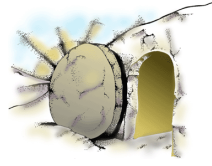


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HE IS ALIVE!



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Sunday Worship:
Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Night-
Family Night 7:00 p.m.**



Dixon Community Church

955 East A Street
Dixon, California 95620

Baseball and God

It is Spring, and all boys and men are thinking of just one thing: Baseball. Yes, God made Spring and Summer just so we could play Baseball. After all, even the Bible starts with, “*In the Big Inning.*” Even David, a good Dodger (which is why Saul couldn’t hit him with a spear), killed the evil Giant, Goliath, with a fastball to the forehead.

Baseball taught me a lot about how life is, and how life should be. For good and for bad, I learned some lessons.

First, some bad lessons...

(1) Nepotism: the Manager’s son plays shortstop, bats third, and makes the All Star Team. Nepotism is proof of human depravity, but it is not a value of the Kingdom of God. But, God is no respecter of persons, and Jesus taught us to give rather than receive, and serve rather than rule.

(2) Everybody is a Critic: those watching the game are often critical of those playing the game, because it all looks so easy to those who don’t have to do it. However, those playing the game respect fellow players, because they know how difficult the game can be. Until you do it better, show a little humility and honor.

I also learned tons of good stuff too...

(1) In Baseball, everyone gets to bat and play, even those who are too little, too slow, too fat or too weak. I have a brother who is severely mentally and physically handicapped, but he is just as valuable to God as handsome, athletic, intelligent folks. In God’s Kingdom, all are loved, valued and valuable.

(2) The worse losses are those caused by your own mistakes. If you lose 10 to 2 because the other team beat you in every way, then you can live with it. But if your team loses 5 to 4 because of your lack of hustle, or your mental error, then you agonize for days. Our biggest regrets are not always the hurtful things done to us, but our own moral failures and the pain they cause others.

(3) Team-work beats raw talent. Jesus does not call us to be self glorifying superstars, rather, we are to work with God, and with God’s Team: the Church. When Christians come together in love and unity to work together, no power on earth or in hell can stop us. But when we act like “stars” and become divisive, we fail miserably in everything, and look stupid in the process.

(4) Both teams get their 27 At Bats. With other sports, you can hold the ball and wait for the clock to expire. But in baseball, you have to be fair, and allow each team to have every turn you get. God does not have different sets of rules for different people, and expects us to act the same.

(5) If you strike out, you will get another chance. Even the best hitters fail 7 out of 10 times. God is the God Who gives us another chance if we are willing to learn from our mistakes, and if we are willing to forsake our old ways. “Peter, do you still love me? Then don’t quit because you failed. Stay on my team and feed my sheep.”

(6) Cheating is not allowed. In other sports, players who cheat are “penalized” by sitting down for a few minutes or moving the ball back. What a bunch of whimps! In baseball, cheaters

The Kid's Page

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.



OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you"



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, the 4th at 8:00am

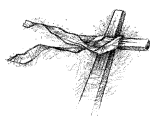
Ladies Aid will meet on the 9th at noon!



Maundy Thursday~

Potluck and Service April 9th at 6pm.

Please bring a dish appropriate for a Middle East, Passover Feast.
(No desserts please) Recipes available from Jeanine Thiessen.



Good Friday Service April 10th
at 12:00 noon



~The Deacons will be meeting on Tuesday the 14th at 8:00pm.
~The Council will meet on Tuesday the 28th at 7:00pm.

Hillsong United Concert- Thursday, April 16th at the Memorial Auditorium in Sac.

Women's Breakfast Saturday the 18th at 9:00am
The theme is SUNGLASSES!



Women's Retreat~ April 24-26 A Seaside Adventure
Only \$160.00
Contact Cinnamon or the church office at 678-1981

(7) "Every dog has his day" is a baseball axiom. Not many of us shine very often, but when we do ... boy do we shine! Even Pitchers hit game-winning Grand Slams sometimes. God uses ordinary people like you and me to do His work here. In God's economy, we all have gifts and ministries that, sometimes, affect pivotal points in the lives of others, maybe even in the course of history.

(8) A 30% success rate will get you into the Hall of Fame. A .300 Batting Average is a very good hitting percentage. That means you failed 70% of the time, but so what! Don't be afraid to experiment with tasks and ministries which may or may not be what you are called to do. The point is, you stood up there and took your swings. You will never get to first base if you just sit on the bench. The only failure is not trying.

Love in Christ, Third Base Dan



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – OLIN MOOY
- 3 – MARDA HENRY
- 5 – DEDRA RUSSELL
- 5 – BILL MILLER
- 9 – CHRISTOPHER BOOTH
- 11 – RIKEE TURNEY
- 12 – APRIL HORAN
- 13 – CHRIS TACHIERA
- 14 – MARVIN MADSEN
- 14 – KEN JONES
- 14 – KENNETH JONES
- 16 – BRUCE WEIGLEIN
- 17 – MATHEW ONSUM
- 18 – PATTI SOUSA
- 21 – ZACHARY ATWOOD
- 22 – TERESA AGUILERA
- 22 – ADIA MACKENZIE
- 23 – SARA MOSER
- 27 – MIKE BARBER
- 28 – BRIAN DUNCAN



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 – PAT & DALE FLOWERS
- 9 – PAUL & TERRI IRWIN
- 10 – JAY & HELEN LEWIS
- 10 – RICH & ELLEN EDSON

Income & Expenses for the month of February

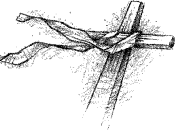

Income \$ 26,162.39
Expenses \$ 14,629.76





APRIL 2009



<p><i>Sunday</i></p> 	<p><i>Monday</i></p>	<p><i>Tuesday</i></p>	<p><i>1 Wednesday</i> Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>2 Thursday</i> <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>3 Friday</i></p>	<p><i>4 Saturday</i> Men's Breakfast 8:00am Prayer Meeting 7:00pm</p>
<p><i>5</i> <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am PALM SUNDAY</p>	<p><i>6</i> Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary</p>	<p><i>7</i> Women's Bible Study 9:30am</p>	<p><i>8</i> Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>9</i> <i>Ladies Aid 12:00 noon</i> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Potluck & Service 6:00 pm</i> PASSOVER</p>	<p><i>10</i> <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Service 12:00 noon</i> GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i> <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am Breakfast 8:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am EASTER</p>	<p><i>13</i> Bell Choir 7:00pm sanctuary</p>	<p><i>14</i> Women's Bible Study 9:30am Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>15</i> Adult Bible Study 10am Family Night: Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>16</i> <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> Women's Breakfast 9:00am</p>
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