

Youth Newsletter

Blue Ridge Blvd United Methodist Church

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Special points of interest:

- Can you help with VBS?
- Check out the Youth night schedule
- What role do you play in your church?
- Ideas for senior high move up?

**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**
A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready. Get set. Go!

Vacation Bible School is coming! June 13-19 5:30-8:15p. This year will be more exciting than ever when we participate in Habitat for Humanity's "Under Construction" VBS.

We need volunteers to help with games, good, crew leaders, drama skits and music. If you are interested, please contact Tammy or Samantha Woodward to help.

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FAMILY FUN

- 6/11 - Potluck dinner/Movie night 6:15-10p FREE
- 6/25 - Potluck dinner/Miniature golf 6:15-10p \$4.25 per person
- 7/9 - Gladstone Community Theater 6:30p- ? FREE (Annie Get Your Gun) & Picnic in the Park
- 7/23 - Potluck dinner/Movie night 6:15-10p FREE
- 8/8 - Skating at B&D Skate Rink 4:30-6:30p \$2.00 per person
- 8/29 - Church Picnic @ Kenagy Park 12-3p FREE



Are you ready to ROCK THE LIGHT! Then come rock this Labor Day weekend, Sept 3-5, with fun, fellowship, worship and some of the best bands in Christian music!

The artist line-up for 2010 already includes: Skillet, Newsboys, Leeland, Thousand Foot Krutch, Francesca Battistelli, Downhere, Superchick, Needtobreathe, Seventh Day Slumber, Heart of Saints and Worth Dying For. And we will be adding many more bands over the coming weeks!

Rock the Light 2010 will be celebrating its 11th year with an extension to a full 3 day festival with camping! The venue has moved to the amazing lakeside facilities at Youth-Front South Campus in Lacygne, KS, where you can enjoy the great amenities, including waterside, the game room, swimming, and canoeing.

Check out www.rockthelight.com for more info.

If you all, Blue Ridge youth, show an interest in this festival then we can decide on whether we do this as a group.



Aluminum cans are accepted and recycled by the youth. Please leave them at the youth house.

ANNE'S CORNER 353-1325

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So it seems that some of the things the adults have taught over the past year have sunk in, heh? One of our very own, Iwalani, had the privilege of being the liturgist at the 10:30 service a couple of weeks ago. I, unfortunately, was not able to be there and was out of town but when I returned many people came up singing the praises of the "fine young lady" who helped Pastor Bryan. Iwalani was one of two people who volunteered to give her testimony first in our LOGOS worship time. Not only did she give her testimony, she showed me what the Holy Spirit can do when we allow Him to take over. And I'm sure at the 10:30 service that Sunday, the Holy Spirit gave her courage and guidance as she stood at the pulpit. I hope that we can give it over to the Spirit every day just as she did.

WAY TO GO REV. IWALANI!

NOTES FROM LINDA 353-4826

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SUMMER CHALLENGE!!!!

I am missing our music making already! THANKS to our seniors who put in so much time to share their talents! Hoot and I thank you for a wonderful Senior Recognition Sunday-- it is such a blessing to share praising together.

Speaking of blessings, I read a series of books in which the central character is a minister. His grandmother had taught him to pray as he awoke every morning, "Lord, help me be a blessing to someone today." That's my summer challenge for you!

(p.s. Remember, being a blessing can sometimes just consist of *not* being a *non-blessing!*—think about that for a minute—especially concerning your parents, ha ha!) Hopefully you will enjoy and appreciate being a blessing to someone that you will be blessings for LOTS of someone's! Rejoice and be glad—summer's here!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL –

The senior high and mid high will combine from June 6th – Aug 8th. All youth will meet at the youth house for Sunday school 10:30-11:30.

Youth Kidnapping and High school recognition

There are two things to look forward to in the fall. For 5th graders it is the big step up to 6th grade and initiation into the youth group. For 8th graders it is the next step into young adulthood going to the high school and being a part of the senior high youth.

So.....How do we celebrate these two steps?

How about a kidnapping for the 6th graders and something else for the 9th graders?

As you can see, I don't have firm ideas for the 9th graders so you old senior high alumni need to help me come up with some!

Send me an email or text with your ideas.
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YOUTH NIGHTS –

Youth group meets every Sunday 4:00-5:30p at the youth house.

Tentative schedule –

6/6 - Gotta have faith!

6/13 –No Youth – Vacation Bible School starts

6/20 - Game/Volleyball night

6/27 - Helping hands

7/4 - NO YOUTH—Independence Day

7/11 –NO YOUTH—mission trip to Heifer Ranch

7/18 –NO YOUTH—Senior High Work camp in Iowa

7/25—Adult relaxation night– youth serve!

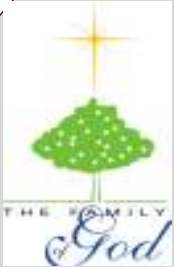
(especially after 2 weeks on the road with you all!)

FAB— (Fine Arts Block)

No FAB for the Summer—enjoy the break!



POINT TO PONDER: WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY?



Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:24-25

The Bible calls the church "the bride of Christ..." God loves the church even with all of her inconsistencies. I

honestly believe that you cannot be all God intends you to be without experiencing the intimate fellowship that the church has to offer. The church is not a place for you to come, sit, and be entertained. You are a part of the church. You have a job. The church is like a lifesaving station, and this story helps me get a better perspective of what the church of Jesus Christ is all about and what my role in the church should be.

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews trained. The little lifesaving station grew. Some of the members of the lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Now the

lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely, because they used it as a sort of club. Fewer members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work. The lifesaving motif still prevailed in this club's decoration, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the room where the club initiations were held.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet, and half drowned people. They were dirty and sick. The beautiful new club was in chaos. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon lifesaving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another lifesaving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that seacoast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.*

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