

## This Summer at the Springs

By Pastor Dave Izenbart



**Summer Shorts:** This summer we are unveiling an **8-week**, fresh worship experience for the dog days of summer. This is, in part, to combat the "summer slump," and to engage everyone in passionate, family friendly services to refresh your soul!

**Passionate** - Don't think "church-lite" or "dumbed

down," but full octane worship with a concerted effort to be concise so everyone can enjoy, including parents and young kids.

**Family Friendly** – Not only will there be activities for kids to do in their seats, we are going to get them out of their seats for something we are calling **Kids Shorts!** Kids Shorts will be brief talks that will get them engaged with the topic of the day.

**Refreshing** – We pray that each service would be life-giving and refreshing – good spiritual nourishment for

a great summer.

**Summer Worship Highlights:** Here are some additional food, fun, and fellowship opportunities to make the summer extra sweet!

**June 10 – Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** – Let us do the cooking this Sunday! Great food and fun for everyone (including our Riverdale site!). Lots of other fun activities too – A bean bag tournament (to support Honduras trip), kids fun, a 3 pt. Basketball shootout, and more! **WE WILL ALSO BE HONORING GRADS THIS SUNDAY!**

**June 24 – Lunch FUNdraiser for Honduras Trip.** Enjoy good food without heating up your kitchen and support a great cause. All proceeds will support the Honduras mission trip projects!

**July 15 – Ice Cream Sunday!** We will celebrate the end of VBS with some free Ice Cream for everyone!

**August 12 – "Lunch in the Community" Sunday.** Invite someone out to lunch! Enjoy hanging out with someone new, and bless our local businesses.

I'm looking forward to the best summer ever – I hope you are too!



## Dementia Support by Christine Biegler

For the past year, I have been running our Dementia Support Group. It's a place where we share our concerns, our hopes, our victories, and our losses. We also try to learn a little something while we are together. Recently, we watched a documentary that was incredibly powerful. Each one of us there was touched by it. I want to urge all of you to watch this. There is a point in the not so distant future where every single one of us will be impacted by dementia. I think it's crucial for us all to understand what will be happening in our country as more and more people are diagnosed with Alzheimer's (and other dementias). So, if you have time, please find Every Minute Counts at the PBS website. <http://www.pbs.org/video/alzheimers-every-minute-counts-every-minute-counts/>

Further, I ask that you pray for this ministry. I ask that you pray for those of us who are losing their loved ones to this disease; it is a heartbreak unlike any other. I ask that you pray for the caregivers who give up so much of themselves to care for the patient; many of these caregivers are children or spouses of the patient. And, of course, I ask that you pray for those living with dementia who face a very scary future as they decline. I ask that you pray for the healthcare workers, who see the pain of this disease every day. I ask for a prayer of peace and contentment for all those who are impacted by this disease. If you are interested in joining us, we meet the first Thursday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. here at Living Springs. We will be on summer break in July and August.

# Partnering Together For Impact!

## *Our Summer Mission Trip to Honduras* By Pastor Dave Izenbart

This summer, we as a church have the privilege of sending a team of *at least 10 people* (including Pastors Dave and Randle) to our beautiful sister church in Pena Blanca to partner together with them in mission July 13-18!

God-Sized Projects! Here is some of what we will be doing on our trip with our sister church. (Please note that we are not doing *for* them – we are partnering *with* our sister church in mission!)

- Building a simple home for a family in need
- Helping to construct a second-floor room to house the Compassion International ministry, that hosts over 150 children in the area!
- Participating in worship celebrations together
- Building relationships with our sister church and staying in their homes!
- A vision trip to consider if our church and our sister church will adopt a church/village in the mountains that is extraordinarily under-resourced

Requiring God-Sized Generosity! On top of the cost of travel expenses (\$1200 per participant - which is no small fund-raising task), the cost of the 2 projects (the home and church building) is nearly \$7000. That is an overwhelming task for the team, but a small thing for God and our church. By the way, our sister church has agreed to raise over \$800 for the project (keep in mind that compared to an American church – this is a very under-resourced church). Here's the cool thing...

We all get to participate in this God-sized project! I love the words of the Apostle John who was sending a team on mission...

*You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the Name.... Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth (3 John 5:6-8).*

Did you catch that? Every one of us can be fellow workers on mission – either by going ourselves or through our support. This God-sized goal can be easily reached by all of us linking arms and generously supporting this work!

How you can join in this God-sized project...

1. Join in the Bean Bag Tournament at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on June 10. All proceeds will support the trip.
2. Pick up a Coins for Kids jar in the lobby, and collect coins for the team. Coins will be collected on July 1. Just think, your spare change can really make a difference!
1. On June 24, stay after church for a Spaghetti Lunch – all proceeds will go toward the mission trip.

Thank-you for your partnership in the Gospel, and may God Bless you.

## *A Farewell Letter From Gerry Wise*

Dear Living Springs Family,  
It has been a huge honor to be a part of the Living Springs staff for these many years. I will miss all of it. Please join me in continuing to pray over the church staff, and especially over the one God leads to replace me. Also, please pray for those who have sought counsel over the years, and for the dear Coffee Break women. It has been my honor to serve in these areas, and I trust God to lead me to similar ministries in our new location.

While packing for our move, I came across sympathy cards from 2013, after the loss of my mom. As I reread each one, I was reminded of all of the love I have re-

ceived from you; not just at a time of loss but during all of the years being at Living Springs. Love is what brought Jim and me into the Living Springs family and love is what we take with us as we leave.

We hope to have opportunities to come back for visits in the coming years. Whether we see you in the near future or not until eternity, you will not be forgotten.

Your memory will bring prayers for God's blessings upon you. May our precious Lord hold you close and fill your life with His plan and purpose, always.

In Jesus Christ,

Gerry Wise and family

# June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Reuben Butler Kalen Maxey Shauna Milsap Elizabeth Scanland <i>Sam &amp; Jeanette Contreras Lee &amp; Fran Shirer</i>	2
3 Kolandra Carpenter Trevor Groot Timothy Jansma Patti Jongsma Jim Wise	4 Luke DeBruin Avery Dore Justin Whiting	5 Rich Albrecht Jr. <i>Gene &amp; Sharon Guidera</i>	6 John Oben	7	8 Jordan Alverio Nia Franklin Kisean Rose	9 Hilda Rose Grant Sikkema Carol Sterrett James Zirbel
10 Tricia Hackett Cooper Hanna	11 Russell Injerd <i>Jim &amp; Pat Heiner</i>	12 Zachary Hoekstra	13 Audrey Zirbel <i>Bob &amp; Carol Sekula Grant &amp; Katie Sikkema</i>	14 Greta Zirbel <i>Mike &amp; Katie Abramczyk</i>	15 Cornelious Brookens Lynn Graves Gayle Zenzen <i>Ahy &amp; Uletta Butler</i>	16 Kyler Crick Gabrielle Milsap Adam Thrall <i>Carl &amp; Jean Steiber</i>
17 Mylo Dixon <i>Robert &amp; Hazel Wooten</i>	18 Dyllan Hanna Jenny Mabrey Julie Saldok <i>Ceaser &amp; Tanya Norfleet</i>	19 Michael Castady Rhonda Johnson Melissa Sanchez <i>Anthony &amp; Darcey Angelini Brian &amp; Marijo Kleinfelder Karen &amp; Byron Robinson Eric &amp; Kim Scheutzow</i>	20 Tanya Norfleet Ada Stovall Ronica Williams	21 Janet DeBruin	22 <i>Tim &amp; Connie Bultema</i>	23 Aiden Traffcanta
24 Aaron Verver <i>Ron &amp; Debbie LaReau</i>	25 Greg Castady Rebecca Rossi	26 Deloise Castle Carole Herman- Armstrong Tabitha Waita <i>Andy &amp; Carol Lindstrom</i>	27 Cailyn Brookens Jennifer Rice Sara Scanland Bettie Woodhouse <i>Jamie &amp; Valerie Clay Jeff &amp; Erin DeBruin</i>	28	29 Jeff Brown Joy LaSan Karen Sutton <i>Trevor &amp; Melissa Groot</i>	30 Jackie Keilman Hannah Traffcanta <i>Michael &amp; Julie Saldok</i>

## Notes & Quotes from the Church Mouse



Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.

-Charles Dickens

# July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Anthony Ferracane Katie Reese Erick Stoelinga <i>Jordan &amp; Sarah Bergren</i> <i>Erastus &amp; Eunice Musyoka</i>	2 Kevin Biegler Keith Cordero	3 Samantha Allen Jeff De Bruin	4 Jane Addison Tony Graves <i>Marchello &amp; LaTasha Shelton</i>	5 <i>Ed &amp; Marilyn Brown</i> <i>Steve &amp; Amy Hadley</i>	6	7 Larry Aguirre Christian Goldston Rosie Mc Donald Rick Miller Justin Orr
8 Tiffany Fynn	9 Paul Alexander Anyah-Iyanaa Baron David Bush Paul Sanchez <i>Keith &amp; Priscilla Cordero</i>	10 Joyce Dyson Erastus Musyoka Sandra Stoelinga <i>Dave &amp; Heidi Dore</i>	11 Hillary Grevengoed Charles Hampton <i>Don &amp; Jeanette Bartak</i> <i>Victor &amp; Yesenia Gomez-Sebastian</i> <i>Rob &amp; Deb Rankin</i>	12 Sharon Guidera Carolyn Ray Willie Vazquez	13	14 Karen Benson Cathy Hundt Kristy Princehorn Matt Princehorn <i>Trey &amp; Valerie Cranford</i> <i>Rich &amp; Mary Doornbos</i>
15 Dave Cianchetti	16 Ron LaReau	17 Sally Erickson Nelson Grant Hannah St. Victor	18 Cole Grevengoed Reese Grevengoed Cy Muraida Rich Scanland Jr. Abigail Sodergren	19 Jordan Bergren Emily Bush Jeff Cienkus Susan Culp Roxanne Hallman Keelyn Sikkema Gerry Wise	20 Vivian Hudson-Davis Norvelle Merrill	21 Katie Voll
22 <i>Nelson &amp; Sharlisa Grant</i>	23 Jonathan Frjelich Andy Gatto Hans Groot John Hackett Dominic Reitz Jr. LeeAnn Unwin	24	25 Robert Williams	26 Pamela Dukes Carolyn Hundt <i>David &amp; Karin Brown</i> <i>Don &amp; JoAnne LaVette</i> <i>Matt &amp; Kristy Princehorn</i>	27 Josh Bilbrew Milton Carter Johnny Graves Braeden Greer <i>Michael &amp; Barbara Randy</i>	28 Lisa Caposey Patricia Lawal <i>Aaron &amp; Jenny Mabrey</i>
29 Komaria Carpenter Paula Matthews	30 Karen Coupet Keith Piepenbrink	31 Bertha Caesar <i>Greg &amp; Nancy Voll</i>				

