

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Seeking to...Live Simply so that others may Simply Live

-a communication of the FRC family
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CONGREGATION

Alpha Family Center would like to invite you to their *Fall Charity Banquet* September 9th featuring; **Juda Myers**. This speaker singer/songwriter, author, artist, wife and mother shares her love for God and people. Finding out in 2005 that she was conceived when eight men raped her mother, could have destroyed her; instead, Juda shares a contagious joy and purpose for living. Sometimes funny, sometimes heart wrenching, sometimes deeply thought provoking. Juda's words and songs will leave her audience with the power to choose and live life for themselves and for others.


Banquet will be held at Grant Reformed Church, 271 E. State, in Grant. Dress is business casual, Punchbowl at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm. Call Alpha at 231-652-1548 if you plan on attending.

Crossroad Bible Institute invites you to attend a *Continuing Education Seminar* led by Mr. Clifford Washington, Coordination Manager at Pine Rest Reentry Village for the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative. The seminar is on **The Church's Responsibility to the Reentry Community** and is sponsored by The Center for Advanced Studies at Crossroad Bible Institute. It will take place on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Crossroad Bible Institute, 2976 Ivanrest SW, Grandville, MI 49418 (lunch provided). The seminar is free of charge, but advanced registration is requested. Please register by September 14, 2010, by calling CBI at 616-530-1300 or online at www.cbi.fm.

Check the bulletin board in the *Gathering Center* for all community events!

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Church building open:
Sunday—All day
Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—5:00 pm
Friday—Saturday - Closed



Sunday Mornings
Come to the *Prayer Room* at 9:15 before worship to pray for 15 minutes. Prayer is critical to the fruitfulness of ministry.



Wed. - 6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Fireside Room (Pastor Kevin)
6:30 P.M. Praise Team 6 Practice



Looking Ahead....

- September 7 - Ministry Teams meet
- September 9 - Shut-in Picnic at 12:00 noon at FRC for a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to pass and please be responsible for notifying your shut-ins for the month of September and furnish them transportation, if necessary. There will be a program and singing following lunch. Any questions, please call Vivian at 924-0498 or Dianne at 231-893-6576
- September 10 - 12 - Wood-N-Stream Cadet Council fall campout at Cran Hill Ranch. We would like to have a good turn out from our club. Many activities are planned and the cost will be \$20 per Cadet. Fathers may also attend. We are planning to leave after school lets out on Sept. 10th and return early Sunday afternoon. See Doug Hartger for registration and permission slips.
- September 14 - Consistory meeting



Cadet Campout



- August 30 - Diane Stacey
Michele Timmer
- August 31 - Marge Walter
- September 1 - Eric Moore
Marcia Rottier
- September 2 - Jason Smith
- September 4 - Alyson Knuver



- September 1 - Tom and Sue Tibbe
- September 2 - Steve and Patti Allen
Sam and Peach Dykman
Dan and Barb Knuver

We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or Judges.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE. PRAY PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

I've heard it many times. It's been said by people struggling with a teenager, facing a pile of bills, doing battle with a terminal disease (and just about any other scenario you can think of). Many times (and always with frustration or hopelessness) I have heard people say, "The only thing I can do now... is pray." When I was younger and admittedly much less knowledgeable about the power of prayer, my response would be a simple nod of my head, or just silence. Not anymore; can't do it! No way! The Holy Spirit won't allow it! Why? *Because prayer isn't the only thing you can do... it's the best thing you can do!*

Prayer should never be seen as a last resort, and unfortunately, we often treat it as such, don't we? We come up with plans. We look at all the angles, explore every possible solution, and seek advice from trusted friends. We then try everything humanly possible to solve our problems. We exhaust all our options. And then, in defeat and frustration, we say... "The only I can do now... is pray." Whether God shakes His head or says to Himself, "Finally..." I'm not sure. But I am certain He wonders why in the world we don't include Him from the beginning, and instead, choose to rely on our own incredibly limited wisdom and resources. He certainly tries to get us to include Him from the get-go! Throughout Scripture there's all kinds of urgings to pray (e.g. 2 Chron. 7:14, Phil. 4:4-7, 1 Thess. 5:17); to call on His name, seek His care, His protection, His power. His power... to see Him, the Lord God almighty, do things we never thought of, or didn't think were possible. Things that defy rationale, the odds; things that are unexplainable to us (and the experts). But not to Him.

To be sure, there are times when, for whatever reason, God wants us hanging on to the end of a rope, praying like crazy and out of desperation. Sometimes it's to make people gasp, be in awe, and say, "It's a miracle; the only explanation for this... is God." Sometimes it's to make people believe in Him. That He's who He says He is. Including us. But not always, and never as a last resort. He wants us to pray continually; to always be praying for an outpouring of His love, mercy, grace, protection, and power. So... please, please, please... pray. For you. For your family. For the body of Jesus Christ at FRC. For all the people He wants us to connect to, help grow, and serve. *Because prayer isn't the only thing you can do, it's the best thing you can do!*

Believing in the power of prayer, -PK

**September 12
B.E.A.T
Classes will
begin.**



Please Help Support the NCCS Food Pantry by picking up an extra item or two and bring them to the table at the south entrance of the church and we will see that they get delivered. Please contact Jean Rottman at 231-652-6140 with any questions.

Rock Solid Outdoor Ministry Fundraiser - September 11th

Rock Solid Outdoor Ministry is a group that is spreading the word and works of Jesus Christ through filming and producing Christian outdoor entertainment. We are a company of people that realize the outdoors is just one of many gifts that God has given us to enjoy. We strive to glorify Him through our experiences and by being faithful stewards of His creation!

Due to the growth of our ministry we are trying to raise funds for more video equipment. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated! We are going to be sponsoring an outdoor event/fundraiser on September 11, 2010 at 4226 Baldwin Ave., Fremont, MI 49412, all are welcome. We will be hosting an archery shoot, skeet shoot, seminars and an auction. We are going to be raffling off two *Youth Whitetail Hunts* and items that we receive from supporting sponsors. This is where we need your help. Please prayerfully consider donation in any way possible.

All donations will go to helping this ministry achieve it's goals of bringing the best of video entertainment in Outdoor Christ Centered Recreation. We are just one tool being used to build stewards for the Kingdom of God.

We are currently on the web at www.rocksolidoutdoorministry.com and also on Facebook under RockSolid Outdoor Ministry. Please visit our sites to get an even better idea of what we are all about!

We invite you to come along with us this 2010/2011 season as we chase whitetails, turkeys, geese, steelhead, salmon, and bowfishing. If it has four legs, it fly's or it swims, chances are one of our staff members will be in pursuit. Contact Joe Smalligan (231) 225-8553 or Jeremy Goorman (231) 893-1854 for more information. You may also e-mail us at jsmalligan@netzero.net



Prayer Changes YOU!

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**How Much Time Do You Give To God?
A Seventy-Year Life**

Suppose God granted you a life of seventy years. How would you spend it? An average person would spend it like this:

- Three years getting an education
- Eight years recreating and relaxing
- Six years eating
- Five years riding in a car
- Four years talking
- Fourteen years working
- Three years reading
- Twenty-four years sleeping

How much time do you give to God? If you went to church every week and prayed for five minutes every morning and evening, you would give five months to God - **five months** of our seventy years!!