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## How is your eyesight?

When I was a kid I never thought I would be wearing glasses. However, as time played its toll on me my eyes started to weaken and, well, I wear glasses now. It's not that I can't see without them, I can, but when it comes to details I have trouble focusing in on them. However, with my glasses I can see a fly sneezing across the road from my office. Okay, I exaggerated here some. Point is I can see extremely well with my glasses on (15-20).

For years people have used the aid of glasses to gain better vision. Without clear vision a person misses so much in life – purity of color, crispness of detail, even direction. I recall traveling one year when we were driving through St. Louis. I could see the signs ahead but I just couldn't read them. You guessed it! I missed my

exit and had to make a u-turn. To do that I had to take the next exit, travel under the road I was just on and merge back onto the road I had just come off of going the opposite direction.

Recently, this happened to me again even with my glasses on. I was traveling through Cleveland this time but depending on a GPS (Globe Positioning Satellite). The voice said to stay right and I did but stayed a little too far right and ended up off the road in the middle of town not having a clue on how to get back on the main road. The voice of the GPS said, "Recalculating" and before I realized what was happening I was being instructed on how to get back on track. I really didn't need any vision here.

Wouldn't it be nice if life would be that easy? Lost vision resulting in a loss of direc-

tion and the big GPS in the sky shouting down directions on how we can get back on track. God has given us a vision and direction, but at times this becomes blurred. Life's struggles start to consume us, and what used to be clear is no longer. Life can be made easier, if we are willing to listen. God has given us a guidebook for life (the Bible), He whispers in our ears (prayer and the Holy Spirit), and He brings people into our lives to help guide and direct us. He has done this for me and He will do it for you, if you are willing to listen.

I am praying that God gives me (us) a clear vision and direction for His church (NHCC). I would ask you to do the same, and I pray we are all willing to listen.

Pastor Marvin



## Worship & Music

### Pastor Marvin's Upcoming Sermon Topics

**July 4th** – “Handcuffed”  
John 8:31-41

**July 11th** – “When Life Stops - Facing Reality” Ruth 1

**July 18th** – “Sweaty Love - Starting Fresh” Ruth 2

**July 25th** – “Careless Sleepovers - Pursuing Safety” Ruth 3

## July Helpers

### First Service

**July 4th** – Jerrold Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Martha Baltzell, Margie Sill, Larry Worden and Ed Garver

**July 11th** – Jami Pontlser, Rod Heiser, Jan Heiser, Bill Miller and

Rob Hoehamer

**July 18th** – Jerrold & Sue Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Ralph & Susan Moeller and Ed Garver

**July 25th** – Jerry & Connie Sell, Bill Miller and Jerry Sill

### Second Service

**July 4th** – Mike & Candy Weitz, Adam & Lisa Williams, Bob Schumm and Jim Sager

**July 11th** – same as first service

**July 18th** – Rob Hoehamer, Bob Schumm, Sharon Davis, Tom & Shirley Pryer and Jim Sager

**July 25th** – same as first service

### July Birthdays!!!

3rd - Blake King  
4th - Margie Sill  
Rick Schleucher  
5th - Larry Worden  
6th - Annette Felver  
7th - Todd Williams  
8th - Jill Williams  
11th - Sharon Davis  
15th - Pam Meyer  
16th - Florence Finch  
Connie Sell  
20th - Crysti Hoehamer  
Ken Miller  
22nd - Chase Tinnel  
24th - Raya Beerbower  
Graham Gower  
Betty Houser  
25th - Caden Slusher  
30th - Rylan Heiser  
Rod Heiser  
31st - Mike Gauser

## Christian Education

Our Sunday morning Bible Travelers (children 1st-5th grades) have begun their journey through the Bible. Remember, everyone needs to bring his/her Bible. We're having fun and learning - please come join us!



### Vacation Bible School

“High Seas Expedition” is sure to be a hit with the children of the Rockford area. The Rockford Community Bible School for 2010, will take place July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:30 here. Leaders will present Bible lessons, coordinated crafts, recreation, and snacks for all the children to enjoy. Registration forms are on the little table at the doors as you come in.

### 9:30 Service Nursery

**July 4th** – Linda Schwartz, Shirley Pryer  
**July 11th** – Janice & Andrew Peel  
**July 18th** – Laura & Jenna Schleucher  
**July 25th** – Katy Sill, Jane Smith

### 11:00 Service Nursery

**July 4th** – Donna Riley, Reagan Bransteter  
**July 11th** – Lorie Beerbower, Youth Helper  
**July 18th** – Julie Long, Bridget Brogan  
**July 25th** – Pam & Madison Meyer

**Clean Nursery Toys & Lins** – Barb Schumm

## Cookbook Fundraiser

On behalf of the campers, we want to say a big thank you to everyone who has submitted recipes for the church cookbook. We have received 135 so far!! In order to achieve a cookbook that you will be excited to buy, proud to give as gifts, and eager to pass down, our goal is to receive at least 300-350 recipes. Please continue to sift through your recipes and submit all of your favorites to the church office by July 25th. Recipes can be submitted in any form, handwritten, photocopies, etc, just

remember to include your name. Thank you again for contributing to our church camp fundraiser so that we can keep camp affordable for everyone!!!



## God's Work Continues in Haiti

*Brittney Clark, who works with our food programs, blogs about our ongoing efforts in H a i t i .*

We just had our weekly staff meeting, and here are some of the highlights (excuse me for bragging, but what Samaritan's Purse is doing here is just too good not to share!):

**SHELTER:** To date, we have put up about 1,060 shelters. That is only slightly less than other NGOs have put up in Haiti—combined! In fact, Samaritan's Purse was asked to give a presentation on what they are doing, so that other NGOs can start putting up shelters faster. Soon, SP expects to be constructing 100 shelters per day!

**RUBBLE REMOVAL:** The rubble removal team has moved something like 300,000 metric

tons to date, and they are being approached by organizations all over the place who are asking us to do more. These guys are good too—they can pull down a wall that is literally touching another wall without bringing them both down

They're not tearing down buildings so much as clearing the way for reconstruction to start, which is such a cool thing! And it's important to get these buildings down so they don't hurt more people when they do decide to fall.

**FOOD:** This week, we have served over 100 metric tons of food in eight different villages. Here's a cool story. The other day we found out that the staging area for the distributions was at the base of a tree that a voodoo

witch doctor used as his sacred tree. For three days, we not only prayed under it but proclaimed the Gospel, and showed people the love of Christ through a month's ration of food. Apparently the guy was pretty upset, but people had at least heard the truth proclaimed under the center of his little worship a r e a .

May God get the glory and the honor for all the work being done here in Haiti!

