

SONLIFE NEWS

SonLife Community Church

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SonLife goes to Chamberfest Oct. 17-18

Come join us...as our church continues its community relationship building with a table at the Chamberfest in the Centre at Salisbury next Friday and Saturday.

Church members will be at the SonLife table from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday to hand out bags of popcorn and "just to talk with" people who go by and build relationships with them. Donna Digby is heading up the "popcorn team" who will be popping the corn and bagging it on Thursday night and then again on Friday if necessary. She will be working with the Larson Team on that.

Those manning the table will have cards of invitation and information about the church at the table, but it is really just about being there, having fun, and meeting new people. Even sharing a few stories.

The After-Hours program of meeting people started in early October and will continue each month. The program of sending cards to the public will probably start about Oct. 26.

YOU

are wanted!!

SonLife is striving to serve others and to build our church. Please pray about your part in the program and volunteer. You are needed to sign-up for:

1. Multiple two-hour time slots for Chamberfest in the Centre at Salisbury on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18.
2. After Hours open house/ receptions as you can participate. There will be some opportunities each month.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or contact Ann or Jan Wiseman!



What has the rapt attention of Allison Duck and Amanda Digby? Check the other photos on page 3.

Pastor Marshall and Gilda Wise attended the September monthly meeting of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce as part of SonLife's new community relationship building. They were introduced as new members representing the church and Pastor Marshall was asked to give the blessing for the meal. Also, as part of the new program, Glenn and Estrella Knutson attended an After-Hours reception and were both introduced as representing the church.



SonLife women attend Women of Faith Conference in September

This year, 10 SonLife women and two friends had the opportunity to join 17,000 other women at the Women of Faith Conference in Philadelphia. This is always an awesome and inspiring event. It provides time away from our busy lives to focus on God and be reminded of how much He loves us.

The theme of the main event this year was “Infinite Grace” and we definitely experienced God’s grace throughout! We were blessed with the opportunity to worship, listen to and laugh with the speakers, and experience an awesome performance by Nicole C. Mullen. In addition, we had excellent travel weather, great places to eat, and wonderful roommates! This conference always blesses all that attend.

In addition to hearing about God’s love and grace through Biblical teaching, the conference also provides opportunity for fellowship, to get to know one another better and to minister to our sisters in Christ. Some of the “reminders” we heard at the conference were: “Do what you can do and let God do the rest” (Jan Silvius);

“There is so much we do not understand, but God knows! He sees you in the midst of your struggles and longs to hold you and help you through whatever you are going through.” (Patsy Clairmont); “God will never leave you nor forsake you.” If you ever doubt that He is there right beside you, “go to his Word and you will find Him there.” (Marilyn Meberg);

“We often depend on our own strength, but we should do nothing in our own strength. Remember: We can do all things through Christ. We tend to look for God in the big things, but God shows up in the little things, too. If you do things in your own strength, you’ll get cranky!” (Luci Swindoll).

Next year, we will attend the Women of Faith Conference at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC, July 31—Aug. 1. The main theme is “A Grand New Day.”

“Every day God has a fresh batch of mercy ready to pour over your past, problems and disappointments. He never runs short of love for you. Don’t let yesterday get in your way – today is a grand new day!”

Tickets are available and are \$99 each. If you have never attended, why not join us next year! You’ll come back encouraged and spiritually refreshed! See Inge if you are interested.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Every day of the year is a great day to show our pastor that we love him, but this month is a very special time to show our appreciation. This is your opportunity to do something special for Pastor Marshall and/or Gilda.

We all know that they love to go to The Outback Steakhouse, but appreciation can be shown in a wide variety of ways also....a visit, helping with a chore around their home, or taking them on a picnic. This is a time to build our relationships with them.

Help Sponsor a Hope Child through World Vision

The Ladies' Team has a desire to, as a group, sponsor a World Vision Hope Child from an under-developed country. We are giving all ladies from SonLife an opportunity to join us in this sponsorship. If you do, you'll help provide a child and his/her community with things like access to clean water, health care, nutritious food, and education, in addition to visits from loving caregivers and training in life-skills and Christian values.

The total monthly cost for sponsoring a child is \$35; the individual cost will depend on the number of ladies signing up to join in that sponsorship. The estimated individual cost will be \$3-\$5 monthly, to be paid on a monthly basis. The sign-up sheet is on the back table.

For more information, see Inge Frost.

They are listening to an exciting Bible story from Rachel Alexander!

When the youngsters disappear during the message every Sunday morning, this is where they are going. Participating in the discussion with Rachel are Drew Duck (lower left), Joey Choquette, and Drew (lower right) and they are joined by Allison Duck in the top photo.





Members of SonLife's Praise and Worship Team sing praises of the Lord every Sunday. Left to right, they are Gilda Wise on piano, Rhonda Lenehan, Sally Choquette, Ann Wiseman (in back) Estrella Knutson, and Bill Duck on guitar. Not shown are Pastor Marshall Wise on trumpet and Glenn Knutson on drums.

Men's Team

Next Tuesday, Oct. 14th, the Men's Team will be working on gutters at a couple of places, according to Pastor Wise. The men should meet immediately after service on Sunday, Oct. 12, for details.

Christmas Program plans are underway

You will soon hear the sound of "H.A.L.O. is in the Air". The story behind the story is a unique presentation of the Christmas story, taking place at a radio station. And who might our radio host be? None other than Wookie Kreiner!!!

It will be a fun, audience participation kind of evening...with some "new" talent and adventure. Be sure to save the date: Dec. 14th, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Ladies' Team—Winter Retreat on Feb. 27-28

The Ladies Winter Retreat has been scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday, February 27-28. We will return to Janes Island Retreat Center for this awesome experience. ALL LADIES are urged to guard the dates on your calendar so you may be blessed!

Weekly team meetings

One of the strengths of our church is the opportunity to build relationships with each other and the first place that can be done is through the weekly team meetings in a member's home.

Monday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Mattson Team. Contact Christine Mattson at (410) 548-7557 or Lee Still at (410) 742-0675.

Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Wise Team. Contact Pastor Marshall or Gilda Wise at (410) 548-5688.

Thursday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Larson Team. Contact Craig or Linda Larson at (410) 742-5134.

Report from the Peipon's in the Ukraine

Dear Partners and Friends,

Rejoice in what God has done! Last month He brought together medical students and young doctors from all over the Ukraine for an initial conference of Christians in medicine. His Spirit was quite evident within the participants. We expected great things from God and He did not disappoint. Our desire was to encourage, strengthen and challenge this group to begin medical fellowships where they study and work. So, we thank you for your support and prayers in making this happen.

Read what some of the participants said about our time together. "I learned a doctor is the servant of God and should serve with joy." "I want to start a small group very badly in my school." "This has been a blessing for me and as I have talked with others, they say it has been a blessing for them." "It has been a privilege to be a part of this inaugural conference."

With the conference behind us, our attention moved forward to the Eurasian regional meeting of the International Christian Medical Dental Association last month. We will be learning and networking with doctors from all over the former Soviet Union.

This is followed this month by a visit of an American medical team to Lutsk. We will be developing relationships and modeling how Christian doctors approach their work with non-believing health care providers involved in caring for people with disabilities. In addition, we will be encouraging and strengthening believers with lessons learned from the Great Physician reviewing medical case studies from the Bible.



Pastor Marshall Wise during a Sunday sermon.

As always, we could not do what we do without your support. Thank you!

Jim and Marianna Peipon

You may contact the Peipons through International Faith Initiatives, Inc., 5592 Pinecrest Circle, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 14 Men's Team, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17-18 Chamberfest Outreach, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Special Worship Presentation, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 26 Christmas Program rehearsal, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Ladies Team Night, 6:30 p.m.

Remember our students who are away

Valaree Luck is in Pennsylvania in pre-med. You know college students...care packages are always welcome. Her address is:

233 Woodhaven Dr.,
Bridgeville, PA 15017.
vluck@alumni.fandm.edu

Deadline for next newsletter

Nov. 3 is the next deadline. Send your news items and photos to Ann Wiseman at BDenver234@comcast.net.

October and early November anniversaries

- 10/7 Don and Christina Mattson
10/14 Leonard and Jadean Watkinson
10/15 Gary and Lisa Townsend



October and early November birthdays

- 10/08 Keni Luck
10/13 Bob Hastings
10/13 Daniel Mattson
10/16 Valaree Luck
10/18 Sheila Dodson
10/27 Audrey Luck
11/5 George (Wookie) Kreiner
11/7 Linda Larson



If you want to send cards, the addresses are in the latest SonLife directory.

What Jesus Didn't Do...

We always hear the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" (WWJD). Well, this is something I found that tells what Jesus **didn't** do. Read on...

"I once heard a skeptic say that if Jesus really was the Son of God, His sufferings must have been easier to bear. This comment caused me to re-examine the Gospels. While reviewing the incredible things Jesus did and said to accomplish our great salvation, I also noted a number of things Jesus **didn't** do that are equally vital to our salvation:

"Jesus **didn't** demand His own will (Matthew 26:39). He **didn't** call down legions of angels to rescue Him (v. 53). He **didn't** defend Himself or threaten His accusers (27:12-14). He **didn't** come down from the cross (v. 32). He **didn't** stop loving and saving sinners (Luke 23:43).

"The fact that Jesus **could have** done these things intensified His agony and increased the temptation to use His power for His own advantage. But He **didn't**. Instead, He used His power for our benefit! This is described in Hebrews 4:15-16. Jesus suffered temptation the same as we do – except that He **didn't** sin. So He can "sympathize with our weaknesses" (v.15). Therefore, we can approach His throne of grace boldly and obtain His "help in time of need" (v.16).

"Whatever your need is today, Jesus wants you to come and make full use of this privilege.
–JEY

*Though Christ was tempted in all ways,
He did not sin in word or deed;
So now we can approach His throne
For grace to help in time of need. –Sper*