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Excerpt from Pastor Cain's picnic sermon ...

AMERICA NEEDS SALTING



This cartoon illustrates that we are, as Christians, to sprinkle salt wherever we go. Our very lives represent the covenant of God. We embody the covenant that God has made with us in which He will restore this planet to a state of perfection, having ratified the covenant through the sacrifice of His sinless Son on a cross. As the embodiment of this covenant, we affect and literally “season” everyone with whom we come in contact. When we meet and talk with

people, we should sprinkle salt on them – i.e., the preserving words of God and salvation. We ought to leave them with a salty taste in their mouths so they will remember we had something of permanence and importance that came from our hearts and lips. We have the words and truth that will preserve our world and keep it from decay.

⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Col. 4:5-7 niv)

IT'S TODAY! DON'T GO TO CHURCH!

WE HOPE EVERYONE remembers NOT to go to church but instead comes to our annual SS / Church picnic! It's always a fun summer time worship experience! The park is about 1-mile east of Macedonia on Rt. 82. Going east, it's on your right: Longwood Park. There will be plenty of food (bring a dish to share), games & prizes (Weavers in charge), the pastor will speak and there will be choruses with guitar to enjoy. Join us in God's outdoors!

REX & SHARON ARE SAFELY HOME! Thanks for your prayers! It's hard to believe that school begins next Wednesday. Where did the summer go? Groan.

MARK AND KAREN CAIN at a called membership meeting Aug. 26th were elected as church treasurer (Mark) and assistant treasurer (Karen). Mark will handle the more technical aspects of the position (computer/tax reports, etc.) and Karen will do the counting, deposits, check writing, etc. OUR THANKS for taking on this work.

DORIS SCHULD has filled the treasurer position for 15 years and did a wonderful job. It has been going more computer oriented in recent years (tax forms & such on line). But you can see Doris easily handled a tough job since it takes two people to replace her!! Someone said that Sunday, "This will be a tough act to follow." Doris deserves a standing ovation and a big round of applause for the faithful years she volunteered for this duty ... for us!!

MICHAL SITTEK sends his greetings: *"Tell everybody I send regards, I miss all of you, but I'm coming back in October with my parents and maybe with Pavel as well, so the time until then should fly by"* - Bye for now, Michal / 7-27-09

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**OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
IS ONLY 3 WEEKS AWAY  
(SEPT. 12--13<sup>TH</sup>) !!!**

Tentative Schedule:

Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. Pictures (power-point), Dinner, Fellowship

Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 S.S. / 10:45 Worship Celebration

(**Pastor Steve Bolhous**, speaker)

Noon: Dinner

After dinner: Organ dedication & concert by **Pastor Dale Ramsey**

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SCOT BURNHAM'S long time friend, Kris Fiocca, died at age 44 Aug. 5th at Cleveland Clinic due to cancer. Scot's brother, Gary, came from AZ to conduct the service Aug. 8th at Carlson Funeral Homes at 1642 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio. Remember this family in your prayers.

"I want to thank you and all those in your church who have lifted up Kris in your prayers. As you all prayed for her I know many of

you were lifting up family and friends that were around her too.

During the past two weeks God has been so good in an incredibly hard time. It is so hard watching the life being sucked right out of someone you love. I had met two of her brothers and her mom that live 4 hours away, but as they were here for her final days we became so close and now consider each other as family. God sent people to support us all in special little ways at just the right time. He created cooperation with personalities that had been in conflict and just orchestrated things that we could have never planned out so well.

I want you all to know that God answers prayer. I know it is not always in the way we expect and that often times we don't really understand. I know that my loved one is no longer in pain, she had a faith in God and now is in his hands”.

God Bless You, Scot Burnham, 8-9,-09

WE'RE NEARING THE END! No, not the end of the age, but the end of dealing with the mess the raccoons gave us. It has taken about 5 months, but the church is now totally sealed against 'creature invaders' and new insulation 15 inches deep has been blown into the church's attic (8-11) replacing the old (necessary because of the raccoons). It should make a significant difference this winter!

PRAY FOR: Skip Reed, Gene & Gloria Faehrich, Karel (Michal Sittek's g-father), Luke (4-yr old, cancer, by SMay), Quick INS inspection approval of ABC campuses, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan May, Jacob Hinton, Lucinda (by ASzekely), Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Josh Eberly (by SMay), Pastors Don Ward & Leon Driskill; Ken Cramer, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Kathy Reed+3 children, Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Carol Reed, Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6,7

AUGUST 2009

23 Annual SS Picnic – 10:30am / Rt 82, 1-mile east of Macedonia /
no services at church, everything at picnic grounds / Longwood
Park, Macedonia

SEPTEMBER 2009

12-13 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

- 20 Sunday School staff meeting
- 27 Mildred Dennis, guest speaker

An Attractive Man

There is nothing more attractive than a godly man who worships with his wife, takes an active role in spiritually training his kids, and provides strength, stability & leadership in his local church. That's a REAL man in my definition.

"The MAN CODE" by Dr. Dennis Swanberg.
As seen on Angela Moore's Facebook, 7-16-09

Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

-Susan Ertz [1894 – 1985]

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / CHURCH PICNIC

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer / Offering
Sharon & Mark have selected the music today.

(We'll sing with a guitar) 😊

Games and Prizes

Bring A Dish or Two to Share