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"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (NRSV) Philippians 1:6

Being the lectionary rebel that I often am, we, at Third Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, have started the year off with a study of the book of Ruth. While I was preparing my sermon on whether the meeting of Ruth and Boaz in chapter two was coincidence or God's providence, I came across this story on sermoncentral.com.

In 1858 a Sunday School teacher, Mr. Kimball, led a Boston shoe clerk to give his life to Jesus Christ. The clerk was Dwight L. Moody who became an evangelist. In England in 1879 the heart of a pastor named F.B. Meyer was set on fire by Moody. Meyer later came to an American college campus where under his preaching a student by the name of Wilbur Chapman accepted Christ. During his ministry with the YMCA, Chapman employed a former baseball player named Billy Sunday to do evangelistic work. As a part of this ministry, Billy Sunday held a revival in Charlotte, North Carolina. Because the revival stirred the hearts of many, some 30 business men wanted to devote themselves to a day of prayer for Charlotte. In May of 1934 a farmer lent the men some land to use for their prayer meeting. The leader of the business men, Vernon Patterson prayed, "Out of Charlotte the Lord would raise up someone to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth." The business men then called for another evangelistic meeting asking Mordecai Ham, a fiery Southern evangelist, to come and shatter the complacency of church-going Charlotte. The farmer who lent his land for the prayer meeting was Franklin Graham and his son Billy became a Christian during the meeting. Who would have ever dreamed or imagined that because a Sunday School teacher told a young man about Jesus in 1858 it would turn out the likes of Billy Graham? We may not have, but God did.

God's fingerprints are all over this world and our lives. Isn't it interesting that the God who can move mountains, raise people from the dead, heal the sick and lame, give sight to the blind, provide miraculous feedings, and raise His own Son from the dead, chooses to do most of His work in the quiet, very normal everyday events and happenings? God is always at work around us, even when we do not see him working.

As we move into this new year and new decade, remember that God's hand is upon your work and the ministry of your congregation. It's possible that God is even now doing work in your congregations that could one day lead to the next Billy Graham. Or God may be working through your congregation to not only change the life of one small child today, but the life of her grandchildren forty years down the road. What may seem to us like routine ministry may be the very thing that God is using to change a heart and a life. As we enter 2010 may we once again offer up our lives and hearts to God trusting that He will work through us this year for the glory of His Kingdom.

Have a very blessed New Year.

General Assembly Mission Council seeks experienced marketing manager

Have you ever thought about working for the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? A position is now open for "associate for Mission Communications." This position will develop and execute communication strategies, plans, messages and materials for key constituents, and will help develop and communicate compelling stories of mission and ministry. A bachelor's degree is required; master's degree is preferred. The successful candidate will have five to seven years of integrated marketing/communications experience and should be comfortable working in the language and environment of faith.

<http://www.mycareernetwork.com/clientResumeMgr/jobDetails.asp?jid=86769&cid=803>

Calling all shutterbugs!

Get out your cameras and your creativity. *Presbyterians Today* invites readers to submit photos inspired by the theme of the upcoming 2010 General Assembly:



"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Photos will be judged on quality, originality and the extent to which they convey the theme. Winning photos will be published in the June/July issue of *Presbyterians Today*. The deadline for all entries is March 1; <http://www.pcusa.org/today/featured-story3.htm>



ANNUAL PACKETS materials are due to the presbytery office **January 29, 2010**

Clerk's Annual Questionnaire and Annual Statistical Report are done **on-line!** If you are responsible for your packet and haven't seen it, check with your pastor. If you have questions or need assistance, call Kay at the Presbytery office.



Presbytery meeting is
Saturday Feb. 6, 2010 9:30
AM First Presbyterian
Church Vail IA.

***In case of inclement weather,
please check website or call ahead
for instructions.



The Kings live at
Marshalltown, Iowa,
where Richard serves as
head of staff at the First
Presbyterian Church.
Valerie is a self-employed
graphic designer and choir
and bell director.
Their children, ages 6 to
14, are active in both
music and sports activities.

LEADERSHIP: RICHARD & VALERIE KING FAMILY

Family Winter Getaway



Meals: Adults: \$33;
Youth 10 & Older: \$26
Ages 4-9: \$19; No charge 3 & under.
Non-refundable registration by February 1, 2010

Here's a great mini vacation package for families of all configurations—parents, children, singles, and extended families! Your getaway enables family members to enjoy each other at beautiful West Lake Okoboji in its pristine winter setting. Enjoy the comfort of the new Lakeview Lodge guest rooms and the famous lodge dining room, serving buffet-style meals with great home cooking.

Daytime family snow adventures offer ice fishing and snow fun on beautiful Millers Bay or inner tubing at Horseshoe Bend County Park where there is a warming house and tow ropes to pull you back up the steep hill. If you have snow shoes or cross country skis, bring them along. Your body will have fun, your soul will rest, and your mind will engage in the timeless truths of God's Word.

In the evening there will be planned get-together times. The King family is planning great praise music, family games, movies, and worship. The comfortable Great Hall setting around a blazing fireplace will warm your body and spirit.

REGISTRATION FORM:

Lakeview Lodge guest rooms have two beds and a private bath (shared room furnished with bedding and linens.) Fees include the costs of housing, meals, and program. Send non-refundable checks payable for full amount of event to: Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji; 1864 Hwy. 86; Milford, IA 51351, (712) 337-3313; Fax: (712) 337-0104; email: info@presbycamp.org.

Name/s: _____

List children's names and ages: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

WWW.PROSPECTHILLPRESBY.ORG

For Triennium details and
registration!



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Dear Parents and Youth:

Happy New Year! Although summer and Triennium seem a long time away it will be here before we know it. We are excited to have 22 youth from our presbytery who have expressed interest in triennium so far.

With this letter you will find the Triennium registration form which needs to be filled out and returned to the presbytery office with a non-refundable \$100 deposit no later than Friday, February 19th. After Wednesday, February 23rd anyone who is registered for Triennium with the presbytery will be responsible for the full cost of Triennium. Should you need to cancel for any reason, you will still be responsible for the full cost of Triennium unless you are able to find a youth to go in your place or the presbytery receives a request from someone who would like to attend.

We want every youth in our presbytery who would like to attend Triennium to be able to go. If you are in need of financial assistance please contact your local congregation. Many congregations are able to provide scholarships. The presbytery will also have scholarships available. Please contact Mission Coordinator Jennifer Santer at 712-266-5261 or jsanter@prospecthillpresby.org for more information on presbytery assistance.

You may pay the entire cost of the Triennium event when you turn in your registration form. If you would prefer to pay in installments we have set up the following payment guidelines.

\$100 Deposit due on Friday, February 19, 2010

\$100 due on Friday, March 26, 2010

\$100 due on Friday, April 23, 2010

\$109 due on Friday, May 21, 2010

If you have questions about Triennium check out www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org. Rev. Elise Neal from First Presbyterian Church in Sioux City has been to triennium in the past and can also answer questions about triennium. You may contact her at 712-255-8919 or associate@1st-presbyterianchurch.org. For questions about the registration process please contact Mission Coordinator Jennifer Santer at 712-266-5261 or jsanter@prospecthillpresby.org.

Triennium will be an amazing adventure. Don't miss it.

The Youth Leader Working Group

Mission Coordinator Jennifer Santer, Triennium registrar

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNUM
Applicant/Participant Information Form



Personal Information

Name: _____

Badge name: (if different from your given name) _____

Age you will be on July 20, 2010: _____ Gender: M / F T-shirt size: _____

Classification: Adult Advisor ___ Ambassador ___ Care Giver ___ Global Partner ___ Youth ___

Ethnicity: (optional) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

Parent / Guardian Names: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Roommate Request: (must be mutual) _____

Special Needs: _____

Special Needs Include: Insulin Dependent, Prescription Meds on a timed basis, Refrigerator for meds or special foods, Wheelchair/Electric Cart Access, Accessible residence hall, mobility (distance walking issues).

***This form and a non-refundable \$100 is due to the Presbytery Office (P.O. Box 1405 Storm Lake, IA 50588) by February 15, 2010 to reserve your spot. There are scholarships available. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Mission Coordinator Jennifer Santer at 712-266-5261 or jsanter@prospecthillpresby.org.**