

Grace Baptist Church...Sharing Christ in Our Community

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, October 3rd ; 5:30 p.m.
Beginning of SLAM and Teen Life

Monday, October 25th ; 6:00 p.m.
Ladies Night Out
Bob Evans in Merrillville

Bob Evans'

Discover Farm-Fresh Goodness

Saturday, October 23rd; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Church Work Day; Before winter is in full force, we will take the opportunity to get things done. Come prepared for a great time. Breakfast will be provided and bring a dish for lunch.



Sunday, October 31st
Tract or Treat Ministry
We will need wrapped candy to be bagged for Treat Bags. Volunteers will also be needed to pass out bags on this evening. If you are able to help, please see Pastor.

Youth Ministries

SLAM is the new name for our Kid's ministry which has moved to Sunday Evenings at 5:30 along with Teen Life. SLAM stands for: Serving God, Loving Others and Making a Joyful Noise. We pray with God's help we will be able to teach the kids of our community the

importance of Loving God and Serving others through memorization of Bible Verses, Bible Lessons and God-centered music. If you know a child age 4 - 5th grade or a Teen, 6th - 12th grade, invite them to attend, SLAM or Teen Life on Sunday Evenings from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
***The following items are needed for snacks this year:*

Brownie mixes, cake mixes, microwave popcorn, Crystal light drink mixes (does not need to be the exact brand), Cheese Puffs, Pretzels, candy bars. If you have a question, please see Jennifer.



Communication

***If you have any updates to your contact information (address, phone, cell, e-mail, etc), please see Alyssa.*

Bible Study

With this change in our Kid's Ministry, our normal Sunday Evening Bible Study is being moved to: Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. We hope all will

make an effort to attend this time of mid week fellowship, study around God's word and praise through music.



Passage of the Month:

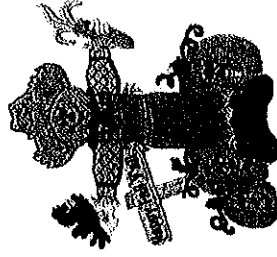
Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

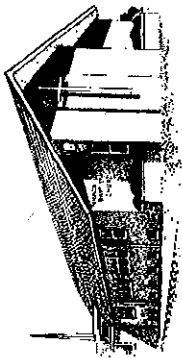
Daniel 2:20-21

Updates

Church Campout - we had a great time camping even though it was a bit chilly. We had a total of 15 people stay at the Dunes, 1 stayed at an area hotel and we had 8 day visitors. We also had 26 attend our church service on Sunday and 2 of them were visitors from Kentucky who stopped and joined us. We were thankful for a safe time of fellowship together.

Ladies' Night Out - in September, 12 of our ladies attended the Taste of Home Cooking Show held at the Star Plaza in Merrillville. A great time was had by all and one of our gals even won a prize - Congrats Alyssa.





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Pastor's Pen

Christianity is often presented as a solution or some form of inoculation against problems or suffering. This mistake often causes discouragement or disillusionment when obstacles or hardship is experienced. In His infinite wisdom God has allowed obstacles not to hurt or hinder the Christian, but rather to test one's devotion, and perfect spiritual quality.

8 Biblical Sources of Suffering:

1. Natural Result of Sin (Acts 9)
2. Divine Chastening (Hebrews 12:6-11)
3. Divine Purging to stimulate growth (John 15:2)
4. Hardship or Spiritual Warfare (II Timothy 2:3)
5. Persecution (Gal. 6:12 & II Tim. 3:12)
6. Consequences to Human Frailty (I Peter 2:19-20)
7. The Testing of Faith (I Peter 1:7)

It was never God's intent to insulate the believer from suffering, simply because of what is produced and contributes to the Christina life. It is not always necessary to understand the source of hardship, only that we allow it to have its perfect affect in our lives.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, September 5th

No Evening Service

Monday, September 6th

Labor Day

Enjoy the day off with your family & friends!

Sunday, September 13th

Grandparent's Day

To all who are grandparents or are like a grandparent to someone else's kids, we thank you for all you do!



September 24th – September 26th

Church Camp Out

Even if you haven't signed up, come out in the evening for a campfire and great fellowship. We will also



be having a Sunday Morning Service on the Beach. (A

regular service will be held at church; however there will be no Sunday School hour.)

tasteofhome

COOKING - CARING - SHARING

Tuesday, September 28th ; 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Night Out: Taste of Home

Cooking Show, Star Plaza

For the last several years, we have attended this wonderful evening of fellowship and food demonstrations. We have also enjoyed many of the meals, treats and baked goods that have been showcased. You will not want to miss this great evening. If you are interested in attending, please see Jennifer Constant ASAP!

Thanks:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE who helped in any capacity for Vacation Bible School this summer. We had an awesome week, verses and lessons were learned and more contacts were made. We must never underestimate the work done when God's Word is planted in the hearts of children and parents. Please continue to pray as we reach out to these families in the fall programs.

Communication

As a reminder – there are boxes in the overflow area with each family's name on it. If a box was not assigned, and you would like one, please contact Pastor and we will ensure a box is assigned.

These boxes are for your convenience and a way by which you can stay in "contact" with your church family. It is important that we encourage and build one another up continually!

We are so thankful for the "church family" that God has given!

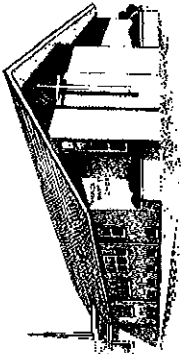
Passages of the Month:

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

I Thessalonians 5:11

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25



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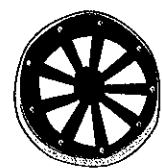
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Graduation Sunday

In the morning service, we will be honoring our graduate!



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Father's Day

Thank you to all who are fathers or who have been a mentor to others in a "Father Capacity", we appreciate all you do!



Sunday, June 20th
VBS Worker Meeting

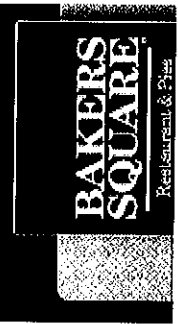
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Monday, June 21st - Friday, June 25th ; 6 - 8 p.m.

Saddle Ridge Ranch - VBS

Please be in prayer NOW for all the kids that God will bring during the week. Our prayer is that God will be the CENTER of everything said, done and taught. We look forward to all that God will accomplish through His servants.



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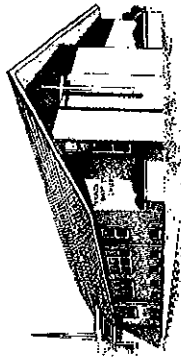
Deuteronomy 1:29-31

UPDATE:

Thanks to all who attended the Men's BBQ in May. 22 Men attended and the following was consumed:

- 20 Steaks
- 18 Brats
- 5 pounds of Chicken Tenders
- 46 Cans of Soda
- 22 Candy Bars
- Pasta Salad
- 2 ½ Pounds of Corn
- 2 Pounds of Baked Beans
- Tin of Brownies, ¾ Pound Cake

A sincere Thank you to Pastor Lemon for his challenge from God's Word and to the ladies who worked diligently to make sure it was an enjoyable time.



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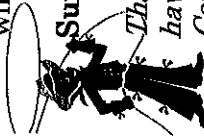
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