

NEWS FROM THE EDGE

EXPERIENCING AND DELIVERING GOD EVERYDAY

February, 2010

What a beautiful day!!! As I sit and write this article I can't help but be consumed with the fact that my beloved New Orleans Saints defeated the Minnesota Vikings and are finally going to the Super Bowl!! I have been a fan since the early 1980's and I remember the days of the Aint's and the fans with the bags over their heads! But no more of that... Saints' fans are walking tall today!

The Saints were able to win that game through skill, determination, and yes ... Viking turnovers. In football, that is just part of the game. Players fumble the football and the quarterback will sometimes throw interceptions and the other team can capitalize on that. That is what happened in the Saints - Vikings football game. With turnovers, sometimes you get a chance to redeem yourself and sometimes you don't. It usually depends how far into the game you are. In this particular game the final turnover (an interception thrown by Vikings QB Brett Favre, one of the greatest quarterbacks ever!) was too late in the game and probably cost them a victory.

We make turnovers in our lives all the time. We do things we wish we wouldn't have done, things we aren't supposed to do, etc. and we just hope that we have enough time to make those things right, to ask for forgiveness, to change our attitude, etc. God is not out there just waiting for us to screw up and then punish us! He wants us to be faithful, He wants us to "do the right thing", but He also extends His grace to us, even when we don't deserve it (especially when we don't deserve it!). However, with that said, we don't know when the end of our game is coming! Yes, we all act like we have plenty of time to get things straight, but do we? The fact is: Jesus is coming

back! And we don't know when that will be. We have to be ready to meet Jesus at any time. When our game clock runs out... it runs out.

This isn't a doom and gloom "the end is coming" message, this is just a reminder that we all need to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to God...all the time! We need to hang on to the ball at all times and be careful not to throw it across the field into coverage.

Side note: If the Saints win the Super Bowl, you will probably have to read about them again next month! Go Saints!!

Steve

SUPER BOWL PARTY

**Sunday, February 7th at 5:00pm
Keith & MARRITA Taylor's home**

Make plans to join us for our annual Super Bowl Party!! Girls bring a couple of 2L bottles of pop and guys bring a snack to share. There will be pizza and wings provided. There will be prizes awarded for correct predictions about the game and there will be video games for those not interested in the football game. Call Steve for more info or directions to the Taylor's



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CHRYSALIS

The next opportunity to participate will be March 26 - 28th, 2010. If you are a sophomore - senior and want an incredible experience then you need to check out Chrysalis. See Steve for more info.

Calendar

February

- 2nd (Tues) **Pathfinders – 5:30 at the church
Dinner and Games**
- 3rd (Wed) **The EDGE – 7:00 at the church**
- 7th (Sun) ***Souper Bowl of Caring* collection,
Sunday morning
Super Bowl Party - 5:00 at the Taylor's**
- 9th (Tues) **Pathfinders – 5:30 at the church**
- 10th (Wed) **The EDGE – 7:00 at the church**
- 14th (Sun) **Valentine's Day
Band plays during morning worship**
- 16th (Tues) **Pathfinders – 5:30 at the church**
- 17th (Wed) **Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30am
The EDGE – 7:00 at the church**
- 19th (Fri) **"Speaking the Truth in Love" event
featuring Mike Rayson - Praise Service
7:00pm**
- 20th (Sat) **"Speaking the Truth in Love" event
featuring Mike Rayson - Spiritual
Development Workshop 9:00am-4:00pm**
- 21st (Sun) **"Speaking the Truth in Love" event
featuring Mike Rayson - morning
Worship service - 10:30am
Evening Teen activity - TBA**
- 23rd (Tues) **Pathfinders - 5:30 at the church**
- 24th (Wed) **The EDGE - 7:00 at the church**

Important upcoming dates:

March

- 12th (Fri) **FISH FRY - serving from 5:00-7:00pm
Plan on being available on Friday, March
12th to help with this awesome 2nd year
event. We will also need some help on
Thursday, March 11th to prepare.**
- 14th (Sun) **Teen Praise band plays during morning
worship service**

DESSERT AUCTION

Thanks to everyone who provided a dessert and/or purchased one at our dessert auction. We were able to raise \$3,100 to go towards our mission trip. That is amazing! Due to the success of this event, we will NOT be holding a donation dinner in February!

UGLY MUG COFFEE

We will be selling Ugly Mug Coffee again beginning in February. This is an individual fund raiser meaning if you choose to participate, all profit you earn will go directly into your personal account.

MISSION TRIP 2010 ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA

IF YOU HAVEN'T TURNED IN YOUR MISSION TRIP COMMITMENT FORM YET, I NEED IT ASAP!!!!!!

As of right now we have 34 teens signed up and I am expecting 3 or 4 more...You know who you are!!!!!!!!!! Get your forms in!!!!!!!!!!!!

I also have a list of approximately 20 adults who are planning on going. Yes, this is more adults than normal, but we will be split into two different groups and in two different houses so we were able to accommodate a few extras this year (and probably this year only!)

Please begin to prepare yourself for this trip. Yes, it will be a lot of fun, but there is a lot more to a mission trip than just fun! A mission trip has the potential to be a major spiritual event in your life...a life changing event in some cases. But you have to be ready. At our next mission trip meeting (TBD) I will ask several of you (adults and teens) this question: Why do you want to go to The Rosebud Indian Reservation?

We will be doing some major construction projects, but there will be lots of other service opportunities as well. All current 7th graders through high schooler's who are active in the LeRoy UMC Youth Ministries program (The EDGE and/or Sunday School) are eligible to go.

Continue to check the LeRoy UMC website for updated info about The EDGE and other church activities. www.leroyumc.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**2nd - Trina Phillips
2nd - Trevor Moberly
13th - Ethan Bruning
22nd - Caleb Graybeal**