

June 2011

Heritage Family News



A Community of Faith for the Generations

“MAY 21, 2011” - BY PASTOR MONTY NEWTON

I am writing this on Friday, May 20, 2011. Tomorrow is May 21, 2011 and according to Harold Camping and the Family Radio Christian Network folks, the rapture will sweep the globe, time zone by time zone and the end of world will occur five months later on October 21, 2011.

I grew up in a predominantly pre-millennial rapture culture. In other words, Christ could come to rapture his saints at any moment after which there would be 7 years of tribulation followed by the second coming of Christ and the 1,000 year (millennial) reign of peace... and then heaven. Cynic that I have always been, I took exception and eventually concluded that the rapture and the second coming are one and the same event and will take place after the tribulation and then would follow the millennial reign of Christ. That made me a pre-millennial, post-tribulation rapturist. Not a popular but in my mind both a rational and biblical stance.

There was a second pervasive theological bent as well and that was Arminianism. I did not grow up in a culture or “once saved, always saved.” In fact, in light of the imminent return of Christ and the rapture, one had better be sure to be all prayed up... because if Jesus came to rapture his saints and you have unconfessed and unforgiven sin in your life, you would likely be left behind.

I do not remember a lot of grace. So as a kid I had two fears. (I don't know that that was the intent of my spiritual elders but that's how I felt.)

I was afraid Jesus might come some dark night or some bright morning or some sunny afternoon and I might not have all of my sins confessed and while everyone else went zipping up to meet Jesus in the air, I would

be stuck here on earth to endure the tribulation.

My second fear was much more earthly. I was afraid that the rapture might happen before I was old enough to get a driver's license. I could not fathom going off to heaven where I would be singing in some choir forever, never having gotten to drive a car. Of course, as I grew older I thought of how terrible it would be if the rapture happened before I got married and had kids and ...

Over the years I have become fairly comfortable with the understanding that Christ will come when Christ comes. I believe it will be a complete and total surprise, after all, Jesus said that no one, with the exception of God the Father, knows the day or the hour when it comes to end-time predicting. Matthew 24:36 Plus, I think when Jesus used descriptive language suggesting the coming of Christ would be like a thief coming in the night, he suggested two things. One, thieves do not announce when they are coming. They sneak up and break in. Surprise! And second, since you never know when a thief might sneak up and break in, you would be wise to always be prepared for such an event.

I have become comfortable with a second understanding. That being, God is much more loving and gracious than I was earlier led to believe. I love the passage in I John that states, “And this is the testimony, God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” I John 5:11-13 There is nothing ambiguous or uncertain about the promise of God. God wants

us to be assured of our relationship with him. In other words, if you have Christ you can go to bed at night confident that your eternal destiny is secure in Christ. I like the way an old preacher friend of mine put it many years ago. He said, “I believe in the pan theory. I believe that in the end everything is going to pan out.” I think he's probably right.

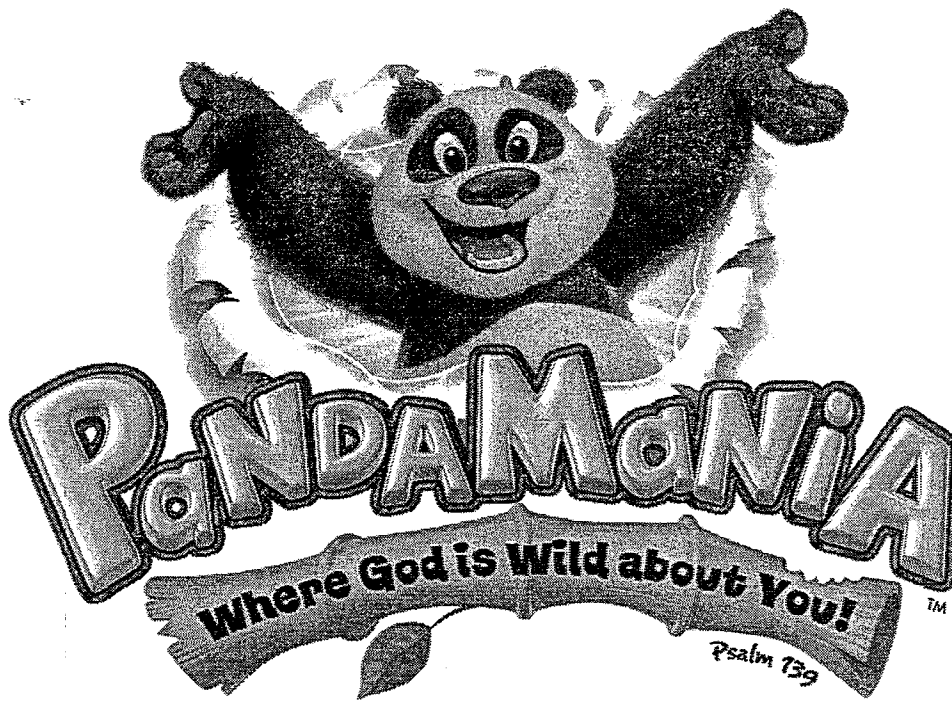
Meanwhile, the watching world becomes increasingly cynical as Chicken Little doom-sayers run through the village shouting, “The sky is falling. The sky is falling.” And not unlike the people in the story of the little boy who cried, “Wolf!” - no one listens anymore.

While Harold Camping and his followers are without doubt sincere they are not taken seriously. Many have spent their life savings for advertising to warn the world of the impending end and the need to turn to Christ for salvation. But rather than inspiring belief they will have inspired doubt and fanned the fires of skepticism.

And that is indeed unfortunate because Jesus' intent is not that we doubt the reality of or dread his coming but that we live in anticipation of his coming. “Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.” Matthew 25:13

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Ready for a Wild Adventure?

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

Location: HERITAGE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
(church name)

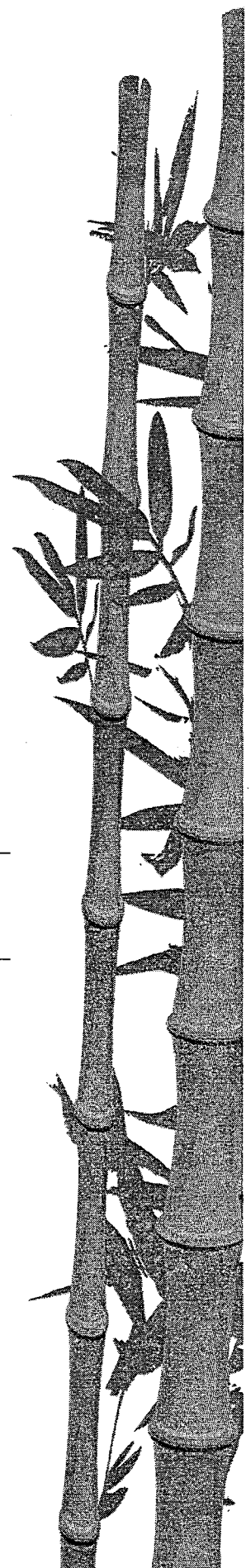
PandaMania will last from: MONDAY, JUNE 20 - THURSDAY, JUNE 23
(VBS dates)

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)

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For Your Information



The Funeral for

**Rachel
Stremel**

was held at Heritage
on Thursday,
April 28, 2011.

General Budget Income And Attendance

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

April
Average Weekly
Income:
\$ 6,136.64
Average Weekly
Attendance:
226

May
Average Weekly
Income as of 5/22/11:
\$ 5,878.75
Average Weekly
Attendance:
184

PandaMania VBS – Ps 139 - Where God is wild about you. A wild celebration of God's unconditional love! Kids discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that He crafted each of us with His own loving hands. All are invited...

Heritage and Community Picnic
Thursday, June 23rd beginning at 5:30pm
Come and Enjoy!
Visit VBS opening's last night as the kids
sing songs learned during the week.



Bible Point: God made you. **Bible Story:** God creates the world. (Genesis 1)
Bible Verse: "Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!" (Psalm 139:14)



Day 2

Bible Point: God listens to you. **Bible Story:** Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal. (1 Kings 18:16-39)
Bible Verse: "You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord." (Psalm 139:4)



Day 3

Bible Point: God watches over you. **Bible Story:** Jonah tries to escape from God. (Jonah 1-3)
Bible Verse: "Even in darkness I cannot hide from you." (Psalm 139:12)



Bible Point: God loves you, no matter what. **Bible Story:** Jesus dies and comes back to life. (Luke 23:1-24:12)
Bible Verse: "Lead me along the path of everlasting life." (Psalm 139:24)

Outreach

Ps 37:5 - Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and He will act.

MISSIONS NEWS:

- Mark your calendar as the Lewis family visits Heritage on July 17.
- Arvada Food Bank: as of May 12th – 275 lbs have been donated. May 2010, Heritage had donated 473 lbs.

Quick Facts from AFB website –

29% of Jefferson County Public School children are on Free and Reduced Lunch.

AFB's Feeding the Future Backpack serves over 1,000 children in 11 schools.

AFB's served 8,930 households representing 32,460 individuals from Oct 2009 through Sept 2010.

Buying Power - Every dollar contributed to the AFB purchases \$2.45 worth of food.

1 in 8 people living in Colorado struggle to put food on the table.

AFB Launches Student Advisory Council – April 18th - We need "Youth Power."



In order to engage the youth of Arvada in serving their community, the AFB launched a Student Advisory Council to discuss community needs and leverage their energy and creativity. Students interested in becoming involved contact Randy Weinert: rweinert@arvadacommunityfoodbank.org

SECRET NEWS:

- **Easter Food Baskets** – With the 18 Easter food baskets for 2011, Heritage has provided a total of 58 food baskets since 2008. The baskets contained a 6 lb ham, scallop potatoes, green beans, corn, fruit cocktail & jello, lemonade and a loaf of bread, as well as the Resurrection plastic eggs, a stuffed animal and Kids Klub craft. Thank you once again for your support.
- **Boulders Moved** - At the April PTA meeting, the Preschool requested that several boulders in their playground area be moved to the front of Secrest. The expense would have been around \$100. Chuck Doeling and his grandsons, Connor & Tanner moved the large rocks on a Saturday, saving the PTA funds for student use. Thank you fellas'.
- **May 7th Car Rally/10K walk/run** - Another successful year. PTA raised approx. \$ 1400 for the school year 2011/2012. Heritage had five volunteers and one volunteer from Sandy's work. Although we were supposed to be on street corners, Arvada High School cheerleaders and girls' volley ball team came to help and they got that duty. We were able to talk with folks, help in various areas as needed and "hang out". Ken, Sandy and Dwight (Sandy's work friend, a jogger) clocked in the runners, walkers and strollers. Altogether, a fun couple of hours.
- **Kindergarten Graduation:** For the last several years, Heritage has supported this event. Judy Meyer and Janet Jacob have participated by getting the cake and punch, serving to the parents, teachers and children. Ann Nuss was involved in years past and LaVerne Bistline helps as well. Thank you ladies!

CONNECTIONS BOARD is available to put any business cards, or news information to be shared with our congregation and any visitors throughout the week. It is in the same place as before, by the kitchen, in the hall on the way to the gym. Please put a date on any item that you tack to the board.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Sue Brodish - Florida

"Our faithful Lord has healed my ankle so that even the doctor marveled. I could not help but say, 'You know, God did that!' Although he warned me to be careful and patient, he said, 'I know you'll be fine.' He knew I was in God's hands. The Lord has helped Mom and I to adjust to living together. We rejoice we have each other and the fellowship in Him. He has given us a wonderful home, for which we are very thankful. He has opened the door to be active in 'Hagen' - a house in our community where people live who no longer can live by themselves. He is providing opportunities to serve Him here in our community and being able to care for my Mom as well. They are getting to know me and I enjoy tickling a smile out of them in one way or another. There is much love needed and I am so thankful that the Lord gives me a supply that is running over to share with them. What a blessing! May God richly bless YOU for making this possible through your prayers and loving support. Both are deeply appreciated! With oodles of love and thanks."

Herman & Lois Buehler - Arizona

"Jesus' trial and triumph inspires us to remain faithful to Him and to the large Micronesian community made up of Kosraens, Pohnpeians and Chuukese. Thus, we continue to use English for our teaching and preaching, which is often translated into Chuukese for our older members. Most of our songs are in Chuukese as many love to sing songs from their home islands. We see individuals and even families experience victory over sin, alcohol, drugs and violence. We are hon-

ored to still be part of this ministry for the Lord! Even the recent global events like earthquakes, tornadoes, wars and international tensions make us realize that they are part of the final phase of world history as the Lord Jesus outlined it in Matthew 24-25. We thank you for your faithful share in this ministry among islanders."

Pete & Cindy Ekstrand - AFRICA

"'Do this and you will live' was the theme of our Covenant missionary spiritual retreat at Kribi, Cameroon. Twenty-four Covenant missionaries from 4 countries across Africa gathered. I was very encouraged by how God is at work in the Covenant churches in Kenya and Sudan during my trip there. I saw great testimonies of courage in Sudan and compassion in Kenya. We have been in Congo one year. (Feels like just yesterday we were packing for Congo.) It has been a very good year for us, both for ministry and personally. We continue to have a deep sense of 'right', that this is the right place for us at this time. PRAY for wisdom as we reflect and review: which things do we need to be more intentional about and which are unreasonable expectations? Your partnership with us through prayer, correspondence and financial support is an important part of that sense of 'right'. Thank you for your commitment to us."

Randy & Cheryl Bevis - THAILAND

"Thank you for your ongoing prayer and financial support of our family and work here in Thailand. We are grateful for your partnership in what God is doing through our ministries to the Thai and expat communities. We pray this brings more of God

into your hearts and lives. May you have abundant occasions for laughter and fun, and a deep knowledge of His presence and faithfulness in the midst of difficulties. With love from Thailand."

Bill & Diane Jerdan - Traveling Missionaries

"We returned from our 7 weeks in Southeast Asia with both our heads and hearts full of new experiences and new relationships. We saw first-hand how national Christians are carrying out creative outreaches that meet some of the desperate human needs of orphans, prisoners, victims of human trafficking, immigrants and other needy people in Cambodia, Nepal and Singapore. They are doing this in spite of few resources and living with the disadvantage, in Cambodia and Nepal, of being a minority religion where the overwhelming majority of the population follows another belief system. Bill traveled around Nepal for one week. The warmth and generous welcome offered by the Nepali Christians was a stark contrast to the grimy living conditions in a country that has not yet joined the ranks of developing nations. He saw a rapidly expanding church movement that baptizes dozens of new converts every month and is actively setting up training programs and constructing new church buildings."

Pray the missionary will have and maintain a CLEAR PICTURE of what is happening on the field. The missionary must not exaggerate "results", nor should he miss a blessing when the Lord sends it. "God, grant the missionary the ability to see the spiritual impact of the Word on lives."

**I Corinthians 2: 10-16,
Colossians 1: 1-8**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Narrow Italic Type—Birthdays</i> Bold Type—Anniversaries</p> <p>We list the people that we currently have updated in the computer. If you have a Birthday or share an Anniversary in June and we did not list you, please call the church office at 303-420-6292.</p>			1	2 <i>Ginny Grady, Muriel Wofford</i> Jim & Gina Coye	3	4 Stan & Barb Minarsky
5 <i>Margaret Arko</i>	6 Will & Jami Schneider	7 <i>Dylan Helt, Gladys Lauver</i>	8 <i>Tony Schmidt</i>	9 Al & Shirley Kincaid	10 <i>Donna Keech</i>	11 <i>Donna Johnson</i>
12 <i>Stan Minarsky</i>	13	14	15 <i>Stan Kahler</i>	16 <i>Alma Green</i>	17 <i>Lucille Warden</i>	18 <i>Bea Ottercrans</i>
19 <i>Pauline Wickman</i>	20	21 Bill & Judy Meyer	22 <i>Madeline Nelson Dan & Sue Bloomdahl and Bill & April Everitt</i>	23	24 <i>David Murdock</i>	25 <i>Drake Wilson</i> George & Cynthia Walker
26	27 <i>Ray Anderson Gerry & Candy Fritzer, Errol & Marilyn Ketterling, Tony & Joann Schmidt</i>	28 <i>Alvera Blackwood</i> Bob & Jean Weaver	29 <i>Myrna Ditter, Breanna Hugg, Florence Wagner</i>	30 <i>Leah Lotz</i>		

JUNE 2011

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Worship Service & Classes— 10:30 AM

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff	3	4 3-6 PM Fellowship Room in use
5	6	7 1 PM—Ladies Aid 1 PM—Quilt	8	9 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff	10	11 10 AM—4 PM Gym in use Explorer Picnic at Heritage
12 PENTECOST SUNDAY (Communion)	13	14 NOODLE DAY 1 PM—Quilt	15	16 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff	17 Assembly Room in use	18 Gym in use all day
19 FATHER'S DAY	20 V.B.S. 6:30-8:45 PM	21 1 PM—Quilt V.B.S. 6:30-8:45 PM	22 V.B.S. 6:30-8:45 PM	23 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff VBS & Community Picnic 5:30—8:45 PM	24	25
26	27	28 1 PM—Quilt 28th-30th Covenant Annual Meeting— Estes Park YMCA	29	30 8:30 AM— H.H. Staff		

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**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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