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Seniors Report

June

Eighteen Seniors and their guests met on June 21st – the first day of Summer -- for their program and luncheon. Mae Arney's granddaughter, Jessica, was our guest.

Mary Schoenecke asked for prayer requests. Mary Jo Tuck will be having surgery for a heart valve repair, Hugh Colvin is undergoing tests before having surgery for an aneurysm, Jack asked for prayer for Mary Lynn and daughter Karen, who is having bladder surgery. Jack gave the opening prayer for our Church as we plan for the future.

Mae Arney read *Why We Love Children*.

Jessica read *Only in America*.

Jane Hook read *Jim, Checking in*.

Carl Serkland read *The Mayonnaise Jar and Two Cups of Coffee*.

Pastor David O'Brien gave the devotions based on Second Kings; the story of when Elijah died and was taken to heaven in a whirlwind and Elisha became his successor as prophet. David sang *In the Garden*.

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing *Send the Light, Higher Ground, Faith Is the Victory, Blest Be the Tie, The Old Rugged Cross, I Love to Tell the Story and Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.

David quoted the proverb "Anyone who loves to quarrel, loves sin." He asked for prayers for him as the company he works for has been sold and he has to prepare the final payroll by Sunday.

Carl Serkland gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow and for all the people who prepared the food.

--Mae Arney

July

[Somehow the notes for July were misplaced. — Editor]

August

Twenty-four Seniors and their guests met on August 16th for their program and luncheon. Mary Schoenecke opened the program with prayer requests. Joanne Purmort asked for prayers for her sister-in-law who is having surgery. Hugh Colvin is home from the hospital. He's not hurting but has lost his appetite, sleeps well and going for a follow-up appointment with his doctor today. Mary and Roy Schoenecke's daughter, Jan is having surgery on her elbow today. Mary had hip x-rays and is start-

ing therapy to relieve the pain tomorrow. Jack Deligans gave a prayer for all of those above, and for Charlie Johnston, who is having hip pain.

Jane Hook read *Flat Tire and Good Ol' Days*.

Alma Farris read *Thoughts of the Day and Take My Son*.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions based on the Gates of Jerusalem from Nehemiah 3 and excerpts from Ephesians 4:11-13, Malachi 3:16-17 and 2 Timothy 2:3. The Gates in the Wall tell a beautiful picture of the Christian life. They speak of the Cross, soul winning, suffering and testing, works of the flesh, Holy Spirit, the Word of God, believer's warfare, the return of Christ and last, the judgment seat. Let us learn of the lives and attitudes of the workers.



First: The whole process was a team effort to rebuild the gates. Everyone would have to take part. The pastor is not to be a one-man band while others rest. We all have different gifts for the edification for the glory of God. Ephesians 4:11-13 says "And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers for equipping of the saints for the work of service, to building up the body of Christ, until we attain the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."

The gifts that people have are for equipping the saints in their works of service. They have been gifted in particular areas and helped in whatever way they could. This is team effort.

Second: Everyone had something to offer. In Nehemiah 3:8-12 "And next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall." You and I can help in some way in rebuilding our church.

Rephaiah, a ruler of half the district, made repairs. Next was Jediah who made repairs opposite his house. Shallum, Benjamin, and others did the same. They repaired their own gates first to protect their homes. The principle for us today is to make sure our homes are well cared for so that we are not different people in and outside the church. One of the things that Jesus hated most was the play-acting of the Pharisees. They were seen as "spiritual" among the people

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Bowling

May

Holy Rollers Take 1st Place, Win Trophy

On May 12th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 20 bowlers formed four teams, and after finishing in 2nd place for the last two months, Team #4 finally took first place with a score of 2936, winning a \$75 donation for our church and possession of the perpetual trophy for our church for a month. (We beat Trinity Baptist, the champions for the last two months, by a single pin.) Team #4 was led by **Jim Caron**, who had the high series of 202 and the high game of 511. **Joe Caron** had a 186 game and a series of 4165, while **Debbie Pope** bowled a 170 game and a 456 series. **Nathan Caron** bowled a 138 game and a 322 series, and **T. J. Caron** had a 104 game and a 291 series. Team #2 had a total of 2866 and was led by **Otis Farris**, who had a 213 game and a 567 series. **Don Tunison** had a 210 game and a 558 series, while **Charlie Henderson** had a 182 game and a 502 series and **Rick Nickison** had a 180 game and a 472 series. **Cindy Henderson** had a 159 game and a 410 series. Team #1 had a total of 2850 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who bowled games of 213 (a clean game – no open frames) and 212 game and a 613 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 161 game and a 405 series, while **Dale Irving** bowled a 146 game and a 377 series. **Lauren Serkland** bowled a 116 game and a 332 series, and **Tina Donelson** had a 103 game and a 289 series. Team #3 finished with a total of 2794 and was led by **Ricky Caron**, who had a 174 game and a 465 series. **Ed Farris** bowled a 166 game and a 465 series, while **Alma Farris** had a 131 game and a 413 series. **Brian Musselman** had a 142 game and a 364 series. **Ben Musselman** bowled a 142 game and a 358 series. Ben also had the only split conversion of the day, the 2-7-8.

June

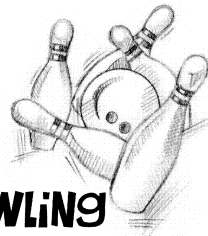
Holy Rollers Take 2nd Place

On June 9th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 15 bowlers formed four teams, and after winning the trophy last month, Team #2 took second place again with a score of 2897, winning a \$40 donation for our church. Trinity Baptist took the trophy with a winning score of 3097. Team #2 was led by **Jim Caron**, who had the high game of 227 and the high series of 544. **Debbie Pope** had a 145 game and a series of 415, while **Sue Pope** bowled a 128 game and a 375 series. **T. J. Caron** bowled a 135 game and a 374 series, and **Nathan Caron** had a 104 game and a 259 series. Team #1 had a total of 2860 and was led by **Carl Serkland**, who had a 174 game and a 457 series. **Clarice Tunison** had a 174 game and a 450 series, while **Frank Serkland** had a 158 game and a 442 series and **Dale Irving** had a 144 game and a 378 series. **Lauren Serkland** had a 133 game and a 347 series. Team #3 had a total of 2766 and was led by **Ed Farris**, who bowled games of 210 and a 545. **Don Tunison** had a 193 game and a 536 series, while **Cindy Henderson** bowled a 180 game and a 475 series. **Otis Farris** bowled a 158 game and a 465 series, and **Charlie Henderson** had a 149 game and a 409 series. Our only split conversion on the day was by Don, the 2-7-8.

July

Holy Rollers Take 2nd Place

On July 14th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 17 bowlers formed four teams, and after winning the trophy last month, Team #1 took second



place again with a score of 2965, winning a \$50 donation for our church. Holy Cross Lutheran took the trophy with a winning score of 2989. Team #1 was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had a pair of 245 games and a series of 684. **Carl Serkland** had a 149 game and a 411, and **Lauren Serkland** had a 166 game and a series of 391. **Clarice Tunison** bowled a 125 game and a 330 series, and **Dale Irving** had a 131 game and a 363 series. Team #2 had a total of 2886 and was led by **Jim Caron**, who had a 187 game and a 492 series. **Debbie Pope** had a 154 game and a 419 series, while **Sue Pope** had a 138 game and a 381 series. **T. J. Caron** bowled a 159 game and a 359 series, and **Nathan Caron** had a 115 game and a 305 series. Team #3 had a total of 2794 and was led by **Don Tunison**, who bowled a 203 game and a 530 series. Don also had our only two split conversions of the day, both of the 5-7 split. **Charlie Henderson** had a 177 game and a 477 series, while **Cindy Henderson** bowled a 167 game and a 425 series. Team #4 had a total of 2764 and was led by **Otis Farris**, who bowled a 194 game and a 461 series. **Ed Farris** had a 183 game and a 470 series, while **Alma Farris** had a 165 game and a 415 series. **Sid Gouvada** joined us for the last two games and had games of 119 and 118.

August

Holy Rollers Take 2nd Place

On August 11th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 15 bowlers formed three teams, and Team #1 and Team #3 managed to finish with the same score, 2863, which was good enough for another second place and a \$50 donation for our church. Good Shepherd Lutheran took the trophy with a winning score of 2996. Team #1 was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had games of 224, 221 and 207 and a series of 642. **Carl Serkland** had a 166 game and a 426 series, and **Clarice Tunison** bowled a 123 game and a 353 series. **Dale Irving** bowled a 129 game and a 338 series, and **Lauren Serkland** had a 109 game and a series of 318. Team #2 was led by **Jim Caron**, who had a 162 game and a 469 series. **Sue Pope** had a 152 game and a 402 series, while **Debbie Pope** had a 150 game and a 399 series. **T. J. Caron** bowled a 137 game and a 354 series, and **Nathan Caron** had a pair of 108 games and a 299 series. Team #3 had a total of 2799 and was led by **Don Tunison**, who bowled a 173 game and a 507 series. **Charlie Henderson** had a 179 game and a 503 series, while **Alma Farris** bowled an all-mark 191 game and a 490 series. **Otis Farris** had a 179 game and 495 series. We had four split conversions on the day. Dale made the 5-6, Otis converted the 3-10 and Charlie and Don both picked up the 2-7-8.

September

Holy Rollers Finish Out Of The Money

On September 15th, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 18 bowlers formed four teams, and Team #1 finished with the high score, 2815, only good enough for fifth place, out of the money and 120 pins behind the winning score of 2935 posted by St. Michael's. Team #1 was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had a 171 game and a 497 series. **Clarice Tunison** had a 167 game and a 427 series, and **Carl Serkland** bowled a 136 game and a 387 series. **Lauren Serkland** bowled a 116 game and a 319 series. Team #3 had a score of 2782 and was led by **Charlie Hender-**

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Personal Thoughts

One of my favorite comic strips has a current, ongoing story line involving the patriarch of a family who is recovering from a stroke. The man survived, but is struggling to regain abilities he once took for granted, such as walking and getting dressed. It seems his biggest struggle is regaining the ability of speech. It's obvious from the context of the strip that his mind is all there, as his ability to formulate complete thoughts was untouched by the stroke. But when he tries to articulate those thoughts, something gets lost between his brain and his mouth, because to his great frustration, he's only able to say a few simple words.

The inability to express ourselves to someone can be one of the most frustrating experiences imaginable. When we have something on our minds, we want to be able to say it. But when our emotions grow strong enough, there may be no

words that express what's truly on our hearts. Fortunately, our heavenly Father understands what we want to say to

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He Who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." -- Romans 8:26, 27 (NIV)

Him, even the things that are truly inexpressible. We don't often talk about the Holy Spirit, possibly because as Christians we don't completely understand how He works, but He is the Comforter that Jesus promised to us before He was crucified, and when we want to pour our hearts out to the Father but can't find the words, the Holy Spirit is there to comfort us. We never need to worry about expressing ourselves when we pray to our heavenly Father, no matter what we're feeling inside.

When words are not enough, the Holy Spirit is there to intercede for us.

>=))> In Jesus, Frank

A certain woman suddenly became wealthy when oil was struck on her property. Yet years later, she remarked to a member of her church that she hadn't had a happy day since her windfall. It seems that money tends to make us lose focus of the more important things in life. We Americans often forget that we are among the richest people in the world. There are many people in third-world countries that have only a small fraction of what we have here. Yet we tend to increase our spending when we have more to spend. But if we're not careful, we can lose it all and nullify all the hard work we did to get what we had. We need to keep in mind that we came into this world with nothing, and we'll leave it

the same way. If we can't take our riches with us, why not share what we have with those who don't have as much?

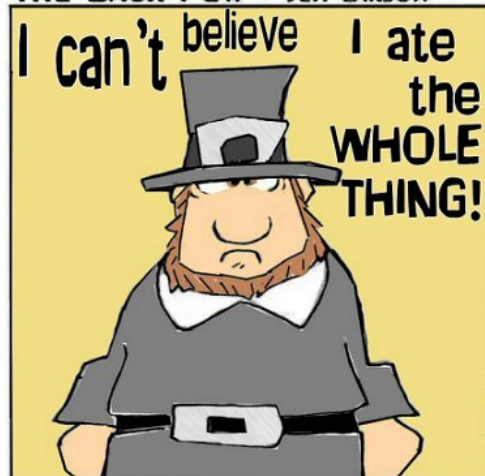
"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless." -- Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

There are plenty of people around us who are needy, even in the United States, and it behooves us as Christians to honor our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing with others out of the bountiful blessings He's given us.

Everything we have ultimately comes to God anyway, so if we're truly grateful for what He's blessed us with, we should want to share what He's given us with those who don't have as much.

>=))> In Jesus, Frank

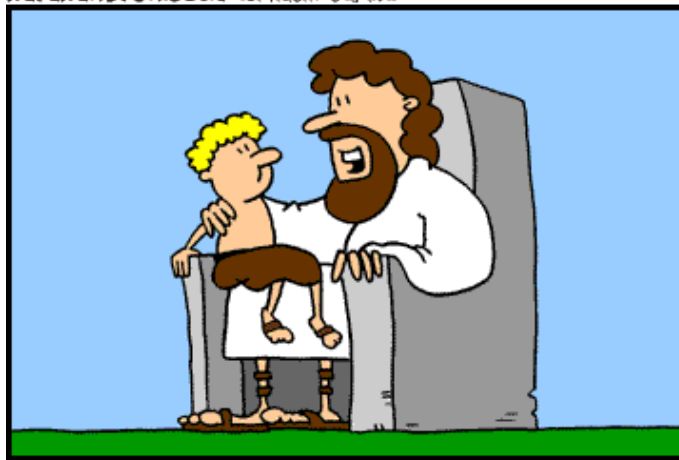
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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

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while in reality they were a brood of vipers.

Third: The work was voluntary. No one was paid for rebuilding the walls or gates. They knew that the glory of God's name was at stake. They didn't expect payment. Christians should not think they get their rewards in life but live with all of eternity in view

Fourth: God is a recorder of names. The Bible does not say, "... and lots of people made repairs to the wall." It specifically names each one. Our actions today are recorded by the Lord for our rewards in the life to come. The book of Nehemiah instructs us of the part of our life that needs to be watched, rebuilt, and repaired. Read it and look for areas in your lives that need repair to help ourselves become all that God intended us to be.

Roy Schoenecke gave the closing prayer and a prayer for Charlie Johnston who was unable to be here today because of hip pain and the blessing for the luncheon to follow. The tables were decorated with lavender and white tablecloths and bouquets of orchids in honor of Hawaii becoming a state in August 1959. Our next luncheon will be September 20, so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

-- Jane Hook

September

Twenty-two Seniors and their guests met on September 20th for their program and luncheon. Prayer requests were said for Hugh Colvin, the family of Dorothy Chapel who passed away, Mae Arney's sister Florence who had another stroke, Lynn Deligans who was not able to attend and Pastor George Schultz of Texas who will be here September 23rd through September 27th for a revival. Jack Deligans gave a prayer for all of the above.

Jane Hook read *The Bar and the Church* and *God and the Spider*.

Alma Farris read *So, How Did You Break Your Arm?*

Mae Arney read *Arkansas Mom to Arkansas Son*.

Carl Serkland gave the devotions based on *Contentment: the Learned Virtue*, based on Philippians 4:10-13.

Roy Schoenecke gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow.

Mae Arney's daughter donated new lime green tablecloths and a bouquet of hydrangeas from their yard.

-- Jane Hook

October

Twenty Seniors and their guests met on October 18th for their program and luncheon. Prayer requests were said for Wesley Locke who has returned from the hospital after being hit by a car, Charlie Johnston who had to postpone surgery because his blood count was too low, and praises were said for the Fiaz family who welcomed baby boy Marcus on October 17th. Mary Schoenecke gave a prayer for all of those above.

Mae Arney read *Rules of the Air for Pilots*.

Jane Hook read *Getting Older—Gotta Love It!*

Alma Farris read *Jim*.

Carl Serkland read *Count the Cost*.

Catherine Fletcher gave the devotions concerning "God's Work Done in God's Way."

Charlie Johnston told about an article in *Reader's Digest*. A woman going to her car noticed two men following her and prayed to Jesus for protection. Immediately the two men went away. Later the police arrested two men for assaulting another woman. When the police asked her to identify them, she said, "Yes, they are the ones who had been following her. She asked the men why they had stopped following her, they answered, "No way would they attack her with two big men walking beside her."

Hugh Colvin played his guitar and led us in singing *Standing on the Promises, Have Faith in God, There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*, and requested songs *Jesus Loves Me, What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, and *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*. It was nice for him to play after recovering from surgery.

Carl Serkland gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow.

Our next luncheon will be November 15th, and will have a Pilgrim and Thanksgiving theme, so be sure to mark it on your calendar. You may dress as a Pilgrim if you'd like to celebrate an important day in the things that happened in the formation of our country.

-- Jane Hook

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son, who had games of 214 and 203 and a series of 561. **Don Tunison** had a 191 game and a 512 series, while **Otis Farris** had a 185 game and a 497 series. **Ed Farris** bowled a 171 game and a 457 series, and Cindy **Henderson** had a pair of 142 games and a 419 series. Team #2 had a total of 2781 and was led by **Jim Caron**, who bowled a 192 game and a 549 series. **T. J. Caron** had a 158 game and a 322 series, while **Nathan Caron** bowled a 113 game and a 284 series. **Chance Wilson** had a 112 game and a 263 series, and **Nick Wilson** bowled an 88 game and a 244 series. Team #4 had a total of 2636 and was led by **Ben Musselman**, who had a 145 game and a 345 series. **Alma Farris** had a 153 game and a 386 series, and **Dale Irving** bowled a 123 game and a 323 series. **Brian Musselman** had a 104 game and a 287 series. We had five split conversions on the day. Carl made the 2-7 and the 9-10, Alma made the 5-8-10, Frank made the 3-10 and Nathan picked up the 5-6.

October

Holy Rollers Take 1st Place And Perpetual Trophy

On October 6th, Granada Baptist participated in the last Church Bowling Challenge of 2007. We bowled under 9-pin no-tap rules; meaning 9 pins on the first ball counted as a strike. Our 20 bowlers formed four teams, and despite fierce competition from the other churches, Team #2 finished with the high score, 3475, which was good enough to win take 1st place, winning not only a \$70 donation for our church, but also possession of the perpetual trophy until next February. Team #2 was led by **Ed Farris**, who had a 297 game (starting with 11 strikes in a row), a 229 game and a 725 series. **Charlie Henderson** had games of 232 and 220 and a 629 series, and **Cindy Henderson** bowled a 225 game and a 605 series. **Otis Farris** bowled games of 220 and 214 and a 603 series. **Don Tunison** bowled a 232 game and a 577 series. Team #1 had a score of 3355 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had

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Schedule of Events

November 4 12:20 pm **Church Council**

November 11 12:30 pm **Fellowship Luncheon**

November 15 10:45 am **Seniors' Luncheon**

November 22 **Thanksgiving Day**

Weekly schedule

Sunday 9:45 am Bible Study for all ages

Sunday 11:00 am Worship

Saturday 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast

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games of 280, 211 and 208 and a series of 699. **Carl "Birthday Boy" Serkland** had a 194 game and a 508 series, while **Jim Caron** had a 187 game and a 502 series. Jim also had our only split conversion on the day, the 3-10. **Lauren Serkland** bowled a 173 game and a 458 series, and **Clarice Tunison** had a 152 game and a 432 series. Team #4 had a total of 3220 and was led by **T. J. Caron**, owner of an 89 average, who bowled games of 212 and 194 and a 525 series. **Sue Pope** had a 195 game and a 515 series, while **Debbie Caron** bowled a 108 game and a 264 series. **Nathan Caron** had a 127 game and a 338 series, and **Chance Wilson** bowled an 88 game and a 244 series. Team #3 had a total of 2998 and was led by **Ben Musselman**, who had a 264 game and a 594 series. **Dale Irving** had a 167 game and a 432 series, and **Shirley Davis** bowled a 161 game and a 407 series. **Alma Farris** had a 146 game and a 370 series, and **Brian Musselman** had a 134 game and a 349 series.

The Church Bowling Challenge goes into its annual winter hibernation, but will return on a Saturday to be determined in February of 2008, at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 and includes 3 games of bowling and, if necessary, bowling shoes. Come and help us try to defend the perpetual trophy back for another month, 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 Serkland

Bumper Sticker: Change is inevitable — except from vending machines.



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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Ohhh you better watch out, you
better not cry you better not
pout I'm tellin' you
why.. JESUS CHRIST
is coming
again

That guest speaker last Sunday looked very familiar, and so did his message.