

# THE GRAPEVINE

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Vineland United Methodist Church

NEWS FROM PASTOR TEZENLO

## “Summer’s Almost Gone”

Some of you may know that “Summer’s Almost Gone” is a song title. The song was sung by *The Doors*. The lyrics are not rich in content, but at least the song exudes the emotion of many during this time of the year. Lately, I’ve been hearing people say, “Summer’s almost gone” (I haven’t heard anyone of you sing it to me, though!). I have said the same thing myself. In fact, for many, summer is already gone once schools begin or they have had their summer vacation. The one aspect I like about summer is that I can get out more often than I can in winter. So in that respect, it’s upsetting that summer’s almost gone.

This year’s summer has been a busy one for us. Besides the regular summer program, we had mission activities in the community. We also had our church’s 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. But summer is not really over for Vineland UMC until we have had the State Fair. The State Fair marks the end of summer for our church. Thus far we have had a successful summer in terms of what we planned and executed. But we still need your help to end this summer well, that is, to help make the food stand a success during the State Fair. By the time you read this month’s newsletter, the State Fair will have gone halfway. Please call Barbara Johnson (948-2603) or the church office (948-2984) or sign up on Sunday if you can help.

*Rally Sunday* is on September 12! This is when we invite friends, relatives, and neighbors, especially those who volunteered for the food booth, to worship and have lunch with us. Please invite your friends, relatives and neighbors on this Sunday. In addition, the Rally Sunday also marks the beginning of Sunday School activities.

Continuing with the yearlong anniversary celebration, the youth and children will do a special worship in October. There will be a “closing” anniversary service in December. Please continue to pray for God’s leading and wisdom as we strive to serve God in the community and beyond.

Shalom – Be Well!

Tezenlo Thong



To Our Friends at Vineland,

Thank you for the invitation to celebrate Vineland's 120th anniversary. Why does everything have to happen at once?

My family will be in Indiana at a family reunion on July 18th. My wife and I have very fond memories of the church there. Edith remembers growing up in the congregation. I loved the almost five years I served as your pastor. The best memory either of us has is November 20th, 1982 when we were married in the Vineland Church.

God bless you all as you enter another 120 years of ministry on South Road.

In Christ,

Rick and Edith Calhoun

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Greetings from AJ and Elaine,

Congratulations on 120 years as servants of the Lord.

It is unfortunate that Elaine and I will not be able to attend your celebration, due to other engagement commitments.

This invitation did cause us to do some reflections on the great years we shared with your family of faith. It all started the Sunday we gathered at the State Fair Grounds food booth for the preparation Sunday for the State Fair. Working at the booth was always a great time. Maybe I can be available this year for a repeat of the good times.

Of course, there are a ton of good memories of which I will recap a few:

- Revamping the church's interior. (I did not get to see the pink carpet put in though??!!)
- Vacation Bible Schools
- Church pot lucks
- Mission trip to Chile
- Weddings
- Baptisms
- Receiving members into church
- Attending the Gaither's concert
- And certainly worshiping and praying together

You are an awesome congregation, and my prayers are for you to serve God many more years, according to His will.

In God's love,

AJ and Elaine

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### THE POWER OF MISSION

Vineland UMC is participating in preparing health kits for UMCOR. These kits are distributed worldwide wherever there is a need. Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. Please help this wonderful mission project by bringing a health kit to church.

- ✦ 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- ✦ 1 washcloth
- ✦ 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- ✦ 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- ✦ 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- ✦ 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- ✦ 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

#### Important Kit Assembly Information

- ✦ All items included in kits must be NEW items.
- ✦ All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.

### ANNIVERSARIES

- September 1—Bob and Joyce Gouty
- September 6—Harry and Joan Shadinger
- September 9—Randy and Brenda Johnston
- September 21—Chuck and Bonnie Norton
- September 26—Ken and Tracey Stowers

### BOOKIES

Bookies will meet September 21 at Alice Bloyd's home. The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski is the book selected for discussion



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- September 4—Sylva Baldwin
- September 6—Michelle Hargis
- September 11—Kelly Klun
- September 11—Art Unwin
- September 13—Leslie Fisher
- September 14—Brandon Hopper
- September 17—Pam Pettijohn
- September 19—Jerry Brear
- September 26—Doug Hankel
- September 28—Tammy Stroud
- September 28—Tracey Stowers



## INVITING ALL MOMS

Please join us for a night away to gain understanding and encouragement in your God given roles of wife and mother by watching a Hearts at Home DVD!!

September 10<sup>th</sup>~ "Moms Who Scream" by Cheryl Eliason

October 8<sup>th</sup>~ "Redefining Romance" by Jill Savage

November 11-14<sup>th</sup>~ No DVD~ But you are welcome to join us in Rochester, MN for the North Central Conference!

December 10<sup>th</sup>~ "Parent Lifesaver" by Dr. Todd Cartmell

All DVDs will be shown in the educational building at  
Vineland United Methodist Church  
(On the corner of 36<sup>th</sup> & South Road)

**At 7:30 p.m.**

All you need to bring is yourself (and a mug if you would like some hot chocolate, coffee or tea)!

Call Pam Pettijohn with any questions 676-2501

We would love to see you there!

**"So much of what we know of love we learn at home"**

~Unknown

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# **KICKOFF SUNDAY**

## **September 12, 2010**

**Sunday School**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Worship**

**10:30**

### **Celebration Following Worship**

- Lunch
- Hayride
- Duck Races
- Fun
- Fellowship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 COLORADO STATE FAIR- FOOD BOOTH	2 →	3 →	4 →
5 →	6 →	7	8	9 BIBLE STUDY @ 7 P.M.	10	11
12 KICKOFF SUNDAY	13	14	15 NURTURE AND OUTREACH @ 6 P.M.	16 BIBLE STUDY @ 7 P.M.	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 BIBLE STUDY @ 7 P.M.	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 BIBLE STUDY @ 7 P.M.		

## **GALACTIC BLAST VBS 2010**

This year's vacation bible school was a huge success thanks to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Our theme was space centered and we learned about going green from an orange gorilla named Galelio.

The kids also were reminded that we have an incredible, amazing, wonderful, fantastic and awesome God who watches over them and loves them always. There was lots of singing, praising, crafting, snacking and fun. We had two missions this year. First, the children brought toilet paper to help build a wall for our spaceship. This was donated to a local agency called Luv In Action. The second mission was to "Fill The Spaceship for Kip". The offering, placed in a spaceship helped Kip Shifflet and family with expenses. The generosity by the kids and their families for both missions was absolutely incredible and very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who made this year's VBS a fun and happy time for all.

Ad Board

October 12

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31

The following is paraphrased from the Upper Room—August 17.

Reaching out to children and young people matters. It is hard to image anything more challenging than being a Christian teenager in today's culture. But amid the cacophony of conflicting voices that would lead youth in a multitude of different directions, we can celebrate what God is doing through the lives of those who work with young people in our church.

The 120th Anniversary Celebration July 18 was a great success. Even the hot temperatures did not dampen the festive spirit. Many "old-timers" attended and shared their memories. Prior pastors and families were special guests as well as our new District Superintendent.

Many people contributed to the success of this event. Numerous volunteers made light work of the many tasks prior to and after the celebration. Thank you to ALL who contributed hours to this endeavor. A special word of gratitude to Alice Johnston who was in charge of the dinner. She managed the affair to the last detail.

The youth presented music at worship under our new canopies. Even the heat did not curb the games for the children after dinner.

It was a wonderful feat to celebrate Vineland United Methodist Church's service to Jesus Christ and the community for over a century.

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July 1, 2010

Dear friends,

Congratulations as you celebrate 120 years in Vineland. Thank you for your invitation but I will be unable to attend on July 18.

Bill, Greg and I so enjoyed our short time at VUMC mainly because of the instant love we all received. The memories that stand out in my mind: the gathering of community at the Womanless Wedding and the formation of the Rock Gospel Group. I could go on and on but...

You will be in my thoughts and prayers on this special day and throughout the year. Sending best wishes and love.

Jane Obaugh

