

There will not be a potluck for this month due to our vacation Bible school and Father's Day.

Due to a lack of helpers our involvement with the Panera Bread program is ending effective today.

Betty Harmon has accepted a new work assignment that will require her to be in Kalamazoo, MI for her Monday-Friday work week until sometime this fall. Please be praying for her safety as she makes this weekly commute.

A Youth Rally will be conducted at the West Side congregation in Yorktown on June 18th-19th. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Some area Christians want to get together for a canoe trip on June 26th. If you wish to go, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

The "family movie night" is scheduled for this Friday, 6:30, at the building.

VBS flyers are on the foyer table; please invite at least one person or family to our vacation Bible school which begins next Sunday (June 13th-17th). The first night of our VBS (Sunday evening) will go from 6:00-8:00. The time for Monday-Thursday will be 6:30-8:30.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Lou Weaver's niece.

Wes Ray, the father of Palmer's son-in-law.

Amanzo Jones is continuing to battle cancer.

Amber Kenyon, Brian's wife.

Paul Smartt, Kathy Allen's cousin, has been diagnosed with acute Leukemia.

Nettie, a friend of Palmers, is in need of our prayers.

Maxine, Stan Palmer's mother, is recovering from a recent fall and surgery.

Mary Wert is having some back problems, and her grandson who is five will require surgery. Her oldest son, Tony, is also having some serious medical problems. Mary has also asked that we pray for her and Norm.

Bessie Bledsoe's daughters, Christie and Elaine, have health problems.

Harold Trout, Marcia's uncle, is extremely ill, and his health is declining.

Rita Farquhaw has asked us to pray for Debbie and Carolyn.

Maxine Gibson's sister is recovering from cancer surgery.

Joan Perrin is suffering the effects of a recent fall.

Lydia Bortrager's nephew is now back home.

Alisa Troyer is hoping a new migraine medication works.

Our Shut-ins: Bill Ackley, Pauline Padgett, Joan Perrin and Jacque Grife.

June 6th, 2010

THE NAME WE WEAR

When the 1960s ended, many hippies moved down the coast to Santa Cruz. They got married and had children. But they didn't name their children Melissa or Brett. People in the mountains around Santa Cruz grew accustomed to their children playing with little Time Warp or Spring Fever. And eventually Moonbeam, Earth, Love and Precious Promise all ended up in public school.

That's when the kindergarten teachers first met Fruit Stand. Every fall, parents applied name tags to their children, kissed them good-bye and sent them off to school on the bus. So it was for Fruit Stand. The teachers thought the boy's name was odd, but they tried to make the best of it.

"Would you like to play with the blocks, Fruit Stand?" they offered.

And later, "Fruit Stand, how about a snack?" He accepted hesitantly. By the end of the day, his name didn't seem much odder than Heather's or Sun Ray's.

At dismissal time, the teachers led the children out to the buses.

"Fruit Stand, do you know which one is your bus?" He didn't answer. That wasn't strange. He hadn't answered them all day. Lots of children are shy on the first day of school. It didn't matter. The teachers had instructed the parents to write the names of their children's bus stop on the reverse side of their name tags. The teacher simply turned over the tag. There, neatly printed, was the word "Anthony."

We often hear folks say, "There's nothing in a name!" But there is very much something in a name. Our name identifies who we are and where we came from (and sometimes where we're going). That's why Abram's name was changed to Abraham ("father of a multitude"), and Simon's to Peter ("the rock").

As Christians, we are proud to wear the name of the one who is our Lord, our Savior and our head.

"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter." (1 Peter 4:14-16)

It truly does make a difference what name we wear. If you don't believe me, just ask Fruit Stand.

-- Alan Smith