

Cross Talk

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Faith=Action

Pastor's Place

When you were a little kid, did you ever want to play a game or a sport? When I was about seven years old, I was in peewee baseball. My brother, Kent, and I would play catch in the front yard. Sometimes Kent would help with batting practice. I would step up to the plate, full of determination, excitement, and enthusiasm! I would swing wildly and miss the ball. So, Kent would throw me another pitch and again I would swing! Now, I must admit that I missed far more than I hit, but I always wanted to hit that ball.

I would go to baseball practice every day. I had to ride my bike

about a mile to the practice field. I played outfield, even though I never really enjoyed it. I mostly wanted to bat. I wanted to put on my helmet. I wanted to look at first base, second base, steal a quick glance at third base, and then I wanted to stare down the pitcher! I wanted to look into his cold, steely eyes and put "the fear" in him! I wanted him to be afraid of Kerry Clark, the greatest batter he had ever faced!

That is what I wanted...it just never happened that way! Most of the time I would strike out or get walked, but mostly I would strike out.

Sometimes, I had to sit in the dugout and I did not get to play because the coach was rotating the players.

I ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY. I had spent time practicing and dreamed of being in the game. I would spend hours playing baseball with friends, practicing by myself, looking at baseball equipment, and on and on the list goes. Why? Because I wanted to play the game...and I anticipated doing so! I wanted to be ready when the team needed me. I wanted the coach to be proud of me. Perhaps most importantly, I loved the game!

Church, that is faith!

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Looking Ahead

Faith leads us to action. We often think of faith as something passive, something we believe; not something we do!

The Bible clearly teaches that faith leads to action. Faith is seen in many people, Moses, Joshua, Caleb and Gideon to name a few. Their stories are

with us, not only because of what they believed, but because they acted on what they believed due to their faith.

As we look ahead, we must have faith that leads to action. We should ask God to "put us in the game"! We have spent adequate time practicing and preparing. All we need

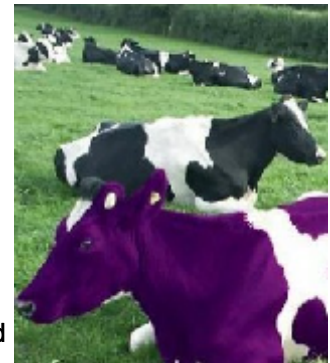
now is to be active.

Let's believe God for a better life and for an amazing future for First Assembly. God is speaking to you about making a difference. You may not hit always hit a homerun, but you will be in the game!

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Happenings

February

Super Bowl Party
Community Groups Training
Community Groups
Children's ministry team
travels to Midland MI.
Men's Meeting
Women's Ministries Meeting
Wild Game Dinner

March

Community Groups
F.U.E.L. Spaghetti Dinner
Missionaries Steve and Kim
Puffpaff
Skeet Shooting
Women's Ministries @ GenArs

Children

On February 27th the children got to go straight to their new “relational space” in the Fellowship Hall! We had a total of 26 kids at church! The children had their very own age appropriate praise and worship.

Spring break is the last week in March, so we have a special treat for the kids. Wednesday night, March 30th the kids are going bowling! We are meeting at the

Women

We have been working on our Women’s Ministries Mission Statement. Here is a rough draft: Our purpose is to glorify God by encouraging women to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, form and cultivate supportive friendships, receive ministry, as well as serve the Body and community, and laugh until our sides hurt!

WM’s create opportunities to affect the lives of women by the power of Jesus Christ through outreach, ministry, and discipleship. Through this exciting ministry, Christian women will touch the world in varied and creative ways. We reach beyond personal interests and comfort zones to embrace women of all ages, races, professions, and social standings.

church at 6:50pm. All kids are invited to join us. Kids, make sure you bring \$3.00. If you don’t have it, don’t let that stop you from coming. Just let us know and we will take care of it for you.

April 24th we are having our annual Resurrection Sunday Egg Hunt. The hunt is for children birth through 6th grade.

To help us gear up for Mother’s Day, we will have a special guest on Sunday, May 1st. It is a puppet ministry called Eddie’s Friends.

WM’s are building an environment for women to mentor women—a place where women can learn, practice Biblical love, and experience God’s love in a very real way.

All women, 18 and over, are invited to a Pajama Party Friday, April, 15th. Tickets are \$5. The evening includes dinner, raffles, games, and more. Invite your friends to spend the evening having fun with us!

WM’s meet regularly on the 3rd Monday of each month. Locations vary, so keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for information.



F.U.E.L

What a classy, delectable Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser F.U.E.L. hosted! Wearing semi-formal black and white attire, the teens attentively catered to each diner from appetizer to dessert. F.U.E.L. placemats and Italian flag colors were the décor. The tasty luncheon included outstanding homemade bruschetta, made with Linda’s own garden basil. Their hard work paid off with a total of \$500 in donations! Thank you, everyone!!

Men

I am happy to report that the Wild Game Dinner was a huge hit! We had 105 men in attendance. A big thanks to John Barron, Dave Burnham, Duane Cramer, Harry Crocker, Dave Dumeah, Bob Hoos, Doug Kortman, Bob Koseba, Gary LaCross, Dan Sodini, Marty Werner, Dale Yakes, and Pastor for helping to gather prizes, build the Deer Blind, setting up, cleaning up, planning, donating, and a special thanks to the Ladies of First Assembly, for making delicious desserts!

Pastor, Dave Bobola, Dave Burnham, and Harry Crocker were even interviewed on the local TV station about our Men’s Fellowship!

Upcoming events: April 16th—Gun Shoot, May 8th—Family Breakfast, May 14th—Detroit Tigers.

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