



The Beacon

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“COMMITMENT”

by Pastor Thom Smith, Senior Pastor

Commitment...such a frightening word to some, and yet comforting to others. When God speaks of counting the cost of following Him, He is asking us to consider what the commitment is, what it cost, and are we willing to pay the price to follow Him. Personal commitment, interaction dominated by obligations. These obligations may be mutual, or self-imposed, or explicitly stated, or may not. Distinction is often made between commitment as a member of an organization (such as a sporting team, a religion, or as an employee), and a personal commitment, which is often a pledge or promise to ones' self for personal growth. Personal commitment is an essential part of a life stance. A life stance is an acceptance of one or more objects as being of ultimate importance, the **personal commitments** and presuppositions of this and the theory and practice of working it out in living. (As defined by an encyclopedia)

We speak of it frequently but are we willing to make it? Have we evaluated our commitment to the Lord, the Church, and our family recently? If we do not keep a close eye on our commitments we will fall into danger of letting them slip away, become negligent, and otherwise ignore them. We as a generation have failed at passing on our commitments to our children and we are now paying for it in so many ways. We must return to our commitment to God and His values and we must demand of and teach commitment to our children and grandchildren. Too often I hear people say I want to let my children make up their own minds about going to church, but I remind you Christ said to suffer the little children to come to Him. They will not come to Him if you don't bring them to church, and they will not make a commitment if they don't see a commitment in your life. The next time you think that you are too tired to get up, ask yourself, “How deep is my commitment?”

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SS NURSERY SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday Joan Kohler
- 2nd Sunday Mary Domer
- 3rd Sunday Cindy Burger
- 4th Sunday Susan Smith

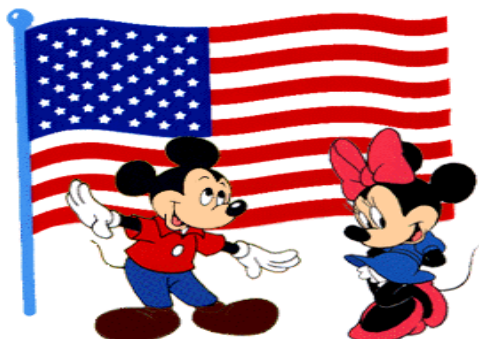
NURSERY SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday Mary Domer & Alissa Diaz
- 2nd Sunday Joan Kohler & Kelly Hutzell
- 3rd Sunday Tamara Hoffman & Mary Dowler
- 4th Sunday Joyce Norris & Jessica Hutzell

GREETERS

Dow & Tamara Hoffman

Happy July 4th!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 01 TJ Diaz
- 09 Pam Springer & Dorothy Surpris
- 11 Carmen Cress
- 14 Beverly Henicle
- 16 Marie Brinton
- 17 Tara Fritz
- 24 Ryan McGuire



- 04 Bill & Lois Sellar
- 24 Shawn & Debbie McGuire



July 13-17, 2015
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Age 4-Grade 10

Please be in prayer for everyone involved in VBS, the director, our teachers, helpers, youth helpers, snack people, craft leaders, music leaders, secretary, pastors, director and the students who will attend. Pray that God will encourage them, protect them, give them patience and wisdom throughout the week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DEACON'S MEETING – July 1, 2015 @ 8:00 p.m.

TRUSTEE'S MEETING – July 12, 2015 @ 12:15 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING – July 22, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. (Meal at 6:00 p.m.)