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EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Focus on the Family has launched a wide-ranging voter-registration drive with the activation of iVoteValues.org, the centerpiece of the ministry's campaign to register more than one million Americans to vote in the Nov. 2 elections.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as much as 35 percent of the voting-age population is not even registered to vote. And a closer look at the Christian

population shows even less participation in the democratic process. According to the Pew Research Center and the Republican National Committee, in 2000, close to half of the nation's 59 million self-identified evangelicals -- 24 million -- didn't even register. And only 15 million of the 35 million who were registered went to the polls. That means far less than half of the nation's evangelicals voted in 2000.

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Seniors' Luncheon

Seniors - July

Twenty-four Seniors and their guests met on July 20th for their luncheon and program.

It was announced that many Baptist volunteers would be in New Orleans and Florida. Maleia and Nick Locke spent some time helping in other areas damaged by hurricanes.

Prayer requests: we were glad that Lynn Deligans was able to be here after her hip surgery. Cec Johnston was unable to attend as she was having a 3-hour test on her heart; Phyllis Baker is recuperating from a hamstring in-

jury. Joanne Purmort who has been going to the dentist, previous guests John and Alice Boehmer who have had to move from Springtown to Tracy as they can't climb stairs anymore, Bruce and Sandra Edwards are moving to Southern California to be closer to their sons, Laurlee Fry asked for prayers for her daughter, Kristen, who is having medical tests at Stanford. Jack Deligans gave a prayer for all of the above.

Mary Schoenecke read an article by Eleanor Roosevelt who lived from 1884

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to 1962: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That's why we call it the Present." She also read some facts gleaned from the back of a cereal box: "Everyone knows a child has 300 bones that fuse to 206 by adulthood. Some people have an extra bone in the arch of the foot and one in every 20 people has an extra rib! Your heart beats 100,000 times a day. You have 640 muscles and the largest is the one you're sitting on! Your body has about 10 pints of blood—about the same amount of oil in a V-8 engine!"

Mae Arney read *20 Tips from Farmers' Almanac*.

Jane Hook read *Fax of Life*.

Carl Serkland read *The Answer Is Jesus*.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions based on Proverbs 18:24. "A man who hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother." John 15:12-17 tells us what to do to be friends with others and to Jesus, and these six verses are his commandment to us. Nowadays people can travel great distances from their families and it's wonderful that they can find friends who become more like family.

Phil Locke gave the closing prayer and blessing for the luncheon to follow.

Seniors - August

Nineteen Seniors and their guests met on August 17th for their program and luncheon.

Prayers were asked for Phyllis Baker who has had severe health problems, Lynn Deligans whose knee is bothering her, Melody Van Loy wants prayers for her son's nose surgery, .

Jack Deligans gave a prayer for all of the above.

Mary Schoenecke asked us to pray David O'Brien would remember his words in "Meet Me In St. Louis" tonight!

Carl Serkland read *Signs You've Gone Overboard on Home Improvement*.

Alma Farris read *Good Old Days*. Mae Arney read *Chocolate and That's Salvation*.

Jane Hook read *God's Dresser*.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions based on Biblical verses about "Attitude." Your attitude controls all you do in life. Genesis 4:3-16 tells what troubles had for Cain and Abel. King Saul wanted to kill David in 1 Samuel:17-24 because he was jealous; the people loved David for his bravery and killing Goliath. In Proverbs 23:7 it says, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Philippians 4:8 tells us to think and do pure and just things that are praiseworthy. As Billy Graham said, "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost, when health is lost, something is lost, when character is lost, all is lost." Today is God's gift to you, what you do with it is your gift to God."

Joanne Purmort gave the blessing for the luncheon to follow and the closing prayer.

Our next luncheon will be on September 21st. Since that's when all the children, and a lot of adults, will be going back to school or college, let's dress up like students—grade school, high school, or college. Do people still wear knee-high socks? Mary likes to get us all involved in the "Good Old Days." And in October, the theme will be "Baseball".

~~Jane Hook

October 2006

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

Oct. 7 **12:00 noon** — Church Challenge Bowling (9-pin no-tap!)

Oct. 8 **12:30 pm** — Fellowship Luncheon

Oct. 19 **10:45 am** — Seniors' Luncheon

Oct. 30 **6:00 pm** — Deacons' Meeting

Weekly schedule

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

Sunday, 11:00 am: Worship

Saturday, 7:30 am: Prayer Breakfast

Coming Soon: Movies about Mountains.

Check our website for details.

California General Election coming:

Register by	October 23
Request absentee ballot by	October 31
Election Day	November 7

Make your vote count! Study the issues and candidates, ask questions if needed, and vote for your values. Only those who cast their votes will have a their values represented. Failing to register and vote is abandoning your chance to be represented.

Birthdays

August

10 John Calvin Locke

14 Norm Taasevigen

14 Charlie Johnston

25 Phyllis Baker

26 Kristen Fry

30 Joe Krake

31 Virginia Turner

September

17 Nick Layfield

30 Jason Locke

October

6 Carl Serkland

14 Alpha Litz

20 Joanne Purmort

31 Mary Jo Tuck

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it is not in the editor's database. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed, let me know.

Personal thoughts

A certain little boy lived in a house that faced west. Every morning he arose and looked out the window to see the house on the opposite hill, a house with windows made golden by the rising sun. The boy wished in his heart that he could have a house with such beautiful windows. So one morning he set out to visit the house. It was a long and tiresome trip, and when the boy arrived he discovered that the windows he thought were golden were actually dull and gray. He nearly became despondent until he turned to go home and saw his own house with windows turned golden by the setting sun.

We often admire the nice things other people have. There's nothing wrong with that in and of

itself, but some people take it too far, resorting to any means possible to get those things for themselves. We are commanded by God's word not to covet other people's possessions. If we stop and think about it, we'll realize that God has

"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." -- Deuteronomy 5:21 (NIV)

blessed with so much already. Everything that we have is by His hand, so why should we be jealous over how He chooses to bless someone else? I recently read a twist on an old saying: The grass isn't greener on the other side of the

fence. It's greener where you water it. Let's be careful not to be jealous of the blessings other people have when God has already given us plenty of blessings.

In Jesus, Frank

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managed five split conversions on the day. Carl made, in consecutive frames, the 2-4-5-10 and the 3-10 splits. Dale made the 3-10 split, Alma picked up the 3-6-7-8-10 and Frank made the 3-6-7-10.

The last Church Bowling Challenge of 2006 will be on October 7th at 12 noon. As is the tradition for the last event of the year, we will be bowling under 9-pin no tap rules, meaning that 9 pins knocked down on the first ball will count as a strike. The cost is \$10 and includes 3 games of bowling and, if necessary, bowl-

ing shoes. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy until next February, or at least a donation for our church if we bowl well enough. You don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you know which side of the ball to hold (the outside), you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet that will eventually be in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

~~Frank

Good Ol' Days

Another Goody For The (Not So) Old-timers

My Mom used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning.

My Mom used to defrost hamburger on the counter AND I used to eat it raw sometimes, too. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice-pack coolers, but I can't remember getting e.coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then.

The term cell phone would have conjured up a phone in a jail cell, and a pager was the school PA system.

We all took gym, not P.E. and risked permanent injury with a pair of high top Ked's (only worn in gym) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now.

Flunking gym was not an option... even for stupid kids! I guess PE must be much harder than gym.

Speaking of school, we all said prayers and sang the national anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention.

We must have had horribly damaged psyches. What an archaic health system we had then. Remember school nurses? Ours wore a hat and everything.

I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations.

Oh yeah... and where was the Benadryl and sterilization kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!

We played 'king of the hill' on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites, and when we got hurt, Mom pulled out the 48-cent bottle of Mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did) and then we got our butt spanked.

Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10-day dose of a \$49 bottle of antibiotics, and then Mom calls the attorney to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

We didn't act up at the neighbor's house either, because if we did, we got our butt spanked there and then we got butt spanked again when we got home.

I recall Robert from next door coming over and doing his tricks on the front stoop, just before he fell off. Little did his Mom know that she could have owned our house. Instead, she picked him up and swatted him for being such a goof. It was a neighborhood run amuck.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family. How could we possibly have known that?

We needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes? We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac! How did we ever survive?

LOVE TO ALL OF US WHO SHARED THIS ERA, AND TO ALL WHO DIDN'T- SORRY FOR WHAT YOU MISSED. I WOULD'N'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING

THAT'S SALVATION

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile" (Romans 1:16, NIV)

An unknown author wrote, "Longfellow could take a sheet of paper, write a poem on it and make it worth sixty thousand dollars. That is talent. Rockefeller could sign a piece of paper and make it worth millions. That is capital. A mechanic can take material worth \$5 and make it into an article worth \$50. That is skill. A merchant can buy an article for

eighty cents, put it on his counter and sell it for a dollar. That is business. But God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it, cleanse it, put his Holy Spirit within it and make it a blessing to all humanity. That is salvation.

And that salvation is available for all who choose to accept it. I think it was the famous evangelist, D.L. Moody who said when looking at a drunken derelict in the gutter, "But for the grace of God there go I."

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The valuable new Web site includes features such as Election News, Action Points, Resources and FAQs. "We wanted to have a voter-registration site that not only provided a place to register, but that empowered, inspired and moti-

vated," explained Peter Brandt, Focus' director of issues response. A special section -- Pastors Only -- will be of particular interest to those who have questions about the do's and don'ts of church involvement. Visit the site at www.iVoteValues.org.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The circumstances and choices in life are all played out within the boundaries of God's Plan.

Bowling

August

Holy Rollers Take 3rd Place

On August 12th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 13 bowlers formed three teams, and Team #3 had the high score at 2961, good enough for 3rd place and a \$30 for our church. The winning score, 3123, was once again posted by St. Michael's. Team #2 was led by **Jim Caron**, who had a 160 game and a 430 series. **Nathan Caron** had a 156 game and a 399 series, while **Debbie Pope** had a 142 game and a 357 series. **Sue Pope** had a 135 game and a 393 series, and **T. J. Caron** had a 97 game and a 269 series. Team **Bowling**



#2 posted a total of 2922 and was led by **Otis Farris**, who had a 215 game and a 576 series. **Rich Nickison** had a 179 game and a series of 498, and **Chuck Webster** had a 178 game and a 478 series. **Charlie Henderson** had a 159 game and a 464 series. Team #1 had a total of 2842 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had a 194 game and a 529 series. **Dale Irving** had a 147 game and a 426 series, while **Alma Farris** had a 162 game and a 424 series. **Carl Serkland** rounded out our team with a 134 game and a 386 series. We managed six four split conversions on the day. Rich made the 5-7-9 split, Carl made the 3-7, Alma made the 9-10 twice, Dale made the 3-10, and Frank made both the 2-7-8 and the 2-4-10.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on September 16th at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 and includes 3 games of bowling and, if necessary, bowling shoes. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy for a month. You

don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you know which side of the ball to hold (the outside), you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet that will eventually be in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

September

Holy Rollers Take 4th Place

On September 16th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 14 bowlers formed three teams, and Team #2 had the high score at 2842, good enough for 4th place and a \$20 donation for our church. The winning score, 3111, was posted by our sister church, Trinity Baptist. Team #2 was led by **Rich Nickison**, who had a 202 game and a 548 series. **Charlie Henderson** had a 191 game and a 493 series, and **Cindy Henderson** bowled a 182 game and a 468 series. **Otis Farris** had a 175 game and a 442 series. Team #1 had a total of 2797. The high game was posted by **Dale Irving**, who had a 185 game and a 416 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 177 game and a 432 series, and **Frank Serkland** bowled a 159 game and a 436 series. **Alma Farris** bowled a 144 game and a 419 series, while **Marilyn Jourdan** had a 150 game and a 374 series. Team #3 had a total of 2749 and was led by **Jim Caron**, who bowled a 200 game and a 465 series. **Sue Pope** had a 166 game and a 360 series, while **T. J. Caron** bowled a 131 game and a 299 series. **Debbie Pope** bowled a 117 game and a 312 series, while **Nathan Caron** had a 108 game and a 293 series. We

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