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Granada Good News

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Pastor's Notes

As your pastor, I thank God through Jesus Christ for all of you. I pray that you and I may be made strong by God's spiritual gifts so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. For in the gospel there is

righteousness from God revealed in you - a righteousness to live by faith. [O'Brien's paraphrase of Romans 1:8-17]



Pastor David O'Brien

We need to start acting like who we are.

We are people on a mission with a mission to accomplish. Each member of Granada Baptist has a mission (for the

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Seniors' Luncheon

Twenty-six Seniors and their guests met July 21, 2005 for their program and luncheon.

Jack Deligans stared the program with a great welcome to all and by prayer.

Diane Bakawasy, a retired schoolteacher from the Green State of Virginia was visiting with her sister, Cecile Johnston and Charlie. Amanda Settle, a pleasant young lady from Astoria, Oregon, was visiting with her grandmother, Jean Settle. Sue and Ben also joined us.

Jack Deligans asked

for prayer and praise requests. Cecile Johnston asked for safe travel for her sister Diane Bakawasy and also praises for Charlie Johnston's health improvements. Westelle Skipper asked for prayer for her granddaughter Margaret's safe return from Paris.

We prayed that Roy's surgery on his eyes went well and we missed Mary, as she had to take Roy to the doctor.

We missed Jane hook as she traveled back to New York to be with her family.

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Holy Rollers Finish Out Of The Money

On June 11th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our ten bowlers formed two teams, which both struggled. Team #2 had the high score of 2782, only good enough for 8th place, out of the money and well behind the winning score of 2933 posted by Good Shepherd Lutheran. Granada Baptist's Team #1 was led by **Tom Edwards**, who had a 177 game and a 484 series. **Otis Farris** had a 168 game and a 480 series, while **Rich Nickison** bowled a 167 game and a 464 series. **Charles Henderson** bowled a 175 game and a 452 series, and **Chuck Webster** had a 173 game and a 356 series. Team #1 had a total of 2711 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, **Bowling** who had a pair of 165 games and a 475 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 156 game and a 446 series, while **Jean Lukehart** had a 137 game and a 374 series. **Bill Lukehart** had a 129 game and a

353 series, while **Alma Farris** bowled a 135 game and a 331 series. Our two split conversions were turned in by Bill and Jean, who both made the 3-10 split.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on Saturday, August 13th at 12 noon. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy for a month. The cost is \$9.50 and includes three games of bowling and rental shoes, if necessary. You don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you can bowl at all, you can be on our team.

You can sign up on the sheet in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. Please sign up by Wednesday, August 10th at the latest, as Granada Bowl needs to reserve the right number of lanes. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

— Frank



Exercise

I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5

months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and we don't know where on earth she is.

The only reason I would take up exercising is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

And last but not least: I don't exercise because it makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

August 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Schedule of Events

August 7 — Lord's Supper and A.J. Hyatt Offering

August 13 — 12:00 noon Church Bowling Challenge

August 14 — 12:30 pm: Fellowship Luncheon

August 18 — 10:45 am: Seniors' Luncheon

August 21 — 12:15 pm: Business Meeting

September 5 — time TBA Labor Day Picnic

Weekly schedule

Sunday, 9:45 am: Bible Study for all ages

Sunday, 11:00 am: Worship

Tuesday, 10:00 am: Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Saturday, 7:30 am: Prayer Breakfast

Birthdays

8 **Brent Dane**

10 **John Calvin Locke**

14 **Charlie Johnston**

14 **Norm Taasevigen**

22 **Suzanne Mezzapesa**

25 **Phyllis Baker**

26 **Kristen Fry**

29 **John Mezzapesa**

30 **Joe Krake**

31 **Virginia Turner**

Personal Thoughts

A young boy was asked to mow the lawn of his next-door neighbors while they were on vacation. They had a swimming pool in the backyard, but he solemnly promised he wouldn't use it while they were gone. But one day, he and a friend gave into temptation and jumped in for a dip. They decided to leave their swimming trunks behind to dry out overnight, intending to come back the next day and get them. But to the young boy's dismay, the neighbors returned from their vacation early and discovered the swimming trunks. It was a long time before they trusted the boy again with any jobs.

Do we often act like this young boy? It's so tempting to try to get

away with some small sin when we think we won't get caught. But that's the kind of situation where we especially need to be careful, because we never know who's watching. What if a non-Christian were to see what we did? What would they think about Christians if we purposely did things we knew were sinful? If we want to bring the world to

Christ, we need to act like genuine Christians, and that means avoiding actions we know are wrong at all times, even when we think we might get away with it. May we always follow in our Lord's footsteps by being worthy of the trust of those around us.

In Jesus, Frank

"Be very careful, then, how you live -- not as unwise but as wise." -- Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)

"That's Not My Job!"

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it

Something to Think About



was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

A Modern Proverb:

Sometimes, the most important ability is *availability*.

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It was reported that Diane Taasevigen was doing well.

Hugh Colvin, with his guitar, led us in singing, *I Know Whom I Have Believed* and *Lead Me to Calvary*.

Carl Serkland read *Exercise*, a list of exercises that we don't really do.

Mae Arney read *A Child's View of Retirement in a Mobile Home Park*.

Alma Farris read *All Grown Up*.

Hugh played his guitar again and we sang *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Catherine Fletcher gave our devotional. She read from Psalms 22, 23, and 24 and said they all tied together. The 22nd Psalm talks about the Good Shepherd, the 23rd about the Great Shepherd, and the 24th

about the Chief Shepherd. The Lord IS our shepherd and we should follow Him. What a joyful message!

Catherine also announced that she holds Bible Study from 10:00 am until noon every Tuesday morning

Carl Serkland closed with a prayer of thanks for our food and our many blessings.

We also want to thank Gevonnia Smith for cooking the turkey that Dorothy Hart furnished for us, and all the people for coming and helping us have a great meeting.

Our next luncheon will be August 18 so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Mae Arney

Top Ten Reasons To Come To Church Even Though It's Summer

10. Because praying for a 10-foot putt does NOT constitute an active prayer life.

9. Because saving people from the "heat" is what Christianity is all about!

8. Because this week's absence equals next week's sermon illustration.

7. Because you helped pay for the church's central air conditioning, you might as well enjoy it!

6. Because your quest to make the immortal words, "Give me wax for my board, keep me surfing for the Lord," a lifestyle choice, just hasn't been as "gnarly" as you thought it would be!

5. Because the combination

of sweaty bare legs and varnished pews makes you feel like you're suffering for the cause of Christ!

4. Because the youth minister is preaching for the month of August and someone has to keep a record of his inappropriate illustrations and theological blunders!

3. Because all new sermons are a big plus in a season of reruns!

2. Because it makes your day to see the preacher sweat!

And the number one reason to come to church even though it is summer is:

1. Because when we say that Jesus is the Lord of our lives, we do NOT mean 9/12ths of our lives!

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Lord), a task, an undertaking that God is waiting for you to start the action so He can help you. It involves people. More than likely, people you know. It will require you to reveal who you really are and start talking to them about Jesus and show your concern for them to know him too.

We are more than conquerors. Live and talk like you are on the winning team. Pray and believe like there is nothing too hard for God.

We are a royal priesthood. The standards of what we present, our property, our persons, and our acts of service need to be fit for a King. I really appreciate those of you who help keep our church building and property in such good shape but we need more people involved. Contact Phillip Locke and tell him what you want to do.

We are a people of prayer. We need to bathe our times of meeting in prayer. We need to pray for those who have not trusted Jesus. We need to pray for those who are weak and those who are struggling against things that keep them from praising God. We need to prevail in pray until God heals those among us who are sick

We are forcefully advancing the kingdom of God. We need to start desiring something more than who we appear to be. We need to

plan to increase our giving as a church to those with a vision for those outside the walls of our churches. We currently give 2.6% of our tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Program. This could increase. God's kingdom is expanding around the world in places where darkness once ruled.

We have come to know the truth and the truth has set us free. We as a church are in financial debt. We need to see ourselves "set free" by God's abundant provision to every member. God says, "Test me in this, by bringing a tithe to the Lord's storehouse. See if I will not pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Everyone in the church needs to tithe so we can enjoy the Lord's blessing with testimony of God's faithfulness. If we make a concerted effort to let the Lord prove Himself to us, we will all be blessed and Jesus will be glorified.

Karl Singer, a leader in the financial services industry for many years says, "So why is it that most churches—churches that say they want to prevail for generations to come—don't have anyone in charge of acquiring new business? If they're serious about surviving in the future, they're going to have to find and equip the missing person whose job it will be to reach people outside the church."

"Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity, and in cold weather becomes frozen, even

so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind."

--- Leonardo Da Vinci

WHO FLEW THE KITE...?

"I did," comes a reply from the wind!

"I did," shouts the paper!

"I did," exclaims the tail!

"I did," says the string!

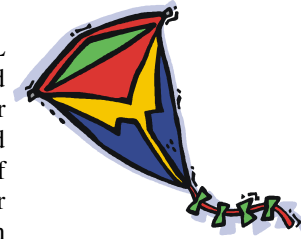
"I did," boasts the boy!

In reality, they ALL flew the kite. If the wind had lulled, if the paper had torn, if the tail had gotten caught in a tree, if the string had broken, or the boy had fallen, then the kite would have come down. Each had a part to play.

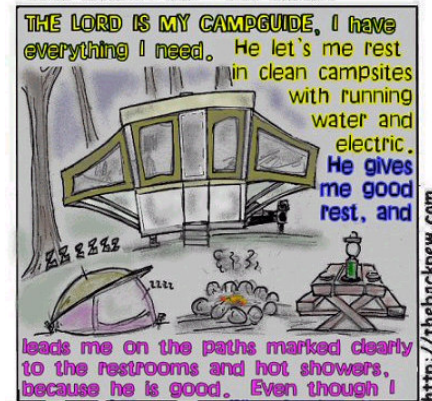
THOUGHT: God has placed you in a strategic role. YOU are an important part of the successfulness

and effectiveness of this church. Everyone else is depending on you to be here and to carry out your function. And when you fail to be here and/or carry out your function in the body, the whole church suffers. Use your gifts and talents to the glory of God and leave the results to Him.

"And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. 12:26)



THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



walk through the valley of mosquitoes, I will not be afraid, cuz you have given me DEET. Your campfire, and picnic pavilion comfort me. You prepare s'mores and hot-dogs for me in front of racoons. You fill my Coleman lantern with oil, and my coffee cup overflows. Surely good weather, and fun will be with me while I am camping, and I will stay at the Lord's campground forever. Psalms 23 (CIV)