

JERICO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Full Edition



Pastor's Desk

For February's Pastor's Desk, I am including a song Guy Page composed called *The Great Reunion*, along with his explanation of the composition which appeared on one of Guy's recent blogs. I think you'll find Guy's piece both instructive and encouraging. It is yet another example of how the Lord uses the people of JCC to bless others. Thank you, Guy, for sharing this with all of us.

In Christ's love,

Revelation 21: Terranova-- by Guy Page

In the early months of 2010 as Diane lay in another of a series of comas, I sat at home on a cold winter night and - I forget how or why now - a line of song came into my head, "the great reunion". Pastor Craig Bensen several years ago preached a sermon on how heaven will be like a great family reunion and celebration.

So I flipped open to the book of the Bible that I thought talked most about this occurrence - Revelation - and found Revelation 21. During the next hour, I sat down at a computer and wrote the first draft of "The Great Reunion", probably the only song that I have ever written that I would call a good song, and more importantly, it is a tribute to the Bridegroom and to the Bride, specifically my bride and the brothers and sisters of the Jericho Congregational Church who have been such family to me and mine. I've always thought it funny and fitting that after writing our brother Bob Terranova into the song - he's the other amputee dancing with Diane, and a tireless giver of time and godly encouragement to the physically challenged - I realized that his last name in Latin means "new earth".

As for the individual references in the song - David Baizley is a godly young man with some learning challenges who absolutely loves to sing for the Lord and does it very well. He is going to love heaven and heaven is going to love him. The couple reunited with their son is Rich and Karen Parker, who lost their only son Jon to leukemia about four years ago. They were the wonderful leaders of our grief support group, and I hope I am there to see their reunion, depicted in the song as similar to Jesus bonding his disciple John with his own mother. As for the footrace imagery, as I wrote it I thought of Nate Brown, a high school athlete from Westford, and the happy look on his face as he finished the Burlington City Marathon several years ago. At last we cross and stop and rest, thus ends our marathon.

Mankind has been seeking a New Earth, a utopia where 'neath their vine and fig tree they can live in peace and unafraid, since Adam and Eve left the garden with just their animal skins. There's a popular TV show called "Terra Nova" in which travelers from a dystopian future journey back in time to start over again and do it right.

It's never worked, and it never will work until God himself, having done away with the Edenic spoilers like the spirit of Babylon, the false Christs, and the devil himself, gathers unto Himself those whose hearts cleave only unto Him. Our hearts find no rest, O God, until they find their rest in Thee. And then, and only then, will come . . .

The Great Reunion

*I saw a new earth and new heaven
The old had passed away
I saw the Holy City
Dressed for her wedding day
Then I heard a loud voice saying
Now God has come to men
They will be his people
And he will be with them, the Great Reunion*

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(The Great Reunion cont.)

*Our old lives were a footrace
Powered by the Spirit's breath
With our eyes fixed on the finish line
Christ purchased with his death
A mighty cloud of witnesses
is cheering us along
At last we cross and stop and rest
Thus ends our marathon, at the Great Reunion*

*Now the music's getting started
King David plays the lyre
David Baizley sings along
Filled with the Spirit's fire
A crowd of people clapping
And cheering at the site
Joni Eareckson is dancing
On heaven's holy light, at the Great Reunion*

*Now a word about the music
It's all about the Lord
No posing prima donnas
No dissonating chords
Just grateful voices lifting
Their song of victory
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me, at the Great Reunion*

*As I walked along the streets of gold
Looking far and near
I saw two people dancing
To the music of the spheres
Their lives on earth were painful
But faithful they did stand
Their mourning turned to dancing
It's Bob and my Diane, at the Great Reunion*

*I saw the Lord embrace a family
His words recalled the time
As he suffered on Golgotha
His loved ones standing by
He said unto the woman,
mother here's your son
And he said to his beloved friend,
Jon behold your mom, at the Great Reunion*

(Bridge)

*There are people here I didn't know had Jesus in their
heart
And tears are shed for those who chose to stay always
apart
But past the cross of Jesus, death disappears from view
By God's good grace by faith I'm saved*

I'm asking, "Friend, are you?"

*The cross of Christ is God's one path
from darkness into light
Just trust the Lord and tell him you've
not done it all just right
And put your faith in Jesus
and his death on the cross
Receive his love gift for you,
embrace his willing loss
And join the Great Reunion
I'll see you there, at the Great Reunion*

Thank yous

Dear JCC Family:

Sharon and I want to thank you for your generous Christmas gift which Dick Fisher delivered to us the day before Christmas. We are so appreciative of your thoughtfulness and caring. We feel so blessed to be part of this body. What the Apostle Paul says is true, that your generosity results in thanksgiving to God. Sharon and I praise God for you and your generosity in sharing with us and everyone else. Thank you so much.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Peter

Once again, we Carters were blessed with a Christmas Eve visit from the "Fisher Elf". We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who gave so that we could have that special gift. We pray that God might also bless you in whatever way he chooses for your wonderful kindness.

In Him,
Glenn, JoAnn and the Boys

Luncheon Lenten Series

The pastors in the Jericho/Underhill area have decided to host a **Soup and Scripture Series** on the five Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week at lunchtime. We will rotate churches from week to week. The first Wednesday in the series will be February 29 at the United Church of Underhill with Pastor Kevin Goldenbogen hosting. We will begin promptly at 12 noon and conclude at 12:45 pm. The schedule for the following four Wednesdays in March will be announced at that time. So come join us for soup and a generous serving of the bread of life

Christian Education

Even though the weather lately does not seem to reflect the current month on the calendar, we are well into the Winter Quarter of Sunday school. The next couple of months will see the continuation of many Christian Ed opportunities already in progress, the "spinning-up" of long term projects and the addition of some new activities.

As mentioned in previous news articles, the focus for the Winter Quarter of Sunday school is "Care." During the month of February, classes from Toddler through High School will participate in a local version of the "Joni and Friends" program **Heart for the Disabled**. Each class will craft cards and notes with messages of love and encouragement for families with a disabled member. These messages will convey to the families that brothers and sisters in Christ do "care" and are praying for them. If you are interested in participating in the Joni and Friends campaign, go to their website to find details and contact information. In this season of LOVE, cards and letters are a wonderful way to let people know you CARE!

Adult Sunday school continues in the Fellowship Hall with a study of John MacArthur's book Hard to Believe led by Ed Chase.

We praise the Lord for Tara Vanderploeg who has stepped forward to teach grade 1-3 in the Spring! Still needed is a helper for this class. If you are interested, please contact Dawna Moultroupe or speak to Tara.

Our current session of Sunday school will conclude **March 11th** which is also when **daylight savings** begins! So Spring Forward on March 11th!

Plans for **VBS** are well underway with Michelle Jaquith directing the efforts. The program chosen is from LifeWay curriculum and entitled "Amazing Wonders Aviation: Awesome God! Amazing Power!" Dates for VBS are July 16-20th. Prayerfully consider how you can be involved in this "amazing" outreach opportunity!

Ladies Thurs morning Bible Study has resumed their study under the teaching of Bonnie Bound and is now focused on the book of Philippians. They meet at 10 a.m. in the Sunday school bldg. You are invited to join at any time and discover "there is a Joy in the Journey!" book of the Bible. For more information contact Maureen Ashley or Dawna Moultroupe

Men's book group are studying Tony Dungy's book entitled Uncommon - Finding Your Path to Significance. They continue to meet at 6 a.m., Tuesday mornings at the Village Cup in Jericho. Contact Ed Chase for more information.

"Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know I that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'" John 21:16

Dine with Nine, Eats with Eight, Sup with Seven.....

Each year we've had sign ups to form small groups of folks who would like to get to know some others in the congregation a bit better by sharing a meal together once a month for at least 3 months. Some of the groups have had so much fun, they continue to meet all year. If you would like to get to know some others in the church family, please sign up on the clip board in the fellowship hall. Groups will be organized around the end of February.

Questions? Call Debbie Hamm.

Young Life

The annual Young Life Information and Fund Raising banquet is planned for Monday evening, March 26th at the Doubletree Hotel ballroom on Williston Rd. in South Burlington. Young Life is a youth outreach ministry to get to know high school and middle school students and earn the right to share the gospel with them. I would love to have you as my guest at this banquet so you can learn about the organization. There is no charge for you to attend the banquet, but you will be asked to consider making a donation to support the work of Young Life. Please call or email me - Debbie Hamm at zilch74(at)gmail.com.

Nursery Schedule for January

Please look for your name on the nursery schedule. If everyone in the church is willing to help, no one will have to serve more than once a year. Call Liana Szczecinski to fix any conflicts you may have; 434-6638

5th Mingru Guo
12th Claire Silman & Ken Lick
19th Kristen & Luke Taylor
26th Linda Everett & Jennifer Jaquith





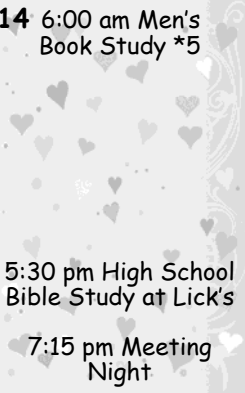


♥ Anniversaries & Birthdays

1st Zoie Haggarty
2nd Jennifer Jaquith
3rd Starr Brinckerhoff
4th Edward Chase
5th MaryAnn Pelkey
7th Kristine Fradenburg
Elizabeth Dunkling
9th Noah King
13th Arlene Carter
16th ♥ Ed & Meg Guilfooy
15th Brian Johnson

19th Marcus Van Wyck
22nd Morgan Quimby
Jillian Griffin
23rd Andrea Greeley
24th Sharon Anderson
♥ Carl & Maureen Ashley
26th Jeanne Evans
27th Betty Rainford



February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JCC Location Codes: *1 Church Sanctuary *2 Fellowship Hall *3 Choir Room Church Bldg *4 Community Center *5 <i>Village Cup</i> *6 Ofc Bldg.-Upstrs. YG Rm *7 Ofc. Bldg.-1st Fl Mtg Rm *8 GSLC-Rt.15</p>			<p>1 1:30 pm Mom's In Touch @ Carter's 7:30 pm Choir *3</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day  6-7:30 pm AWANA</p>	<p>3 Pastor Anderson's Day Off 5:30 pm Jr. High Night at Davis'</p>	<p>4 8:30 am Youth Ministry Team @ Carter's</p>
<p>5 Worship Service & Communion 8:00 & 11:00 am Worship *1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship *2 Youth Choir*7 3:30 Sliding & Superbowl Party @ Brown's  6:30 pm All Church Prayer *1</p>	<p>6 Pastor Carter's Day Off</p>	<p>7 6:00 am Men's Book Study *5 5:30 pm High School Bible Study at Lick's 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Gagne's</p>	<p>8 1:30 pm Mom's In Touch @ Carter's 7:30 pm Adult Choir *3</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study *7 6-7:30 pm AWANA</p>	<p>10 Pastor Anderson's Day Off</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19 Worship Service 8:00 & 11:00 am Worship *1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship *2 Youth Choir*7 6:15 pm Youth Group *6</p>	<p>20 Pastor Carter's Day Off  PRESIDENTS' DAY *****</p>	<p>21 6:00 am Men's Book Study *5 5:30 pm High School Bible Study at Lick's 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Gagne's</p>	<p>22  ASH WEDNESDAY 1:30 pm Mom's In Touch @ Carter's 7:30 pm Adult Choir *3</p>	<p>23 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study *7 6-7:30 pm AWANA</p>	<p>24 Pastor Anderson's Day Off</p>	<p>25</p>
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