



As a church, we just celebrated our 75th anniversary. 75 years! This made me curious. What was life like 75 years ago? What events were taking place in 1951 when that first group of Wood Village Baptist Church-ites got together back in April of that year to plant a new church? To that end, I thought it might be fun to take a short quiz. No multiple choice, just short answers. So, thinking back to life in the US in 1951...

What was the average price of a new home? The cost of a gallon of gas?

Which constitutional amendment was ratified by the states in February of that year? (bonus point for identifying the purpose of the amendment and an extra bonus point if you can name the final state that ratified the measure).

What movie won the Oscar for Best Picture?

Which popular sitcom premiered on CBS in 1951 and ran for six seasons?

What was unique about the televised baseball game between the Boston Braves and the Brooklyn Dodgers? (give yourself a bonus point if you knew that the Braves originated in Boston and that the Dodgers were originally from New York)

How did you do? (answers on back)

I am guessing that there might be a correlation between your year of birth and how well you did on the quiz. Let's just say that I did not do very well.

The quiz, though, made me think. While historical facts and figures are interesting, it is the stories and the lives of those who have gone before us that are the important things worth remembering. In Psalm 78, the author begins the song with this reminder, "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done" (78:4). The author then goes on to provide a brief summary of God's faithfulness to the nation of Israel even when they were faithless. You see, the psalmist was not concerned about the facts, he was concerned about the stories. The reason for remembering these stories? The author tells us the reason, "He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands" (78:5-7). We remember in community because we want those who are not yet even born to know and understand the goodness and faithfulness of God.



This leads me to an acknowledgement and a challenge. First, a big thank you to all that were involved in helping with the 75th anniversary celebration. From the planning and prep to the serving and final clean up, we could not have pulled off this celebration without all the volunteer hours that were given. As a leadership team, we are so grateful for you! And second, a challenge. What stories will you help us remember that tell the story of God's goodness and faithfulness so that we can pass these on even to children who are yet to be born? 75 years has gone fast. God's work in this church and in this community are not done. Our hope and prayer is that God would grace us with at least 75 more!

Thank you for being a part of this Wood Village Baptist Church community. The rest of this newsletter highlights some of the things that we have been up to over the past few weeks. And, who knows, if you look closely you might even find yourself in one of the pictures!

By grace through faith,

-TIM COLLINS, ELDER



FAMILY RETREAT

The sun shone bright during our first Young Families Retreat at Trout Creek Bible camp last month. We had 11 families attending, along with four couples who came to help and invest in each of these families over the weekend. Parents and kids alike learned how to BE what they want their kids and parents to be.

During the weekend, families were challenged to be low tech/cell phone free, giving us time to be free of distractions and being fully present with each other. We had a Superhero family visit us to help drive home the point of family connection with each other.

Many fun activities were to be had, including group Bingo, family hikes, a photo scavenger hunt, and even the burn ban was lifted just in time to enjoy a fire at fireside on Saturday night under the stars.

Families came away challenged to deepen their relationships with each other and Jesus! Please continue to pray for each young family as they take more steps out in everyday life living for Jesus and growing their families closer to Him and each other.

~ Vera Hallman



PIT PARTY

In preparation for the 75th Anniversary Pine Car Derby, Dave Bossen and Todd Jones helped families cut and shape their blocks of wood into cars, drill holes, sand tires, etc.

The big race was a fun event that many are asking to do again next year! (Dianne Talyor is even requesting a "seniors" category!)



WOMEN'S CRAFT TIME



A group of women and kids enjoyed a casual craft time on Sept. 2, visiting and sharing craft tips. The group will meet again on Oct. 7 and Nov. 4. All women and kids invited to come and hang out! Bring your own craft or use the card-making supplies there.

NEW MEMBER



Carol Christian
Welcomed 9/6/26

Trivia Answers

- New home price: \$9,000 / Cost of a gallon of gas: \$0.20
- Minnesota provided the final vote needed to ratify the 22nd Amendment which limits how many terms a president can serve
- Oscar winner: All About Eve
- Sitcom: I Love Lucy
- This was the first Major League Baseball game broadcast in color

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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