

Building Blocks

July 29, 2005

Coming Up:

Summer's Last Hurrah: The end of summer is getting closer than we think so I say we celebrate with a day at Funtime America on August 31st. That's a Wednesday. More details to come, but if you're interested make sure you sign up on the sheet on our bulletin board.

ATTENTION SR. HIGHERS: We'll be getting together on July 31st at the Poles house at 6:30pm. And don't forget the MANDATORY San Antonio Gathering Info Meeting at the Sommerfeld's for you and your parents. Make sure to sign up. Lori needs to know how many to cook for.

Stuff you don't really need to know

- The average elephant poops 80 pounds of "you know" a day.
- A McDonald's straw will hold 7.7 ml, or just over one-and-a-half teaspoons of whatever you are drinking. This means that it would take 17,000 strawfuls of water to fill up a 34 gallon bathtub.
- There are, on average, 259 raisins in a box of Raisin Bran and 388 in a box of Premium Raisin Bran.
- More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes.
- The the oldest living thing on earth is 12,000 years old. It is the flowering shrubs called creosote bushes in the Mojave Desert.

-A bird sees everything at once in total focus. Whereas the human eye is globular and must adjust to varying distances, the bird's eye is flat and can take in everything at once in a single glance.

Kevin's Corner

Where VBS stands for Very Busy Schedule.

This has been one crazy week for me so for this week's corner I'm cheating a little. This is something I got in one of my weekly "Here's a bunch of stuff for youth directors emails." I think it's kinda neat. And for those of you who don't know, Switchfoot is a Christian band. It's true. For more proof, email me. Anyway here it is:

Here's a brief reflection on the song "Meant to Live" by Switchfoot

"We were meant to live for so much more. Have we lost ourselves? Somewhere we live inside."

I once heard a preacher say, "We need to learn to live from the inside out." I think he was right. Look at the words of Jesus:

"'Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified" (John 7:38-39).

Notice that life comes from the inside out, not from the outside in. So many of us have this mixed up. We try to get stuff, relationships, fame, or power to feed life into us, but none of those things can do that. The only source of life is found in God.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6).

You can find life only in Jesus Christ, in a living relationship with him, through the Holy Spirit. You can draw life from him every day. His Spirit dwelling inside of you can bring life even in the most deadly of situations.

In the song "Meant to Live," Switchfoot sings about finding the life we were meant to live. You can only find that in the plan God has for your life. And that plan is right there, in your heart. As you fellowship with the Lord in his Word and in prayer, his Spirit will reveal that plan to your heart. Then you will know the life you were meant to live.
(Suzy C.)

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This week's cell phone hours:

All Week: 2-4pm.

Until next week,
Kevin

Bible Verse of the week:

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen." -Hebrews 11:1