

# THE MISSIVE

MIDLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
5700 JEFFERSON AVENUE

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## JUST 'KIDDING — Joni Real

Getting Kids to Talk About Their Day – Jim Fay

**Conversation between a parent & child:**

"Hi, Jamie. How was your day?"

"Okay."

"How was school?"

"Fine."

"What did you do today at school?"

"Nothing."

"Well, you must have done something."

"Just regular stuff."

"How was your lunch?"

"I don't know. Okay, I guess."

**Does this sound familiar?** Would you like your kids to be just a little more talkative?

**Experiment with this:** Dr. Charles Fay calls this the "30 Minute Rule."

It's based upon the fact that kids watch our every move, copying us in their subconscious drive to learn how to be big.

For the next 2 months, avoid the temptations to ask questions of your kids during the first 30 minutes after they come home. Instead, talk with excitement or enthusiasm about your own day instead.

**Examples:** "It's good to see you. Guess what I got to do today... And not only that, I learned...and I heard...and I couldn't wait to tell you about it. I hope you had a great day."

One of these days you'll get a surprise; it will sound like, "But Mom. I've got to tell you what happened today."

By the way, this works great with spouses.

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## CHILD PROTECTION SEMINAR

If you are currently working with our children (this includes newborns up through high school aged youth) or if you would like to begin working with our children, you need to attend an Annual Child Protection Training session. The next session will be on:

**Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 pm**

Please RSVP to the church office (631-4620) if you are coming. Also let us know if you need child care, so that we can plan accordingly.

A background check also needs to be completed prior to working with any of our children, so please bring your driver's license along. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## KIDS CORNER

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### WORD SEARCH

Can you find the school supplies hidden in the puzzle?

- Books
- Chairs
- Chalkboard
- Crayons
- Desk
- Eraser
- Glue stick
- Lunch box
- Markers
- Notebook
- Paper
- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors

## RETREAT!

**MEN!** Mark your calendars for the Men's Retreat Weekend at the Woods' cabin in Evert. This will take place on **September 18th-19th**. Suggested donation for this is \$20.00. See Steve Wellman for information.

**LADIES!** Plan now to go to the Women's Retreat "Paradise" **October 2-4th** at The Springs Camp in Gladwin. (the theme is Hawaiian) The cost is of **\$115.00** includes a room for two nights and five meals. Get your deposit in NOW to reserve your spot! **The final payment is due September 30th**. See the table in the church foyer or Sheila Saylor.

## N.M.I. INTERNATIONAL—Jim Boyer

### Alabaster Offering/ Prayer

Seems like it was just the other day that my council members and I were counting all the coins that were given for this past February's Alabaster offering. I never tire of this special offering, and I particularly enjoy watching the children participate. We will be having another Alabaster offering September 20 in the morning service, so if you haven't done so, start collecting those loose coins (we will even take that green stuff). Alabaster money is used around the world to help build mission centers such as churches, bible schools, hospitals and clinics, and missionary homes, as well as to buy parcels of land for future building projects.

Remember to pray for Debbie Kleinfeld. She was to be our faith promise speaker, but shortly upon arrival to the states in early May, she became sick with a heart condition. She is still having problems with her heart, and we need to pray that the Lord will give the Kleinfelds and doctors wisdom as they consider the best course of treatment.

We serve an awesome God, who is able to meet all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19).

## FANTASTIC FRIDAYS-WRAP UP—Joni Real

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – “Funday Sundae” Friday** – “Happy” the Clown helped start us off with a bang – Imagine Ice Cream Truck with Ryan Kaiser came in the afternoon and presented a great musical program. Mr. Real was turned into a human sundae.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> – “Let’s Create Together” Friday** – Farmer Carl Woods helped us plant seeds, which we watched grow all summer. We watched Builder Mr. Steve Laplow put a window in a door at church and then we built a sign advertising Fantastic Fridays; Miss Onda Woods shared the Creation Bible Story; and Miss Fern Brugger read the Fun story about recycling.

**July 10<sup>th</sup> – “Kicking Worship” Friday** – Mr. Phil Holzschuh taught us some very cool origami creations; Miss Julie from Angel’s Martial Arts School talked about treating each other with respect and demonstrated some karate moves and kicks. We heard about standing up for Christ through the Bible story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – “Christmas in July” Friday** – We wrapped our presents, listened to the story of Jesus’ Birth, then went across the parking lot to Nottingham Place to sing Christmas carols and delivered the presents to every resident at Nottingham Place.

**July 31<sup>st</sup> – “Everyone is Fair Game” Friday** – We went “fishing” with Pastor Gary Miller, as he told us all about fishing and “Fishing for Men” for Jesus; Mrs. Pat Hitchcock told us about David and Goliath. Mr. Joe Hitchcock shared his hunting adventures, and even brought some cool ‘stuffed’ animals for us to look at. We talked about the importance of playing fair and had Nerf gun wars.

**August 7<sup>th</sup> – “Rescue Me” Friday** – We learned about the 10 Commandments and how we have all sinned against God. We had squirt gun fights, ran under the sprinkler, and we tossed water balloons. A fire truck came to visit and we learned about fire safety. Mr. Jim tried to put on the firemen’s gear. The firemen turned on their hose and we had a contest filling up 5 gallon buckets that were in front of Mr. Zach and Miss Elizabeth. Of, course it was a lot more fun to get them wet, instead of filling up the bucket. Lastly they shot water out from the top of their truck over the parking lot and we got to stand in it. It felt like a really soft rain.

**August 14<sup>th</sup> – “Bicycle Derby” Friday** – We showed and told about our bikes. We talked about bicycle safety and why we wear helmets. We had three different bicycle events set up by Mr. Zach, Mr. Jim, and Miss Elizabeth. Yes, we did have a few tumbles, and yes we had a few bicycles fall apart, but we had a wonderful “nurse” in the office and our very own “bicycle expert” to put our bikes all back together again. Mr. Jim shared a Bible story on forgiveness, which ended with an invitation for salvation and two children responded.

**August 21<sup>st</sup> – “Harvest Day” Friday** – Farmer Carl Woods came back to share what he has been gathering out of his garden. He had all kinds of fruits and vegetables. We got to eat some blueberries and had a coloring contests. Miss Joni shared the Bible Story. We also watched A Veggie Tale Movie.

**August 28<sup>th</sup> – “It’s A Wrap”** – We invited all our special visitors to drop in for a visit. We made thank you notes for all the helpers. We heard about Noah’s ark and how God provides for us everyday. We had races in the soccer field and some other field events. We have all made some wonderful friends over this summer and will miss them as off to school they will be going.

**Thank you to all who helped every week** – Jim Real, Amy & Fred Kelly, Lorraine Stanford, Onda Woods & Fern Brugger. **Thank you to our teen helpers** - Trevor George, Elizabeth Hamilton, Andrew Kelly, & Zach Thurston. Thank you to Darlene Jewett for filling in in the kitchen. **Thank you to our weekly special speakers** which included Jim Boyer as “Happy” the clown, Ryan Kaiser, Carl Woods, Onda Woods, Fern Brugger, Steve Laplow, Julie Ortiz, Phil Holzschuh, Pastor Gary Miller, Pat Hitchcock, Joe Hitchcock, John Day and the Midland Fire Department, and Barry Saylor. **A special thank you to Nottingham Place for allowing us to come and sing to them.**

## PRIME TIMERS & FRIENDS

—Chet & Virge Thornton

**PRIME TIME LUNCHEON**—We had a great time at the I-HOP restaurant in Mt. Pleasant last month, with thirty-one in attendance! We celebrated Pastor Jim and Marilyn’s 60th wedding anniversary!

The next **Prime Time breakfast** at Shirlene’s is Sept. 11th at 9:00 AM.

**PRIME TIME PLANNING SESSION**—Join us at the church on September 22nd at 12:00 noon. Please bring a dish to pass and **IDEAS** for the coming year.

**KIWANIS FILM SEASON TICKETS**—Season Tickets for the coming Kiwanis Film Season are \$25.00 for the six programs (an \$11.00 savings over purchasing individual tickets). They may be purchased from any Kiwanis member (Paul Walker), or at the Midland Center for the Arts. Dates for these Tuesday movies are: Oct. 27; Nov. 17; Dec. 8; Jan. 19; Feb.16; and March 2. Doors open at 7:00pm; films start at 7:30 PM. Get your tickets early!

## MUSICIANS NEEDED

Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to use that talent for worshipping the Lord? The Worship Team is looking for more participants, specifically a pianist to play at the services. A lead guitarist would be nice also. Please contact Joni Real if you are interested in becoming part of the Worship Team.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

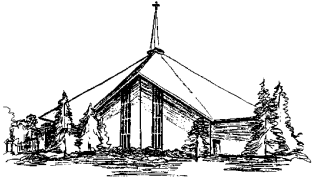
### YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

The Teen’s Youth Group, grades 6-12, will start meeting on Sunday evenings beginning on **September 13th** from 6:00 until 7:30 PM. **PARENTS please come at 5:00 PM on September 13th for an informational meeting.**

**M.O.M.** (Moms on a Mission) **Group** will meet the second Friday of each month from 7:00-8:30 PM. We’ll be learning strategies to raise our children according to God’s Word, supporting each other, and fellowshiping in the body of Christ. Questions? Contact Amy Kelly.

### Having trouble making ends meet?

Visit the Midland County Food Pantry Network Food Distribution and receive food to help supplement your family’s pantry. This month it is on **Wednesday, September 16th**, beginning at 12:00 noon at the West Midland Family Center (4011 W. Isabella Rd.) Bring empty bags or boxes with you. This is limited to the first 300 households on a first come-first served basis, so go early!



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### **Things Aren't Always What They Seem** (Author Unknown)

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead the angels were given a space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it.

When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem".

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed, where they could have a good night's rest, while the couple slept on the dirt floor.

When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel asked the older angel, "How could you let this happen?" And the older angel replied once more, "Things aren't always what they seem." Then the angels prayed with the farmer and his wife, and they departed.

After awhile the younger angel, still infuriated by the actions of the older angel, could stand it no longer. She asked the older angel, "I still don't get it. The first man had everything, and you helped him," she accused. "The second family had little but was willing to share everything with us, and yet you let their cow die."

"Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied. "You see, when we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in the hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it. Then last night as we slept in the farmer's bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I told him to take the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem."

We don't always understand why things happen the way they do. It is so easy to look at the circumstances around us and blame others or question God. When bad things happen, it will either break us apart, or bring us closer together and strengthen our relationship with God. We don't see the big picture, but He does. He knows what is best for us in the long run. We need to fully put our trust in Him, knowing that "all things work together for good to those who love God; to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28 NKJV)