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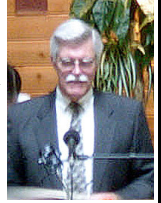
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Pastor's Notes

God is so good to each one of us here at Granada Baptist Church. We find ourselves surrounded by so many wonderful things. Even our hard times make us aware of how God provides for us. As we finish our study of the twenty-third Psalm, we are reminded of so many truths helping us to know and trust our Shepherd, the Lord Jesus. As our love

for him grows, let's remember to take others along with us on this awakening of our lives especially as we gather to worship him together.

There are people around you that only you can reach. You are already affecting their lives by how you greet them, how you treat them, and



Pastor David O'Brien

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Seniors' Luncheon

Thirty Seniors and their guests met Thursday, August 18, 2005 for their program and luncheon. **Jean Settle** brought her granddaughter, **Amanda**, and **Mae Arney** brought her granddaughter, **Jessica**, and **Ed Philpot** also joined us.

Mary Schoenecke asked for prayer for **Lynn Deligans**, **Mae Arney** asked prayers for a new friend, **Claire**, and for her sister **Florence** who lives in Massachusetts who has a bad cough. **Mary** also asked for prayer for **Pearl Land** who lives at Haci-

enda. **Roy Schoenecke** had praise for the return of good sight after cataract surgery. **Carl Serkland** gave a prayer for all of those above.

Mary Schoenecke read *Heart Prints*. When we are a blessing to others, they feel it in their hearts as well as their minds.

Mae Arney read *What Are You Putting Off?* We need to follow through on things we want to do for others before it is too late.

Alma Farris read *Senior Stuff* - humorous

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Holy Rollers Finish Out Of The Money

On August 13, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our nine bowlers formed two teams and Team #2 had the high score of 2880, only good enough for 6th place, out of the money and well behind the winning score of 3034 posted by Good Shepherd Lutheran. Granada Baptist's Team #2 was led by **Carl Serkland**, who had a 180 game and a 500 series. **Norm Taasevigen** had a 173 game and a 494 series, and he also gave us a thrill by picking up, in consecutive frames, the 3-10 split and the 5-7 split. **Frank Serkland** had a 141 game and a 416 series, while **Alma Farris** bowled a 140 game and a 393 series. Team #1 had a total of 2863 and was led by **Tom Edwards**, who had a 191 game and a 516 series. **Ed Slater** had a 183 game and a 456 series, while **Otis**

Farris had a 169 game and a 477 series. **Rich Nickison** had a 158 game and a 454 series, and **Charles Henderson** bowled a 156 game and a 429 series.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on Saturday, September 10th 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, September 7th 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.



Bowling

Senior Stuff

A rather elderly gentleman (mid-nineties) walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. He is very well-dressed, smelling slightly of a good after-shave, hair well-groomed, great-looking suit, flower in his lapel. He presents a suave, well-looked-after image.

Seated at the bar is an elderly fine-looking lady (mid-eighties). The gentleman walks over, sits along-side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, good-looking, do I come here often?"

ous hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

An elderly gentleman had seri-

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	

Schedule of Events

September 4 — 11:00 am Guest preacher Andy Krake in Pulpit

September 5 — time TBA Labor Day Picnic

September 10 — 12:00 noon **Church Bowling Challenge**

September 11 — 12:30 pm: **Fellowship Luncheon**

September 15 — 10:45 am: **Seniors' Luncheon**

September 18 — 11:00 am Guest preacher Andy Krake in Pulpit

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

2 **Krystin Torrez**

10 **Bob Shackles**

14 **Alycia Smauley**

16 **Rick Pelser**

17 **Nick Layfield**

28 **Andrew Smauley**

28 **Roxanne Mulder**

30 **Jason Locke**

Personal Thoughts

One night a certain man had a dream in which the Lord told him He had work for him to do. God showed the man a large rock near his cabin and said, "Your job is to push against this rock with all your might." The man did this obediently day after day for many years. Every night he returned to his cabin feeling sore in his body, and discouraged in his soul, since he sensed that he was wasting his time

"If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love." -- John 15:10 (NIV)

pushing a rock that wouldn't budge a single inch. He started making plans to make just the minimum effort every day until he realized he needed to make it a matter of prayer. He came to God and said, "Lord, I've labored long and hard in Your service. I've been pushing the rock for many years, and yet it hasn't moved a single inch in all this time. What is wrong? Why am I failing?" God replied compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me, I told you that your task was to push against the rock, which you have done. Not once did I say that I expected you to move it. And now you come to me thinking you've failed. But look at yourself. Your arms have become strong and muscled, your legs are massive and

hard and your back is sinewed and brown. Through opposition you've grown and your abilities have grown beyond what they once were. You haven't moved the rock, but your calling was to be obedient and push the rock, exercising your faith and trusting in Me. This you have done.

I, My friend, will now move the rock."

It's so easy to have faith in God when everything makes perfect sense. But we all know life often gets very difficult, and when it does God still calls us to follow Him and trust Him in faith. It's our tendency to want to know why He asks us to do certain things, and we often try to reason out with our own intelligence what God wants from us, but all He asks is that we obey Him in simple faith. That isn't always an easy thing for us to do, especially when we don't understand the particular situation, but faith and trust in God are never misplaced, and we can rest assured that He does know what He's doing. We should never be afraid to exercise the faith that moves mountains, but we should always keep in mind that it's still God that moves them.

In Jesus, Frank

OCC—Operation Christmas Child

Again this year, we are participating in operation Christmas Child (also known as Operation Shoebox), a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes (or plastic boxes about that size) are filled with gifts for needy children around the world. More information is available at the church. Also needed is \$5 per box to help defray shipping costs. Donations will be accepted.

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things that happen in the lives of Seniors!

Carl Serkland read *The Bill of No Rights*, a parody on the Bill of Rights. Sometimes we expect everything to be perfect all the time, but there are problems at times for us to deal with.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions with answers from the Bible of why we should "Bother" to share with others, give thanks often to God for all the blessings he has given us, and to witness to others so that they may believe in Jesus, who gave his life to save us from our sins. Some of

the Bible references are John 4:23-24, Thessalonians 2:7, 1 Corinthians 28:9, 2 Corinthians 9:15, and Proverbs 20:12. Catherine teaches Bible study on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and you are all welcome to join us there.

Jane Hook gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow. **Charlie** and **Cec Johnston** brought a honey-baked ham, baked beans, and cucumber salad, which were enjoyed by all.

Jean Settle and **George** promised us a turkey for our next luncheon on September 15th so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Jane Hook

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Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says . . . "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a new-born baby."

"Really!? Like a new-born baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen

were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Many of you will remember **Shawn** and **Karen Coleman**. They are now serving on mission in Mexico through MGF (Missionary Gospel Fellowship), P.O. Box 1535, Turlock, CA 95381-1535, (209) 634-8575. Write them at Farallon 1002, Tijuana, Baja California, 22560, Mexico; or PO Box 2557, Chula Vista, CA 91912. You can reach them by phone at 925-447-4492. (Isn't modern technology amazing?) Like all missionaries, they need your prayers, and if you are so moved, your financial support — either one-time or continuing.

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by how you befriend them. If your Jesus is good for you, then He will be good for them. Let them know that you go to church on Sunday and that you get together with other friends and neighbors to acknowledge and honor God. Invite them to join you:

- Write them a card.
- Engage them in conversation.
- Be their friend.
- Share your blessings with them.
- Brag on how good God is.
- Encourage them with your cheerful encounter.

There were many less than perfect people that Jesus engaged. Some he invited himself to their house for dinner and to others he asked them to come go with him.

In the days and weeks ahead, God has something for you to do more than just taking care of your

own needs, wants, and entertainment. As you see and encounter people everyday, ask yourself, "What is God doing in their lives and how can I co-operate with God?" Does 'God's something for you to do' involve just the house next door or across the street? Is it just your children and their families? Is it just your friends and acquaintances? Could it possibly be someone you have not met yet? We are all under the gentle leading of the Holy Spirit to effect other people while there is still time. Remember you will probably make friends that will last a lifetime and many of them will become your friends and family for eternity.

Get busy concentrating on others: writing notes, taking a special gift, expressing concern, asking to pray for them, meeting their needs, and being their friend.

THE BACK PEW - Jeff Larson

Be brave! You have told people in Jerusalem about me.. *your mission should you decide to accept* is.. you must now do the same in Rome.



<http://thebackpew.com>

Acts 23:11 Mission Impossible

The Bill Of No Rights

We, the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid any more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior, and secure the blessings of debt free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt ridden, delusional, and other liberal bed wetters.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights and are so dim that they require a Bill of No Rights.

ARTICLE I: You do not have the unearned right to a new car, big screen TV or any other form of wealth. More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II: You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone -- not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc., but the world is full of idiots, and probably always will be.

ARTICLE III: You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful. Do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV: You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are

quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of professional couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V: You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI: You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim, or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you fry in the electric chair.

ARTICLE VII: You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big screen color TV or a life of leisure.

ARTICLE IX: You do not have the right to a job. All of us sure want you to have a job, and will gladly help you along in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

ARTICLE X: You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to PURSUE happiness -- which by the way, is a lot easier if you learn the country's language and are unencumbered by an overabundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the Bill of Rights.