

## Shane's Brain Drain

**Christian Friends?** --- Relationships with Christian brothers and sisters are essential. Jesus tells us that two of the main ways people are going to know Him, is by the love we have for one another and the unity we display.

As our world gets more hectic and our lives get busier and we consume ourselves with the digital world more and more, it is imperative that we take steps to remain connected in a real, physical sense. Sunday mornings or evenings are a great time to be connected with the local Church Body at WestWay as a whole, but even within that context it is difficult to receive, and give, what it takes for true friendship and spiritual growth to occur.

With that in mind, we turn to our attention to small groups, or what we have affectionately referred to them as, One Another Fellowships (1A Groups). Within the context of small groups we often can find the teaching, friendship, support, accountability, encouragement, service opportunities, etc., that we need to sustain growth in our Christian walk.

Over the next several weeks you'll be hearing from the Word of God and from the personal testimony of Brothers and Sisters about how important we are to one another's spiritual walk. I ask that you please take it to heart and pray about how God wants you to be involved in the lives of others here at WestWay.

I also want to inform you about a chance for you to get involved in a One Another Fellowship (1A Group) in the month of September.

### One Another Group Sign-Up September 11th and 18th

There will be many groups that you can choose to be a part of to both give and receive the blessings of Christian friendship. Let us be the Body of Christ we were meant to be, rather than the Lone Ranger Christians the devil tempts us to be.

### **Please pray for our Missionaries:**

- Dale & Huey Mason
- White Water Christian Church in Laramie, WY
- Summit Christian College
- Marilyn Cook / Mission to South Africa / Grace Place
- Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
- Myanmar Christian Mission

*You may activate the prayer chain by calling the church office at 635-2654.*

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# Update September 2011

## "SEW MANY FRIENDS"

It's September.... that time to think about starting school, starting fall flowers & maybe starting a nice cozy quilt! *The Sew Many Friends Quilting Ministry* will be starting up again here at the church on **Saturday, September 24th from 10:00am - noon**. The project will be an "Autumn leaf block". There are 3 options - a pillow, a door hanger or a table runner. You may want to do all 3! All materials & supplies will be provided, as always, but if you prefer to bring your own fabric, please do so. Please bring a cutting mat & rotary cutter if you have them. A sign - up sheet is provided in the lobby. This Ministry is open to all, whether you have ever joined us before or even know how to sew. The lessons & projects are at the beginner level with options for more advanced techniques for those who want them. I am sew excited to begin again! See you soon!

### Wednesday Evening Activities Return on September 7th at 7:00pm

This year our activities on Wednesday night for Nursery through 5th grades will be called "The Pioneer Club".

Activities will include Bible Study, memory work, singing and games.

Activities for 6th Grade through Sr. High also meet here at the church at 7pm.

## VALLEY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Monday, September 12th, 2011, 6:30pm  
 Central Church of Christ in Gering

Speaker: Dave Robinson / Music: To Be Announced

### Day Trip to WhiteWater Christian

A van will be leaving for a short day trip on Sunday, September 11th, to visit White Water Christian Church in Laramie. Now is a chance to see mission work closer to home than Africa, Haiti or Myanmar and no immunization or passport is needed! If you are interested in joining the group, signup in the foyer or call the church to reserve a spot. Van leaves at 7:45am SHARP!

### 55 & Alive

Saturday, Sep 17th / 12 noon  
 Oriental House at 1502 E 20th

Come and enjoy the fellowship. *Hope to see you there!*



### Pastoring Elders

Jon Arnold	672-9930	Dwight Barrett	436-7339
Chip Findley	436-4849	Jim Miller	436-8388
Milton Mott	632-8078	Aaron Prohs	436-2015
Scott Reisig	631-0956	Dave Robinson	631-6918

John Thomas 623-2636



# Centurion Cycling Club Scenic Trip

The Centurion Cycling Club trip to the scenic Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills of South Dakota is September 16th - 18th. Signup in the foyer and put down your phone number along with the number of family members that will be going. Cost is \$50.00 per person. More information about this trip will be beside the signup sheet. Visit [mickelsontrailaffiliates.com/trail.htm](http://mickelsontrailaffiliates.com/trail.htm) for more info about the trail. For other info, contact Ace Backer @ 631-1586 / Joe Petersen @ 641-1518 / Sue Backer 631-6699.

## WORDS FROM WILLIE

I want my influence to count for eternity. In other words I want to bring glory and honor to God in how I live my life before men, (family, friends, acquaintances) pointing people to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. As we recognize the fact that we are influencing and being influenced by others the question to be settled is what kind of an influencer will I be.

God has a plan for your life and the heart of it is to bring Him glory and honor. Every Christian has been called to ministry and mission, to be an influence in our community for God. Join me in praying for the body of Christ the pray that Paul prayed for the Ephesians church.

*When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the*

*Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. --- Eph 3:14-19: (NLT)*

Praising Him, Jesus Christ,  
Willie

## **Student Ministries—Mike Andrews**

As I write this, we are on Day 90 of Filter. At the end of last school year, I challenged our students to read their Bible for 1 hour a day for the next 100 days. I won't say that all of them have done just that, but they have been reading... and it shows. They are taking stands in their lives that they have been unable to before. They're having conversations with friends and relatives about what God wants in ways they haven't before. They're hearing from God and responding with action. It's exciting to think about the ministry they are doing and what this next year may bring as they continue to shape their thinking with God's Word.

What shapes your thinking? Are you letting God's Spirit infuse your life with His Word so much that His Son is obvious in everything you do? I pray that He is - our lives are meant to be living revelations of who He is. Dig into His Word - then go show someone what you saw there...



## **Marshall's Moments**

Way to go WestWay, you did it again – showed up and got the job done. We were able to help get the Habitat House closer to completion. Man it is great to be a part of a team that is willing and able to do so many things. Some of the jobs were hauling off the old sidewalk, forming up a new sidewalk, landscaping, put on siding, pulling wire, and other work that I know I did not see. We were also able to get the shed hauled over and sat down. Thanks John Gurney for the use of your forklift, pickup and your time. This is the building that Annette McConnell donated and the V.B.S. children worked on, wow it is really a nice shed thanks also to Mark Skinlo for overseeing this project. Also I would like to thank Wayne and Allen Ford for the use of the trailer to move this building. At noon we had a GREAT meal

prepared by Dianne Kreiling, and Kim Skinlo. I just want to say thanks to all of you for serving our Lord in this way.

Another thank you goes out to all of you who brought bags of food to be taken to our local community food shelter. We are able to help many people who may not have the means to have a meal. There is a growing need in our community and WestWay is one of several churches pulling together to answer our Lord's call to feed the hungry.

So I thank all of you for your caring hearts. We are going to try for another work day in September, I will get the info out when we know more.

Because of the Cross, marshall

## **Children's Ministries - Joe Petersen**

Dear Family,

There are so many topics I'd like to address with you this month that I'm finding it hard to choose just one or two, but I'll give it my best shot. I spent the end of last week in eastern Nebraska, attending the wedding of my oldest son, Cody, to a beautiful young lady from Grand Island, Meghan. Oh, what a great celebration it was! This was my first son to be married, and I found it to be very much less stressful than when the first two of my girls were married. Meghan is a beautiful girl on the inside and out and we are so happy to have her as part of our family now. We greatly enjoyed getting to know her family and look forward to the times we can be together in the years to come. They seem like they are already part of our family. Hmmmm! Would that be because they are Christians? Because of that, we have so much in common. After all, we have the same Father in Heaven. I found myself wondering, "What if Meghan wasn't a Christian? What if she didn't come from a Christian family? Would this be as much fun? Would this be as much of a celebration?" Thank you Lord, for the blessing of being a part of your family.

Speaking of family, after the wedding we went up to the farm at Tilden to spend some time with my folks and my big sister Merna and her husband Lee, whom had come home from Northern Illinois for the wedding, and other family who live in the area. As we traveled down the road between Oakdale and Tilden, I found myself wondering how many

more times I would be making that trip to the farm. You see, dad will have his 90th birthday on the 13th of September this year. He's in great shape and may live a long time yet, but he reminds us each time we see him that he's ready to go home. You see, he's been planning for this moment for some 70 years now. He reminded my brother John and I, once again, where all the important papers were, and assured us that everything was in order. Dad has always been one to plan for the future. When we would take a trip somewhere, dad would always have the road map out before the trip checking the roads we would take. Funny, I don't remember him ever having to pull it out to check the roads while we were traveling. He would memorize the changes we would have to make. He does the same thing in his Spiritual walk with God. He has memorized many scriptures over the years, and when we set down to talk, the conversation will almost always come around to some of those verses or recent scripture that he's been studying. Why, just a couple of months ago, he preached at the church in Tilden, a series of messages entitled, "What Really Happened on the Day of Pentecost." Yep, as usual, that's the kind of things we talked about this last weekend. I wouldn't want it any other way. I can only praise God for the blessing my father has passed on to me. So, my question for you this month is this, "Have you been planning for the future?"

In His Service, Joe  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Stay informed of other events that may not make the calendar or the update by checking the bulletin each week. Extra copies can be found on the information wall in the foyer, the church office or online at <a href="http://www.westwaychurch.com">www.westwaychurch.com</a>.</p>	<h1>September 2011</h1> <p>September 2011</p>			1 Ezek 18-19	2 Ezek 20-21	3 Ezek 22-23
<p>4 Ezek 24-27</p> <p>Sunday School / 9am Celebration / 10:15am Evening Service / 6pm</p>	<p>5 Ezek 28-31</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6 Ezek 32-34</p>	<p>7 Ezek 35-37</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities Pioneer Club / 7:00pm 6th Grade - Sr. High / 7:00pm</p>	<p>8 Ezek 38-39</p>	<p>9 Ezek 40-41</p>	<p>10 Ezek 42-43</p>
<p>11 Ezek 44-45</p> <p><b>Never Forget!</b> (See Back for Details)</p> <p><b>WhiteWater CC Visit</b> (See Update for Details)</p> <p>Sunday School / 9am Celebration / 10:15am Evening Service / 6pm</p>	<p>12 Ezek 46-48</p> <p>Valley Men's Fellowship (See Update for Details)</p>	<p>13 Joel 1-3</p>	<p>14 Dan 1-3</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities Pioneer Club / 7:00pm 6th Grade - Sr. High / 7:00pm</p>	<p>15 Dan 4-6</p>	<p>16 Dan 7-9</p> <p><b>Centurion Cycle Club - Mickelson Trail Trip</b> (See Update for Details)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">→</p>	<p>17 Dan 10-12</p> <p><b>55 &amp; Alive</b> (See Update for Details)</p>
<p>18 Ezra 1-3</p> <p>Sunday School / 9am Celebration / 10:15am Evening Service / 6pm</p>	<p>19 Ezra 4-6, Ps 137</p>	<p>20 Hag 1-2</p>	<p>21 Zech 1-7</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities Pioneer Club / 7:00pm 6th Grade - Sr. High / 7:00pm</p>	<p>22 Zech 8-14</p>	<p>23 Est 1-5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">   <b>First Day of Autumn</b> </p>	<p>24 Est 6-10</p> <p><b>Sew Many Friends</b> (See Update for Details)</p>
<p>25 Ezra 7-10</p> <p>Mission Team Meeting (After service, Room 107)</p> <p>Sunday School / 9am Celebration / 10:15am Evening Service / 6pm</p>	<p>26 Neh 1-5</p>	<p>27 Neh 6-7</p>	<p>28 Neh 8-10</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities Pioneer Club / 7:00pm 6th Grade - Sr. High / 7:00pm</p>	<p>29 Neh 11-13, Ps 126</p>	<p>30 Mal 1-4</p>	<p>Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other announcements are found on the back side of this calendar. Make sure to flip it over and check it out!</p>

# September Birthdays

2. Jolynn McCarthy; Jasmine Parrish (Sherry Parrish)
7. Toni Straub; Scott Anderson
8. Jack McElwee
9. Sheron Dinnel; Jerod McCarthy (Jolynn);  
Amanda Kiltbau (Andrea); Sam Eastman (Cathy)
10. Jordan Meiningner; Terohn Quijas (Robert);  
Ken Coulter
11. Rodd Hall; Marne Wearne
12. Andrew Thomas (John); Lacey Estes
13. Richelle Green; Manuel Perez
14. Mariah Conn (Eric); Courtney Conn (Eric)
15. Dr. Thom Van Boskirk; Joyce Einfalt;  
Faith Reisig (Scott)
16. Camilla Wegelin
17. Savannah Kidd (Damon Schlenker)
19. Bryan Kiltbau
21. Amber Andrews; Allysa Matthews (Mandy Crass)
24. Jean Blackburn; Keeli Klein; Karen Evans;  
Morgan Conn (Randy)
26. Grace Garza (Maricela)
27. Rick Jolliffe
28. Kim Croft; Larry Leathermon Jr.
29. Ron Ritchey; Cristal Schlenker
30. Renae Griffiths; Joyce Johns; Tammi Greenlee;  
Lauren Thomas (John)

# September Anniversaries

1. Willie & Jackie Coop;
2. Martin & Heather Olson; Nick & Tara Harpold
4. Milton & Phyllis Mott
12. Dale & Joan Holmes
25. Bob & Addie Roberts

## AIDS WALK NEBRASKA



NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

# 2011

**SEPTEMBER  
18TH, 12 P.M.**

**TRAILS WEST  
CAMP  
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Highway West  
Scottsbluff, NE.**

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Steve & Becky Suttles on the birth of their daughter,  
*Emily Suttles*, on August 13, 2011 / 7 lbs. 10oz. / 20 inches

Our love and prayers are with:  
Family and friends of *Betty Rose of Mayer, AZ*,  
who passed away Sunday, August 21, 2011.  
Betty was a former member of WestWay.

Our love and prayers are with *Ken Carter* in the  
recent passing of his brother *Lester Carter*.

Dear Ones,  
It was good to be with you at WestWay for Sunday  
Evening. We appreciate your faithful support through the  
years. It's been a long time partnership in spreading the  
Gospel. Connie enjoyed meeting people and names she  
has heard through the years. And thanks to Mike for his  
help the other day. We appreciate your generous offering.  
Keep praying for us. In Christian love, Marilyn & Connie.

## DivorceCare

*Wednesday nights @ 7 pm ~ Sept. 14 - Dec. 14*

*Divorce happens. It's real. It's painful.  
It's not God's original plan, but He can still bring healing and hope.  
That's where DivorceCare can help.*

DivorceCare is a thirteen-week seminar and support group designed to help those who are currently separated or divorced. It is conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. Most importantly, you'll learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. Topics covered include: the road to healing, dealing with anger, depression, loneliness, finances, kidcare, sexuality, forgiveness, reconciliation, and growing closer to God. You are welcome to begin attending the DivorceCare group on any week. Each session is "self-contained," and you can continue through the next cycle to view any of the topics you have not seen.

**Held at:** Scottsbluff Church of the Nazarene, 1305 W. 20th St, Scottsbluff, NE  
**Registration fee:** \$15 (includes workbook)  
**Contact:** 631-4500 or [www.scottsbluffnazarene.com](http://www.scottsbluffnazarene.com)

*\* We strongly affirm God's plan for the permanence of marriage. In any situation where reconciliation is still a possibility, it is our goal to work with the couple toward healing and restoration of the marriage relationship.*



# Never Forget

Wyobraska's 10th Anniversary  
Observance of 9/11

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details, and the latest news!