

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you came to worship God with us this morning! You are our honored guests! If you have any questions or are looking for a church home, then please feel free to talk to us!

You should have received a Visitor's Card when you came in, Please fill it out on both sides and drop the large portion into the collection basket as it comes by! The small portion is yours to keep. Thanks again for being a part of our service today!

-The North Beach Family

Upcoming Events

August 22

4th Sunday p.m. Q&A

August 29

5th Sunday p.m. Special Service

September 5

1st Sunday p.m. Special Service

Scheduled Servants for August 29th

PLEASE: If you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities next week, contact Russ Ward or Joe Lucas.

Duty	AM	PM
1st Prayer	Bob Jobe	5th Sunday Service
Scripture	Jonathan Rodriguez	
Song Leader	Aaron Lumpkin	
Lord's Table	D. Bockmiller, T. Ford, R. Gray, J. Knight, J. Tumlinson, D. Stark, R. Westbrook, D. Harrison	
2nd Prayer	Tim McCarthy	
Closing Prayer	Tom Rutledge	
Building Lock-up	John Ledbetter, Tim McCarthy	

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Our Meeting Times

Sunday: 9 am Bible Class
10 am Worship
5 pm Worship
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Class

North Beach Bulletin

"...make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2

August 22, 2010

THE DIFFICULTY OF INDECISION

Gary Henry

"Therefore He says: 'Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light'" (Ephesians 5:14).

LIKE THOSE WHO LIE IN BED NOT SUMMONING THE WILL TO ARISE, WE SOMETIMES MAKE OUR LIVES MORE DIFFICULT, AND OURSELVES MORE MISERABLE, BY NOT DECIDING WHAT TO DO ABOUT GOD. Shrinking from the difficulty of this great decision, we plunge ourselves into the much greater difficulty of indecision.

It has been said that we face a basic choice in life: either we accept the pain of DISCIPLINE right now, or we suffer the pain of REGRET later on. If we take what seems to be the course of least resistance, ducking our difficult choices when they first come up, what we find in the long run is that our lives sink in a swamp of discouragement and deep sadness. Rather than accumulating a treasury of memories that enrich our later years, we find that we've built a museum of regrets. We live out our last days plagued with the pain of decisions unmade and duty undone. Contrary to the devil's lie, there is nothing easy about laziness. It turns out to be the hardest taskmaster of all. The most troubled person in the world is often the one whose highest aim was to avoid trouble.

There is no use denying that life in the real world makes demands of us, some of which are difficult. If we are to make any worthwhile progress, we must deal with our daily decisions straightforwardly. If they seem difficult this morning, they will seem even more so this afternoon. And by this evening, they may have become practically impossible. Concerning progress, Albert Schweitzer made this observation: "Progress always consists in taking one or

TODAY'S SERMONS:

morning:
"The World's Most Popular Thief"

evening:
4th Sunday Q&A

another of two alternatives, abandoning the attempt to combine them.” The question of our commitment to God is hardly a trivial matter. To delay dealing with this issue is dangerous, and perhaps even disastrous. Do we not see the dishonor that is done to God by our procrastination? If it turns out that God is God and that we are indeed His creatures, we will want to have done more than stagger through life in a stupor. We will want to have lived, and lived decisively.

“I had two wills: one old, one new; one carnal, one spiritual. Their conflict wasted my soul. I was like a sleepy man unable to get up. God convinced me that his words were true, but the only answer I could give was the groggy word: ‘soon’” (Augustine of Hippo).



Q&A: Questions for the fourth Sunday sermon in September can be sent to Steven by e-mail or you can leave them in his box in the church office.

Kids' Corner

F C I A N C C A J G S
 E D O N E O L M S R L
 A T P M K N O U A R O
 R A I L E D S I I E T
 H H A N G E D G D B H
 K T J N J M G I G U E
 C R I M I N A L S K R
 U K P A R A D I S E M
 S A J U S T L Y E D T
 M S C H R I S T S F F
 M P C P N O T H I N G
 R A T I I N D E E D S

In which New Testament passage can we find these words?

PASSAGE:

BIBLE DRILL:
 Older children's classes tonight after the assembly.

CHRIST	COME	CONDEMNATION
CRIMINALS	DEEDS	DONE
FEAR	HANGED	INDEED
JESUS	JUSTLY	KINGDOM
NOTHING	OTHER	PARADISE
RAILED	REBUKED	SAID

“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”
 (James 5:16b)

Let us remember in our prayers this week:

Dawn Baum	Linda Bockmiller
Billy McDoniel	Sonia Rainwater
Martha Crump	Lori Bockmiller's mother
Christine George	Kay Ward's mother
Andria Phillips	Sylvia Slack
Lois Alden	Mattie Dabney
Pat Lee	

Rebecca Zubl has expressed her desire to work and worship with the Christians here at North Beach.

We extend our condolences to **Lavonda Anthony** at the loss of her dear friend **Barbara Puma**.

College Students Away From Home:
 Amanda Daniell, Andrea Johnson, Daniel Weatherholt

Transportation Needs
 Some of our members need rides to the assemblies. Please contact the elders for opportunities to serve.

Scripture Readings	
a.m. <i>Acts 17:10-11</i>	p.m. <i>Romans 12:17-21</i>

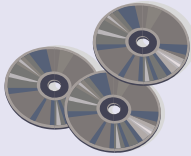


New class sign-up sheets are now in the foyer.



Steven Baxley's office hours this week:
 Mon.-Fri., 8a.m.-2 p.m.
other times by appointment

Sermon Recordings
 If you would like a CD of today's sermons (or any past sermons, including Gospel Meetings), please fill in the information on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. David Eckhardt will make sure you get what you request.



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