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Heritage Family News



A Community of Faith for the Generations

“HOW CAN WE NOT KNOW? - BY PASTOR MONTY NEWTON

I was summoned to be on call for jury duty on April 19. On the eve of my court date I phoned the Adams County Court to receive instructions for the following day. Previously, my Juror Numbers had been in the range of those excused from duty but this time, I was required to check in with the jury commissioner the next morning.

In the waiting area adjacent to the jury commissioner's office, the potential jurors were all treated to an informative tutorial on the judicial process projected on large screens. And an Adam's County judge also dropped by to encourage us and thank us for serving that day. Eventually we were all called out in groups of twenty to be interviewed for duty on cases pending that morning.

Before we were ushered into the court room we were all asked to complete a questionnaire that included questions about our professions, the profession of our spouse, if we or someone in our family had been charged with a crime, if we had been a victim of a crime or if someone we knew had been a victim, what we did in our spare time, what we read, etc..

Somehow I knew stating my profession would be a problem to either the prosecution or to the defense... I figured one would be concerned that I would be like "sweet Jesus" while the other thought I would be "the wrath of God." (And I was right!)

I was seated as Juror Number 6. The prosecuting attorney asked me if I understood the concept, "Ignorance of the law is not excuse." He then asked me to explain it to the court. When it was the defense attorney's opportunity

to ask questions of potential jurors he reminded me of my earlier explanation regarding ignorance of the law and asked, "Suppose you had been issued a restraining order but you did not know such a restraining order existed and you were arrested when you approached the person who had sought the restraining order, would that be fair?"

I answered that I did not think that was possible because restraining orders have to be served to be in effect... but he persisted and asked, "But what if you did not know there was a restraining order, would that be fair?"

So then I said, "I would not say it was unfair, but I would say that it would be unfortunate." When pressed for an explanation I went on to say that in my life experience I had learned that life is not always fair and it is often unfortunate that we have to be accountable for our actions even if we do not realize what we are doing is wrong... but that's how it is. When it was time to dismiss jurors, I was promptly excused.

So what about this business of ignorance of spiritual truth? If you don't know the truth about God or God's Word or Jesus and eternal life through faith in Christ... is that a valid excuse for not being held accountable for that truth? Can a person stand before God on judgment day and plead "ignorance of the law" and expect to be given a free pass?

Paul spoke to that exact scenario in Romans stating, "...since what may be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world

God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made (creation), so that men are without excuse." Romans 8:18-20

Paul would say that to be ignorant of the truth is most unfortunate because there is no excuse for being ignorant. If we simply open our eyes and look around the evidence is compelling.

We've just come from Easter and the story of the resurrection of Christ and we've heard anew the stories of the post-resurrection encounters when a bunch of people saw the resurrected Christ (See John 20 and I Corinthians 15).

It's May and the earth is springing to life with such beauty and splendor that any observant person would have to ask, "How can we not know?" To not know, is most unfortunate.

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CHILI COOK OFF – APRIL 10, 2011

WELL – WE TRIED! – CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Praise to our Lord and Savior and thanks to everyone for a great Chili Cook Off. Approximately 150 people attended, we added tables and chairs and extended into the café area. There were 21 chili entries, with 5 of those being from the youth. The Men’s Bible Study donated veggies and shredded cheese and the Ladies Bible Study donated desserts and cornbread along with many other individuals who donated chips, cornbread and additional food items. So many stayed to help clean up, it went quickly. The youth and “youngins” helped prepare the food, served punch, watched over the food table to keep it full, manned the ticket table and the final and most important job, helped count the ballots. Okay! YES, Pastor Monty won first place, again, the third year in a row, for his red chili. Well, by two “little ole” points, he won. He accepted his win very graciously and wore his “hot pepper” necklace with pride. Guess we try again next year!

Once again, Heritage shows itself to be a true church family as approximately \$650 was raised for our Youth Group. In addition, several families from the neighborhood attended. While working in the kitchen, the phone rang and the individual wanted to know if it was too late to come to the chili cook-off. Of course it wasn’t, so they came over to eat.

CHILI ENTRIES	
1. Pastor Monty	11. Bea Ottercrans
2. Jim & Gina Coye	12. Ev Schafer
3. Will Schmidt	13. Collin & Judi Gammon
4. Nic Schmidt & Ken Schmidt	14. Stan Haynes
5. Trish & Bill Chandler (Red)	15. Kathy Caldwell
6. Mike Emblar	16. Elaine & Dick Stricker
7. Mikey Thompson, Cheryl & Carol Hadley	17. Bob Leigh
8. Stephanie Howard	18. Tricia & Christabel Carrilla
9. The Walker Family	19. Russ & Lori Helt
10. Trish & Bill Chandler (green)	20. Cindy & Adam Scheich
	21. Paul Ditter

WINNERS	
1 st place - \$25 gift certificate to Amazon.com	
2 nd place - \$15 gift card to Starbucks	
3 rd place - \$10 gift card to Wal Mart	
GREEN CHILI	RED CHILI
1 st –The Walker Family	1 st – Pastor Monty (again)
2 nd – Paul Ditter	2 nd (tie) – Trish & Bill Chandler
3 rd – Stan Haynes	Ev Schafer
	3 rd – Tricia & Christabel Carrilla

Looking forward to 2012.

Kathy Emblar and Sandy Schmidt

For Your Information

General Budget Income And Attendance

**Our Weekly
Requirement for the
2011 Budget is:
\$ 6,153.85**

**March
Average Weekly
Income:
\$ 5,405.45
Average Weekly
Attendance was:
177**

**April
Average Weekly
Income as of 4/17/11:
\$ 6,350.77
Average Weekly
Attendance:
193**

Stephen Ministers are Here to Serve

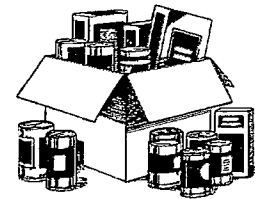
Are you in need...of a caring Christian who will listen, empathize, encourage, pray, provide confidential care, and patiently support you as you work through a crisis or difficult time? OR...do you know someone, perhaps a friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague, or relative who could benefit from this type of care? To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Dinky Leigh at (303)424-8797, or Marilyn Ketterling at (303)659-2910 or (303)915-1335.

Adopt a Staffer

Covenant Heights camp really wants to increase the interaction between churches and camp, and believe that if families in churches would "adopt" a staff member this summer, the relationship would be of great benefit to both sides. Please read about it at (<http://covenantheights.org/SummerCamp/AdoptAStaffer.html>) and let Jesse Bolinder know if you are willing to help promote this opportunity. *This does not require any financial commitment.*

Take a Hike

This is an exciting event for the whole community, families, church groups, etc. It is an opportunity to come to camp for a fun-filled day of hiking, all the while raising much needed fund for their ministry. All hikers will help support camp by raising pledges. This event will help bring more kids to camp on scholarships, allow for refreshed and new activities, and expanded programming options. They are very excited about this event, but need help in getting the word out. You can see it here, [http://covenantheights.org/Events/Take A Hike.html](http://covenantheights.org/Events/TakeA_Hike.html) on their website.



The On-Going Food Drive:

As you are grocery shopping each week, please consider picking up a few extra food items on sale for the Arvada Food Bank. There is a large trunk in the Information Center located in the Bell Tower for collecting donated items.

**Be sure to check out
our web-site:**

heritagecommunity.net

**for current prayer
concerns,
ministries and activities.**

Envelope System:

Heritage has an Envelope System where offerings are recorded and entered weekly in the church computer for those who have requested to be added into the System. **Only those who have been assigned a number and requested to be in the system have their offerings recorded.**

If you would like to be added to the church Envelope System, please call the church office—303-420-6292, and a number will be assigned to you and you will receive your numbered envelopes the following week.

Outreach

Spring Cleaning

Heritage Community Bible Church and
Secret Elementary School
have teamed up for a Yard Cleaning Day at Heritage
on Saturday, May 21st from 10 AM—Noon
Bring you dandelion digger, shovel and rake.
Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Secret and Heritage families are invited to help
Heritage beautify the church grounds.

Firebird 5k/10k

Walk/Run/Bike

Featuring

Special Guest

Apex Bike Riders

Secret Elementary School

Community Garage Sale

Sehwan's PTA Fundraiser

Saturday - Starts at 9am

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\$10 T-shirt

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Annual Yard Sale

Heritage Community Bible Church
Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14
8AM—4 PM

It is that time of the year again when people are Spring-cleaning both the inside and outdoors of their homes. And it's also that time of the year when Explorers is getting ready for their Annual Yard Sale.

This event is always a huge success largely because of the generosity of the people of Heritage and their friends and relatives. We rely totally on your donations. Please keep us in mind for this sale as you are cleaning up your house for any sellable, clean items you no longer want or need.

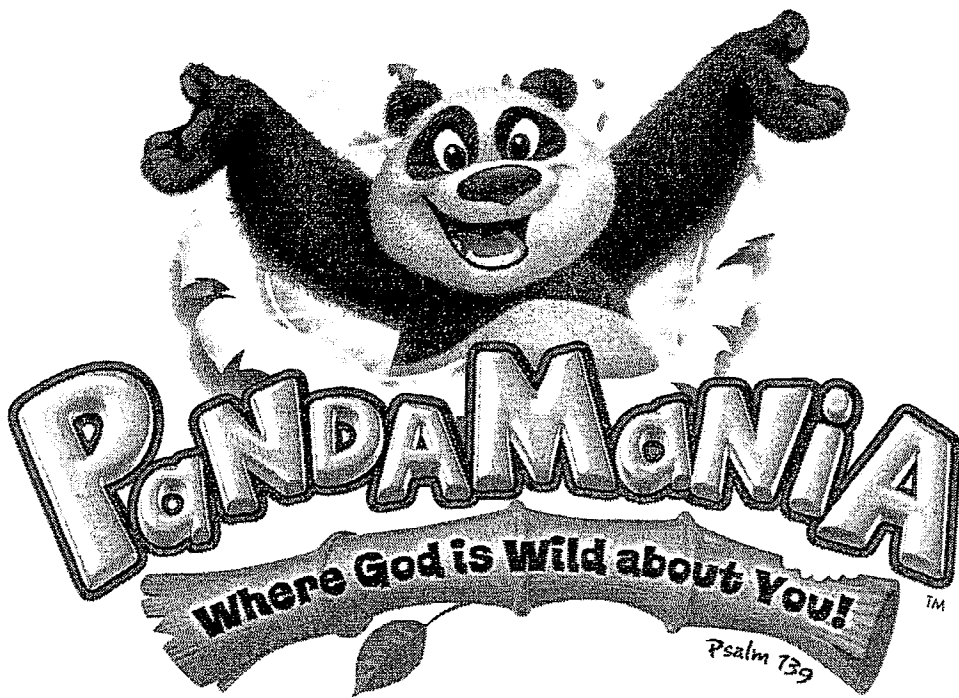
The Gym will be open all day on Wednesday, May 11th and Thursday, May 12th to collect your donations and mark them for the sale.

Please keep in mind items we cannot accept:

**Car Batteries and Tires,
Computer Equipment,
Water Heaters,
Large appliances such as Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, etc.
Microwaves,
Mattress and Box Springs,
Large rolls of carpet
Windows or Doors
Paint and chemicals and pressurized containers
Swings or slide sets
Skis
Construction Material**

Please help us by marking your calendars for this event, and spread the word to your friends, neighbors and family to drop by Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14.

Thank you again for helping us out!!!



Ready for a Wild Adventure?

New friends ▶ Amazing crafts ▶ Wild games
Lip-smacking snacks ▶ Wild Bible adventures ▶ Incredible music

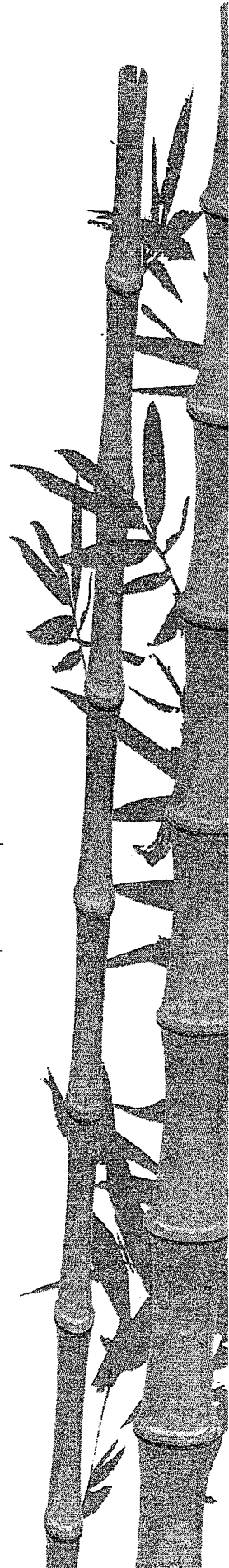
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(church name)

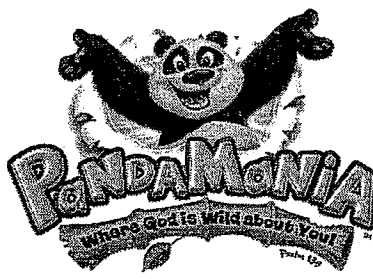
PandaMania will last from: MONDAY, JUNE 20 - THURSDAY, JUNE 23
(VBS dates)

PandaMania fun begins at: 6:30PM
(VBS starting time)

PandaMania fun ends at: 8:45PM
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 303-410-1917- KATHY EMBLER, COORDINATOR
(church phone number)





JUNE 20-23, 2011
6:30PM

VBS is an adventure in serving!

Vacation Bible School depends upon several willing adult and teen volunteers. It's always fun and rewarding!

How can adults help VBS and Young Kids VBS?

No matter what your age, there are many places to serve each and every day. Why volunteer? You will without a doubt:

- make a genuine difference in the lives of the children you meet
- make new friends in our faith community
- have fun and be part of one of the most exciting week of the year in our church

The #1 reason to give the VBS ministry your time: We are created by God and put on earth make His love known to others.

Informational Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:30AM - ASSEMBLY ROOM

*If you have any questions contact Bonnie Newton, Jackie Mills or
Kathy Emblar*

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Sheila Massey, Kavita Daurai - INDIA

"Sheila Massey went to be with the Lord on March 16, 2011. She had a massive heart attack which led her to her eternal home. We know Sheila is celebrating the joy of being in the presence of her Lord whom she so wonderfully and fearlessly proclaimed to the Indian people and everyone she met. We will miss her contagious spirit born out of one who walked so closely in the footsteps of her Master. The funeral service was a beautiful ceremony. Sonny Massey gave his tribute to his sister who had impacted many lives through her selfless service. Her pastor shared from the Word of God and encouraged the congregation. Sheila was a highly respected leader in India."

Chuck & Ginny Lewis - West Virginia

"We had a 'mock' American wedding for our students to share about American customs. There were approximately 110 people including workers. The 'bride and groom' looked great and were really relaxed and the bridesmaids were excited to be in the 'wedding' because they had never had a wedding like this when they were married. The service was very nice and God was uplifted. We concluded with wedding cake and pink punch. The DC trip went well. The cherry blossoms were in full bloom, the weather was good and the trip was safe. The evangelistic program went well and four people prayed to receive Christ."

George & Kathy Schultz - North Carolina

"This is a report on my trip to Africa in January. We were told there were pygmies living in a remote settlement off the Ibenga River. We

had traveled all day and it was nearly dark. We needed a place to stay for the night. Darkness in the rain forest is REALLY dark! You don't want to be caught on the river. We had to paddle into a little settlement off the main channel. They were very excited to see strangers. They carried all our stuff into the village then broke out the drums to sing a welcome song! They cleared a place for us to lay out our sleeping mats and set up our mosquito nets under the clear sky in the forest. There was drumming, music and opportunity for our pygmy evangelists to teach God's word which received a very warm reception. Everyone stopped what they were doing and sat around camp the whole time we were there. They fed us a wonderful meal of plantain, rice and fish cooked in palm oil. We stayed in other unscheduled places as well where we had multiple opportunities to share God's word. Clearly, the Lord was directing our paths even into some difficult places. It was a rich experience to be able to identify with the people. Pygmies are an oppressed people and racially looked down upon by many Congolese. We experienced this first hand where one village chief would not let the ones traveling with us even eat a meal in their village. Nevertheless, the believers among them are excited and very capable in being a part of God's work in this area of the world. The church is alive and well among the pygmies. My travel went well, I stayed healthy and I saw God at work in one of the very remote places of the world. I have a new respect for missionaries who work in these difficult places and for national believers who are doing a powerful work."

Andrew & Laura Barron - CANADA

"Greetings in the name of Y'shua (Jesus) our Messiah! Celebrations

of God's deliverance mark the springtime season, particularly for the Jewish community, with Purim and Passover. Here in Canada we hold Purim events in Toronto and Montreal. My wife, Laura, shares this report: 'We hosted a Purim party in Toronto which drew as many children as adults. They had fun while recounting the way God delivered his people in the book of Esther. We all joyously whirled our graggers (noisemakers) while all dressed up in costumes ranging from kings and queens to ordinary citizens of Persia. The adults challenged their minds with a Bible history trivia quiz while the children played games and made crafts and everyone enjoyed worship and fellowship together'."

Pete & Cindy Ekstrand - AFRICA

"'Do this and you will live' was the theme of our Covenant missionary spiritual retreat in Cameroon in March. Twenty-four Covenant missionaries from four countries across Africa gathered together. I was very encouraged by how God is at work in the Covenant churches in Kenya and Sudan during my trip there in February. We saw great testimonies of courage in Sudan and compassion in Kenya. As we send out this news we will have been in Congo one year. (It feels like just yesterday we were packing for Congo). It has been a very good year for us, both for ministry and personally."

Pray God will grant real WISDOM. Wisdom is needed in dealing with one's spiritual children, fellow missionaries and our own families. Wisdom in speech and actions is important. Incompatibility is easily the mission field's most deadly virus.

James 1:5-6

MAY 2011

Sunday Morning Schedule

9—10:15 AM—Coffee and Fellowship in Heritage Cafe

Worship Service & Classes—10:30

Nursery provided downstairs. Combined Service part of the hour then
Preschool thru 6th grade go downstairs for classes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:30—VBS Mtg.</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>6:30—Youth</p>	2	<p>3 9:30—Ladies Bible 1 PM—Ladies Aid 1 PM—Quilt</p>	4	5 8:30—H.H. Staff	6	7 Sanctuary and Fellowship Room In use
<p>8 MOTHER'S DAY</p>	9	<p>10 9:30—Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilt</p> <p>7 pm— Council Meeting</p>	11 GYM—Yard Sale Donation Drop-offs (all day)	12 8:30—H.H. Staff GYM—Yard Sale Donation Drop-offs (all day)	13 ANNUAL YARD SALE 8 AM—4 PM	14 8 AM— Men's Ministry ANNUAL YARD SALE 8 AM—3 PM
15 6:30—Youth	16	17 9:30—Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilt	18	19 8:30—H.H. Staff Fellowship Room In use (Covenant Heights)	20	21 Heritage / Secret Yard Cleaning Day
22 1-4—Baton In Gym 6:30—Youth	23	24 9:30—Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilt	25	26 8:30—H.H. Staff 1 PM— Pastors' Cluster	27	28
29 Memorial Sunday 1-4—Baton In Gym	30	31 1 PM—Quilt				

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Heritage Café

**Open Sundays
9—10:15 AM**

Join us each and every
Sunday morning for
coffee, goodies and
fellowship in our
café area downstairs.
Everyone is invited!!

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