



“Blue Mohawks and Lemonade Stands”

In his monthly blog a friend of mine recounts the loaves and fishes story. You remember, the story of the boy who is willing to share his food with a large crowd of people he does not know. He brings his lunch—five really small loaves and two little fish—and gives it to Jesus. It's a fascinating story of selflessness and sharing.

My friend told the loaves and fishes story at a summer day camp he was leading. He put a challenge before the campers. He would get a blue Mohawk haircut if they raised \$1,000 for mission projects that included relief efforts to Chile, feeding hungry people in their own city, and support of summer church camps in Japan. The kids readily accepted the challenge.

What followed was a modern version of the loaves and fishes story. The campers decided to set up neighborhood lemonade stands. One family served lemonade to people in their neighborhood. They raised \$120.

As the deadline neared, my friend's hair seemed safe. Then things begin to change. He writes, *“the floodgates opened or should I say the piggy banks? Kids with smiling faces willingly put money into the*

giant water bottle that held the funds, instead of using the money to buy themselves ice cream.”

The camp concluded with a closing gathering to see if my friend would have to get a haircut. The result: the kids raised \$1,731.94! He writes, *“Can you say blue Mohawk? Can you also say, “mission support?”* The children saw human hurt and human need when they saw the pictures of people devastated by the earthquake in Chile. They responded in love.

A long time ago a miracle started with a young boy's loaves and fishes. It continues today. My friend concludes, *“This week it started with a pitcher, some lemonade mix, a big stirring spoon, and some kids who wanted to help others...and see their pastor sporting a blue Mohawk!”*

May Jesus Christ touch the altruistic spirit within us. May we realize that our generosity can bring about miracle stories each and every day.

—Pastor Tom Bayes

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

“Cry Out”

Matthew 6:5-8 , Psalm 145:13-19

All of us are constantly connected to each other through phone lines, cell phones, email, and social networks. Even when we don't have any of these, we have friends who will come calling on us when they wish to talk or catch up. As we go through life, we also have a constant companion in Jesus Christ. He is with us wherever we are and we never lose the connection with him. Whenever we feel joy. Whenever we feel sadness. Whenever we feel the pain that life all too often brings to our doorstep, he is always there waiting for us to tell him. We can always call on him when we need someone to talk to, a shoulder to rest on, and in our deepest need we can cry out to him and he will always answer.

Music: *“Jesus Is All The World to Me”* — Summer Choir

Greeters: Robert & Lynelle Ryan, Tom & Debbie McGlothlen
Wayne & Diane Nowlan, Bonnie Connett

Welcome Center:
Phil & Mary McAlearney

Flowers on July 11, will be given by Sharon Rees in memory of Dale Rees for their anniversary.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 11

9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m. Music Committee
11:20 a.m. Bible in 90 Days

Monday, July 12

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
11:00 a.m. Heartwarming Hats
1:00 p.m. Prayer Chain

Tuesday, July 13

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
9:00 a.m. RAAV
10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Panera's)
6:30 a.m. Board Meetings
7:00 p.m. Summer Band

Wednesday, July 14

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days

Thursday, July 15

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:00 p.m. Summer Band

Friday, July 16

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
7:00 p.m. Annunciation Youth Group

OUT OF TOWN

Pastors Bayes and Criswell will be out of town July 17-22 for the annual men's fishing trip.

Pastor Grizzard will be out of town July 17-24 attending the Conference for Church Musicians at Green Lake.

In their absence pastoral care will be provided by Reverend Jim Middleton and Tom Tharp, Summer Seminary Intern.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Josephine Smith, Lorey Schlehuder
Louise Heimann, Richard Petroski
Gail Sexton, Don Stoner
Jan Swanson, Sieg Polakow
Bill Pitts, Madelynn Claire Ryan



**Vacation
Bible School
2010**

July 18-22, 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
Open to all children age 5 through 4th grade. Registration forms in Sunday bulletin or at www.fbcpeoria.org, or call the church office..