

Longsuffering Job and Adult Bible Fellowship Attendance

Would Job have attended class (if he weren't too busy scratching and answering his critics)?

Since we can't get word to the Patriarch, his seat will be available. You, gentle reader, are invited to make that long trek down the hall from donut time in the gym to spiritual feeding time in the Agape room each Sunday at 11:00 am (OK, maybe a little later will be OK, if you have trouble tearing yourself away from the MelloGlaze.)

Under the direction of Rev. John Easterwood, we are learning about how Job dealt with problems that make most of ours look pretty puny. Job also participated in a discussion that superficially resembled Agape class participation, but with even longer speeches and almost as many subplots.

Job's friends came from distant towns to discuss his problem. It seems that we should be able to make it from less than 100 yards away, even if we are burdened with the after-effects of high calorie snacks. Of course, Job's discussants may have been partly motivated by the chance to grill their moral superior about his hidden sins. But we get the opportunity to try stumping the scholar with our inane inquiries.

Except for July 6 when there will be no Adult Bible Fellowships (and June 22 when Ross Olson surreptitiously discussed Behemoth and Leviathan) and barring unforeseen scheduling conflicts, Rev. Easterwood will be teaching on Job for the summer, and who knows, maybe beyond.

Despite the excellent teaching and positive reviews, attendance at class time has been dropping of late. Agape, despite the fact that it is made mostly of Boomers in their prime, is fast becoming the smallest of the Adult Bible Fellowships. Can we face that prospect without stirring some sort of emotion? Dare we say, "Win one for the Gipper?"

PICNIC TIME

The Annual Picnic at Goodmans The Goodmans have done it again!

We always have a great time. Don't miss it.

Saturday, July 26, 4:00 pm to dusk
Bob and Paulette Goodman's home
17394 Isleton Ave., Lakeville
Phone 952-435-6007

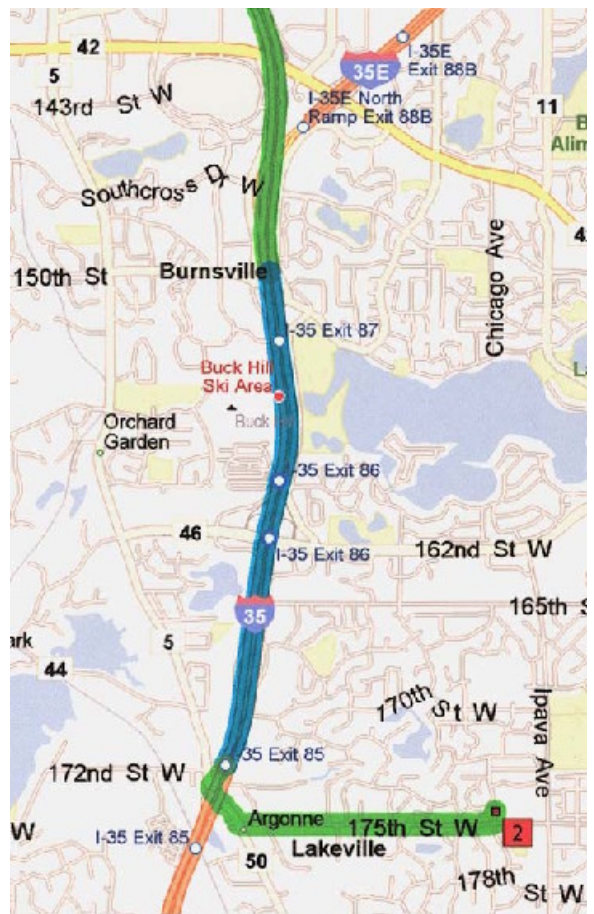
Take 35 W to Exit 85, left on County 50 and go 0.1 mile to 175th St. W., turn left again and go 1.1 mile to Isleton, turn left once more and go 1 block.

In years past we used to play softball and volleyball, now we just sit around and talk. But hey! Whatever it takes, right? Seekers, Chaim and Sojourners are invited in an attempt to inject some life into the festivities.

We will eat at about 6:00 pm, with meat and drinks provided by Goodmans. Call Paulette concerning what food (chips, salad or dessert) you might bring.

If you have lawn chairs, bring a few – we will be doing a lot of sitting.

C o m e F o r A G r e a t T i m e !



Picnic in the Park

Thursday, July 31, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Every year the Hale Page Diamond Lake Association sponsors a picnic. It will be at Pearl Park again this year. Churches, businesses and organizations with ties to the neighborhood will have booths. There is a stage show with music sponsored by the association. There is also food and fun activities with lots of things for kids to do.

First Free will have a booth and be giving out Jesus videos and maybe other things. There will also be a show put on by our members, with mime and music at 7:00 pm in back of our First Free Booth.

It would be nice to have church members milling around, meeting people and perhaps directing people to our stage show. Consider coming, especially if you have kids or if you live in the neighborhood.

Please Pray

Prayer Request from the Harthans

Rejoicing at the birth of a granddaughter but mourning the loss of a grandson.

“We are so thankful to be part of God's kingdom--to experience His love and the love of His family. We have needed that touch in the last few days as we have experienced some very difficult times. We are grieving with Joey and Andi the loss of their little boy who was six months along in the pregnancy. They are handling it well, but it is a very deep pain. Their doctor has been very encouraging. Thank you for praying for them.

“We are very grateful to God that we are here at this time. We're thankful to God for special times with our kids and little Gigi (daughter of Daniel and Claudia). She is growing well, and we treasure the times we can spend with her. We praise God for His faithfulness.”

Other Items of Prayer and Praise

Aaron and Sharon Buddensiek's son Neal, married Jennifer Viljaste in Duluth in a beautiful Greek Orthodox Ceremony.

Alicia Juarez is again serving in Guatemala coordinating student short term mission trips.

Heather Hultstrand married Andrew Aunan on May 31.

Long time choir member Helen Tuuri died. She and her sister Margaret attended Agape after Discoverers Class disbanded.

Doug Beckett is looking for work because of the Billy Graham Association move.

Karin's foot ulcers healed completely and she has resumed normal activities.

Brian Mondy graduated with honors from Bethel with a BA majoring in Philosophy.

Stacy Olson graduated from the College of Visual Art with a BFA emphasizing illustration.

Sarah Easterwood graduated from Richfield High School.

Matt Goodman graduated from Briercrest Bible College and is working at a BWCA Wilderness camp call “Adventurous Christian.”

Jeff and Rachel Olson had a baby girl at 3:35 pm on Saturday, June 28, weighing 7lb. 3 oz. Her name is Laura Ellen. Mother, father and grandparents are doing well. (This is grandchild number four for Karin and Ross, but who's competing?)

