



Rainbow Notes

Holy Bible, Book Divine

This excellent hymn is about the Bible, and some of the things it teaches. To put it in its historical context, we need to consider something important that was happening around the time it was written in 1803.

Robert Raikes, an Anglican layman, is credited with founding the Sunday School movement. His heart went out to the ragged children of the slums, worn down by slave labour, running wild, and exposed to all kinds of vice. Most of them were illiterate. There were no state schools of any kind back then, and Mr. Raikes believed that a good education would give children a much better start in life, so he started a school.

His "Sunday School" began in the kitchen of a home, in Gloucester, in July of 1780. At first it was for boys only, but soon girls came too. Since the children worked in the factories six days a week, Raikes decided to hold his school on Sundays. The Bi-

ble was used as the textbook, and church attendance was part of the Sunday program.

Strong discipline was needed to control the children Raikes worked with. But it was administered in an interesting way. When a child was disruptive and disobedient, Mr. Raikes would take the offender home, and have parents administer chastisement to "the seat of learning." Then, he would bring the student back to school again.

Robert Raikes certainly had his early detractors, who said "Raikes' Ragged School" was a violation of the Lord's Day, when Christians shouldn't be working. But Methodist founder John Wesley supported the work enthusiastically. In spite of its critics, the movement continued to grow. In four years, there were 250,000 pupils, as schools sprang up all over the country. By 1831, there were 1,250,000 attending Sunday School

John Burton himself was one of the Sunday School teachers. He wrote and published songs for the Sunday School, and music greatly helped in the teaching and training of those who attended. Committing songs such as this one to memory enabled illiterate children to get their first grasp on eternal truth. Praise the Lord for men such as Robert Raikes and John Burton!

What makes the Bible a "precious treasure" to you, personally?

Suppose you were designing a curriculum for the children he sought to reach. What key truths would you begin with? And why?

Taken from Robert Cottrill's

Word Wise Hymns-Their History and Meaning



Sunday School will begin next Sunday September 7th. Jesus' life lessons start with special stories of him and his miracles. His story begins with his birth at Christmas leading to Easter. Games, Crafts and coloring for preschool-2nd grade. Games, crafts and coloring for preschool -2nd grade. Grades 3 and over will use the Devo magazine and "Let's Talk about It". Music will be for all ages. See you on Sunday!!



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The Fall season is all but upon us. Summer has flown by quickly and the new, old routines of autumn are about to start. School is or already has begun and learning will commence once more. Vacations are over; the State Fair has run its allotted course. The passing of information will commence. It happens for adults as well. The news media will tell us what to think and inform us what it wants us to know. Congress will give us two options, Republican or Democrat with little wiggle room between them. But we forget that there is another option. That is why Sunday School, Worship, Bible Study are important. There is another option on the table and it is wise to consider.

The state highway department in Pennsylvania once set out to build a bridge working from both sides. When the workers reached the middle of the waterway, they found they were thirteen feet to one side of each other. Albert Steinberg, writing some time ago in the Saturday Evening Post, went on to explain that each crew of workmen had used its own reference point. No wonder they did not connect.

In that same article Steinberg tells about a small disc on the Meades Ranch in north central Kansas where the thirty-ninth parallel from the Atlantic to the Pacific crosses the ninety-eighth meridian running from Canada to the Rio Grande. The National Oceanic Survey, a small federal agency whose business it is to locate the exact positions of every point in the United States, uses the scientifically recognized reference point on the Meades Ranch. So far, no mistakes have been made, and none are expected. All ocean liners and commercial planes come under the survey. The government can build no dams or even launch a missile without this agency to tell it the exact location to the very inch. "Location by approximation," the article goes on to say, "can be costly and dangerous."

That's why there is so much chaos in our society today. Everyone's using their own reference point. What we need is a universal reference point so that we can say, "Here is how the good life is lived."

We have been given the third or if you will the first option. It has been handed down to us from those who knew its truth, handed to them from those who lived its the truth. It is the Word that helps define our times, our opportunities, and our vision. In it is life, a life with purpose and meaning, a life with direction and hope. As we begin this next Fall Season, remember there is more on the table than just a school education, more than the political dogma given by those who want to stay stuck. On the table is an option to be free to live life in new ways and to become a new creation.

See you on Sunday.

Pastor Houck

Happenings at Hope

Faribault's Christian Women's Connection will hold a luncheon at noon on Tuesday at the Faribault Moose Lodge, 1810 Fourth St. NW. The special feature will be Peggy Bates : "Gotters Dough to Go" and speaker . The speaker is Patty Blackstad from St. James, MN. Her topic is "From Wreckage to Restoration". This group is open to all women. Cost is \$8.50 for the lunch. Call 334-7481 for reservations.



The mission of Stonecroft Ministries is to impact women and their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

UMW will meet at HY VEE on September 6, 2014 at 9:30. All women are invited to attend.



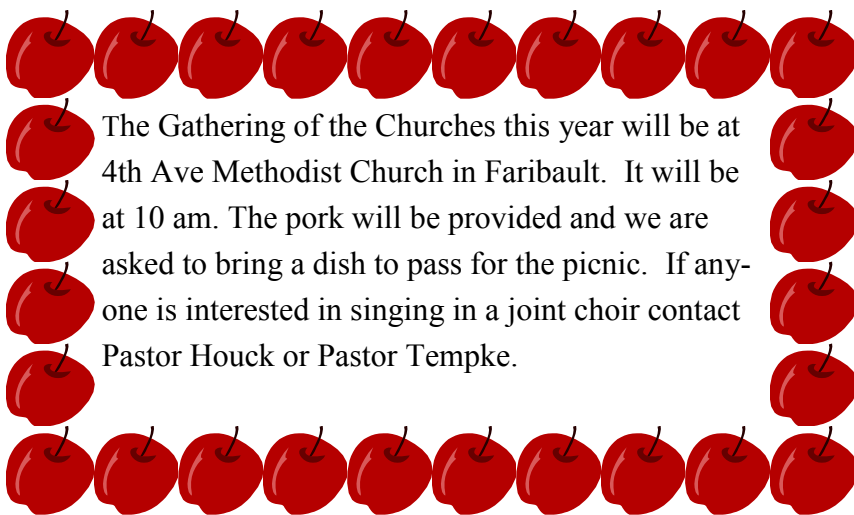
Sunday School Teachers for September:
September 7, 2014-Heather/Mary Sanborn-Music
September 14, 2014 Sayaka/Andrew Chou-helper
September 21, 2014 No Sunday School-Church picnic

2014 CROP WALK

September 7th, Cheryl Schindler, Assistant Field Director of Winn-Kota Region for Church World Service, will do Children's Time. She will join us for Coffee Time and talk to all who are interested in the Crop Walk for Hunger. Our Crop Walk is September 27th. See Mary Sanborn to sign up and get your packet.



"Rice County Food Shelf
"Food of the Month"
September-Mashed Potato Flakes
October-Canned fruit and fruit juice
November-Canned Vegetables
December-Rice



The Gathering of the Churches this year will be at 4th Ave Methodist Church in Faribault. It will be at 10 am. The pork will be provided and we are asked to bring a dish to pass for the picnic. If anyone is interested in singing in a joint choir contact Pastor Houck or Pastor Tempke.



Hope Church Council Meeting Minutes from July 2nd, 2014; 7:00 PM Present: Harold & Carole Schneider, Mel Sanborn, Carolyn Hanson, Carol White. Acceptance of Minutes: Mel Sanborn made a motion to accept the minutes from May 7th, 2014 and June 1st, 2014. Harold Schneider seconded. Motion carried. Treasurer Report: Report by Carol. Went over handout. Checkbook Balance as of July 1st, 2014 is \$4,596.96. Maintenance Fund Balance is \$1,873.97. FOCUS Dollars paid out this month was \$6,650.00. Church Building Loan Balance \$38,429.27. Apportionments Balance is \$6,387.00. Trustee Report: Report by Carolyn Hanson and Mel Sanborn. New sky light is installed and paid for. Quarters for "Feed My Starving Children" was sent to Minnesota Annual Conference - \$157.57. Floyd Baynes bought one of the shelters that was in the yard for \$350.00. Chuck Rassbach and his brother fixed the ceiling in the Sanctuary where there had been water damage. Both the churches lawn mowers were fixed again. Garden - has been cleaned up. Will need to till up and seed in the fall. Mel will ask Jerry Olson to till. Flat roof - always needs repair. There is a Tim Meissner Roofing in Eagle Lake who works on flat roofs. Phone # 507-243-4434. Cell Phone 507-383-7554. Mold - There is mold in the ceiling, on the beams, in the Narthex area that needs to be treated. Dave Hanson might have a recipe that might work for bleaching and treating the mold. Painting - Will have Jake Brand paint the kitchen. May be able to use (for free) scaffolding from Mr. Anderka for when we change the light bulbs in the Sanctuary. Mel will keep in contact with him. Carol will talk to Larry DeCoux about figuring out which size light bulb we need to replace those which are burnt out. Garbage Hauler - The hauler we have now - Floms - does not use the smaller trucks so when the garbage is picked up the parking lot gets damaged from the wear and tear of the big trucks. So Mel has been looking into different haulers. Archambaults - 2 - 40 gal. cans will cost \$69.00 a quarter. City & Lakes 2 - 40 gal. cans will cost \$60.00 quarter. Mel will check again and sign us up for a new service. New Business: FYI - There will be a Blood Drive, set up by Emily Carlson, on August 13th here at the church. Walk-ins welcome. Time - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Boy Scout Troop - The group may start meeting more than one time a week. They have additional leaders now. We are like their sponsors because they use our space and they are wanting to do something to honor us for letting them use the church. Pastor Dana, Carolyn Hanson and the leaders have come up with the idea of having the Scout Troop clean the highway area the church is responsible for cleaning. This will most likely start in the fall. Need someone to do the Church Bulletin for Jan. and Feb. Pays \$10.00/hr. Who? Use of church forms - Would like to see a space on these forms for an address were to send the damage deposits to. For example - after a wedding is held here. The couple may leave the area after they are married. The treasurer needs to know who and where to send the damage deposits held for these occasions. There is a square dancing group who has inquired about using the church for their group. Linda and Leon Gregg have talked to this group and suggested the church for their group. They should contact us and let us know of a time to discuss. Feed My Starving Children - Could get a group together from the church to help put packs together that are sent out. Could look on line and find out more information about it. Mankato is probably a place where this is done. Mel Sanborn made a motion to pay \$1,000.00 toward what the church owes for Apportionments. Carolyn Hanson seconded. Motion carried. Need to talk to congregation again about what Apportionments do for the church and world-wide. Maybe get Chuck Rassbach and Donna Smith to talk about it in a few weeks. Adjournment: Harold Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Mel Sanborn seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully, Carol White Secretary

Children's Devotional

Peter

Matthew 17:1-13, (Luke 9:32)

Peter's amazing experience

Jesus went up a high mountain with Peter, James and John to be alone and to pray. While they were on the mountain, a change came over Jesus: His face shone like the sun and His clothes were dazzling white. Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared and started talking to Jesus.

Peter, who had dozed off, woke up and blurted out, "Lord, it is so wonderful to be here! I can make three shelters: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While Peter was still speaking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice said, "This is my own dear Son with whom I am pleased—listen to Him!"

The terrified disciples fell with their faces to the ground, but Jesus touched them saying, "Don't be afraid."

How did Jesus make His face shine?

On a rainy day, when the sky is a misty gray, we say that the sun isn't shining (because we can't see it). Yet if we could rise above the clouds, we would see that the sun is shining, and has never stopped shining.

Jesus has never stopped shining either! From before time began, the brightness of His holiness has been shining, and will carry on shining forever. His light is so bright that we won't even need the sun to give us light in heaven. "There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light" Revelation 22:5.

Just as we suddenly see the sun beams shine through a break in the clouds, the three disciples were allowed to see the glory of Jesus for a short while. As the rays of light streamed from His body, they saw the glory of His holiness. Jesus didn't have to do anything to shine: He IS the Light of the world (John 8:12). And as we become more and more like Jesus, we start reflecting more and more of His glorious light (2 Corinthians 3:18).

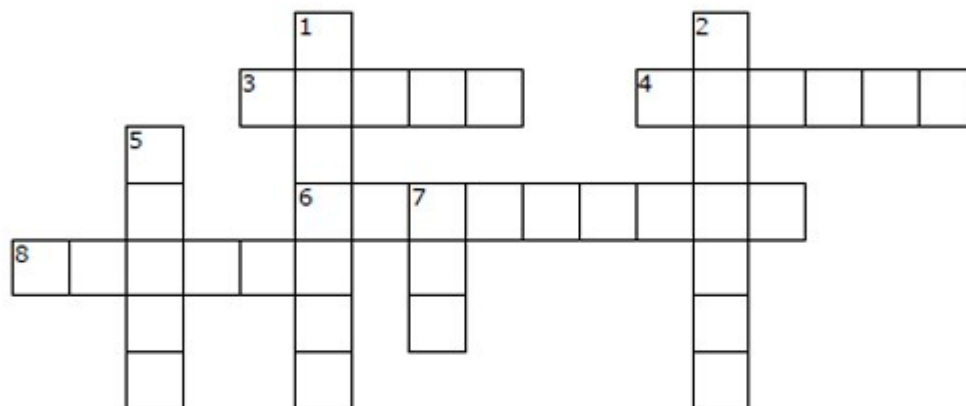
Verse for today

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. Numbers 6:25

When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. A statement proven to be accurate
4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something
6. A spoken or written statement that something is true
8. All followers of Christ as a group

DOWN

1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization
2. A person who sees an event happen
5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
7. Breaking a religious law

BROTHER
WITNESS

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FAULT

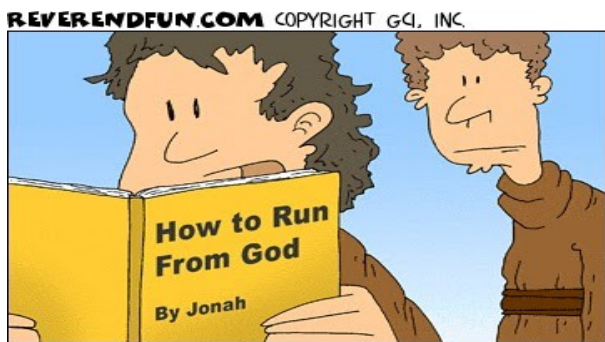
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I think that you have some serious faith issues



IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"



Sorry folks, we're booked solid... God Himself couldn't get a room here tonight