

Building Blocks

Next week events:

Community clean up day Saturday, June 4th: Last week we did some major church cleaning. And this week we've invited the people of the community to help us with some major community cleaning. (I don't know if you've noticed but we have what experts call a little bit of a litter problem.) The cleaning is going to start at 7:00am. That's right, but to ease the pain I will be here with doughnuts for the youth group at 6:45.

Confirmation Sunday, June 5th: Our 10 eighth grader confirmands will be reaffirming their baptism at the 11am service on Sunday. Please come to support them on this milestone day of their faith journey.

Other Cool things Coming up:

Picnic/Ball Game/Next year's planning meeting. That's right it's all happening at the same time. Bring your glove, your favorite picnic dish and your ideas for youth events for next year Sunday June 12th.

Father's Day Carwash: It's on Father's day June 19th. And it's a fund raiser to help get our 2006 Sr. Highers to San Antonio!

Weekly Contest

And now the winners of last week's "Name this publication" contest... The first runner up and receiving a shiny, brand new, state of the art candy bar is Trevor Denstaedt for "Say what?" (Catchy and clever) Our Grand Prize winner receiving a lifetime supply of 1 CD is Anna Sommerfeld for "Building

Blocks" (St. Thomas was known as the builder and the goal of this newsletter is not only to keep you informed, but also to encourage you in your faith; hence, building blocks.) Congratulations to Anna and Trevor D. And thank you to all of you who submitted entries.

This week's contest is a trivia question. The winner will be the first to email me back the answer to this: Who was the father of the disciples James and John?

Kevin's Corner

It's that time again. The time that I get to take to talk about whatever I want. This week I want to say a few things and ask a few questions. I was prompted to write about this after a conversation I had. I want to hear your feelings about "myspace" Parents take note if you don't know what I'm talking about. A lot of people are posting a lot of information about themselves on this and many sites just like it. And I'm just not sure if it's a good idea. So I decided to check it out.

I signed up for a free account and before I even started to make my own bio I had a "friend" named Tom who wanted to help show me the ropes. Now as nice as that seemed Tom was also showing me his list of friends and just by skimming that list I was exposed to scantily clad women, alcohol, drugs and an incredible amount of profanity. If I clicked on any of his friends I was taken to their pages and shown their friends. The more you click the further down the rabbit hole you go. Again this was all before I even made my own bio page.

Some might argue that they only use myspace to talk to their friends and only their friends can access their pages. So I did a little research. I found out that you can access anybody's page, I even found pages of people I knew. (Now if you think I found your page, you shouldn't be panicking right? After all you know that everything you or your friends put on the page is stuff that your parents (or the entire world for that matter) could look at if they have 5 minutes to kill.)

This is running longer than I thought it would, but let me just say that I think hanging around my space is like hanging around the wrong part of town. Even the nicest, best behaving people are bound to explore what's around them. I think it's best to avoid that kind of temptation. Am I saying

that my space is evil? No, I just think it's used wrong. I think there are better ways of hanging out with your friends online than broadcasting information about yourself to the whole world. I'm sure there a plenty of you who disagree with me. Call me, let's talk about it. I'm an open listener. Can you make a stand for your beliefs on myspace, share the good news of Jesus? It's definitely something worth talking about.

But before I go:

This week's cell phone hours:

Tuesday: 3-5pm

Wednesday: 5-7pm

Thursday: 3-5pm

Friday: 4-6pm

Saturday: 4-6pm

Of course if you want to call me anytime, you're more than welcome. These are just hours that I'm going to intentionally make myself available to talk.

What other kinds of things would you like to see in "Building Blocks?"

Until next week,
Kevin

Bible Verse of the week:

"Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves." -Luke 10:3