



Sebastian Sonrays



Next month (September 8th) we will be kicking off a new ministry opportunity for the entire church that I am really excited about. Engage Groups! **E-Groups** for short! Why the name *Engage* Groups? Because our goal this year is to engage with God and others within the church body.

What exactly is an E-Group? E-Groups are a great place to study God’s Word and help one another to understand and apply its message to our daily lives. We share burdens and triumphs, celebrate victories, pray for one another and intercede in prayer for others. E-Groups provide a place for sharing life together as well as reaching out to others. Groups will be made up of 8-10 individuals. Each participant will receive a study book that will focus on personal and spiritual transformation.

The purpose of E-Groups is to boldly pursue discipleship by connecting and engaging the participants, helping to strengthen their life in Christ and to share their lives with others within the group. The E-Group mission statement is: *E-groups exist to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord through encouragement, edification, and evangelism.*

E-Groups are Important because they....

- Provide a place to grow in our faith
- Provide a place to develop deep, life-long friendships
- Provide a place to share our concerns in life
- Provide a place to pray together for each other’s needs
- Provide accountability in our walk with Christ
- Provide a safe place to share our “real selves”
- Provide an opportunity to fit into a smaller experience-within a church setting-and not feel lost

To get involved in these great groups, stop by The Hub and place your name on the sign-up sheet. Our coordinator, Carl Anderson, will then contact you and have you placed in a group. Times and meeting places will depend on each group. We'll be sharing more information about E-Groups during our Worship gatherings.

Please begin to prayerfully consider getting plugged into a group. You’ll be blessed.

See you Sunday!



A Little Look Into...

August

(Just a warning, there's not much that is serious about this month!)

August is Romance Awareness Month, Family Fun Month, Water Quality Month, National Picnic Month and National Admit You're Happy Month!

Some special and/or silly days to celebrate this month are: 8/3 National Mustard Day , 8/4 U.S. Coast Guard Day , 8/5 Work Like a Dog Day , 8/7 National Lighthouse Day , 8/10 National S'mores Day , 8/13 Left Hander's Day , 8/18 Bad Poetry Day , 8/27 Just Because Day ... just to name a few. **Have a great August!!** www.holidayinsights.com

When God's People Give...

June Budget.....	\$17,000
June Giving.....	\$22,477
June Missions	\$2,923
YTD Budget	\$124,900
YTD Giving	\$127,930

Women Seeking Wisdom

A Study of Proverbs
Beginning August 22

Ladies, won't you join us for a new Bible study beginning August 22 on the book of Proverbs, every Thursday morning in the church Fellowship Hall (Bldg B) at 10:00am. We would love for you to join us as we seek God's wisdom together!



Shoebox Ministry

Hi everyone! Before you know it, it will be time to pack the boxes! Now is a great time for collecting items as we vacation and begin school shopping. Please keep us in mind as you watch for school SALES and BARGAINS. Any of the following items (along with shoeboxes and Christmas friendly wrapping paper) would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

Coming Soon...



- Notebooks, diaries, journals
- Pencils, pens, crayons (16 or 24 pack)
- Packs of Erasers (pencil-top type)
- Scotch tape
- Card games (Go Fish, Crazy Eights)
- Coloring books
- Sticker sheets
- Small stuffed animals
- Small trucks or cars (Boys)

- Travel-size toothpaste, toothbrush or floss
 - Travel-size soaps, body wash, lotion, shampoo or conditioner
 - Dress up accessories: hair clips, beads, etc. (Girls)
- **Contributions of cash are also accepted.

Hope - the key to sport and life.

Andy Murray hoped to win Wimbledon for years. He finally did. What do you hope for?

In sport as in life, we all need hope. Without it, we can't go on.



Tennis Hope

The UK's Andy Murray has just won his first Wimbledon, the most famous of tennis tournaments. It's the first time in 77 years a Brit has won their national Grand Slam. The celebrations displayed the joy of realized hope, the fulfillment of what must have appeared almost impossible. But each year, you sensed Murray was getting closer and closer.

Real Hope

In sport, you just have to hope your team can win! But no matter how much you want it, victory is never guaranteed in sport or in everyday life. It is Christian hope, on the other hand, that offers a real and true hope that we can count on.

The Bible says:

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

This hope is sure and certain, not wishful thinking, even when it seems impossible. It's not hope based on a sportsperson's ability, but on Jesus Christ:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

This is real hope, eternal hope. Thanks to having a victory prize which lasts forever, we can face all of life's challenges with optimism, trusting in Jesus all the way!

Be God's,
Pastor Jim

upcoming events:

Summer 2013

- August 18th End of Summer Water Event BBO (details to come)
- August 29th 6:30-8:30pm Blaze Skate Night at the Skate Factory
- September 1st The Alternative "Talent Show" (details to come)

Fall 2013

- September 5th 5:30-8:00pm Blaze Back to School Bash





July Serving Schedules:



8:45AM Worship - Nursery

- 8/4 Linda H / Amber
- 8/11 Becky / Jodee
- 8/18 Melissa / Shamirra
- 8/25 Maria / Judi

Sunday School - Nursery

- 8/4 Lisa / Cathy
- 8/11 Janet
- 8/18 Jacque / Janet
- 8/25 Terri / Niki

11AM Worship - Nursery

- 8/4 Janice / Connie
- 8/11 Susie & Alley / Candy
- 8/18 Tammy / Miranda
- 8/25 Marsha / Judy L.

8:45AM Worship - 3, 4, 5 & K Class

- 8/4 Michelle Rohrer
- 8/11 Paula Essig
- 8/18 Gayle Green
- 8/25 Terri Messer

11AM Worship 3, 4, 5 & K Class

- 8/4 Sharie Buchanan
- 8/11 Ellen Fulks
- 8/18 Cheryl Zelesky
- 8/25 Brandi Bramble

Please see Janet Achin with any questions. :)

Other Misc. Helps

- Communion — 8:00 TBD
12:00 Duffanys
- Sanctuary — Glen Corsetti
- Fellowship Bldg. — TBD
- Edu. Bldg. — Dave Sneed

Servers

Copies of the August serving schedule will be available in the servers room.
If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yates.
Thank you for your service!!

As always, in a family household there are chores to be done; this is the way it is for our church 'household', as well. Won't you prayerfully consider how you can help out around the 'House'?
Thank you!!!

- Communion servers / Prep & Clean-up.....Tom Yates / Lee Paver
- Child care / teaching / assistance.....Janet Achin/Jim Adams
- CleaningBob Bell/Kenny Peterson
- Grounds keeping.....Norm Howard