



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

Send announcements, praises, and prayer requests to: newsletter@foresthomechurch.org



The slave to the compass
has freedom of the seas.
The rest must
sail close
to the
shore.

Adrian Rogers

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Lord's Wisdom & Grace for Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Requesting travel mercies for many on the road
- Lord's healing touch for Jule Meddars; Shannon & Liz' fathers
- Thanks for many being trained by Tommy's Next Right Step ministry
- Lord we ask special grace on our loved ones getting up in age
- Colby and Tanner both soon off to college
- Thanks to the Lord for return of many from their trips
- We ask that our loved ones come to know You
- Bless Lord every member to walk in their giftings
- Lord we pray for the leaders of our country & state
- Grant wisdom for those who lead, teach, help & counsel
- More power, more love, more gratitude in our hearts
- Please continue prayer for Luke G, diagnosed with VSD (a small hole in the heart.)
- Lord may we rise to do your will and finish well

Thomas Brooks is an English Puritan whose works continue in print. His powerful book from 1652 is called, *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices*.

Here is a quote:

Satan loves to sail with the wind, and to suit men's temptations to their conditions and inclinations. If they be in prosperity, he will tempt them to deny God (Proverbs 30:9); if they be in adversity, he will tempt them to distrust God; if their knowledge be weak, he will tempt them to have low thoughts of God; if their conscience be tender, he will tempt to scrupulosity; if large, to carnal security; if bold-spirited, he will tempt to presumption; if timorous, to desperation; if flexible, to inconstancy; if stiff, to impenitency.

Living victoriously isn't your responsibility; it is rather your response to God's ability.
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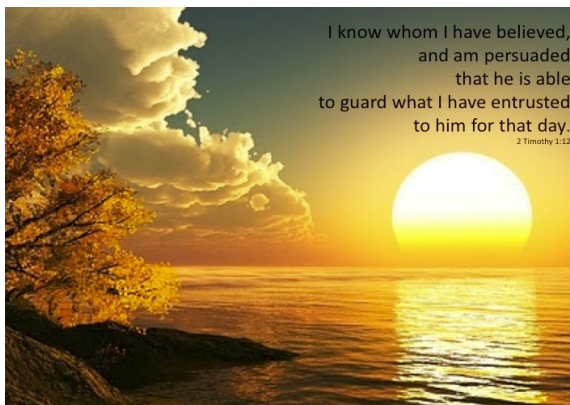
2011 Calendar

- **THIS WED NIGHT - BRANDED for the youth 6pm-7:30pm @ the church**
- **August 5th -6th - YOUTH LOCK-IN @ THE CHURCH**
- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church
Intercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH WED - 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
- Each Last Wed night of the month "Branded" for the youth 6-7:30pm @ church



... **SO THAT NO ADVANTAGE WOULD BE TAKEN OF US BY SATAN, FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS SCHEMES.**

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11



I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.
2 Timothy 1:12

Have You Been Piked?

In the blink of an eye, a rainbow trout found itself in the gullet of a northern pike, one of two kept in an aquarium at the State Department of Fish and Game headquarters in Anchorage. In their four months in the tank, the pair consumed 174 fish and grew three inches. The pike were part of Fish and Game's efforts to educate Alaskans about the damage pike can do to native fish and to encourage them to go pike hunting.

The Pike is so named because of its resemblance to the pike weapon—a long, pointed thrusting spear. This aggressive fish with teeth is the subject of a scientific behavioral study some years ago. Psychologist Gary Carson explains the test and results as follows:

The great northern Pike, taken out of a lake in Minnesota, lay still in the aquarium where he had been placed. The water temperature had been refrigerated to about 55 degrees and other efforts had been made to enable him to acclimate to new conditions. At first shy of light, cameras and other gear present in a laboratory, he eventually seemed to settle down to a normal routine life in the tank. Minnows were introduced into the tank. Being a carnivore, the Pike made short work of the minnows.

Now a large jar was introduced into the tank. Being transparent, the presence of the jar in the tank of water was not discernable to the Pike. Minnows were then introduced into the jar - being separated from the Pike by a protective wall of glass. The Pike approached the minnows cautiously, stalking his prey. In a series of quick movements he made efforts to devour the minnows. In each instance his efforts were fruitless, and in fact painful, as he simply rammed his nose into the glass wall. Having persisted across an interval of time in his effort to attain food, each time with the same results, the Pike seemingly languished into apathy and made no further effort to eat the minnows.

Now what happened when the jar was removed and the minnows were allowed to swim freely about the tank? The Pike was still hungry and must eat to live - yet the minnows could swim under his very nose and he made no effort to eat them. In fact, in the presence of an abundance of food, the Pike starved to death. How come? Was not his natural condition that of a carnivore? Did he not need to eat to live? Was he not hungry? Why then did he starve to death? Because he had been conditioned . . . (1979).

Have you ever been **piked**? It is a much more serious version of being punked—the street / TV “way to describe someone ripping you off, tricking you, teasing you.” Being **Piked** involves what the Apostle Paul identified as the “schemes of Satan” (2 Corinthians 2:11). And awareness of those schemes is a good thing, for **Piking** comes in two ways: 1) the aggressive, in your face vicious attack, and 2) the soft and subtle nudges that *condition* us to think and do what we never dreamed.

I want especially to focus on the second way of being **piked**--conditioning. Of course, not all conditioning is bad, for conditioning can work for the good—that is its intended purpose. But the pike fish in the experiment died by being conditioned over time. Conditioning can definitely be harmful to your health.

In what ways am I being **piked** (conditioned) that I might not be aware of? One of the most powerful **pikes** (conditioners) in my life is television. And who would argue, for instance, the great good that has come from helping folks become more sensitive to important concerns such as racial equality? But along with the good, I sense also being conditioned--getting used to—being desensitized—by tv’s commonly glorifying tragic and death-dealing life-styles. And the list could go on. Ignorance in this case, is neither bliss nor innocence. It is dangerous. Awareness is over half the cure. LH



DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
July 24	Kathy Grimenstein	July D. Costello	July 27 Pizza
July 31	Shannon Whitehead	Aug Garner	Aug 3 Sarah/Kathleen
Aug 7	Lois McAlister	Sept L. McAlister	Aug 10 Liz/Dawn
Aug 14	Mari Ann Farmer	Oct Austin	Aug 17 Linda/Lois
Aug 21	Pat Gil	Nov VanderLinden	Aug 24 Ocie/Shannon
Aug 28	Sam Lamborn	(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.	Aug 31 Pat/Karen