



Son Rise Community Church

Sunday, July 31, 2005

This Week's Message Given by Pastor Carl Kadolph

Shoot the Messenger...



"Men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God" (Jn. 3:19-21).

vealed, the reaction is the same. The messenger is shot, because the revealing news he or she brings is not welcome. Prophets are always opposed and persecuted, and sometimes they are killed. The same reaction is even present to a lesser degree amongst those who walk in the light. Sometimes we get too comfortable in our usual ways of doing things and with our inherited patterns of thought, so that we do not like anyone to challenge us to think anew or to look at things from a different perspective. An open investigation in the "light" is sometimes prevented by the kneejerk accusation: "That's liberal" or "That's _____" (fill in the blank as appropriate).

It is for this reason that *Messenger...cont.' on page 3*

Weekly Services & Bible Studies

Sundays, 8:30 AM
Sunday School*

Sundays, 9:30 AM
Worship Service*

Sundays, 5:30 PM
Youth Drama**

Sundays, 6:30 PM
Youth Group**

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night
Bible Study**

1st Sunday of the Month
Communion

*Meeting at The Fit Club,
196 North Industrial Drive
in Orange City

**Meeting in Deltona at
3048 Lynnhaven Street

Missionaries working in a foreign country were attempting to get the natives to practice better sanitation. They showed them some water from a sacred river under a microscope in order to warn them of the filth and disease it contained. The natives responded by stealing the microscope and destroying it.

Whenever the sin of those who love darkness is re-

A Mission Testimony

I want to thank everyone, first and foremost, for the support you gave, that granted me the opportunity to go. It was a blessing in so many ways.

Arizona was amazing, which is an understatement. No pictures or words would do justice to what happened, or what was seen, at Hidden Springs in Arizona. VBS went so well. 37 people accepted Christ and despite the expected problems amongst each other, as individuals and as a team we grew together and learned so much. If I could do it all over again, I would in a heart beat.

We got the opportunity to help an 84 year old woman, Margaret, who still herds her own sheep. Even though she doesn't speak English, we sang for her and she cried and laughed, and enjoyed every moment of it. We helped her clean her house, and she encouraged us, me at least, in a way words cannot express, and didn't.

We helped another woman named Betty, who was so excited by us fixing her window screens. A simple task that touched her heart. Life is full of simple tasks, that if only we took the time to see them and do them, not for self gratification, but do it for God ("what you do to your brother, you do to me"), we would see what life and living really is.

I really cannot put into words what happened during VBS, but it was fantastic.

We got to go to the Grand Canyon, once at Margaret's, because she owns property on the Canyon's edge, and it was breathtaking. Another was at tourist sites. How, when looking at something so majestic, can you deny the presence of a just and loving God?

We got to go to Sliding Rock, a natural water park. Me, AJ, Rochelle and Mike jumped from a cliff about 50 feet high. It was so scary, but a rush. I got a little hurt, but it's the price you pay for getting a thrill. The plane ride home was uneventful, for the exception of the two hour delay in Denver due to weather. But when we got home, the sinking feeling of being home hit me harder than the fall from the cliff. Leaving such beauty and knowing the struggles that come with being as close to God in a world of overwhelming stimulation and the trials that come with living after God in a society that so willingly rejects him for their own independence and self glory, makes it hard to realize the blessings outweigh the tribulations.

I know also that what I left with is so much more than a memory of landscape and a series of events. I left with a closer relationship to God and the members of the team. I left with inexplicable knowledge and hope for the future.

Thank you so much.
Rachel Pierson

Adult Drama Team...

We are currently trying to form an adult drama team for SonRise Community Church. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please see Pastor Carl.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

It's not too late to join us for our Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. We have classes for adults, youth and children. It's a great time for us to come together and grow as a church, as the adults are currently doing the "Your Church Experiencing God Together" study, which is really proving to be an exciting study! Please consider joining us.

Join Us for Our Evolution Bible Study Videos on Wednesday Nights

Don't miss this Wednesday night's Bible Study, as we will be continuing our videos for our Evolution vs. Creationism Bible Study. "Dr. Dino's" got more great interesting facts to throw at us! Be ready for a great lesson. Even if you haven't been coming, this is something that you can join right in!



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I'm Feeling Lucky

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many people rejected Jesus when he appeared in this world, because they were expecting someone different. Some of those who opposed Jesus were doing so from the best of intentions. They thought that they were preserving truth against his innovative error. They refused to admit that their reasoning and cherished positions might be wrong. Therefore, they never gave Jesus a fair hearing.

Part of what it means to be one who "lives by the truth" is to have a willingness to put things to the test, to question, to ask, and to have an open mind. One who "lives by the truth" is not afraid of honest investigation, because that person is not afraid of the "light."

Weekly Offerings

Last Week's Offerings
\$165.00

July Offerings
\$1338.00

Building Fund (to date)
\$385.00

Weekly Sermon Notes



July Birthdays

Sabrina Cuhna (7/7)
Rachel Drake (7/7)
Bill Lester (7/11)

Loren Kraker (7/13)

July Anniversaries

Bill & Nora Lester (7/27)

PRAYER LIST

Please remember to keep the following in your prayers and also check out our Prayer Board online, which is updated on a daily basis for more prayer requests and praise reports!

- Praise: The Mission Team returned safe & sound, with plenty of stories to tell of all the great Navajo people they met or got see again!
- Courtney
- LouAnne
- Randy Miller
- Paul, Carl's cousin in Oregon (lungs)
- Willie Griggs (cancer)
- Tina Weiss
- Peggy (lung cancer)
- The Maxon's
- Nora's mom, Sharon Crawford (health)
- Kelli's mom, Glenda, and Kelli D.
- Betty's daughter, Karen (health)
- Betty's daughter, Carol (health)
- Tina Weiss' Mom
- Judy Woodward
- Chuck & Betty Plank
- Stacy & Lacey and their family
- Kelli's friend, Mary
- Debbie Weston's sister, Rose (health)