

Welcome To the Planet:
It's All about You
Pastor Jeremy Spence
Lifeline May 12, 2004

Announcements

1. Small Groups on Sunday evening. Sr. High at Lona Davidson's house and the jr high is at Pastor Jeremy's house. If you need a ride please be here no later than 5:15pm on Sunday. If you come after this time you may not have a ride over and I am sure that your parent's will not be too happy with you.
2. Guys softball team is playing every Tuesday night at North End park. Check the bulletin for times each week or contact Pastor Jeremy or one of the players. Come out and support our guys each game. They won their first game of the season last night.
3. Don't forget on Thursday nights our ladies softball team plays as well down at North End. If you weren't there last night you missed a great game in which the ladies won their first game in two years. Both the ladies and the guys would love to have more people rooting them on and helping them to enjoy the time playing ball. Times are in the bulletins or contact someone for the time. Tomorrow's game is at 7:15pm at Diamond #3. If you need a ride please let me know and we will get you there.
4. If you want to help with VBS this year and have not signed up for it please see Peggy Chamberlain ASAP. Reminder that if you help there will be some special outings just for you to say thanks for the work you will be putting in.
5. June 21st we will be holding the 1st Annual "Keenage Teenage" picnic at Houston Woods. More details to come soon but you won't want to miss this time of fun and company with the "Keenagers" group of our church. They will provide the meal and we get to choose some of the games.

Game Time

We will be outside playing SPUD. The object of the game is to not get SPUD spelled out. Number all the kids from 1 to whatever is the last teen involved. Throw a ball up in the air and call out a number. The number called is the person who needs to catch the ball. While the ball is up in the air the rest of the people are running as far away as possible. When "spud" is called all freeze. The person with the ball has 3 giant steps to move towards someone and try to hit them with the ball. The person being thrown out cannot move anything but his body. They may not leave their area with their feet. The game continues with the person whose number was called now throws the ball up in the air and calls out another number.

Prayer/Sharing Time

Get into the groups you were in last week. If you don't have a group sit in the middle of the floor and let me place you into one (if there is enough people who weren't in a group just have them form their own with those who are there). In your groups I want you to share a prayer request and also fill in the this sentence. I saw God this week in...." If

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you can't think of something in which you saw God work this week look at your window and you will see something. Once you have done this pray for the requests in your group and also thank God for how He is working in our lives. I will give you 10 minutes.

Worship Time

Joe Arnold is taking care of this. See him for more information.

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Okay before we truly get started tonight I have another one of my stupid videos that I came across this week. Don't worry about the outcome I can rest assure no animal was harmed in the making of this video

(play cat video)

Alright well that clip has a tad bit of truth to what we are talking about tonight and for the past couple of weeks as well. You see a lot of us go around and around in life like the cat was with the fan. We do this because we live without purpose in our life. Then sometimes life knocks us off and we hit the wall of life hard. The goal for this series "Welcome to the Planet" is to help you get the broad plan for you life in mind so that you won't be hit later on. This is why I quoted the atheist Bertrand Russell the first night of our study: "unless you assume a God the question of life's purpose is meaningless." How true that is and I hope and it is my prayer that you would look to God for your purpose as we are. Make that you lifelong journey. Before we get into the lesson tonight lets have a short word of Prayer.

(pray)

Alright, I first want to ask you guys to do me a favor tonight, I am not really feeling the best and have a massive headache so please just try to pay attention, or act like your paying attention. If for some reason I am totally not making sense, you know like worst than usual, please just let me know and I will try to make sense of what I said. As we continue in our study of our purpose in life I cam across another video clip that does a wonderful job of introducing our subject tonight and the first point. It is a short clip from the movie *Tommy Boy*. For those of you who have yet to see this movie the basic premise and them is that the son of a great auto parts place tries to keep the family business going. But to do so he must convince all the buyers that it is worth it. Watch this.

Show clip

1. Recognize God's relational DESIGN

And it was a happy day for him when he gave us our new lives through the truth of his Word, and we became, as it were, the first children in his new family. James 1:18

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5

2. Respond to God's desire for you to move from CREATION to CHILD

Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you.

Galatians 4:7

For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 1 Peter 1:4

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3. Reveal your spiritual identity change through BAPTISM

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

... many of the people who heard him believed and were baptized Acts 18:8

4. Risk and connect with other "FAMILY MEMBERS" (Christians)

I'm eager to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other. Romans 1:12

Level 1: God's CHURCH (universal/Christians everywhere)

Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "These are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!" Matthew 12:49-50

Level 2: LOCAL church (i.e. Saddleback Church)

so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. Romans 12:5

Level 3: SMALL group (i.e. ABS small groups)

And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. Acts 2:44

Level 4: IRON sharpens IRON (real close with at least 1 adult/peer)

As iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17

All of these levels require me to LOVE

Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. 1 John 3:18

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:35

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