

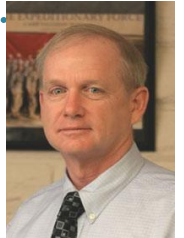


*...His footsteps,  
our pathway. Ps 85:13*

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***A Message from Pastor Tom:*** Greetings! The fall is here and with it comes the start-up of seasonal ministries, events and opportunities to serve. Eight Adults 50+ members will be in China on a GPS trip beginning 19 September. They will be involved in friendship evangelism, ministering with older adults and helping children to learn English. Upon their return, the team will be visiting the Adult Fellowships to share what the Lord accomplished through them. Adults 50+ Ministry will continue to encourage teams to participate in GPS Mission trips.



There are also many opportunities to serve in our community. Juniper school is asking for adults to give one or two hours per week to help students with their English. I would encourage you strongly to consider this opportunity to spiritually influence the lives of young children. I also will be sharing in small groups and in the Adult Fellowships our 2020 Vision. This is our Vision as a church family, and your participation, prayers and presence are needed for God to be honored and people to become more like Jesus. My question to you is, "Are you all in as a follower of Jesus to become more like Him and help others to do the same"?

## Ministry Spotlight: "Ministry to Men"

Formerly known as "Men's Ministries", Ministry to Men has been under the leadership of Zack Swinscoe for the past eight years. The aim of this ministry is to encourage men from all walks of life to step up to the plate, lead their families in a God-pleasing way, and to get involved in other ministries to edify the body of Christ.

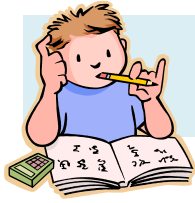
"God has orchestrated our efforts from Day One," Zack says. "When men get right with God, everything else falls into place." Zack has watched this happen first-hand as men have attended various fellowships and have realized who they are in Christ.

One of the more recent programs under Ministry to Men is "Fathers in Training". Why this new focus? There were already ministries and resources available for parents, but missing was one that dealt with the unique role of dads. "There was a hole," as Zack puts it.

The classes began on June 22, and there are now over 100 on the roster, with 65-70 men attending consistently. The current topic of study in this group is "Creating a Life Culture" within the family. There are many other "cultures" out there competing for attention, such as the drug culture, entertainment, etc. Families need something in place to counteract these worldly influences, so through "Fathers in Training", dads are learning how to coach their kids to live out their faith.

"We don't want to compete with other ministries," says Zack. "We want to raise men up to be right with God, to be role models as godly husbands and fathers, and to serve others in the church."





# SCHOOL DAYS



Millie Koenig shares with us some of her memories from school:

***How did you get to school?***

Elementary school - walked to school about five blocks.

High school - walked 1 mile to elevated train and another mile to the high school.

***Who was your favorite teacher?***

Mr. Francis Shea (7<sup>th</sup> grade). Mr. Shea saw I was shy and needed encouragement.

He managed to pull me out of my shell -- some friends now say he pulled me out too far!

***Who was your least favorite teacher?***

Sixth grade elementary teacher (can't recall her name). She had little control of her class, and since I had skipped several grades, I was the youngest in the class with a lot of bullies.

In addition, she was cross-eyed -- she pointed one way and her eyes went another.

***Ever get sent to the principal's office?***

I wasn't 'sent' to the principal's office, but took care of her plants. She was especially fond of her rubber plant, and I accidentally broke a stem. I was fearful to tell her, so I stuck the stem in my middy blouse. I doubt she ever realized the stem was gone.

***Any awards or proud moments? Teams you were on?***

My proud moment was graduating from Carnegie Hall. I didn't sing, dance, play an instrument... however, since my high school graduating class was so large, the school rented Carnegie Hall.

I was on the high school volley ball team - it was a favorite sport of mine. The team members called me "rubber legs" because I rarely kept my position.

## HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER VACATION--- A HURRICANE IN VERMONT?

*Tom & Wanda Thies*



As we do most years, we headed for Vermont for our time off, to visit Lake Fairlee and to see family. This year the plan was to join many of my family (Wanda), on my mother's side, for a family reunion. The date and place had been in the works for six months and everyone was looking forward to the visit. We had family from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, California, Oregon, Texas and even from Canada. Those from Maine, Virginia, and Alabama were unable to make it. We had sisters, nieces and nephews, and lots of cousins (kissing cousins, first, second, once/twice removed). The eldest member was my 93 year old Aunt who resides in VT and is the last of her generation in our family. (I hated the realization that my siblings and I are now part of the eldest generation in my family!)

As the days before the reunion approached, so did word that Hurricane Irene was heading towards the east coast and the path could take it through the middle of the state of Vermont. We arrived on Friday, the reunion was held on Saturday and Irene came on Sunday. The reunion was a great event; most who came made it home safely and before the storm. Sadly, some of the folks who had hoped to come were unable to make the trip due to weather. Two of my sisters who left after the storm had to drive five hours to the next airport as their flights from the local airport had been cancelled.

Sunday and Monday Irene pushed her way through the state doing a great deal of damage and isolating many Vermont towns and people. Roads were destroyed and historic bridges and locations destroyed or damaged. The area where we lived had only wind and rain. No damage. At the time of this writing, there are still folks who are cut off and receiving food and water deliveries by helicopter.

The rest of our week was uneventful and we had time to enjoy good weather and a beautiful location, left-over food from the reunion, so not much cooking, and Tom has a few fishing stories to tell. We came back to CA in time to experience The SO-CAL blackout of 2011. I guess if you want some excitement, go where we go!

Blessings and Love,  
Wanda



Looking Ahead: 

September 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Labor Day					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Mystery Trip		
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Adults 50+ events:

22<sup>nd</sup> - Mystery Trip  
Sponsored by the Keenagers

Returning in October:  
Lunch With Leaders

Watch the bulletin for details!

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