

WHAT IS RYAN THINKING?

This is definitely my favorite sports season of the entire year. I love to watch, coach, and play football. The past couple of years I have even been privileged enough to be the head coach for the Panthers youth football program in Royal Center. But this year has not been as fun for me as the past couple of years.

I don't get much sleep this time of year because I can't stop think about how we can be better on the field. I know that it is youth football but the Pioneer Panthers football legacy starts at this level. Though our 5-6 grade boys are undefeated I feel like we are missing that "Panther Edge". Our 3-4 grade boys have actually lost more games than they have won. Now, that definitely does not fit into the Pioneer football story line. So, as a coach it is my job to find the problem or problems and correct them so that we can finish the season on top.

As I looked over our game this past Sunday I saw that we were doing a lot of things right. And we should. We spend 9 ½ hours a week, starting in July, learning how to play this wonderful sport. These boys understand cross blocks, defensive shading, the 4-3 defense and the Wing-T offense. They understand terms like pull, kick out, wall off, and cadence. So why are we losing games? Why can't we beat every team by 30 points?

I think that I found the problem. We KNOW a lot! But when it comes time to execute we are just going through the motions. We are missing that intensity that it takes to go toe to toe with our opponents. And though I feel that we know the game better, they come at us with more passion.

I feel that we can fall into the same trap as Christians in today's society. We spend a lot of time learning about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Bible which is good. We need to KNOW a lot. But all of that knowledge is for naught if, when it comes time to face the opponent, we are just going through the motions.

Romans 12:11 says "*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*" The reason that this is important is that the one who opposes us, Satan, *prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* Losing does not fit into God's storyline. He sent His Son to win the war but you must face those daily battles.

I think that it is time to pick up the intensity and finish on top!

Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.

Lou Holtz

Through the Eyes of an Elder.

Contributed by Doug Nethercutt

As a church family, we do a great job of helping each other. Anytime a need is expressed, the flood gates open! Whether it's, providing meals for someone who is sick or injured, funding for a ministry, or even something as simple as baking cookies, help is not far away. From the perspective of the helper, it is very rewarding to lend a hand. It's usually fun and you finish the task with a refreshed spirit and feeling blessed by the opportunity.

What about being on the other end and asking for help? That is a different story. I can't speak for the ladies, but for a man it can be a very humbling experience. You are admitting that you can't do it alone. You are making yourself vulnerable and showing weakness - not at all the way a man wants to feel. So, we "man up" and let our pride get the best of us. What happens then?

Proverbs 16:18 tells us: *"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."*

And in James 4:6 we read

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

I certainly don't want God to oppose me – that sounds rather uncomfortable. With that in mind, step one for me is to humble myself before the Lord and seek His help:

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" Hebrews 4:16

Then, I trust that He will let me know if there is a step two.



HOLY GHOST WEINER ROAST

AND CHILI COOK-OFF

OCTOBER 25TH

5PM

We are excited to invite the entire community to join us for this year's fall event. We will have games, candy and a hay ride for the kids. We will also have warm apple cider, a camp fire, and of course food. Don't miss out on this night of fun.

Last year we had 12 entries in our chili cook-off. We had spicy chili, mild chili, chicken chili, and sweet chili. And though they were all excellent the winners were Beth and Ashley Holcomb. This year we would like to see 20 entries. So whip up your best chili recipe and let us decide who will hold the title for this year's chili cook-off.



LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

At the absence of President Darla Stewart, V. Pres. Beth Moon started the meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25th at 7 pm, and Sydney Moon gave an opening prayer. Lori Kimbrell led the group in singing "Almost Persuaded".

The nineteen members enjoyed refreshments served by hostesses Pam Taulman, Norma Trapp, and Ronda Trapp. Yummy!

Evy Ingle presented the lesson from A Woman's High Calling. The topic of Homemaking stressed that "whatever you do, do it with your utmost. Older women are to model the younger ladies on how to be a Godly woman." These ideas came from Titus 2.

The 2-day Garage Sale was a success! Lots sold and lots to take to Mental Health for their sale coming up.

A special love offering for Cj & Marisa (new parents) for a swing set & fencing for new yard. Have donations to Beth Moon or Evy Ingle on Sunday, Oct. 5th.

Thanksgiving baskets will go to Pisgah members this year.

The prayer & praise list was given by Rita Morehead. The closing hymn "To God Be the Glory" was sung, and Rita closed the meeting with prayer.

CURRENT ✓ NEEDS

We invite you to join in our Pisgah Christian Church prayer chain. We review the most recent prayer list from our Sunday Morning Worship Service bulletin and give you the opportunity to be in prayer for them. During our worship time others are verbally added to the list, but we cannot "catch" each person's name to print here for you. Please pray for all of them.

Dale Mitchell...Karen Poland... Patsy Kistler... Jack Kistler
Ray Wireman ... Florence Shaw... Amy Nelson...Robert Rech
Michelle Caudle...Gertie Felker...Lynn McKinney...Darla Stewart
Penny Bannon...Edna Mae Busard...Kyle Morehead...Amanda
Bobby Caudle...Ron Smith...Melissa Howard

Pray for those who are involved in false religions. Pray that they turn to the one true God.

**Also be in prayer for
Our Local Farmers**

May God bless them with a plentiful harvest this year!



Thank you so much for your participation. Again, if you would like to receive Prayer Chain information via e-mail, please contact Reenea Ehle at prayers@mypisgah.com. God hears our prayers and He answers them.

[Philippians 4:6](#)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Uth Stuph!

The youth just wrapped up a series called “The Bible”. In this series the group went over some basic information like, the Bible is inspired by God and that the Bible is multifunctional in reaching out to its readers. The group first talked about the authors of the Bible and what being inspired by God means. Later we discussed how the Bible is like a love letter, a life raft, and a roadmap and that God always wants to communicate with us no matter where we are in our faith walk.

The next week we discussed the application of the Bible in our lives. First we talked about making Bible reading a part of our daily routine, we then discussed talking to other people about the Bible, praying to God about the scripture and what we’re reading, and finally, applying what we’ve read and learned.

At our last small group we talked about music and how we usually seem to remember lyrics from songs we like. We discussed how on what was we usually remember what’s important to us too. We followed with the importance of the Bible and how when we memorize scripture it can slowly change the way we think about all things in our life because our worldview beings to shift.

Romans 2:12 says

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

So now I ask you. What are you doing in your life to shift your worldview? Are you reading scripture daily, praying about it, memorizing it, or applying it? Are you renewing your mind through scripture?

In His grip,
J. Elise Beebout

Children's Ministry Info

October Nursery (N) and Children's Church (CC):

Sunday, Oct. 5th

N: Bridget and Gracie Hayden

CC: Deni Ross

Sunday, Oct. 12th

N: Linda and Brooklyn Rude

CC: Beth Moon Morehead

Sunday, Oct 19th

N: Dusty and Bethann Kemper

CC: Michelle Caudle & Rita



Sunday, Oct. 26th

N: Becky Crowe and Sydney

CC: Darla Stewart and Candy Beckley

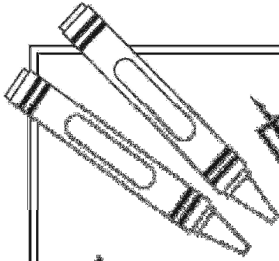
We have a great staff in our children's ministries. If you join us on Sunday morning, I urge you to go down stairs and meet the teachers prior to service. Ask any questions that you might have and allow the children to check it out. We have this ministry so that children can learn at their pace and so that the parents and enjoy the worship service and focus on God's word. Please take advantage of this great ministry.

We also have a television in the youth room that allows parents to view the service in case you need to step out of the sanctuary with a child.

Youth Group Announcements

ICYC is coming up November 21-23!

This is the Indiana Christian Youth Convention, which is an annual teen retreat. The convention is for students in grades 8-12. The cost will be \$15 and students are encouraged to invite friends! See Elise for more details.



PUZZLE



A promise to the earth






After the flood in Genesis, God promised to "never again ...
destroy all living creatures" (Genesis 8:21, niv).

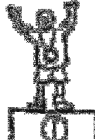
Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks
to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, niv.



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GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth makes, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. (Genesis 8:22, NIV)

THOUGHTS FROM STEPHANIE

It all goes back to Him!

Every month I sit down at the computer and try to figure out my topic for this month's newsletter. I try to make my article relative to those reading. I think back over the last few weeks and reflect on what has been going on in my life and the lives of those around me. When I fail to remember much of anything, which is usually the case, I start thinking forward. What is going to be going on in the month to come? What season are we entering or what big events are planned? Then I try to lace it all back to a message that centers on Christ. Many times I am left thinking, just thinking, with very little typing going on. Then it hits me that I need to pray and see where God wants me to go with my article. Can I write about something that will stick with the reader or touch someone, maybe just give the reader something to think about?

So this month after doing all of the above and coming up with nothing I prayed once more that God would lay something on my heart of relevance. That still small voice that I have always thought of as God's still small voice spoke into my heart "It all goes back to me". I was trying to come up with a good or funny story that wrapped itself around to a message about Christ while all the time Christ understands it all goes back to Him. Each moment of our day is laid out by God, previewed if you will by Him. My morning devotional today said it well in a scriptural paraphrase, "Your future is in My hands; I release it to you day by day, moment by moment." As Christians we should see God in everything from the mundane to the monumental.

What joy this life can bring when we see that God is in it all, through it all, and most importantly Lord of it all. We can lay aside our worries about the future and really live today more fully when we see His presence in everything that surrounds us. John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Start today living the abundant life God has for you!

Stephanie Lewellen