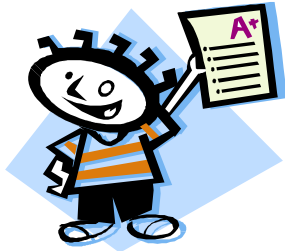


THE GOOD NEWS



Church Attendance Boosts Student GPAs

Excerpts from a report by: Robert Roy Britt LiveScience Managing Editor

If you want to boost your teenager's grade point average, take the kid to church. Or, a new study suggests, find some similar social activity to involve them in.

Researchers found that church attendance has as much effect on a teen's GPA as whether the parents earned a college degree. Students in grades 7 to 12 who went to church weekly also had lower dropout rates and felt more a part of their schools.

The study does not suggest God is smiling on the students, per se. Rather, it identifies several reasons the students do better:

- They have regular contact with adults from various generations who serve as role models.
- Their parents are more likely to communicate with their friends' parents.
- They develop friendships with peers who have similar norms and values.
- They're more likely to participate in extracurricular activities.

Other studies have shown that regular church-goers breathe easier and live longer. And kids whose parents go to church are better behaved and more well-adjusted. In each of these studies, the researchers cite the social-network and psychological benefits of churches.

To read more about this fascinating study, please go to:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/livescience/20080819/sc_livescience/churchattendanceboostsstudentgpas



Mid School Ice Cream Sunday Event August 24th After Worship

The Mid School Youth will be making ice cream sundays on Sunday August 24th after Worship in the courtyard.

Please join us for a refreshing treat and a chance to help the mid school attend a mission trip next year!

Did you know....

- **Children ages 2 through 12, and adults age 45+, eat the most ice cream per person**
- **Ice cream consumption is highest during July and August. July is National Ice Cream Month**
- **The top three cities in America that purchase the most ice cream on a per capita basis are: Portland, Oregon; St. Louis, Missouri; and Seattle, Washington.**
- **More ice cream is sold on Sunday than any other day of the week!!!!**



Kerygma :Discovering the Bible

Not like any other Bible Study you have taken!

We are so excited to offer the Kerygma class this year!

It will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm in the Library starting on September 7th.

Please join us on the 7th to see what the Kerygma class is all about. You will be amazed at how interesting this class is.

It is a great opportunity to learn the historical significance of the bible as well as do something for yourself.

BABYSITTING IS AVAILABLE!!!

You have known the Holy Scriptures ever since you were a little child. They are able to teach you how to be saved by believing in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15



A Huge Thank You!!

The Salt and Light Co. would like to thank everyone in the congregation who gave so generously to our ministry last Sunday.

We raised over \$1700.00!

We hope to see you on Wednesdays starting September 10th.

Your Salt and Light Ministry Team



Salt and Light Needs Drivers!!

The salt and Light Ministry needs people to pick up children on Wednesday afternoons from school, so that they may attend Salt and Light.

This is an amazing opportunity for outreach, as without a ride, these children will not be able to attend our program.

Please call Tracy for more information!

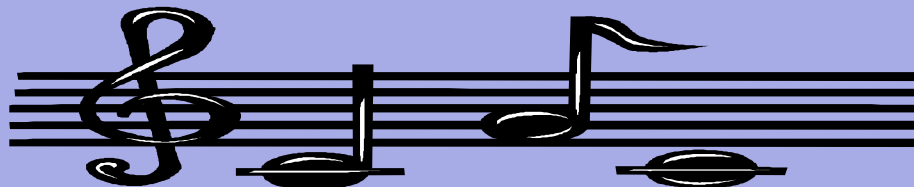
Choir Party...

All Choir members:

The Choir party will be at the home of Paul and Sara Vaughan on Sunday August 24th at 6 pm.

We will also be having a baby shower for Mireille !

Please RSVP to Paul or Sara 523-6105.



Mesilla Valley Church Women United

You are invite to a celebration of Cultures !

When: Friday, September 26 9:30am

Where: St Paul United Methodist Church

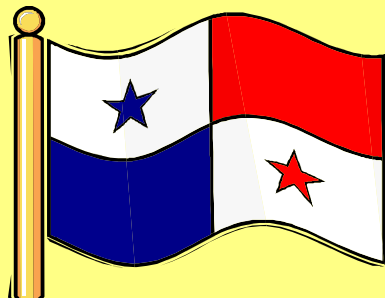
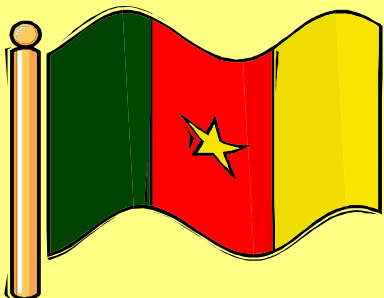
225 W. Griggs Ave. (Griggs & Alameda)

Our guests will be from the Cameroon, Indonesia, Panama, and Ghana.

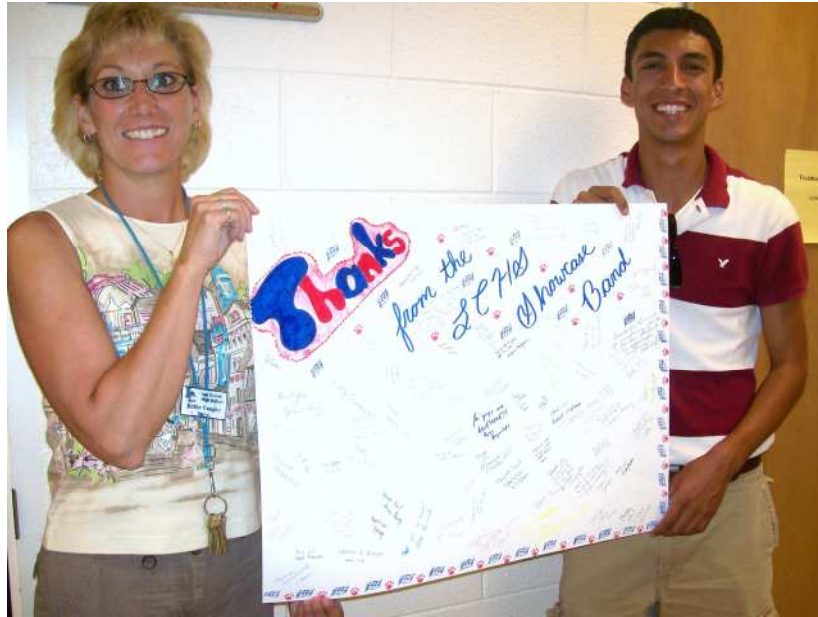
Refreshments from the countries will be served

For more information, please call :

Florence Hamilton 526 6993 or Dorothy Rachele -647 9709



Las Cruces High School Marching Band



During the summer, the Las Cruces High School marching band practiced in the south parking lot of our church. They loved it so much, that they have asked to practicing at our church every morning!

We are so happy to have them! So if you happen to be at the church in the early morning, stop by and say hello! I know that they would love it!



Sunday School Classes

Starting September 7th!

Video study Class:

Library 9:00am

“Prayer, Does it Make a Difference?”

By: Philip Yancey

Women’s Study:

Jones Office 9:00am

“Becoming a Women of Prayer”

Elementary Children:

Will begin to meet in Reeves Hall at 9:00am.

“Jesus Teaches Us To Pray”

Birth-Preschool:

Branigan Hall

“Teaching Children to Pray”





White Sands Moonlight Picnic

Come join us for a picnic under the full moon at White Sands !

When: Leave the church at 4 p.m. on Sept 13. Return home a couple of hours after dark.

How: We will be traveling in carpools and will also take the church van.

Need transportation: No problem, just call Lon at 521-7097 (evenings) or the church office at 526-5559.

Stuff to bring: Bring a simple picnic dinner and drinks. If you want to, you could bring a Frisbee, or a football, or a sled. A lawn chair would be good, or you can dig down a little bit, and sit on the cool sand. Bring a friend or make a friend - it's just about hanging out and enjoying the dunes.

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