

# MAUPIN'S CORNER

Maupin Avenue ARP Church

## A Summer of Blessings

We have seen a great fall harvest of our accomplishments this spring and summer at Maupin.

We have much to be thankful for. With our new audio visual system we can hear so much better and enjoy neighborhood/church movie nights in almost HD picture quality.

Our sanctuary and classrooms upstairs freshly painted and decorated are beautiful and inviting for visitors.

New ranges in our kitchen and a new furnace for up and downstairs just in time for fall and winter is really welcome.

Parking has always been interesting for many years and there has always been a need to stripe ours. So after expanding our paved parking and enclosing the drainage grate we now have parking that doesn't require parking attendants for special occasions.

The parking project gave us the opportunity to address the small pond in the backyard of the office that would occur after each good rain. Several loads of soil and the sowing of new grass have solved most of the drainage problems we have.

Many other small projects have been accomplished and we are thankful to our Deaconate and notably to Barry Spry and Jeff Fisher who have given much personal time, with many others, into seeing these projects through.

God has been faithful in supplying the monies to complete these projects and Maupin has been faithful not to hoard the daily bread God gives, being faithful and wise stewards of what we have been given.

I am reminded of the parable talents given to servants and how when the nobleman returned he asks how they had been used.

I would not have wanted to be the one who played it safe keeping it back and not having any faith that if he put it to work it would be put to fruitful use and multiply.

Truly this has been a year of rich blessings for our church and we have been faithful in investing what we have been given in practical projects that needed to be done.

We have been faithful in not hoarding God's goodness for a rainy day but now we must be faithful in putting His gifts and blessings to work in ministry.

Pray that God would give us wisdom to know how to reach out to our community that others may know Him.

Pray that we would never doubt that He owns the cattle of a thousand hills and will always provide what we need when we need it.

Pray that our trust would not be in what we can see, touch, and feel, but in the unseen God, and that He will give us wisdom in the stewardship of our church.

Pray for the Deaconate as they plan and present 2010's budget to our church that we might prayerfully consider the funding needed for the ministry opportunities we have before us.

And pray that as we plan we will not plan comfortably in our own strength but faithfully in God's strong hand to provide for His church.

Yours in Christ,

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### Who Would You Say Is the Greatest American Hero of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century?

If I told you he saved the lives of over one billion people could you tell me who he was?

**Norman Borlaug** died at the age of 95 in September as one of the greatest unknown American heroes. He arguably saved more lives than any man who ever lived. The Nobel Peace Prize winner of 1970 spent his life in agriculture developing techniques of planting, crop rotation, and seed development.

In 1950 for example the world produced 692 million tons of grain to feed 2.2 billion people. With Borlaug's concepts, by 1992 the world produced 1.9 billion tons for 5.6 billion people. That is 2.8 times the food for 2.2 times the people.

Acreage wise grain yields more than doubled from

one half ton per acre to over 1.1 ton and acre. World hunger and malnutrition declined as never before.

Paul Ehrlich's book *The Population Bomb* claimed in 1968 that global starvation was inevitable. That India and Pakistan could never be taught to feed itself. Within 3 years Pakistan was self sufficient in grain and cereal production and India followed in 3 more years.

I confess that here is a hero of my own lifetime I knew nothing about. And I believe that what made this man worthy of such is that he used his life to teach others "how to fish."

What will make him more remembered in death than in life is that he taught others how to feed themselves and the world?

Because he stuck with his

vision, willingly living all over the world, a billion peoples lives have been sustained that could not have been otherwise. I'm sure that his humble life and obscure death will in history never go unnoticed.

His strength that made everything he did possible and worthwhile was that he taught people how to feed themselves. Mentors always live on far after they leave this earth.

Who can you teach to fish, who can you be a mentor to?



The next Maupin Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, October 10th at 8:00 am. Please plan on joining us for a delicious breakfast followed by a discussion of our prayer needs, which we will take to our Father in prayer.

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### FALL FESTIVAL

Maupin's first ever Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00am-1:00pm. There will be several activities for all ages, such as games with prizes, a CAKE WALK, and possibly a moon bounce. There will be a bake sale and a LEMONADE STAND. Kids will enjoy decorating pumpkins and so much more!



### HEALTH TEAM SUMMARY

The Health Team met at 7 pm Tuesday, 9-22-09 at the church office. Those attending were Gale Spry, Jill Rufty, Jeff Fisher, Bob Crawford and Betty Sunding.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Many of the new ideas that were presented at that meeting have been accomplished:

1. There was a possibility that we might obtain some used sound equipment from another church. We are now enjoying the benefits of the new system.
2. Jeff was researching a pull down screen for the front of the church to replace the temporary white sheet fix we've been having to use. That screen is now in place and was used at VBS this summer and will be used for other events coming up soon.
3. Wednesday night meals and Bible study were discussed and all agreed it is a great time of fellowship and learning from the Word of God. We were going to try to recruit some additional chefs, but so far that has been a hard thing to accomplish. Please pray about this and if anyone can make a pot of soup or scramble an egg and throw some frozen biscuits in the oven, you're hired!!!
4. Jeff Fisher and Mitch Lesslie were interested in having a movie night with light refreshments. The first one of these events will be Sunday 9-27. There will be a covered dish supper at 5:30pm prior to the movie, "Facing the Giants".

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### HEALTH TEAM SUMMARY—CONTINUED

5. Carissa Dickert was planning to have an Easter egg dying party, egg hunt and lunch for the small children the Sat. before Easter and that was a big success.
6. A church banner catalog had been looked at and several members chose banners to sponsor for the enhancement of the sanctuary. These are now in place and have brightened the walls beautifully.

These were not even on our wish list at the last meeting, but certainly deserve to be mentioned: The sanctuary and classroom at the back of the church have been painted, thanks to Jeff Fisher and Barry Spry. The kitchen has 2 new stoves and has had some changes to the cabinets and countertops. Barry Spry did the electrical and Ed Tompkins, neighbor of Bob Crawford's, did the carpentry. We have new concrete in the parking lot, done by Allen Buckwell, striping of the lot, new signage and some new gravel in the alleyway, a new riding lawn mower and edger, new furnace, new guttering at the church office, and the landscaping has been renewed and replanted thanks to Jill Rufty and Connie Lesslie. Jill has also been the main most decorator of the Fellowship classroom, which now has a pretty rug, new chairs, tables and lamps making our class cozy and comfortable. This has all been done in the past 6-7 months. Pretty amazing what God can do.

Some things are in the planning stages:

1. Nicole Boyer is planning a fall festival for the children.
2. The church women are going to put some welcome packets together for newcomers. Follow-up calls and visits to newcomers...this needs some work and some volunteers to help out.
3. We have plans for monthly church fellowship meals set through May 2010!!!! September-Dinner and a movie; October-Pastor appreciation month-covered dish; November-Thanksgiving covered dish; December (1)-WOC Christmas party with church invited (2). Covered dish after the cantata; January-Dinner and a movie; February-Valentine party; March-Senior church members appreciation dinner; April-Easter breakfast; May-Mother's Day festivity to be announced.
4. Jill Rufty would like to get some small groups started in the church again. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

The next Health Team meeting will be October 27th at 7pm in the church office. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. We would like to have a member from the Neighborhood Association join us and Randy is going to approach them about that.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Betty Sunding



### October Birthdays

October 2	Esther Fisher
October 2	Cathy Foster
October 3	Teresa Sheets
October 9	Marilyn Fisher
October 12	April Spry
October 20	Bryce Dwyer



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