



Sizzlin' Summer Shenanigans

It's All About WHO You Know

—Kristin Warthen



Recently, my mind has been awash with thoughts about the love of God. I know, we talk about the love of God all of the time at church. It's what we do, right?

The other day, though, I ran across a quote I wrote in my Bible that made me think about the time we spend with God, the time we spend listening to Him and what He has to say about our lives.

There, written in the back of my Bible, is a reminder of a harsh truth many Christians face: "We know more about the love of God than we do about the God who loves us."

It occurs to me how true this statement tends to be, even, and perhaps especially, in my own life. It is simple for us to talk about the love of God. We know about the love of God. We know He created the Heaven and the Earth. We know He sent His son to die so that we might be saved. We know Christ rose from the dead. We know that God loves us enough to allow us the freedom to choose or reject him.

But what do we know of God Himself? What do we know of His will for our lives? What do we know of His heart's desire?

In the hullabaloo that is life, we tend to push God off to the backburner. We "don't have time" to read our Bible's or pray.

We forget.

God reminds us in his word, however, that we should seek FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). We should build our relationship with the Lord up through prayer and reading His word.

That said, I challenge you to take the time this summer to put down the remote, the video game controller and the cell phone to spend a few minutes each day with the God whose love we know so much about, and get to know the God of this love.

MAYhem!!

Don't forget about the rest of our MAYhem!

May 21st: We are ALL invited to join the confirmation class at Beth El. We'll leave the church at 6:30 pm and return at approximately 9:00 pm.

May 22nd: Come get your NERD on with us at Movie Madness! We'll be watching Napoleon Dynamite and playing some more Minute to Win It for paintball prizes! 7:30-10:30 Saturday night.

May 23rd: Join us for breakfast with the 2010 confirmation class and 2010 high school graduates as we celebrate the beginnings of two very special journeys: the journey of faith for our confirmands and the journey of independence and adulthood for our graduates. Come celebrate with us!
9:45 a.m.

May 26th: PAINTBALL WAIVERS AND MONEY DUE!

May 29th: Paintball at DFW Adventure Park (\$32.00). We will LEAVE the church at 12:30. Eat lunch before meeting at the church. We will return by 7:30.

May 30th: Fifth Sunday! Youth will serve as liturgists and ushers. Joseph Hood will serve as liturgist.

May 30th: CTCYM Q&A Session. LAST CHANCE to turn in money and paperwork before you are cut from the trip.

June 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>7:30 p.m. Church-wide Movie Night Under The Stars</i> | 5 |
| 6 <i>9:45 God Squad 4:00 Youth Commissioning Service</i> | 7 <i>Boswell Graduation</i> | 8 <i>Saginaw Graduation</i> | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 <i>8:30 Church Commission for Sr. High 9:45 God Squad 5:00 SNL/UMYF</i> | 14 <i>Senior</i> | 15 <i>High</i> | 16 <i>CTCYM</i> | 17 <i>Mission</i> | 18 <i>Trip</i> | 19 <i>To Oklahoma</i> |
| 20 <i>9:45 God Squad Happy Father's Day!</i> | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 <i>8:30 a.m. Celebrate Freedom!!</i> |
| 27 <i>9:45 God Squad 11:00 Testimony Time @ Worship 5:00 VBS</i> | 28 <i>6:00-8:30 VBS</i> | 29 <i>6:00-8:30 VBS</i> | 30 <i>6:00-8:30 VBS</i> | | | |
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July 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 6:00-8:30 VBS | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:45 God Squad RED, WHITE, BLUE and YOU! | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 9:30 Hurricane Harbor | 10 |
| 11 9:45 God Squad 3:00 Praise Band 5:00 SNL/ | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:45 God Squad 5:00 SNL/ UMYF Junior | 19 High | 20 Mission | 21 Trip | 22 To | 23 Central Texas | 24 |
| 25 9:45 God Squad 5:00 SNL/ UMYF | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 7:30-10:30 Movie Madness | 31 |
| Coming | Up In | August: | 4th: Youth Council Meeting | 20th: Fall Kick-off Lock-In | 29th: Youth Sunday | |

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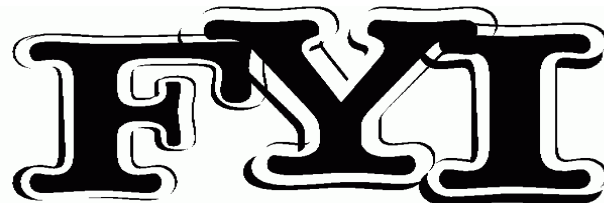
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