

# THE CALLER



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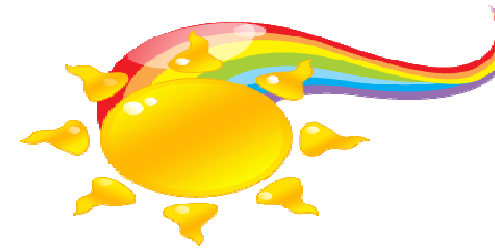
## Officers:

Moderator: Jess Jones 678-3839  
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## Sunday Worship:

Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

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



# AUGUST 2009



# “In the Eye of the Beholder”

The Book of Judges reveals a lawless period of Israel’s history; like our “wild west” of legend. People did as they wanted, with little or no regard to God or neighbor. In doing so, they quickly degraded into idolatry, perversion, theft, deceit, greed, murder, pride and rebellion against God. As a result they suffered at the hands of people with similar sins, and received the fruit of their wickedness. No one’s life, marriage or possessions were safe, because everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

Whenever their situation became unbearable, they cried out to God, and He delivered them. But, soon thereafter, they would return to their selfish ways, only to be tormented once again by an unjust society of their own making. “*And everyone did what was right in his own eyes*” [Judges 21:25] is the poignant phrase that ends the book, as if carved on their tombstone.

Sin hurts everyone; it is not merely a private matter. When bitter hate-mongers crash airplanes into buildings, the whole world reels in the wake. When corporate executives lie and steal, people suffer. When trusted clergy forsake holiness and morality, innocent souls are damaged for life. When judges give in to godless bigotry, even the Ten Commandments and pledges in God’s name are removed from public life. When we forsake God’s Word to do what is right in our own eyes, everyone suffers.

Righteousness matters. A family / church / nation / civilization exists only as long as its moral foundation can support it. Moral individuals help foster a moral society; and a moral society helps to foster moral individuals. Truth, integrity, honesty, fidelity, responsibility, charity, justice, compassion, humility, loyalty, self-sacrifice, generosity, duty, mercy and the worship of God bless the whole of society as well as each individual in that society.

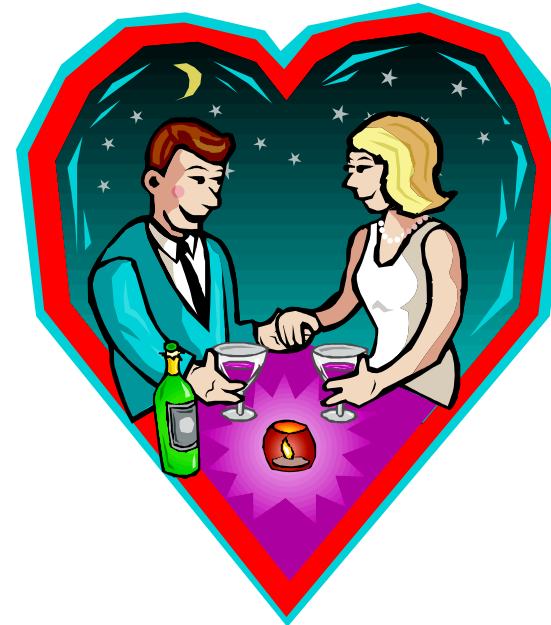
Our world is not suffering because people are doing God’s will; our world suffers because people are not doing God’s will. Instead, they seek to do what is right in their own eyes, rather than what God’s Word says is right in God’s eyes.

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 – BOB & ARDETH RIEDEL

9 – GREG & MARGARET ALTERTON

10 – PETE & ANN BEUKELMAN



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8 – LILY HEITMAN

15 – KATHY WALLACE

17 – DEE GARDER

17 – SADIE RUSSEL

17 – ELIJAH DAVIS

19 – SHIZUKO BOCK

22 – MARY LOU WOOLF

24 – KURT RIEDEL

30 – AARON WEIGLEIN

### Income & Expenses for the month of

July, 2009

Income:	\$ 12,667.00
Expenses:	\$ 20,040.01

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pirate Adventure



Vacation Bible School  
Monday 8-3-Friday 8-7  
5:30pm - 8:00pm  
Dinner provided



Women's Breakfast Saturday  
August 15th @ 9:00 am / Jewelry Exchange



New Membership Class  
August 22nd @ 10:00am– 12:00pm  
Lunch provided  
Call office for details 678-1981

Picture Directory Sept 19th/Details to follow  
Bring your HAPPY FACE



Prayer Meeting, Saturday August 22nd  
7:00 @ Alterton's 319 East A. Street

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed  
Please see Jeanine Thiessen for sign up's.



Jesus is different. He said, *“My ‘food’ is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish*

*His work”* [John 4:34]. Jesus hungered to bring joy to his heavenly Father by doing what is right in His Father's eyes. He had an insatiable appetite to complete the work his Father wanted him to complete (die for the sins of the world). He valued God's ways more than the world, and more than life itself.

Jesus did not live for himself. He never had a flower garden, or went on a nice vacation, or owned a house. He never fell asleep in the arms of a loving wife, or got new golf clubs or new car. He never went to a church where the sermons and music inspired him, and the fellowship and potlucks were warm. Yet, he did not feel deprived; to him, the joy of life was to bring joy to his Father in heaven.

Life is not “getting what I want,” or insisting on “my way.” Joyful living is knowing God, and pleasing God by doing what is right in God's eyes. As we mature in following Jesus, we can discover this deeper joy. We are embraced by this greater joy as we replace love for self with an insatiable love for God.

This grace is good for everyone around us. Our family, church, community, society and world become a much better place as we do what is right in God's eyes. This joy multiplies as we witness others being blessed, and giving glory to God because He is holy and righteous. Thankfulness and joy walk hand in hand, as others experience the pure love of Jesus Christ.

*“Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart”* [Hebrews 12:2-3].

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Dan.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
30	31		Adult Bible Study 10am <b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study			1  Men's Breakfast @ 8:00am
2  <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am  <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am	3  Pirate Adventure VBS	4  Women's Bible Study 10:00am  Pirate Adventure VBS	5  Adult Bible Study 10am  Pirate Adventure VBS	6  Pirate Adventure VBS	7  Pirate Adventure VBS	8
9  <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am  <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am	10	11  Women's Bible Study 10:00am Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm	12  Adult Bible Study 10am <b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	13	14	15 Women's Breakfast @ 9:00am Jewelry Exchange
16  <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am  <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am	17	18  Women's Bible Study 10:00am	19  Adult Bible Study 10am <b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	20	21	22 New Membership Class 10:00am - 12:00pm Lunch provided Prayer Meeting @ 7:00 pm Alterton's 319 East A. Street
23  <i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:00am  <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11:00am	24	25  Women's Bible Study 10:00am Council Meeting 7:00pm	26  Adult Bible Study 10am <b>Family Night:</b> Worship 7 pm Adventure Club, Youth Group, 7 pm Men's & Women's Bible Study	27	28	29