

because it doesn't go through one of the regular church channels. That is sad. And I shamefully admit that I have been guilty of making individuals feel like they were doing something wrong or at least inferior

because they were serving/giving through non "official channels". The good news is, in their hearts they know better. They realize that they don't have enough time, energy and money to do what they know God wants them to do privately and still participate with one of the more visible venues.

This is part of what Paul was addressing in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, when he said: "4

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

While it is good to have some organized opportunities for service available, let us always rejoice over and encourage those who don't require such devices or maybe just feel more certain of their motives by serving in secret.

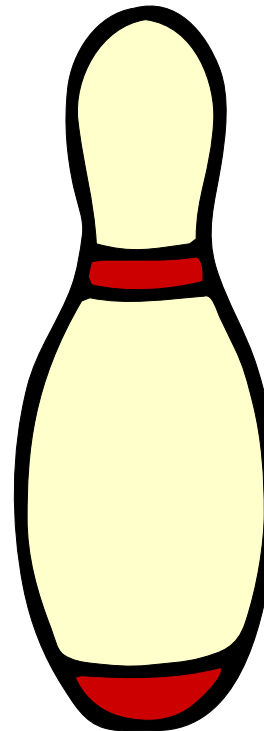
Partners in Grace,
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There will be a longer shower for the soon to be wed red head and his beautiful bride to be on April 26th immediately following worship services. Please bring sandwiches, salads and desserts. Ryan and Jess are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target and WalMart.

Bowling at Enterprise Lanes on Thursdays

There is fun to be had every Thursday night. A bunch of folks get together and bowl a couple of games. There are men, women, children and we even have a blind lady (who beats us on a pretty regular basis)! All you have to do is show up and we will put you on a lane. The cost is \$6 per person. This includes your shoe rental and 2 games. Look for us on lanes 1-5.



Are you interested in teaching? We could use your help. If you would like to work with kids 2nd - 5th grade then you are the one we're looking for. See Dave Hibner or Ryan Clements for more information.

Michael announced that he will be leaving his position at Parkview in September. Please pray for him as he embarks on his new career in special education.



NOTICE:
THE OFFICE IS NOW OPEN ON FRIDAY.

Debbie's day off is Wednesday.

PARKVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2009

Secret Service...

Matthew 6:1 (NLT)

“Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. I’ve got to tell you I have been so blessed to see this passage lived out within this congregation.

In my visits and conversations I have come to discover many people are actively serving and giving in the name of Christ, and possibly, no one else in the congregation will ever know. Why? Because they’re doing these acts of righteousness, quietly, not with a ministry team, or in an organized group. They are simply spending huge amounts of time, energy and sometimes money shining Christ’s light into the lives of others. As I’ve visited with one such person today I discovered that sometimes they are made to feel like their service doesn’t really count,

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Birthdays

April Birthdays

2 Georgia Hilton
5 Jean Wilder
7 Louise Moore
Dave Hibner
8 Irene Rusher
Art Peine
10 Cody Smith
15 Melissa Hoover
17 Deacon Daugherty
Aaron Smith
18 Elizabeth Weber
19 Lee Jordan
David Embree
21 Terry McAllister
25 Elijah Meadows
27 Juanita McDaniel
Ellie Smith

May Birthdays

3 Jeannie Smith
6 Angelina Thomas
8 Renee Temple
10 John Pruett
Sharon Barnett
13 Teresa Flatness
14 Claudia Burtin
Betty Rose
15 Ryan Clements
19 Bonnie Dean
20 AJ Workman
25 Doris Wolfe
28 Joyce Ferguson
Margaret Marshall
Jessica Lewis
29 Stewart Flatness
31 Paige Quinones

The 80's Ladies Luncheon had to be rescheduled due to the threat of snowy weather. The new date is May 3rd

Bike Rides In April

**TUESDAYS
6 PM**

**7th-SouthCreek
(National & Sunset)
14th-Sequiota Park
21st-SouthCreek
28th-Sequiota Park**

**SATURDAYS
10 AM**

**11th-Ridgeback
(Braums in Nixa)
18th-Tour De Tick
(You must register)
25th-Strafford
(LeCompte Rd,
DeWitt Associate)**



**COMING MAY 8TH & 9TH!
TULSA, OKLAHOMA RIDE
THEY HAVE MILES OF GREENWAY TRAILS.
WE WILL GO ON FRIDAY AND COME BACK
SATURDAY NIGHT.**