



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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Today's Scripture Lesson: John
4:23-24: "Seeker Sensitive
Worship"

This Friday the catholic world celebrated the feast-day of Therese of Lisieux. While I support neither veneration of nor prayer to "saints" as they are commonly known, I wonder if there might be anything of encouragement for the broader Church in hearing why someone like Therese remains inspiring. So I listened in on an explanation by Jesuit Matthew Monnig and was so encouraged that I wanted to pass it on here. -LH

Therese of Lisieux, France (1873 – 1897) is known also as the "Little Flower," who discovered her "Little Way" to holiness: to do small tasks with great love. She entered the local Carmelite community, and died 9 years later at a young age 24 of tuberculosis. She said, "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love." We are all called to be set apart unto the Lord, and the Little Way gives us one way to walk in this sanctification, right now, in our own lives. Therese's Little Way is to forget oneself, seeking only to please God and others through small acts of charity and sacrifice. She admired and was attracted to the great saints, missionaries and martyrs, but recognized that her vocation was different. Her vocation was love in simple and humble circumstances.

It is a path to holiness that we can all follow. But its simplicity should not mask its challenge. It is perhaps easier to show love in the dramatic moments of life, which occur rarely and for which we can muster a heroic display of love. Much harder are the mundane moments of life which wear down our patience and grate against our self-love, where love must be shown again and again every day, and many times each day. There is no illusion here: such love requires acting against impatience, annoyance, fatigue, and self-absorption. These little sacrifices are beautiful offerings to God and tremendously pleasing to him when done with love, even more so when they don't come easily. It is something we can begin to do right away.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac A gak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Lord's comfort for King, Chadwell & Pantall families mourning loss of Marie Chadwell
- Pregnancy of Iris Cassidy and Danielle Wood
- Jobs for several seeking work
- Kingdom Influence for "Next Right Step" Ministry
- Blessing of Lord on Jim McAlister's writing project
- Lord's revealing and exposing light for our country's leaders
- Health for Dawn Costello's uncle who has cancer
- Comfort for Kathleen's mother Doris with breast cancer
- Lord's presence with Kathleen's uncle battling cancer
- Lord's encouragement to Schumann Brewer
- Lord's healing grace for Shannon's Arkansas family, Kevin & Hannah
- Release for two missionaries just detained by Sudan government
- Alethea's sister Christa for Lord's strength
- May Frank continue with health and grace in prison work
- Health for Doug's grandmother & Sam's mother
- Cynthia Christy's mother, Carla Large, colon cancer
- Lord to touch the hearts of FH loved ones not knowing Jesus
- Thanks Leah's sister Fran taking short walks and memory improving
- Lord help those with chronic pain in our number
- Lord to show Himself strong to Colby in college
- Lord send your healing help on our families
- Let us be ambassadors of Your grace
- Pour out Your love in our hearts
- Teach us to worship in Spirit and Truth

ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Join us Friday, October 8th for our new monthly "Girls' Night Out"--a time of fellowship, encouragement, and fun!

When: 2nd Friday of the month, 7:00pm

Where: October – Michelle Jordan's house

Bring a snack and games to share!



"Dream"
by Deborah Reeder

Do you recall who is pictured here dreaming? Can you interpret the dream as shown on the wall? What man of God was called in to interpret the dream? See Genesis 41.

Announcement:

Over Sixties Lunch at VanderLinden's Sunday November 7th.

Each Wednesday @ 5pm at the church, the women are studying the book of James. Please let Karen know if you need more information.

Our Shepherds:

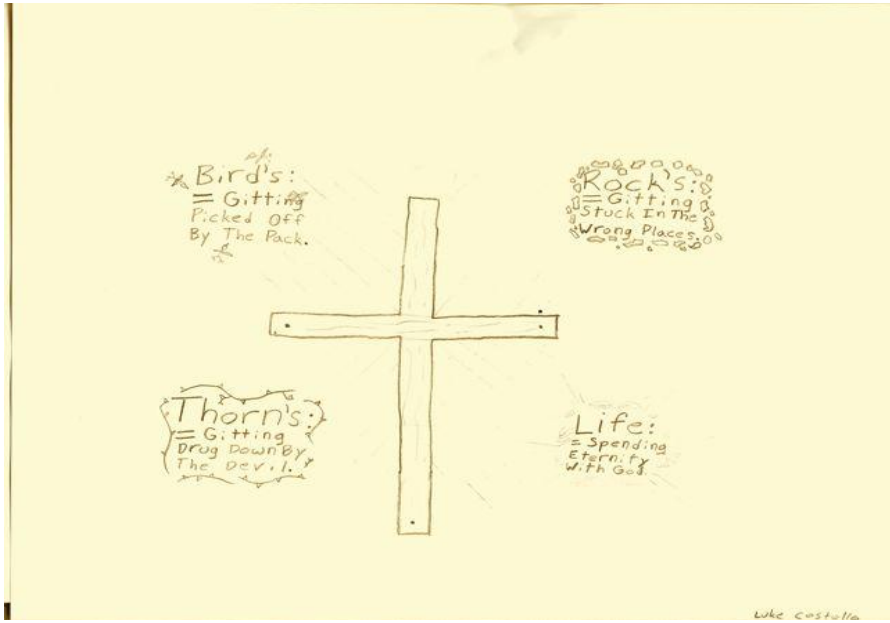
David Boyd, Tim Costello, & Jimmy Garner

-James 5:13-16

Since there was an early Christian civilization east of Jerusalem as we saw last week regarding Ephraem the Syrian, where were its centers of learning? Although seldom mentioned by historians, there were two profoundly influential Christian academies, 1) Just after attending the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, Mar Jacob founded an Syriac academy in Nisibis (S.E. Turkey) where Ephraem became its head and most famous teacher. It is sometimes referred to as the first University, having three departments: Theology, Philosophy, and Medicine. 2) About A.D. 340, Persian King Shapur II founded a royal University at Gundishapur (present-day Iran) with Syriac Christians as faculty. It came to offer training in medicine, theology, philosophy, and science.

What is the significance of these very early Syrian church universities for what became the Muslim World? Quoting a reputable historian, "Eastern Christians dominated the cultural and intellectual life of what was only slowly becoming the "Muslim world," . . . It was Christians ... who preserved and translated the cultural inheritance of the ancient world—the science, philosophy, and medicine—and who transmitted it to centers like Baghdad and Damascus.... Syriac-speaking Christian scholars brought the works of Aristotle to the Muslim world. . . ." (source Philip Jenkins).

Advances in the study of medicine are especially revealing. "The first Arabic-language medical treatise was written by a Christian priest and translated into Arabic by a Jewish doctor in 683. The first hospital was founded in Baghdad during the Abbasid caliphate -- not by a Muslim, but a Nestorian Christian. A pioneering medical school was founded at Gundeshapur in Persia — by Assyrian Christians." (source Robert Spencer) Further, from the eighth century through the eleventh, the Persian family of Ibn Bukhtishu regularly served as physicians to successive caliphs. The father of the family was head of the medical school in Gundishapur until his death in 769. The family name "Bukht Yishu" means "Servant of Jesus." A beautiful tradition of medical witness to the Muslim world.



"Luke's Sower" by Luke Costello

As Luke listened to preaching on the Parable of the Sower, he meditated on the Word and put it into his own words and picture. His taking in the Word and letting it speak is a good example of meditating on the Lord's ways (Psalm 119:15).

FOREST HOME FAMILY CAMPING TRIP

The Forest Home family camping trip is October 22nd-24th! This will be a great opportunity for adults and kids to grow closer and have a great time. It will be at Long Branch Campgrounds in Lancaster TN. Ten campgrounds are already reserved for our body. We only have one site left for someone, please let me know ASAP if you want to come. See Adam Grimenstein for more information.

BOOK CLUB

The only book club where you're not kicked out if you don't read the book. "Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck; Thursday, October 7th, 6:00pm @ Tim



FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT
Our fall women's retreat will be Friday-Sunday, November 19-21 at the Boyds' lake house. Please plan on coming--it will be a great opportunity to grow closer, encourage one another, and learn more of God's Word. See Lisa for more info.

CLASSES AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE @ FOREST HOME:
Classes begin at 9 am. Worship begins at 10 am.
Grades and ages break down as follow:
Pre-K - Kindergarten
1st grade - 4th grade
5th grade and up

2010 Calendar

EACH TUESDAY	6:30 am @ the church, Men's Ministry
EACH WED.	5:00 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
October 7	Book Club 6:30pm @ Tim & Karen's
October 8	"Girl's Night Out" 7pm @ Michelle Jordan's
October 22-24	Forest Home Family Camping Trip
November 7	over sixties lunch @ the VanderLinden's
November 19-21	Fall Women's Retreat @ the Boyd's Lakehouse

...Second coming any day now...

DATE	NURSERY (Infants to 2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER PREP
Oct 3	Kathy Grimenstein	Oct/Nov Boyds	Oct 6 Linda/Lois
Oct 10	Jane Ann Myers	Dec/Jan Christys	Oct 13 Lisa/Dawn
Oct 17	Liz Costello	Feb/Mar Allens	Oct 20 Ocie/Shannon
		Apr/May Grimensteins	Oct 27 Pat/Karen
		(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim G. with questions.	