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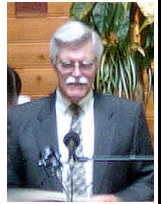
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Pastor's Notes

Unless you are a very self-assured, self-assertive person, much of your life was shaped by a suggestion or an invitation from someone. You may have responded because the idea suggested awakened in you a desire that you followed up with action.

Remember, most people are just like you. They need a little urging or idea generating sug-

gestion to do the things that will move them toward God. As we move into a new series of messages, we are to look at the invitations Jesus gave. Some of the invitations were very specific. Others reached right out of the moment and extended to all who have ears to hear. As we de-



Pastor David O'Brien

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Seniors' Luncheon

Twenty-seven Seniors and their guests met on September 15, 2005, for their program and luncheon. Mary Schoenecke introduced **Amanda, Jean Settle's** granddaughter, who was visiting here.

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing, *At Calvary*, and *Count Your Blessings*.

Prayer requests were asked for **Bill Lukehart's** family. His funeral was on Saturday, September 17 at Callahan Mortuary. **Charlie Johnston** had problems with his medications, and

Roy Schoenecke gave praises for his recovery after doctors opened the tube from his pancreas. Mary gave a prayer for all of them.

Mae Arney read an article about the cost of many products compared to the price of a gallon of gasoline. We were shocked about how much a gallon of everyday products was so much higher than gasoline!

Carl Serkland read *Very Interesting*, telling about Iraq's prominence in parts of the Bible.

Catherine Fletcher

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Holy Rollers Take 3rd Place

On August 13, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our nine bowlers formed two teams and Team #1 had the high score of 2935, good enough for 3rd place and a \$40 donation for our church. The winning score of 2992 was posted by our sister church, Trinity Baptist. Granada Baptist's Team #1 was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had games of 234 (including a 7-bagger!) and 209 and a 611 series. **Norm Taasevigen** had a 166 game and a 463, while Alma Farris had a 149 game and a 403 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 129 game and a 381 series. Team #2 had a total of 2893 and was led by **Otis Farris**, who had a 192 game and a 495 series. **Charles Henderson** had a 163 game and a 482 series, while **Tom Edwards** had a 183 game and a 474 series. **Ed Slater** had a 173 game and a 467 series, and **Chuck Webster** bowled a 164 game and a 423 series. We had five split conver-



sions on the day, all of the 3-10 split. Alma made it once, and Norm and Tom each made it twice. The last Church Bowling Challenge of 2005 will be on Saturday, October 1st at 12 noon. As is tradition for the last Church Challenge of the year, we'll be bowling using 9-pin no-tap rules, meaning nine pins on the first ball will count as a strike. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy until February. 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 28th 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.

Directory Update

We will be printing a new Church Directory soon. Please report all changes, updates, etc. as soon as possible.
Note to our out-of-town friends: Many of our members will use the

directory for addressing Christmas Cards; be sure we have your correct contact information. Also, if you would like a copy of the directory, just ask for one.

October 2005

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Schedule of Events

October 1 12:00 noon—Church Challenge Bowling 9-pin no-tap
 October 2 — 11:00 am —Lord's Supper and A.J. Hyatt Offering
 October 9 — 12:30 pm:—Fellowship Luncheon
 October 20 — 10:45 am:—Seniors' Luncheon

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

5 **John Mezzapesa**
 6 **Carl Serkland**
 11 **Emily Dane**
 12 **Bob Vargas**
 14 **Alpha Litz**
 20 **Joanne Purmort**
 31 **Mary Jo Tuck**

Personal Thoughts

During my church's worship service on Sunday mornings we've set aside a time when we share prayer requests and praises for the things the Lord has done during the week. I have the honor and pleasure of being among several people who take turns leading it.

I've discovered there's a great joy to be had in lifting up the praises and concerns of my brothers and sisters in Christ, not because it makes me look better in anyone's eyes, but because praying for

each other is an important part of our sacred service to each other. The only problem I have is that while it's all well and good to pray on Sunday mornings, we need to be praying for each other every day. For my part, during the rest of the week I often neglect to lift up the needs that have been shared during the worship service. The people who brought them up obviously felt their needs important enough to be shared publicly, and while I gladly pray for them on Sunday morning, I get so focused on my own needs during the other six days of the week that I forget that I should be

ministering in prayer for my fellow Christians all the time. People pray for me, so I need to do the same for them.

God never intended for Christians to operate in solitude. One of the greatest gifts He's given us is each other. The encouragement and prayer support we can offer each other is absolutely essential for our spiritual health. We don't have to pray in public for God to hear our petitions. If we're praying with a sincere heart, our

prayers are just as valid before the Lord in private as they are before a crowd. It doesn't matter where we are or what we're doing. The important thing is that we lift up to God whatever concerns us. It doesn't matter how big or small the request may seem, because if it's important to us it's important to God. He cares for each one of us, and no request is too small to be brought before Him. When you're lifting up your own concerns, don't forget to mention the concerns of others. You'll find, as I have, that the ministry of praying for others can be such a blessing to yourself as well.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." -- Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

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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talked about the September holidays – the history of Labor Day, Grandparents' Day, and Patriots' Day. She also told the story of Ruth in the Bible, who became one of the ancestors of David.

Hugh Colvin gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow. Jean Settle do-

nated the turkey, **Mary Schoenecke** roasted it, and **Jane Hook** carved it. The tables were decorated with yellow tablecloths and bouquets of bright sunflowers.

Our next luncheon will be October 20th, so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Jane Hook

VERY INTERESTING -

- 1.The garden of Eden was in Iraq.
- 2.Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization!
- 3.Noah built the ark in Iraq.
- 4.The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
- 5.Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq!
- 6.Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, which is in Iraq.
- 7.Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
- 8.Jonah preached in Nineveh - which is in Iraq.
- 9.Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
- 10.Amos cried out in Iraq!
- 11.Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.
- 12.Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!
- 13.The three Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq (Jesus had been in Iraq also as the fourth per-
- son in the fiery furnace!)
- 14.Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq.
- 15.Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq.
- 16.Ezekiel preached in Iraq.
- 17.The wise men were from Iraq.
- 18.Peter preached in Iraq.
- 19.The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon, which was a city in Iraq!
- 20.And you have probably seen this one. Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible. But do you know which nation is second? It is Iraq! However, that is not the name that is used in the Bible. The names used in the Bible are Babylon, Land of Shinar, and Mesopotamia. The word Mesopotamia means between the two rivers,

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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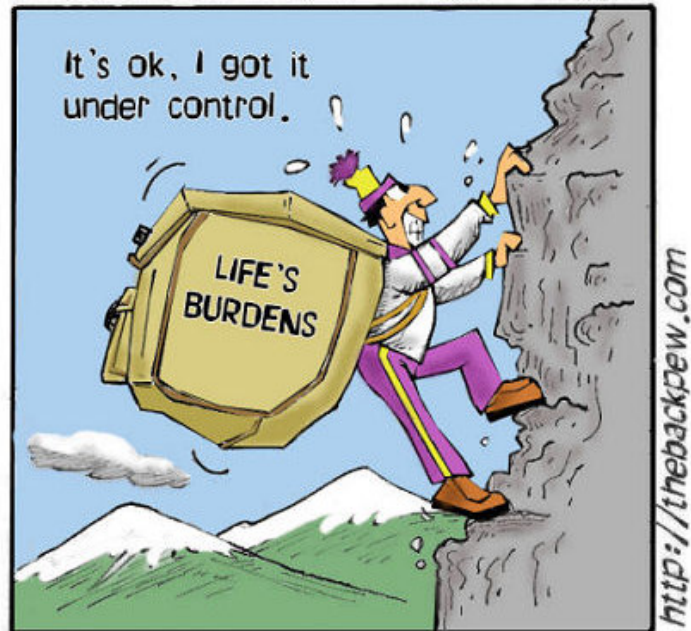
sire and strive to be like Jesus, let us stretch past who we think we are and start being more concerned about others.

It is easy to break out of our comfort zone and get involved when someone is in trouble and knows it like those people affected by the recent hurricanes. But it requires a different set of skills to reach out and help someone who doesn't know or recognize their "need" or who doesn't understand you have begun to be moved by the Holy Spirit to express

love and concern for them.

Jesus gave many invitations to those He interacted with and to those of us who hear His voice in our hearts even today. He said, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." God in the person of Jesus broke into our world of time and space to tell us and show us about the things that give us life, one that is full and meaningful at any age. Let's get engaged and see people as God sees them.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



TRAVELING LIGHT - Release those burdens you were never intended to bear.
 The Promise of Psalms 23 - Max Lucado

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more exactly between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. The name Iraq, means country with deep roots.

21. Indeed Iraq is a country with deep roots and is a very significant country in the Bible.

22. No other nation, except Israel, has more history and prophecy associated it than Iraq.

And also... This is something to think about! Since America is typically represented by an eagle. Saddam should have read up on his Muslim passages...

The following verse is from the Koran, (the Islamic Bible)

Koran (9:11) - For it is written that a son of Arabia would awaken a fearsome Eagle. The wrath of the Eagle would be felt throughout the lands of Allah and lo, while some of the people trembled in despair still more rejoiced; for the wrath of the Eagle cleansed the lands of Allah; and there was peace.

(Note the verse number!) HMMMMMMMM?! God Bless you all —Amen!

How Much???!?

Think a gallon of gas is expensive? Read the following for additional information

Diet Snapple 16 oz.....	\$1.29	\$10.32 per gallon
Lipton Ice Tea 16 oz.....	\$1.19	\$9.52 per gallon
Gatorade 20 oz.....	\$1.59	\$10.17 per gallon
Ocean Spray Juice 16 oz.....	\$1.25	\$10.00 per gallon
Brake Fluid 12 oz.....	\$3.15	33.60 per gallon
Vick' s Nyquil 6 oz.....	\$8.35	\$178.13 per gallon
Pepto-Bismol 4 oz.....	\$3.85	\$123.20 per gallon
Whiteout 7 oz.....	\$1.39	\$25.42 per gallon
Scope 1.5 oz.....	\$0.99	\$84.48 per gallon
Evian Water 9 oz.....	\$1.49	\$21.19 per gallon

(for water! And the buyers do not even know the source! ... Ever notice that 'Evian' is 'naïve' spelled backwards?)

"Here is a test to find out whether your mission in life is complete. If you' re alive, it isn' t."
 --- Richard Bach