

CLINTON TORCH

Share God's Love

JULY 2010

Through Service

Happy 234th birthday: On Sunday, July 4th we will be celebrating another birthday again as a nation. America is not only one of the greatest nations in the history of the world, it has also become the longest ongoing constitutional republic. Our original government has now endured 234 years. However, America's longevity is only as stable and secure as its foundation. What is our foundation?

Political scientists now know that the greatest single source of political inspiration for our founding fathers was the Bible, which was cited in 34% of the quotations from the founding era (1760-1805).

This discovery, while it might surprise many today, would have come as no surprise to the founders, John Adams said: *the general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were...the general principles of Christianity.*

Noah Webster echoed the same message: *The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and his apostles. This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government.*

Founder after founder declared the same belief...Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, etc. The Bible reminds us that the most important part of any structure is its foundation. *"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"* (Psalm 11:3) It is time to remember our foundations and to listen to the words of those who were instrumental in making this country one of the worlds most powerful and most respected nations.

A Unique Convention:

Hispanic National Christian Convention

Rising Sun Church of Christ-Des Moines, Iowa

July 20-22

Mario Lara, who is supported by CEM, will be the president of the Hispanic Christian Convention this year. Nearly a thousand Hispanics from around the country will be attending this special convention just for Spanish speaking folks.

Need: The CEM has promised to help Mario set up for this big event. They will be serving food in tents outside the Rising Sun Church and need help setting up the tents and tables and chairs for a thousand people. The sweet corn that will be fed these 3 days is being grown right now on a farm just across the river from us near Albany. One of our CEM board members is Mark Kruckenberg who has donated enough sweet corn to feed this group and is a member at the Adventure church in Davenport.

Would anyone be interested in riding to Des Moines with me on Monday July 19th to help set up for this great event? We have others from the area going but we would love to take you along—if you are willing to help. Let the preacher know if you would like to ride along.

We will not be having a pot luck on July 4th.

Sunday, July 4th—Clinton Riverboat Days Kids day, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with "GO FISH" guys performing at the Band shell at 1:00 p.m. If you want to help work at the CCC tent, please join in.

BEYOND

Following Jesus to a place you've never been

NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

JULY 6-9

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

THE NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION IS AN ANNUAL GATHERING OF FOLKS FROM THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND CHURCHES OF CHRIST FROM AROUND THE WORLD. FIRST STARTED IN 1927 IT HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS IN BOTH ATTENDANCE AND LOCATION. THE NACC WAS HELD ANNUALLY AFTER 1927 BUT THE DEPRIVATIONS OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND THE DISLOCATIONS OF WWII FOUND THE CONVENTION ONLY HELD 3 TIMES IN THE 30'S AND 4 TIMES IN THE 40'S BUT SINCE 1950 IS HAS AGAIN BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT.

THIS CONVENTION IS LIKE A GREAT REVIVAL WITH SOME OF THE BEST MUSIC AND THE BEST PREACHING ALL IN ONE LOCALITY. THERE ARE WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS, A CONVENTION FOR TEENS, A PLACE FOR CHILDREN AND TODDLERS...BIBLE BOWL IS HELD ANNUALLY (KIDS COMPETE IN SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION AND OTHER BIBLE EVENTS)

THIS IS NOT LIKE MANY CONVENTIONS IN THAT NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED THAT CHANGES POLICIES OR PROCEDURES. THE PRESIDENT THIS YEAR IS BEN CACHIAS FROM JOPPA MARYLAND. HIS GRANDFATHER WAS A LONG TIME PROFESSOR AND DEAN OF MINNESOTA BIBLE COLLEGE AND HIS FATHER TAUGHT THERE ALSO. THIS PREACHER TAUGHT HIM IN JR. HIGH AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH IN MINNEAPOLIS. (GUESS I DONE GOOD)

SPECIAL GUESTS THIS YEAR INCLUDE TONY DUNGY FORMER NFL FOOTBALL COACH...RICK WARREN FROM SADDLEBACK CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA AND A WHOLE SLATE OF GREAT SPEAKERS AND MUSICIANS. IF YOU CAN GET AWAY FOR A COUPLE DAYS -WHY NOT STOP IN AT THE NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

Sermons for July 2010:

- 4th 'The Millenium'
Revelation 20:1-6
- 11th 'The End of Satan'
Revelation 20:7-10
- 18th 'The Great White Throne'
Revelation 20:11-15
- 25th 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'
Revelation 21:1-8

CCC Book Club

The CCC Book Club's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28th at the home of Bill Barber. Bill's address is 200 5th Ave So. Apt 407(the old Van Allen Bldg.) Everyone is free to choose for themselves what they want to read and most of the men have shown a preference for historical novels. So please join in if you like to read and discuss your book. Exchange books also.

Creative Memories Scrapbooking

The next crop class will be on Friday, July 16th starting at 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you like to scrapbook, please join in. Carmen Johnson and Kathy Rehr are hosting this.

Vacation Bible School

This year Vacation Bible School is gonna ROCK!

Come Join Us for VBS ----- August 1st thru August 5th, 2010

6::00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Music – Lessons - Crafts – Games and Snacks

Learn more about Backstage with the Bible - www.gofishguys.com

See flyers on bulletin board

Rock River Christian Camp

There are three camps coming up starting July 4th – 9th:

Jr. High Adventure Camp (6th – 8th grades), Girls Volleyball Camp (7th – just graduated grades) and Senior Equestrian Camp (7th – just graduated grades-this camp is filled)

Jr. High Adventure Camp (6th – 8th grades) will take a few more in tent space only, this means the youth will do all activities the same but will be sleeping in a tent at night.

Volleyball Camp (7th – 12th grades), there are still lots of space for this camp. If you want to learn how to play Volleyball, or already do, but want to improve on your skills in a Christian environment, this is for you.

Jr. Wilderness Camp is July 11th -16th for grades 4th -6th (space available yet)
Jr. High Main Camp is July 25th – 30th for grades 6th – 8th (space available yet)
High School Main Camp is July 11th – 16th for grades 9th – just graduated (space available yet)

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 - Michael Suessmith
- 3 – Emma Simpson
- 4 – Anita Smith
- 7 – Billie Hodge
- 10 – Lola Clary
- 12 – Clarence Halterman
- 18 – Marrissa Graves
- 18 – Michele Banker
- 19 – Krystin Hogan
- 19 – Barb McBride
- 21 – Paige Suessmith
- 24 – Melanie Drury
- 25 – Jeremy Buben
- 25 – Jonathan Boyd
- 26 – Donovan Holt

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- 6 – Billie & John Hodge
- 8 – Amy & Evan McCallister
- 10 – Delores & Don Goodridge
- 13 – Margret & Paul Struve
- 24 – Linda & Ed Johnson
- 30 – LaRonna & Doug Heppner

Congratulations Everyone!!

JULY KITCHEN COMMITTEE:

- Jean Greeley
- Linda Reick
- Sandy Martin
- Rita Reed
- Lola Clary

GREETERS FOR JULY:

- 4 –Bill & Loetta Holton, Vera Niles
- 11 - Emma & Loren Simpson, Deb Leonard
- 18 –Ray & Helen Jorgensen
- 25 – Donna Faulkner, Jorge Faulkner

NOTICE NOTICE

Women's Fellowship.

Women's Fellowship will be on Thursday, July 8th at which time we will be going out to eat and celebrate by revealing our secret sis. The new Candelight Restaurant was mentioned for a place to meet at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board so we can call for reservations.

Missions Meeting

Missions committee will be meeting on Wednesday, July 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Our church will have a space in the July 4th parade which will be on Friday, July 2nd. If you want to participate, please contact Carmen, we want to have all the kids in the same teeshirts to advertise VBS.

IN HIS SERVICE -- JULY 2010

8:15 a.m. service:

Devotions	July 4	Bill Holton
	July 11	Eldo Krebs
	July 18	KenGreeley
	July 25	Eldo Krebs



10:30 a.m. service:

Devotions	July 4	Mike Wolf
	July 11	Paul Reed
	July 18	Don Hall
	July 25	Matt Johnson

Shut-in communion:

Eldo Krebs
Ken Merritt
Dale Teachout
Todd Burkhart

Ken Greeley will do communion to hospitals and nursing homes.

If you cannot serve, please find someone to take your place.

Communion and offering servers 10:30 a.m. service:

July 4 –P. Kibler, T. Manning, D.Heppner, E.Green, M. Oestreich, M. Johnson, D. Teachout, R. Brandt
July 11– B. Holton, G. Tubbs, S.Burmeister, J. Faulkner, M. Wolf, E. Krebs, K. Merritt, A. Green
July 18– E. Green, A. Green, D. Heppner, M. Johnson, K. Merritt, P. Kibler, K. Clarke, M. Wolf
July 25 – G. Tubbs, B. Holton, E. Krebs, J. Faulkner, S. Burmeister, R. Brandt, K. Clarke, A. Green

Servers meet in the fellowship hall before worship time.

Elders: Paul Reed, Todd Burkhart, Mike Wolf, Bill Holton

Deacons: Matt Johnson, Ken Merritt, Dale Teachout, Eldo Krebs, Gary Tubbs, Steve Burmeister

Achievement in Figures: Budget is \$2461.14 weekly

	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Design.</u>	<u>Attend</u>
May 30	\$1684.00	\$631.50	115
June 6	\$2690.90	\$55.00	24/130
June 13	\$2008.76	\$34.00	24/141
June 20	\$1868.15	\$150.00	20/128
June 27	\$	\$	

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the families of Richard (Butch) Martin who passed away on June 18th and
Bob Fulton who passed away on June 21st

Catherine Snodgrass is the hospital in Iowa City and Loren Simpson is scheduled to go home from
Hospital in Iowa City as of Friday, June 25th.

July 2010

Monthly Planner

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