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Thirty Years and Counting...

Just a few weeks ago, Jan and I celebrated our 30th anniversary at Refuge. The church gave us a wonderful gift of an all expenses paid trip to the "Cove" - The Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, N.C. We plan to make use of the gift later this summer or perhaps in the fall.

To say that thirty years has passed like the wink of an eye is no exaggeration. And, to say that I consider myself one of the luckiest persons in the world to have found a place like Refuge is no exaggeration either.

I want to commend this congregation on the treatment

that I have received over the years. I have always felt respected, but not treated like I was on a pedestal. Jan has been treated like one of



Dear Refuge Friends,

"Thank you for your love and support."

Stan and Jan Sutton

the members of the church, rather than "the minister's wife." My kids had the opportunity to grow up in an envi-

ronment where they were just "kids" and not in some glass house environment. It's made a tremendous difference to their lives and to mine.

Finally, you let me use the gifts and strengths that I have and never condemned me for gifts that I might lack in certain areas. I have seldom felt anything but complete support. Thank you.

At age 57, I hope there is still much that we can do together. Being the pastor of Refuge Christian Church is my job, but this is also my home. I hope we can continue to make it a great place together.

Teen Information for Everybody!

By Nathan Wainwright

June 1st the teens will be having an Italian Dinner in order to help raise funds for the cost of gas for our mission trip this summer. Shirley Ward has kindly offered to help us put it together and we are looking for a good turn out. All donations will head towards the

cost of "truckin" 11 people more than 3,000 miles back and forth across the country. Come and enjoy a good solid meal and help us get across the "plains" states.

O.F.F. is for everyone!

Outdoor Family Fun is not just for teens, it's for the whole family. Join us every week at Forest Park from 6-9ish behind the Forest Park Inn at the volleyball pits. You (cont'd)

Teen Information for Everybody! (cont'd)

can play games or just chill with friends. Everyone is welcome no matter your age.

Teen Information For Teens!

We will be continuing to have youth group throughout the summer same bat-time, same bat-channel - 7pm Sunday Nights in the youth room on the far side of the building. Feel free to bring friends and enjoy a good time.

Stuff For Kids Who Aren't Teens Yet

Accelerate will take a break for the summer. Our Elementary program will pick back up again after VBS.

VBS Info

This year we will be doing a pretty nifty program that is based off of the Bible Village curriculum. It will be very similar to our Journey to Bethlehem Christmas program. I am looking for people who want to run shops (learning activities), a synagogue leader (to tell Bible stories), people to direct playing (just what it sounds like), and people who will lead family groups around (what we call the class groups). If you have a desire to serve this is your chance. Contact Nathan as soon as you get the chance.

Don't forget to schedule your picture being taken for the NEW **FREE CHURCH DIRECTORY. Pictures taken on Sundays. Signup sheets in church hall on table.**

JUNE

ACTIVITIES:

*Youth Bible Studies
at RCC on Sunday
Nights 7:00 pm*

*O.F.F. at Forest
Park (6-9 pm) for
whole family.*

*Small Group Bible
Studies on
Wednesdays.*

*Men's Bible Study
Sat. mornings at
Riverview Hosp.
Cafeteria*

*Church Board
meeting is June
10th after Sunday
School in
Fellowship Hall.*

*Mission Trip is
scheduled for June
22 to July 1st for
Arizona.*

Church Financial Update

I want to thank you for the efforts that you have made in the last month to help with the Church's finances. Our cash position is improved somewhat; however we continue to run behind in our "budget" (money we plan to receive to implement programs we had hoped to have). Still, we have certainly made progress compared to the first qtr. of the year. That's the good news.

Now the challenge—we have a bill for LP Gas that will be due at the end of July. It appears that the "budget" billing as set for us by the

Hamilton County Co-op was woefully underestimated this year. And while that has been somewhat to our advantage in the winter months, we now face a bill of approximately \$7000.00 (yes, I have the number of zeros right). That bill will take a big chunk out of our cash reserves. Plus, quarterly mission payments of \$6200 will be due at the end of this month.

So, if you can make an extra gift for our heat in the next few weeks, it would help us along toward trying

to keep a healthy and positive cash position.

Finally, the church committee chairmen are to be commended. They are all trying to find creative ways to continue doing the ministry that needs to be done while being as frugal as possible.

Thanks for caring about
Refuge,

Pastor Stan