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Birdwatchers

“You’re just like your father!” This could be a compliment or an insult. It all depends on what you think of your father.

The older I get, the more of my dad I see in myself. We have the same eyes, same mouth, same complexion. We both love to be by ourselves, we prefer a cheap burger joint to an expensive restaurant, and we enjoy watching birds.

My dad has built birdfeeders and birdhouses that hang right outside his back window. He placed a big comfy chair facing the window so he can sit there and watch the many different birds come and go. I am sure *Better Homes and Gardens* would say this does not look inviting because the back of the chair is what other people see when they enter the home. What *Better Homes and Gardens* doesn’t realize is that this is the best seat in the house and Dad would gladly give anyone the opportunity to sit, observe, and enjoy.

Recently, Dad built a birdfeeder

From the Heart

Teresa Gomez

for me to place in my tiny backyard. I love to see the different birds and listen to their different songs. The other day, I watched a male cardinal repeatedly take sunflower seeds from the feeder up to the fence, crack open the seeds and feed the female cardinal. This went on for 30 minutes. I was mesmerized.

I remember my dad saying to me, “You know when I realized that God was real? When I saw how many different kinds of birds there are in the world. Such a variety could not be mere happenstance. Someone created all of them.” There are around 10,000 different bird species. God is an amazing Creator!

“Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow nor reap, nor gather into barns, and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?” Matthew 6:26

I am grateful for my earthly father who loves and cares for me enough to build me a bird-

feeder. I am grateful to my heavenly Father who not only creates and takes care of the many birds, but also cares and watches over me.

“I sing because I’m happy. I sing because I’m free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”

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September Devotion: Why Sunday School?

September marks the beginning of a new Sunday School year. Children promote to new classes and new teachers join the already experienced ones. This brings up the question: Why? Why do we have Sunday School?

David Francis, the director of Sunday School for LifeWay Christian Resources, says that Sunday School is the backbone of a healthy church. He describes Sunday School as “the church organized to reach peo-

ple for Christ, teach people the Bible, and minister to people.”

Statistics show that when a new family joins a church, if they get connected with a small group like Sunday School, there is an 83 percent chance they will still be connected after five years, but only a 16 percent chance if they aren’t.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

These are excellent reasons for having Sunday School, but to honestly answer the question: Why do we have Sunday School? We have Sunday School because Jesus told us to. There isn’t a better reason.

As we begin a new Sunday School year, won’t you join us in praying for our program, for the teachers and students? Then after you pray, join us in Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. We have a seat for you!

September Recipe: Tator Tot Casserole

1 lb hamburger meat
Small Onion
2 Cans cream of — soup
(mushroom & chicken or
whatever you like)
2 Cups milk
Large pkg. Tator Tots
Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Brown hamburger meat and chopped onion. Mix in tator tots and put in baking dish. In separate bowl, mix soup and milk. Pour over tator tot mixture. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Take out of oven and top with cheddar cheese. Put back in oven for additional 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and dish is lightly browned.

***Note to choir members:

This is the dish Cathy Ford brought to the pot luck. Yummy!

Current Events

Children’s Workers’ Workshop

September 18
5:00—8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Every person who works with children in our church: Sunday School, AWANA, Children’s Church, Upward, etc., make plans to attend this vital meeting.

Dinner & childcare provided.

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God...”

Sunday School is a great place to look!

Children's Activities

AWANA

Registration:
September 7—6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Hot dogs, Balloons, Fun!

AWANA classes, meals and buses resume September 14.

New times:
6:00—7:45 p.m.



“Let’s All Go to the Movies”

Family Movie Night
September 30

7:30 p.m.

South Parking Lot

Bring lawn chairs & blankets and enjoy popcorn, cokes, and a movie!

Sixth Grade Meeting

Sixth Grade Students and Parents Meeting

Youth Building

September 29
6:30 p.m.

September Calendar

Sept. 5 - Office Closed

Sept. 7 - 6:00 p.m.—AWANA Registration

Sept. 9-10 - Women’s Retreat

Sept. 11 - 2:00 p.m. - Baby shower for Brad & Mallory Sims

Sept. 11 – 4:45 p.m. - Deacons’ Meeting

6:00 p.m. - Children’s & Youth Choir

Sept. 12 - 7:00 p.m. - Trunk-R-Treat Meeting

Sept. 14 - 5:15 p.m. - Wed. meal resumes

6:00 p.m. - AWANA

Sept. 18 - 5:00—8:00 p.m. - Children’s Workers’ Workshop

Sept. 25 - 4:30 p.m. - Hands of Praise resumes

Sept. 26 - 7:00 p.m.—Trunk-R-Treat Meeting

Take Notice:

Check out our website
www.fbc-lowell.com

We are making a real effort to update the website with relevant information.

Also available:
FBC Face book

New Members in August

Gaylene Clardy
Rosa Lea Davis
Kathryn Jones
Bobby Ledbetter
Aaron & Carol King
Destiny & Makyla Wishon
Al & Lana Riley
Ted & Trish Dossett
Isabella & Jayden Eursery
Lilli Ana Martin

Thought of the Day:

“Don’t be afraid to go out on a limb. That’s where the fruit is.”

H. Jackson Brown



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broken."*

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Orchestra Practice 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Wednesday Meal 5:15 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m.
Youth Revolution 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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