

NEWS OF NOTE

February 1, 2010
Ripon Christian
Elementary/
Middle School

Just Like Him

Principal's Perch:



The Pastoral Search Committee does not present a happy report, having followed up each suggestion from our membership with reference calls and interviews. A suitable candidate for our church has not been found. The following is a confidential summary of current candidates:

ADAM: He is a good man, but he's had problems with his wife. One reference told us that Adam and Eve walk through the woods in the buff.

NOAH: He pastored for 120 years with no converts. He takes on unrealistic building projects and cannot float a loan with any reputable banking institution.

DEBORAH: She is female.

JONAH: He refused God's call into ministry until he was swallowed by a great fish and spit out on a shore near here. We hung up.

PETER: This man is too blue collar. He shows a bad temper and curses from time to time.

PAUL: He's a fascinating preacher and a power-CEO type. However, he's short on tact, unforgiving of younger ministers, and occasionally preaches all night.

JESUS: He has had popular moments, but once his church grew to 5,000, he managed to offend members, and the church dwindled down to just twelve people. He seldom stays in one place for long, and he's single.

Adapted from a church newsletter entry (author unknown), the above report puts a humorous slant on a serious process—searching for a new leader—something an area church or two and our school are currently undertaking. Please ask God for wisdom on Ripon Christian's behalf as we search for a new superintendent/high school principal.

Mr. DeWeerd

“For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:6, NIV).

Spiritual Emphasis Week

Chapels: We invite you to attend one or more of our chapels held Monday through Thursday in the Performing Arts Center (elementary: 8:30 – 9:10 a.m., middle school: 9:30 – 10:10 a.m., high school: 10:55 a.m. – 12:00). Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the heart of each chapel participant. Friday's service project kick-offs will occur at the same location. Grade 6-12 students will meet from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., and elementary students will meet from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

S.E.W. Devotions: Please make use of the family devotions written by Ruth Van Eyk that will be e-mailed to you.

S.E.W. Service Projects: American soldier care package items may be placed in an office collection box. An items list was sent home with students last Friday. You can also access the list by visiting www.reschools.com and clicking on the Spiritual Emphasis Week link. Anyone wanting to donate used jeans may bring them to school through February 11. The pants will be either sent to Haiti or distributed to local homeless.



Taste Worship: We would like to encourage families to attend *Taste Worship* this Thursday evening with worship leader Peder Eide from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Come and enjoy an interactive evening experiencing a fresh approach to family ministry. Worship is not just something that happens at church, but something families can experience together in their everyday lives! Please remember to pick up your free tickets in one of the school offices.

Hot lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, February 3, is burritos and chips.

TRIP: Just a reminder that TRIP will be sold in the PAC foyer this Friday, February 5, since there is not a Christian School Circle meeting this month. Anyone who purchases this week will be automatically entered into the Valentine drawing. The drawing will take place at half time of the boys' varsity basketball game on the 5th. We will sell scrip that evening prior to the varsity game. Some of the prizes include gift cards to:

- Olive Garden/Red Lobster
- Ace Hardware
- Friends Salon
- Floral arrangement from Main Street Floral
- Starbucks

If you have any questions, please contact Doreen at 599-6351.

Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – K. Roland, F. Larson, D. Gerdes
Wed. – J. Silveira, K. Clark, M. Vrieling
Thurs. – R. Alger, A. Van Elderen
Fri. – L. Swartz, R. Nelson
Mon. – M. Petlansky, T. O'Neal, D. Mensonides



February Calendar

2/1 – 2/5 Spiritual Emphasis Week
2/12 Teacher in-service – No School
2/15 President's Day – No School



Middle School Sports

2/1 7th & 8th grade boys' BB @ home -- 4:30 p.m.
2/1 6th grade boys' BB @ home-- 3:30 p.m.
2/2 7th & 8th grade boys' BB @ Colony Oak -- 3:45 p.m.
2/4 6th grade boys' BB @ Hart Ransom -- 3:30 p.m.
2/4 7th & 8th grade boys BB @ home -- 3:30 p.m.