

REFRESHING TIMES

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Mission Statement

To provide a place of refuge, peace, restoration and hope, dedicated to help people establish intimacy with Jesus Christ and those they love.

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PREPARE SERIES

Saturday, June 20, launched the first seminar in the Prepare Series. Grantsburg's own Cheryl Anderson started things off in the morning. Her knowledge and tips on how to make the garden's treasures go beyond the harvest was informative and inspiring. I'm certain more than one attendee left considering the feasibility of duplicating her outdoor kitchen and wood stove. During lunch we not only were able to enjoy peaches and grape juice she had canned, but Cheryl also fielded questions about her garden and canning techniques. Heather Bortz and Tracy had the afternoon session. The first half they discussed the ingredients they put into their lotion and the benefits of making home-use products. The remainder of their time they got out the mixer and demonstrated how easy it is to make.... (continued on page 2)



CANNING DEMONSTRATION

"I will take my children into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to them. I will restore their fruitfulness and turn their valley of trouble into a door of hope."

Hosea 2:14-15a

various soaps and lotions. Each attendee was able to take home containers of each product they made. The Prepare Series is off to a great start. We are looking forward with excitement to what's in store ahead.

BRIAN FENIMORE

The Wilderness' Prepare Series continued the third Saturdays in July and August. International speaker and teacher, Brian Fenimore, joined us for the entire day. While Brian calls Belton, MO (a suburb of Kansas City) home, Father God has called him and his team to minister across the United States and several countries around the globe. This summer they will be returning to Africa where they have witnessed a powerful move of Holy Spirit. You may have received the blessing of the Lord as you sat under his ministry at North Heights in Arden Hills or the Healing Rooms in Rochester. Yet with all this notoriety, Brian continues to teach with humility and candor as he shares his own personal walk with the Lord. His unique teaching style incorporates historical Church history with sound Biblical exposition in such areas as healing, dream interpretation, hearing God's voice, and the Father's heart. Brian typically concludes with a time where attendees put into practice what he has taught by ministering to one another. We know those who participated were blessed, encouraged, and inspired.

For future Prepare Series events, please watch the "Bulletin Board" and the Events page at www.wildernessfellowship.com.



MEMORIAL DAY SESSION WITH MARK BARRET

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WRAP-UP

By all accounts, the Memorial Day Weekend was a smashing success for all who were able to attend. The rain that caused us to move the Picnic on the Green into the Fellowship Center did little to dampen the spirits of those participating in the Hunt. The Harms family was the first to solve the clues and find the Pearl, taking home the Grand



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Prize. The Jeseritz family took home the second prize. Others were also rewarded with a jar of The Wilderness Fellowship's Premium Maple Syrup for their courageous effort in collecting all the clues, a formidable task.



2ND PLACE WINNERS

We had warned that it would be challenging. Yet isn't that how our pursuit of the Father often is; we must seek Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Our time around the campfire Saturday evening singing and roasting marshmallows was fun. Sunday evening's time of sharing was precious as guests shared insights gained in the Pursuit. All in all this weekend set the stage for many upcoming holidays. Please make your plans to join us here at TWFM; we know you won't be disappointed.

WORDS FROM THE WILDERNESS

One of the first Bibles I owned had a section containing maps. On the map of the Middle East was labeled "Wilderness of Sin" over the region of the Sinai Peninsula. Anytime thereafter I was struggling in my walk with Christ or confused about something, hence in the wilderness, I conferred that it was because of my sin. I have come to realize that more often than not, this is not the case. Now that's not to say that not walking in God's plan and purpose for your life will not cause issues for you just as it did for Israel's kids. I could be mistaken but I believe every major figure in the Bible had a "wilderness" experience. The Holy Spirit didn't lead Jesus into the wilderness, as recorded in Luke 4, because Jesus sinned. John the Baptist came out of the wilderness as a forerunner preaching, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Paul was 3 1/2 years in the wilderness following his Damascus Road conversion. The Apostle John got his Revelation as he sat in exile on Patmos. Moses flees into the wilderness from Egypt only to have a burning-yet-not-consumed bush experience. Then God instructs him to tell Pharaoh, the most powerful man in the world and a god to the Egyptians, to let His people go. And go where? The wilderness. And why? As recorded beginning in Exodus 5 that they, God's people, may serve and worship Him. It would appear that, in general, the Church has a wrong, unscriptural concept of our wilderness experiences. We do everything we can to avoid them. We think God is judging us for something we have, or have not, done. My Bible (NASV) defines "wilderness" as a desolate place. It would seem, by the examples I've sited previously, the wilderness is where God wants to meet us. Why else would Father God tell Hosea that He is going to "allure" His people (Israel, the Church) into the wilderness (a desolate place) where He can "speak kindly to her"? In the wilderness we have a choice. We can seek the Father, hear His voice, and worship Him. Or we can murmur and complain: why me; why here; why now? On the one hand we can have the confidence that our Father not only goes with us, He goes before us to make a way and a place for us. On the other hand we never enter the place He has promised to give us, a place of rest and peace. Do you feel like you are, and have been, in a wilderness? Read Psalms 139; you can't go, or be, anywhere but that the Father is, and has been, there. "If I make my bed in Sheol (2

(Hell), You are there... Even the night is day to you.” Read Romans 8: “If God is for us, then who (what) can stand against us?” Think of it! His thoughts for us, about us, are more than the sands of the sea. Start counting! He knows where you are, the chair you’re sitting on, the street you live on, the car you drive, the job you work with the people you work with. Job 23:10: “You know the way that I take...” Let me invite you to come to The Wilderness Fellowship; stay in a Prayer Cabin. Rest in the Lord and seek His face. “and you will find rest for your (mind, will, emotions) soul.” The writer of Hebrews penned, “There remains a rest for the people of God. Labor to enter that (Sabbath) rest.”

- Mark Barret

TRAINING FOR TRAINING

As I look back over the years that the Lord has given us here at TWF I see ever so clearly how the Lord uses events throughout each and every day as the training grounds for the rest of our lives. Each step we take, decision we make, person we meet, or action we take, is used by the Lord to prepare US for what He has prepared FOR us. That means every moment of life is a training ground for something even more significant than yesterday. Most often I have seen that work out as God Himself brings others across my path. Talk about divine encounters! Wow! They happen every day all around us and have been happening every day all around us for our entire lives. Scripture says in Phil 2:13 “For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” That means He has you in mind. Take a look at all the things the “Master Teacher” has taught you and how He uses those things for His purposes in others’ lives as you come in touch with them. I am becoming more and more aware of how He is doing this and has done this in my life here at TWF. But not only is he working individually in us, He is working corporately through us

as we commit our way to Him. “Commit your way unto Him, trust in Him and He will act”. I see Him doing His work here at The Wilderness as we apply His training towards training and impacting those who come here on a daily basis. What a treat it is to “walk in” and “apply” what The Master has taught us. It is also a real blessing to see The Wilderness being used as a training ground for all realms of the Kingdom. This is the ultimate goal of the Prepare Series to use this prayed-over and prepared place to equip those who hunger for more training. We have begun to offer training to the community using the Prepare Series on a monthly basis and we have already received encouraging feedback from our very first trainings, which were held on June 20th. Keep informed by checking the “Bulletin Board” on our website as we finalize and post our upcoming topics. Then plan to join us. God bless you!

TWFM HAS A NEED FOR LEGAL COUNSEL/ADVICE

I believe there is a chance that someone reading this newsletter might be a lawyer or know of a lawyer who may be willing to give us a hand with a couple matters. We have two relatively simple matters that I feel we need wisdom and help with. The hope would be to find someone who would be able to help us do this at minimal or possibly no cost. Let us know. Thank you.

- Randy



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From Cheryl's Desk:

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness.” Ps 115:1

All glory goes to God for His unfailing love and faithfulness, says the Psalmist. I believe He not only receives glory for His love and faithfulness, but for everything that He does. All of us have circumstances in our lives, I’m sure, that cause us to wonder, “How can God receive any glory from this?” But even when we deem it unlikely, God is working to bring Himself glory.

My pastor preached a sermon not long ago about the death and resurrection of Lazarus, and he pointed out something I had not seen before. In John 11:4 Jesus says, “...it is for God’s glory...,” speaking of Lazarus’ illness. Verse 6 goes on to say, “So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days...” Did you catch that? So when he heard, he stayed. What? Jesus heard of Lazarus’ illness and stayed away two more days, rather than going to him right away? When Jesus finally went, Lazarus had died and both Mary and Martha say to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” They certainly believed it would have been better if Jesus had acted sooner.

Jesus and the Father received more glory by waiting until Lazarus had died, and bringing him back to life, than they would have received if Jesus had healed Lazarus from his illness.

We often think we know what will bring God glory, and so we ask. (And it is okay to ask!) But I now see this passage in John in a different light, and I have found myself saying, “Lord, if you will receive more glory by waiting two more days – or two more weeks, or two more months, or two more years – then so be it.” May He give us the patience and the grace to wait for Him, that He may be glorified to the fullest! - Cheryl

HELP NEEDED

- ~Firewood cutting in our wood processing area
- ~Wood splitting and stacking in baskets in same area
- ~Bathroom reconstruction in Main House
- ~Meticulous “finish” caulking in Besel Cabin
- ~Plumbers, Cement workers, Electricians and builders to build New Prayer Cabin Shower House



FIREWOOD WORK CREWS

AREAS TO PRAY FOR:

- ~Funding to finish all septic work for PC Shower House/Bathrooms
- ~Prepare Series impact
- ~Firewood processing and crop storage shelter-to keep rain off
- ~Wisdom and financial provision in:
 - *Management decisions
 - *Legal decisions
 - *Policy decisions
 - *Equipment needs
 - lawn mower (see picture)
 - grapple bucket (see picture)
- ~Protection of staff, grounds and facilities.



GRAPPLE BUCKET - \$3,000



LAWN MOWER - \$11,500

SYRUP FOR SALE



WILDERNESS MAPLE SYRUP CAN BE PURCHASED AT THESE LOCATIONS:

NORTH HEIGHTS LUTHERAN BOOK STORE IN ARDEN HILLS, MN

HOSANNA LUTHERAN BOOK STORE IN LAKEVILLE, MN

WURDEMANN CHIROPRACTIC IN NORTH BRANCH, MN

ABELER CHIROPRACTIC OF ANDOVER, MN

SYREN GENERAL STORE IN SIREN, WI.

JIM WRIGHT IN ST. PAUL, MN

May still have some syrup: 651-633-5910

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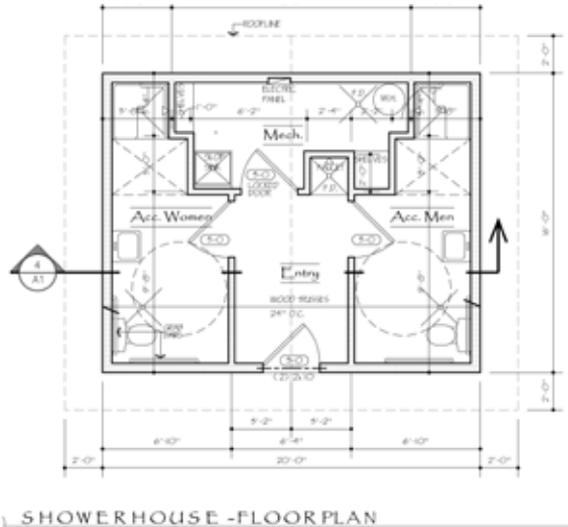
Forms to purchase a gift certificate are posted on our website www.wildernessfellowship.com.

PRAYER CABIN SHOWER HOUSE/RESTROOM STARTING SOON!



We are excited to get moving on the much-needed Prayer Cabin shower house facility that has been in the planning stages for the last 2-3 years. According to a recent estimation of costs, **WHAT IS YET NEEDED** is about \$10,000 so that we can be sure to complete the septic and drain field systems.

It is our goal to have this completed and in service this fall before winter sets in. Please pray for the Lord to provide the necessary finances to complete this project as well as raise up electricians, plumbers, cement people, and carpenters who might donate time to help us keep costs as low as possible. Thank you so much!



Memorials

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| Dale & Arleth Anderson | Betty Davis |
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| Francis Roetzer | Luella Roetzer |
| Kevin Roetzer | Luella Roetzer |
| Helen Baxter | Rev. John D. Baxter |
| Ruth Pearson | Barbara Mitchell |

Honorariums

| GIVEN BY | IN HONOR OF |
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| Jim & Paula Wright | Keith Westrom |

GUEST FEEDBACK

Thank you for turning a horrible week into a time of peace. – *EN*

Thank you so much! We had a fantastically restful and enjoyable time. Next time, we would like to stay longer. Thank you for your ministry and service! Blessings upon all of your families! We look forward to our next opportunity to be here again. – *BRH*

Thank you so much for the care you put into these fellowship cabins. Jesus understood the need to get away and find a deserted place. You have created that here. This is a place where our spirit can come into a full embrace with God's Spirit. At this place we can truly fulfill Christ's prayer of becoming one with Him and the Father. – *JG*

I can't say thank you enough. My heart is so full of God's love and acceptance. Thank you for being a vessel. I am in love with this place. – *KL*



Bo Cabin photo by
Lauretta Jacobsma

We had a nice time just getting away from normal routines and enjoying the family God has given us! – *the D family*

This experience was a blessing. The Wilderness was quiet. Just what I needed. Thanks for having the Word open on the table when I arrived. I asked God to give me a verse. Ps 107:29 "He stilled the storm to a whisper! The waves of the sea were hushed". That is what I was looking for. Thank the Lord! – *FM*

UPCOMING EVENTS

LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2015 - SEPTEMBER 4-7

For those who missed out on the fun Memorial Day Weekend, we are inviting you to take on the challenge of finding the "Pearl of Great Price". The reported benefits to those who took part in the challenge on Memorial Day Weekend have been very encouraging so we encourage you take on the challenge as a family or group and find it! Please keep an eye on our "Bulletin Board" link at the bottom of our website homepage for any updates. Hope to see you Labor Day Weekend.

PREPARE SERIES CONTINUES THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

SEPTEMBER 19TH - C.P. Anderson

Have you ever wondered what all this talk with regards to Blood Moons and Shemitah is all about? Our September Prepare Series speaker, C.P. Anderson, will help us explore ways to respond in light of these historic events.

OCTOBER 17TH - Eric McIntyre

Our Father requires us to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. To be inspired on how a worship team and worshippers can go to the next level, please join us in our October Prepare Series. During the day sessions, experienced worship leader Eric McIntyre from the Twin Cities, will be teaching and sharing counsel to questions or needs you may have as a worship team. Then we are inviting the community to come together with Eric and his team for a rare Saturday evening community worship experience. Come and worship with us!

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