescue because we wandered off without guidance.

The election joke, "Vote early and often," makes a good motto for prayer. May we pray early and often, and see the mighty work of God.



An Opportunity to Help

The El Dorado County Department of Human Services is looking for volunteers to assist in visitation between parents and children. Visitation is provided for children and their parents who are currently receiving reunification services through the Department of Human Services. This is a unique opportunity to assist families in our community. Volunteer assistance in supervising visitation will provide an opportunity for children and parents to come together in a safe environment to continue to maintain their relationship while completing the reunification process.

Visitations occur on weekdays. Times and duration vary according to the family's needs and may range from one to four hours. Experience in this area is desirable but not mandatory. Training will be provided by social service staff.

If you are interested in providing help, call 530-642-7134. Ask for Sylvia Matassa.

Another Opportunity to Help



Matthew Freas is looking for a lonely bass guitar that needs some play time. If you have one sitting in a corner gathering dust, and you're willing to give it a good home, or loan it out for a time, please contact the Freas' at 295-0549.

Sunday School for all ages begins 9/12.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your summer off, but all good things must come to an end. Our September meeting will be on Monday the 13th at 12:00 at my home. I will be providing a BBQ lunch so I hope you will all try to attend.

Our program will be preparing for the chicken pot pie luncheon on November 6th. Please bring your ideas and be ready to sign up to help. Since this is our first meeting we have business to take care of and please share your ideas for future programs and projects.

Hope to see you all, Mary

**Put this date on your calendar now:
Chicken Pot Pie Will Be November 6**

Phyllis West, our very own crafts person extraordinary, asks those who have talented fingers to begin now to create items for the bazaar. Phyllis is willing to head up this part of the money maker. She will want help. See her at the September luncheon.

Children in Worship Service

There is a good supply of Christian coloring pages, dot-to-dot pages and games for older children, along with new boxes of crayons (is there anything better than a new box of crayons?) Ask the greeter at the door for these items as you enter to worship.



Submitted by Annette Hendrix

Worship Committee

Are you happy while worshipping in our church? Linda Freas, chair of worship committee, and the other members of the committee want every one to be comfortable. Recently the committee met to begin planning for the remainder of the calendar year. We will include the Apostle's Creed in the order of worship for the next several weeks. It's what we believe! Tom Allen is in training to become one of the new projectionists. We need more people willing to learn to operate the projector and sound system. Please volunteer to learn. If you have suggestions or complaints regarding the worship service, speak to one of the members of the committee They are Mary Boitnott, Eleanor Hansen and Jim and Kathy Garrison.

Submitted by Linda Freas, Chairman

**God gives His best to those who
leave the choice to Him!**

A Note from Emily

*Thank you, Gracious Ladies. You have helped me recuperate from surgery and you have all been dears. The lunches, the picnics and the suppers were wonderful—always too much food, but it was fun to share. May our Lord continue to bless you and send you to others. I'm continuing a rather slow recovery, but that's OK. **Emily Vigus***



FINANCE REPORT

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	GAIN/LOSS	CUMULATIVE
JANUARY	11,115.77	9,727.93	1387.84	1,387.84
FEBRUARY	10,512.52	12,365.41	(1852.89)	(465.05)
MARCH	9,102.48	12,749.87	(3,647.39)	(4,112.44)
APRIL	10,119.61	13,279.60	(3159.99)	(7,272.43)
MAY	11,111.26	11,898.98	(787.72)	(8,060.15)
JUNE	11,324.09	12,862.23	(1,538.14)	(9,598.30)
JULY	9514.70	9,922.72	(408.02)	(5006.32)

Lest you think this is some kind of fancy and imaginative financial finagling, be aware: we have had to dig into our savings account in order to cover payroll and other expenses. We took \$5000.00 out of a savings account. If we had not, the cumulative deficit would be -\$10006.32.

Editor Eleanor Hansen

Choir News

Watch for Choir news later in September.

Bible Study News

The Community Bible Study will resume their study of 2 Corinthians on Wednesday September 8 at 9:45 a.m. They will spend some time reviewing the first four chapters of 2 Corinthians, then continue on with chapter 5. Everyone who has a desire to study the Bible is invited to attend.

GOOD NEWS

Mikaela Fuller, granddaughter of Wayne and Frances competed in the Western Zone Championships, an all-star event of the USA Swimming Association, August 10-13. Competing only against other 15-16 year-olds, Mikaela participated in six events and won medals in four, but she was not happy with her performance because it did not measure up to her personal best times. She is a member of the AquaSol Swim Team, based in El Dorado Hills and was one of only two on the 70-member team who qualified for the Western Championships that included elite swimmers from 12 western states.

Jerry Wassmund is a member of the Nevada County Concert Band where he plays his baritone horn. The band played at the Nevada County Fair on August 15. Last Sunday was the last outside concert at Pioneer Park . Jeanine DeBerry went along to enjoy the music and weather. People watching is always fun. A surprise in the program was that Jerry was the featured singer! He sang a rousing "Stars and Stripes Forever" with some audience participation. There was a large crowd there to appreciate the unique program.

Greg and Kim Thompson will be grandparents in December. Their daughter Elizabeth is expecting a baby boy. The due date is December 2nd . Everyone is doing well and looking forward to the new addition.

Meg and Howard Hiemke have been enjoying a three week visit with their daughter Karen and her two Labrador dogs. On her way to Georgetown she drove their granddaughter, Margaret, to Boise State College in Idaho.

Recent Work by David Fuller was the name of an art exhibit that closed with a reception for the artist, Wayne and Frances' eldest grandson, on August 26 at Chico State University. David, son of Jim and Debbie, is a graduate of CSU and has worked with various mediums, including water color, oil and graphics. He calls the style of his recent exhibit "Pop Surrealism" and combined in some of the pictures pencil drawings, paintings and other objects, such as photographs and postage stamps, to develop symbols related to parenting. Wayne and Frances were there, of course, because Wayne managed to get home from Loon Lake with his fish, nap, clean up and drive to Chico by five p.m.

Amy and Cindy Garrison have moved back to the LA area after spending the summer in Georgetown. Amy began her graduate studies in Biology at University of Southern California in August. Cindy will be starting her senior year at Azusa Pacific University in September.

The Garrison's have a new member of their household: a three month old puppy named Shadow. He has already been enjoying our church fellowship, attending the picnic, the yard sale, and other outdoor events with Jim and Kathy.

The combined efforts of the Women's Ministry and the Men's Ministry and Pastor Jim brought us over \$900. There were a lot of tired and happy people at the end of the day.

Those women who joined the men at Loon Lake for dinner on Wednesday afternoon were treated like royalty. Your editor was one who says a big thank you, Gentlemen!



BIRTHDAYS

3 EVALYN GULLICKSON
6 PATTY DALTON
9 JULIE CHO
10 FRANK CLARK
12 BUCK TEEL
12 MARGE PLILEY
14 KEITH BRATTON
15 DAWN CLARK
16 AL JOHNSTON
17 PAT SCOTT
18 DAVE JUSTICE SR.
21 KEN MILLMAN
21 JOHN GATES
24 MIKE BRYANT
29 CAROL FRISCH
30 FLORENCE DOYE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 SHIRLEY LOGAN
3 AMY GARRISON
4 JUDY GRANBERG
4 MEG HIEMKE
6 FRAN CLARK
7 JAMES THOMPSON
7 DAVID JUSTICE JR.
9 MIKE HARRISON
8 KARRIE CLARK
10 JANELL JOHNSON
11 JOHN CLARK
14 MATTHEW FREAS
20 GORDON SHEPHERD
25 HUGH GAMBLE
28 DEAN BUCHHOLZ
29 PHYLLIS WEST
30 AL HAMBRICK