

# Greeters and Ushers

## July 2010

8:30 AM

N - R. Strid  
C - D. Young  
C - M. Ruble  
S - P. Kohrs

### Ushers

11:00 AM

N - D. Haggith  
C - K. Partlow  
C - R. Gollen  
S - B. York

### Greeters

N - B. & D. Miller  
S - M. & V. Ruble

N - J. & M. Winkleman  
S - D. & A. DeWaard

## August 2010

8:30 AM

N - R. Nymeyer  
C - I. Workentin  
C - C. Fast  
S - C. VanDerMeulen

### Ushers

11:00 AM

N - D. Bennett  
C - B. Mock  
C - A. Johnson  
S - T. Telling

### Greeters

N - G. & M. Steele  
S - G. Struiksma

N - W. & D. Godard  
S - J. & L. Potter

## Giving In May

Monthly budget need - \$51,350  
Expenses in May - \$49,905  
Giving in May - \$53,610  
Yearly giving to date - \$241,846  
Funds needed to meet expenses - \$10,732



# COMING UP IN THE SUMMER:

Month	Date	Event
JULY	3	Saturday - PrimeTimers No-host Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Dutch Mother's Restaurant. Sign up at the Information Center.
	4	Sunday - Happy 4th of July! There will be no Evening Electives tonight. The church office is closed on Monday, July 5.
	8	Thursday - Paper Shredding Day, begins at 11:00 a.m.
	12	Monday - Bonnie Blankets Day at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
AUGUST	18	Sunday - Quarterly Business Meeting at 10:30 a.m., in the auditorium. All members, plan on attending the Quarterly Business Meeting during the Sunday School hour.
	18	Sunday - Church Picnic at 2:00 p.m. at Berthusen Park. Come for a time of good food, good fellowship and games. Instructions on what to bring will be in the bulletin. No Evening Electives.
	2	Monday - Bonnie Blankets Day at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
	6-8	Friday-Sunday— Men in the Wild Retreat. Sign up to attend the retreat at the table in the foyer.
	14	Saturday - PrimeTimers No-host Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Dutch Mother's Restaurant. Sign up at the Information Center.



Everyone Obeying God's Call  
Everyone Sharing God's Heart

## July/August 2010

### Special Events July:

3	PrimeTimers Breakfast
4	Happy 4th of July!
8	Paper Shredding
12	Bonnie Blankets Day
18	Quarterly Business Meeting
18	Church Picnic

### August:

2	Bonnie Blankets Day
6-8	Men's Retreat
14	PrimeTimers Breakfast

Details on page 4.

## STRONG ENOUGH TO GIVE UP?

"Sometimes it takes more strength to let go than it does to hang on."

The statement seemed to leap off the page at me and demand further investigation. What it asserted flew in the face of every perilous scene I could imagine. The need to hang on was always the highest priority. Hang on to the life preserver in the roiling ocean, to the fragile branch on the rocky cliff, to the rope swinging over the bottomless abyss. It took all the strength the hapless victim could muster to avoid a swift and certain death. The strong man holds on; only the weak gives up and lets go.

I thought of examples from Scripture. In a moment of weakness, Abraham let go of God's promise and had a child by his wife's handmaid. The result is our current Arab-Israeli conflict. Solomon refused to hang on to the godly wisdom he *himself* penned and finished a once promising reign with a resounding whimper. After some hard-to-understand teachings from Jesus, many of His followers "withdrew, and were not walking with Him any more" (John 6:66 NASB). They just let go.

Imagine with me another scene: twelve disciples out on a churning sea, stymied in their best efforts to make progress against a contrary wind. Along comes Jesus, walking on the water. Now the disciples have a decision to make: will they hang on to the relative safety of the boat, or step into the unknown in order to join Jesus? Peter was the only one who was strong enough to let go.

Is that opening statement starting to make sense now?

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews catalogs the names of others who showed more strength in letting go than in hanging on. Abraham let go of the comforts of a cosmopolitan environ to search for a city "whose architect and builder is God." Moses let go of the "pleasures of Egypt" and became the standard by which all other Hebrew prophets were measured. Gideon let go of an army of 32,000 to win the battle with only 300.

None of the above knew what to expect when they relaxed their grip and released themselves into the hands of God. Daniel's three friends, faced with the prospect of death in a fiery furnace, were prepared for the worst. But they could never have experienced God's power if they hadn't let go of their plans to manage the situation themselves.

If you happen to find yourself in a perilous situation, you are going to have to decide what to hang on to and what to let go. Some things are non-negotiable: confidence in God's word, your integrity. To let go of the other things may require a strong dose of faith. Yet the life preservers, branches and ropes we think will bring us safety and security may be the very things that keep us from truly finding them in our God and Savior. You may discover "it takes more strength to let go than it does to hang on" but that is the means to knowing our God in a deeper way.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave



# Noah's Childcare

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please trade with someone on the list and notify Ruthelen Homan, 318-0627.

## Nursery July 4

8:30 AM Infants..... L. Bright & M. Danielsen  
 8:30 AM Toddlers..... N. Van Loo & C. Simmons  
 9:45 AM Infants..... M. Brim & S. Brown  
 9:45 AM Toddlers..... R. Homan & L. Weme  
 11:00 AM Infants..... S. Stremler & J. Telling  
 11:00 AM Toddlers..... K. Mellema & T. Donoso  
 11:00 AM Pre-school Church..... K. Gilmore Family

## July 11

8:30 AM Infants..... K. Haak Family  
 8:30 AM Toddlers..... S. Bargaen & M. Young  
 9:45 AM Infants..... J. Ten Kley & R. Strid Family  
 9:45 AM Toddlers..... R. Homan & J. Merwald  
 11:00 AM Infants..... D. Porter & C. & S. Haehnel  
 11:00 AM Toddlers..... R. Visser Family  
 11:00 AM Pre-school Church..... G. Broersma Family

## July 18

8:30 AM Infants..... T. Tabert Family  
 8:30 AM Toddlers..... P. Kohrs Family  
 9:45 AM Infants..... R. Strid Family  
 9:45 AM Toddlers..... R. Homan & TBA  
 11:00 AM Infants..... G. Hall & D. Demmer  
 11:00 AM Toddlers..... D. Brummitt Family  
 11:00 AM Pre-school Church..... B. Whitehead Family

## July 25

8:30 AM Infants..... P. Bode & R. Larsen  
 8:30 AM Toddlers..... E. & E. Tjoelker  
 9:45 AM Infants..... L. Heppner & C. King  
 9:45 AM Toddlers..... R. Homan & L. Hollack  
 11:00 AM Infants..... J. Brockmeyer Family  
 11:00 AM Toddlers..... D. Haggith Family  
 11:00 AM Pre-school Church..... T. Postma Family

## August 1

8:30 Infants: ..... P. Bode & R. Larsen  
 8:30 Toddlers: ..... R. Homan & J. Merwald  
 10:00 Infants: ..... B. Spoelstra & P. Mock  
 10:00 Toddlers: ..... J. Partlow & D. Porter  
 Children's Church: ..... R. Doucet Family

## August 8

8:30 Infants: ..... M. Barnett & M. Brim  
 8:30 Toddlers: ..... R. Homan & L. Weme  
 10:00 Infants: ..... S. VanderSys & C. Dodson  
 10:00 Toddlers: ..... N. Van Loo & C. Simmons  
 Children's Church: ..... G. Broersma Family

## August 15

8:30 Infants: ..... R. Strid Family & J. Ten Kley  
 8:30 Toddlers: ..... R. Homan & P. Kohrs Family  
 10:00 Infants: ..... B. Mock Family  
 10:00 Toddlers: ..... S. Stremler & J. Telling  
 Children's Church: ..... G. Broersma Family

## August 22

8:30 Infants: ..... R. Strid Family  
 8:30 Toddlers: ..... R. Homan & L. Hollack  
 10:00 Infants: ..... S. & S. Voth  
 10:00 Toddlers: ..... R. Visser Family  
 Children's Church: ..... B. York Family

## August 29

8:30 Infants: ..... R. Strid Family  
 8:30 Toddlers: ..... R. Homan & J. Homan  
 10:00 Infants: ..... T. Tabert Family  
 10:00 Toddlers: ..... D. Brummitt Family  
 Children's Church: ..... T. Postma Family



1,2,3 - Missions Fest: Skyping with VanderYachts in South Africa (2); Janie Stuart presents Slovakia (3).  
 4 - "Life School Musical" choir.  
 5, 6 - PrimeTimers trip to Everybody's Store: Lue Stuurmans and Doris Porter (5); Stu Stuurmans and dessert! (6).  
 7,8,9 - Student Ministries Retreat: Pastor Brian and Derek Schrock skit (7); Jessica Stuart, Dustin Honcoop, Josh Guisewite and Chelsea Berg (8); Josh G., BJ Comhac and Casey Guisewite.