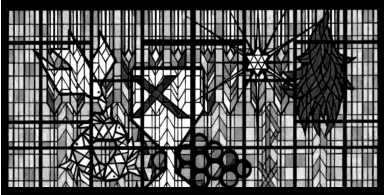


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Tom's Toolbox for Christians at Work "Celebrating Our Future"

By the time you read this article Christy and I will have celebrated the 40th anniversary of our engagement. I still carry her graduation picture in my wallet with the words "the answer is yes" on the back. She handed me that picture and we have shared a wonderful life and ministry. We celebrate that event each day as we continue to answer yes to each other as partners in life.

Very soon we at Wakonda will have a celebration of our own. On Celebration Sunday, September 12th we will celebrate our commitment and connection as a family of faith. We have celebrated our heritage and mission. This year we will celebrate our faith and future together. Like in my partnership with Christy, we celebrate with a continuing yes each day to our partnership in ministry.

Someone once said that, "Celebrations are magical moments that nurture the soul, define our culture, our life, our love and our passions." Our celebration will be a magical and inspiring moment, nurturing our souls and defining our life as a community of faith. Inspiring music and message will help us celebrate our mission and ministry together.

We will soon begin a process designed to discern our future as a church called, "Listening to God." We will have many small groups meeting for 10 sessions to pray and listen to God through the Scriptures. Watch for details and join a group.

We are a wonderful gift to each other, and every day I thank God for guiding us together. Remember that God loves us more than we could ever imagine and I love you too! If you are on the internet look at www.tomsgoodnews.com for daily sharing.

Fall Schedule Begins September 19th

On Sunday, September 19th, our Sunday morning schedule will be:
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 & Sunday School at 9:45

There will be a class for all ages!

SonShine is our children's ministry for all kids through 5th grade.

Chi Rho is for youth in 6th grade – 8th grade.

CYF is for youth in 9th grade – 12th grade.

There are several classes for adults.

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Disciples Network Event Saturday, October 9th

The Regional Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the Christian Conference Center located just outside Newton with the theme of *Disciples Network*.

In the Spirit of Disciples Together, a day of interesting and fun activities has been planned with activities such as:

- Food booths hosted by various congregations around the Region
- Workshops & demonstrations
- Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Tours of the Christian Conference Center grounds
- Outdoor games & activities for adults, youth & children
- Live music all day
- Team Competitions (get your team together!) such as these races:
 - Communion cup filling
 - Setting up & taking down chairs & tables
 - Lawn mower
- Worship in the Outdoor Chapel
- The annual Region-wide business meeting

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for cards and kind thoughts after the passing of my father, Anton Lund. It is difficult to lose both parents in such a short time span, but I take great comfort in the knowledge that Dad is back with his bride of 68 years, and his struggles are over.

Dave Lund

Thank you to our Wakonda Family for the 60th Wedding Anniversary cards, calls and gifts.

Art & Barb Munsell

We want to thank our church family for the wonderful cards, phone calls, visits and prayers during this challenging time of recovery from surgery. It means so much to be a part of the Wakonda Christian Church Family; especially during these difficult times.

In Christian Love,
Donna and Phil Bottorff

Seen God Lately?

Discussion groups based on the compelling new *God Sightings* program are being formed.

During the weekly one-hour sessions, participants will help each other...

...discover God's presence in unpredictable, everyday ways...

...find astonishing freshness in God...

...explore penetrating, life-changing questions...

...see God with brand new eyes all week long.

Sign ups have started and small groups will be formed to start meeting on two different days, so you'll have the option of joining a group that meets on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm or one that meets on Sunday evenings at 4:30 pm, starting September 10th & 12th.

Be a part of *God Sightings*! Pick up a registration form at church or email Gene Kelsey at genekelsey@wakondacc.com. For those who are able, a \$20 donation will help cover the cost of each participant's materials.

And for those who may not be able to participate in the small groups, you can still join in the Bible reading through your own individual study. We'll be printing the reading schedule in each newsletter and in the Sunday morning worship bulletin. You can also read the Bible on-line and participate in a forum for free at this website:

<http://www.mygodsightings.com/individual-study>.

We're hoping the whole church will participate in the Bible reading!

God Sightings Bible Reading Schedule

Week 1 Sept 5-11

Genesis 1:1 – 18:15

Psalms 1-7

Proverbs 1:1 – 2:5

Matthew 1:1 – 6:24

Week 2 Sept 12-18

Genesis 18:16 – 31:16

Psalms 8-12

Proverbs 2:6 – 3:15

Matthew 6:25 – 10:23

Week 3 Sept 19-25

Genesis 31:17 – 43:34

Psalms 13:1 – 18:36

Proverbs 3:16 – 4:10

Matthew 10:24 – 14:12



Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following in your prayers and with cards, calls, and other acts of Christian caring.

Randy Bates' brother, Leonard – In treatment for Parkinson's Disease

Paula Bittick's dad, David Apel – Diagnosed with a fairly aggressive form of Lymphoma

Donna Bottorff – At home recovering from an August 2nd heart procedure

Amanda Carrel's friend's daughter – Inoperable aneurysm located on brain stem

Rachel Carter's friend, Bai – In rehab at the hospital following surgery

Tom Dawson's friend, Ron Worley – in treatment for cancer at Mayo Clinic

Vickie Gowen – In treatment for a serious blood disorder

Sarah Hall – In recovery at home following knee surgery

Robyn Hinders' friend, Dustin & his family – 2-year old daughter starting 2.5 years of chemo for treatment of leukemia

Mariann Hunt – Additional medical problems

Mariann Hunt's granddaughter, Andrea – Scheduled for surgery on September 1st

Mark Jump – At home in treatment for his transplanted heart

Fran Kirkpatrick – At Norwalk Nursing & Rehab Center

Laurie Kolstead's friend, Steve Darling – Entered Life Eternal on August 25th

Frances McDonald – At home, and in treatment for high blood pressure

Dale Mills twin brother, Gale – Is adjusting to a new pacemaker

Mabel Mott's great grandson, Noah -- Born July 14th, 3 months early

Dick Myres – In recovery at home following heart surgery

Betsy Powell – Entered Life Eternal & the funeral service is 1:00 pm, August 28th here at Wakonda

Nancy Renda's -- Next door neighbor's daughter, Jennifer Falbo – Lincoln HS student who underwent surgery at Mayo Clinic to remove a brain tumor, and continues in cancer treatment

Bob Wallace – Scottish Rite for rehab

Marge Wallace – In treatment for bone marrow cancer
Those who are unemployed

Those with mental illness (i.e. depression) and/or addictions and related illnesses

Those who are serving in military service

Dave Lund's son, Andy -- deployed in April on a 12-month tour of duty

Theological Worlds Class

“Discovering One's Self”

If Jesus Is The Answer, Then What Is The Question?

Based on “Theological Worlds” & “Worlds Within A Congregation” by W. Paul Jones

Life is a constant struggle for meaning. Knowing our theological world helps us understand what provides meaning to us. This class is designed to assist in discerning our theological world and the world of those around us. As we understand these worlds it will help us understand ourselves and better understand others.

This is a 12 week course taught by Pastor Tom Webster meeting Wednesdays beginning September 8th at 6:00 pm for 1 ½ hours. Please sign up at church or by contacting Pastor Tom at tomwebster@wakondacc.com

Variety Show!!!!

On September 12th, as part of our Celebration Sunday festivities, we're having a church-wide talent show!! Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate! It's time to dig deep into those long-lost abilities and share them with everyone! You can do something alone or in a group....serious, funny, music, poetry, or something totally unique! Watch for future sign-up information!!

How do you know when GOD is speaking to you?

In *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks*, popular author and speaker Priscilla Shirer relates powerful Bible truths and provides practical steps on how to know the voice of God. Through compelling print and video lessons you'll learn to recognize God's character, language, and tone of voice. As you spend time in His Word and better understand the role of the Holy Spirit, you'll be able to distinguish God's voice above all the others in our world and in your head. This six-session interactive women's study begins on Wednesday, September 8th from 6-7:30 PM. Learn to put into practice key insights that will draw you closer to God! Sign up by filling out a registration form in your bulletin or calling the church office: 285-8394.



Wednesdays at Wakonda
Save the Date: September 8th

Awana is coming to Wakonda for our KFC & JYF youth groups. And KFC will be expanded to include kindergarteners!

KFC, Kindergarten – 2nd grade, will participate in the Awana Sparks program. This age group has lots of questions about many things: the when, where and what of events, places and people. And this program zooms in on the details. Kids in Sparks are introduced to Bible characters and events, and learn why they are important, helping the children to know God through faith in Jesus.

JYF, 3rd – 5th grade, will be part of the Awana T&T (Truth & Training) Program, which uses a question-and-answer format approach to the Bible. Students will learn the Bible, and as a result see how they can put their trust in God.

Our Fall kick-off is Wednesday, September 8th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. The cook-out will start the night, followed by games and a presentation about the Awana program. All kids and their parents are requested to attend.

God’s Portion Sale Time

If you are new to Wakonda or have never participated in the God’s Portion silent Auction, start reading at number one. If you participated in God’s Portion Sale last year, skip to number two.

1. God’s portion Silent Auction is a fun activity that helps raise money for special projects at the church. Everyone in the church is asked to donate a new item or service to the auction. On October 3rd there will be one service. After the service people can come to the Silent Auction which is held in the lower Fellowship Hall to see all the items that have been donated. Many businesses in the Des Moines area donate items for sale, which are added to the members donations. All one has to do is walk through the tables and make a bid on a service or item that is listed on the sheet. It’s easy it’s fun, and there is something for everyone. No, you do not have to stick around to see if you won the bid but we encourage everyone to have lunch at the church and participate in the whole experience!

2. We encourage everyone to give a portion of their talents to the church. Maybe you are asking what you can donate or give. In the past we have had all types of donations. Here are a few things that have been given:

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| Wash Windows | Bake for the holidays |
| Clean House | Mow Yards |
| Rake leaves | Babysitting |
| Crafts (any type) | Dinner for 2, 4, 6 or more |
| Evening of entertainment at your house | |

Gift Baskets (examples: movies/popcorn, bath items or holiday basket) be creative.

The list goes on and on. So as you can see there are lots of ideas. People also give gift certificates to book stores, restaurants and other places. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to provide an item.

3. Buckeyes will be sold again this year. We will not be taking orders but will just sell them until they are gone. For those of you that are new these are chocolate covered peanut butter goodies. The committee makes around 100 dozen of these goodies and they go fast!
4. There will also be a bake sale.

Get you thinking caps on and start thinking about what service or item you will provide. If you want to do a craft, get started creating!

God’s Portion Sale is October 23, 2010

The Youth Groups will also provide a light lunch (free will offering)
Any questions call: Janice Brooner 285-0364 or Joan Stanley 285-1932



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship	6 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Offices Closed</i> 5:30 p.m. Aerobics 10:30 p.m. AA	7 5:30 p.m. Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 10:30 p.m. AA	8 6:00-7:30 p. m. Wednesday's @ Wakonda Kick-Off 10:30 p.m. AA	9 9:30 a.m. Silver Crowns 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 5:30 p.m. - Aerobics 6:00 p.m. – T.O.P.S. 6:30 p.m. Alpha Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – NA Total Praise 8:00 p.m. Omega Rehearsal 10:30 p.m. – AA	10 6:00 p.m. God Sightings 10:30 p.m. - AA	11 9:30 a.m. Aerobics
12 <i>Celebration Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 4:30 p.m. God Sightings	13 5:30 p.m. Aerobics 6:30p.m. Membership Cmt. Mtg. 10:30 p.m. AA	14 5:30 p.m. Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 10:30 p.m. AA	15 6:00-7:30 p. m. Wednesday's @ Wakonda 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting 10:30 p.m. AA	16 9:30 a.m. Silver Crowns 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 5:30 p.m. - Aerobics 6:00 p.m. – T.O.P.S. 6:30 p.m. Alpha Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – NA Total Praise 8:00 p.m. Omega Rehearsal 10:30 p.m. – AA	17 6:00 p.m. God Sightings 10:30 p.m. - AA	18 9:30 a.m. Aerobics
19 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:20 p.m. Elders Meeting 4:30 p.m. God Sightings	20 5:30 p.m. Aerobics 10:30 p.m. AA	21 5:30 p.m. Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 10:30 p.m. AA	22 6:00-7:30 p. m. Wednesday's @ Wakonda 7:00 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting 10:30 p.m. AA	23 9:30 a.m. Silver Crowns 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 5:30 p.m. - Aerobics 6:00 p.m. – T.O.P.S. 6:30 p.m. Alpha Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – NA Total Praise 8:00 p.m. Omega Rehearsal 10:30 p.m. – AA	24 6:00 p.m. God Sightings 10:30 p.m. - AA	25 9:30 a.m. Aerobics
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