

Community of Christ

Fairbanks Branch Happenings

May 26, 2005

The theme for this Sunday is "Build on the Rock" -

Relying
On
Christ
Keeps us going

The following are the same scripture excerpted from different translations of the Bible. The first is from NIV and the second is from The Message. You might find it interesting to read passages from the Bible from various different sources. The words may be different but the message is constant and consistent.

²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. **(Matthew 7: 24-29 New International Version)**

²⁴"These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. ²⁵Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit--but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

²⁶"But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. ²⁷When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."

²⁸When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. ²⁹It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying--quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard. . **(Matthew 7: 24-29 The Message)**

Are you building your house on a solid foundation? If so, how are you doing this? If not, why not?

Are you incorporating what you say into your life? Are you living what you preach? Are you walking the walk? How is your teaching? What are you modeling?

Summer is quickly approaching and that means **camps and reunions!!** Check out the mission center web page to get dates and forms for the various camps and reunions planned for this summer.

June 2-5th - Community of Christ Special World Conference - Independence, MO

June 11th – Cookout and Campfire – 6:00 p.m. We will be firing up our new grill on Saturday, June 11th and serving up hamburger, hot dogs and all of the fixings!!! Yum Yum. A campfire is being planned and should be great for all young and young at heart.

We have invited the Houston area congregations to our cookout. Would some of you want to invite a friend to join us in the fellowship and fun? Sign up sheets have been posted in the fellowship hall. Make sure that you sign up for something!! Also, please RSVP to Margie White. We need a count for the food etc.

Special thanks to Beth & Steve Herold and John & Ina Mae Reimer for contributing the funds to allow us to buy the grill. Also thanks to Doug White who transported the grill to the church, and to Doug White and Bonnie Whitehall for researching the options prior to us buying the grill.

July 7th – Play Ball!!! Fairbanks will be attending the Houston Astros vs. the Padres on Thursday, July 7th at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 each. Your check will hold your seat. All seats must be prepaid. See the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. See Margie with your check to reserve your spot.

The worship and nursery schedules have been posted in the family center for January through March, 2005. Please check these.

Nursery Schedule:

May 29th – Rena & Jeff Whitehall

June 05th – Beth & Steve Herold

June 12th - Jennifer & Kip Decker

June 19th – Ruth & Gary Chatburn

June 26th – Andrea & David Watson

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

Calendar & Mission Center News:

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at www.coastalbendmc.org

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The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 2nd quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

May 29th - David Watson – Testimony Service

June 5th – John Reimer

June 12th – David Romig

June 19th – David Watson

June 26th – Gary Chatburn

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes.

Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!**I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

Martha Romig