

Building Blocks

July 15, 2005

This week's events

Watermark Concert!!! That's right Watermark will be right here July 16th at 7pm. But don't wait until 7 when you can come at 4pm for the OFFICIAL '05-'06 Youth group planning meeting! (Don't panic again, there will be food.) We'll plan and eat, then go to 5:30 worship, and then finish off our day with a ridiculously awesome concert by Watermark.

Senior High Shin-dig Sunday night at the church. Come for Jesus, stay for volleyball. This is our last one until July 31st which will be at the Pole's house.

Help Wanted

Are you an internet junkie? Have you ever wanted to learn how websites are put together? Well have I got a job for you! The youth group's website is big and needs weekly updating and you could do it. If this sounds interesting to you just drop me a line and we'll get you started.

At the Movies

One of my favorite things to read as a little kid was comic books. I must have read hundreds of them and now I know important things for example: Did you know that the Incredible Hulk wasn't always big, stupid and green? It's true, for a while he was big, smart and gray. Anyway because of this hard to let go of childhood fascination I dragged Sarah to see the Fantastic Four.

Plot: Scientist, his best friend, ex-girlfriend, ex-girlfriend's brother, and her new-boyfriend fly into space and are bombarded by space stuff and

become "stretchy-guy, giant rock-guy, invisible girl, fire-guy, and scary beyond all reason metal/electricity-guy," respectively.

Kevin's Corner

Is it a blog if you only write once a week?

Last week I had the privilege of accompanying Sarah to her brother's wedding in Kansas and visit her hometown for the first time. Greensburg, Kansas in Kiowa County (pop. 3,278) is a far cry from Brick, NJ in Ocean County (pop. 510,916). And it made me think a lot about the differences in cultures even in the same country among people that even speak most of the same language. (In Kansas soda = pop and gas = fuel)

There were a few things I don't think I could get used living so far away from civilization, for example: I would have to drive 5 hours to get to an Major League or NFL game and 7 hours to watch the NHL. (In contrast I went the Yankees game last night after work. For the record the score was Cleveland Indians 2, Evil Empire 7)

On the other hand there was something to be said for the small town atmosphere. It seemed like everybody was everybody's friend. And if they weren't they at least knew each other. What's so great about that? People were genuinely nice and helpful. Unlike last night on the subway where healthy young men wouldn't so much as give up their seat to a considerably elder woman. So I wonder what the difference is. I think it's accountability. That's a big word, but I means that because everybody knows everybody else people kind of keep each other in check. If someone does something great they hear about it. And if they do something not so great, they still hear about it. So it encourages them to do great things and not do not so great things.

In a way I think that's God plan for the church. He wants us to encourage the people in our community to great things. How do we do that? By getting to know the people in our communities. How do you get encouraged? By belonging to a community like your church. How do you belong? By being there, attending events, and worship. Can you see where I'm going with this? God wants us all to belong to His community, but the only way that's going to happen is for you to do it. You need to belong to His

community and you need to encourage your friends and family to belong to His community. How do you do that? You can start by taking up the challenge in the weekly contest.

Quick Note: Remember the website is up and running. It should be updated every Wednesday. So check back often. www.stthomasbrick.org

This week's cell phone hours:

Sunday: 1-3pm

Monday: 5-7pm

Tuesday: 2-4pm

Wednesday: 4-6pm

Thursday: 1-3pm

Friday: 4-6pm

Until next week,

Kevin

Bible Verse of the week:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." -Matt. 28:18