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Pastor's View From The Bay

Zig Ziglar in his book: "Something To Smile About," tells of Wendy Stoeker who as a freshman at the University of Florida placed third in the girls' state diving championship. She also was swimming in the number two spot on the highly competitive Florida swim team and carrying a full academic load. She sounds like a person who has it all together and life has not given her any overwhelming problems.



"you are to give him the name of Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins
 Matthew 1:21

What is interesting about Wendy's success is she has no arms. She enjoys bowling, water-skiing and she can type more than forty- five words a minute. Her secret: She does not focus on what she does not have, but concentrates on using what she does have!

It seems that all of us have a choice of one of two approaches to life. We get to choose. We can either live by faith and function in the power of God's provisions or we can live in fear and dysfunction in the paralysis of being a victim of our problems.

You have no doubt heard the saying: "Life is what you make it". I would like to alter that statement

and say: "Life is what you make it when you have faith". Jesus said: "According to your faith, it will be done to you" (Matthew 9:29). He said those words to two blind men that He healed. His touch and their faith changed their lives and they went and told others about what had happened to them.

As followers of Christ we should be the most hope- filled and expectant people on earth. We have experienced God's presence in our lives by faith. The Bible promises us that, "God is able to do super-abundantly far over and above all that we dare ask or think- - infinitely beyond our highest prayers,

desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams" (Ephesians 3:30 Amplified Translation). God is able to do great things in our lives as we focus on "what we have"; our faith!

Let me ask you: "by your faith in God" what would you like to accomplish this year? Would you make changes in your personal life? Would you like to see changes in your family life? Where would you like to see God work in your life?

Remember: don't focus on your inabilities or the limitations that life has given you nor your failures of the past. Rather focus each day in the coming year on your faith in God. Like the psalmist who wrote: "Morning by morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; morning by morning I lay my request before you and I wait in expectation" (Psalm 5:3). What you see happen in your life this year will be determined by what and Who you focus on!

With love and prayers,
 Pastor Jack Steenbergh



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SAFE HARBOR RETURNS

THE WINTER MONTHS CAN BE A DIFFICULT TIME FOR EVERYONE AND THE TIMES ARE ESPECIALLY TRYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S HOMELESS POPULATION WHICH IS, UNFORTUNATELY, GROWING. SAFE HARBOR PROVIDES EVENING SHELTER AND DINNER AS WELL AS BREAKFAST FOR THOSE IN NEED. BAYVIEW WILL HOST SAFE HARBOR FOR TWO WEEKS THIS WINTER UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MOLLY VANZANDT. SAFE HARBOR BEGINS FEBRUARY 18TH AND RUNS THROUGH MARCH 2ND. HELP IS NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A TASK AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THERE WILL BE SIGN- UP SHEETS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY TO OUR COMMUNITY.



Special points of interest:

- Safe Harbor
- District Superintendent visits
- Upcoming Retreat
- Kids Corner
- Kids Club schedule
- Thank you's



"A Recipe for Friendship"

The BYF Valentine Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 16, at Cracker Barrel at 6 PM. This is for ALL who are 55+ and would like to join us. Even those less than 55 are welcome!

There will be 3 menu selections from which to choose. The cost will be reasonable for the dinners we have served us. If you would like to go, reserve February 16 and watch the bulletin for further announcements in the near future.

Questions? See Vera Pascoe or call her at 943-0804.



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Save-the-Date for Spring Women's Retreat

Next spring's Bayview *Women of Purpose* "Grand and Glorious" retreat will be held May 17-18, 2012, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. We will be joining with the Win-Some Women for this retreat. Featured speakers will be Patsy Clairmont, Sandi Patty and Ken Medema. The cost will be approximately \$130/person depending on scholarship money available. This includes the conference, 3 meals and overnight lodging at the Grand Hotel. What a Deal! The cost of the ferry ride

is also included. Registration forms will be available in January and will be due March 4, 2012.

We are making future plans to revisit Shipshewana for our 10th anniversary of our *Women Of Purpose* retreat in May 2013. We hope you will plan now to be a part of these special times.

For His Purpose,
Louise Holder



Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT VISITS



WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, TOM SCHMIDT VISITING US. HE IS COMING FROM FREMONT, MI TO VISIT WITH US IN THE CLASSIC SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 5TH. COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE WORK HE IS DOING IN THE NORTH MICHIGAN DISTRICT OF THE WESLEYAN CHURCH. HE WILL BE GIVING THE SERMON FOR US, SO COME AND TAKE PART.

Valentine Dinner

Be on the lookout for information about the WLJN Valentine Dinner held annually. We will put information out concerning this amazing event as it becomes available!



Be watching for more information about Kids Hope USA from director, Joy Ziegler, in the near future to see how you can get involved!



Revival Prayer Meeting

Sunday, February 5 at 6 pm there will be a Revival Prayer Meeting. We hope you will join us for a time of prayer and thanksgiving in the sanctuary. Let's ask God to work in our church, in our community and in our lives that we can make a difference for His kingdom in the coming year!

Kid's Corner

The Bayview Kid's are excited to have a space to call their own! Thanks to the work of Molly VanZandt and her band of special helpers the upstairs of Bayview is in the process of being transformed into a vibrant space that the kids can feel at home in. You will see the changes taking place over the winter months. Please thank Molly for this undertaking for our kids. It is a big job and



your support is appreciated!

The Christmas season is behind us now and we are blessed with a new year to show glory and honor to God in all we do. The kids upstairs will continue to explore the truth of God's Word and learn how to dress themselves in His armor, protecting themselves from the fiery arrows of the enemy. We continue our study on the armor of God with a short excursion into the mission field with WKFM the first Sunday of each

month. We will then turn to the 10 Commandments and see how we can apply them to our lives to live the life God has for us.

Take a moment and pray for the kids and when you see them on Sunday morning stop and shake their hand and say "Hi, I'm glad to see you here today!" This goes a long way in making them feel at home here.

-Heather Groves

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Thank You



This morning I heard a message on TV about encouragement. This reminded me of how much it encouraged me knowing friends and church family were praying for with me and for me. God is faithful and has answered many prayers on my behalf. I am slowly gaining strength and hope to

be back in services soon. Only the Lord knows how much prayers are used to encourage the ones we pray for. Blessings to each one who added me in their prayers.

Your prayers are appreciated!

- Ferne White

Thank you to all who are helping with the Community Meals on Fridays from 5-6 p.m. in the gym!

