



Rain in the Forecast

This past July my family and I went back to Illinois for a week to visit with our extended family and friends. The first night we were there we had the wonderful opportunity to witness a thunderstorm that produced three inches of rain. What an awesome sight to see again; I miss those Midwest storms. The forecast for the Ripon area is calling for rain this week. Here in the Central Valley the thought of three inches of rain is frightening for our farmers, especially during this time of year. I am certain the farmers are hoping that it stays dry for another month so they can finish the harvest.

We can't control the weather and we are at the mercy of God's wonderful creation when it comes to rain. Rain is mentioned many times in the Bible. As I heard the forecast I immediately went to God's Word to search for rain in the Bible. As I searched I came across a devotional by Patty Mason and thought I would share a portion of it with you.

When the heavens open to pour out His rain, it can be a good thing if I let it. As the manna from heaven feeds my weary soul, my hampered life turns into a spiritual garden, a lush green meadow. God promises to send the rains, both autumn and spring rains will come. In every season of life there will be rain. The question is: How will we respond? We can either open wide our mouths to receive what the Lord is pouring over us, or we can take out an umbrella in a poor attempt to stay dry. When the rain comes, let's see it as a good thing. Let's see it as a time of refreshing as His water pours from heaven to feed and nurture our souls. <http://www.christiandevotions.us/2009/10/rain-from-heaven-patty-mason.html> As it rains this fall, let's talk to our children about the manna mentioned in the devotional. Take the opportunity to share with your child the blessings that the Lord has showered on you during your life. Explain to them how He has fed and nurtured your soul during the different seasons of your life. You can start by telling them what a blessing it was for God to bring them into your life. Have a great week and enjoy the rain.

Kerry Manus



Vision Screening: Dr. Hoek will be here this Thursday, October 6, to do vision screening for grades K and 1. On Wednesday, October 12, he will finish up with grades 3 and 5.

Expanding Your Horizons, a conference for 6th- through 12th-grade young women especially interested in possible careers in math, science, or engineering, will be held Saturday, October 22, at the University of the Pacific. A number of 7th- and 8th-grade girls have attended in recent years and found it informational, inspirational, and fun! For more information, request a brochure from Mr. Lemkuil or go online to www.sjev.org.



Ripon Christian School Circle – Please join us for our Fall Welcome Brunch on Friday, October 7! After you bring your kids to school come on over to Almond Valley church (corner of 2nd and Wilma) for this month's breakfast meeting. TRIP will be sold and nursery will be provided. Remember this is a monthly \$50 TRIP drawing for all members present.

Thank you from School Circle for making our fundraiser a success. Congratulations to Jonathan Barnes in 1A and Isabella Salie in KC who sold the highest dollar amounts for Sally Foster and Gold Canyon respectively. Mrs. Kirk's 4A class had the highest dollar amount sold and received a pizza party!



Chapel: This month's topic is *Wisdom – when we wonder about what is important.* The K-8 chapel will be on Tuesday, October 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this week Wednesday, October 5, will be burritos and chips.

Family Fun Festival: Reserve Saturday, October 15 for Ripon Christian's Family Fun Festival from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ripon Christian. This event is for the whole family to enjoy. There will be fun, food and games available.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. ó S. Johnston, T. Spagnola, J. Haugg
Wed. ó W. Bryan, S. Nelson, M. Vrieling
Thurs. ó J. Haugg, H. Wicker, T. Van Vliet
Fri. ó R. Nelson, L. Hicks, A. Henderson
Mon. ó G. Ruther, R. Booth, C. Wilkerson



October Calendar

10/6 Vision screening for K & 1
10/12 Vision screening for 3 & 5
10/12 8th grade Explore Tests
10/13 K-5 Picture Retakes
10/17 Teacher In-Service ó No School



Middle School Volleyball

10/4 7th & 8th gr. girls' volleyball @ home ó 3:30 p.m.
10/6 7th & 8th gr. girls' volleyball @ Prescott ó 3:30 p.m.



Middle School Soccer

10/4 Soccer @ Somerset 4:00 p.m.
10/5 Soccer @ home ó 4:00 p.m.
10/6 Soccer @ home ó 3:30 p.m.

