

wyoming park bible newsletter

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Pastor John's Journal

Excerpts from life in November 2010

Grand Friend Day

I get to be my son's surrogate Grand Father today.

I suppose it's a good thing that everyone will be thinking – "Wow, what a young looking Grampa HE has!"

Dream Team 2025

My sons are 20, 13, 6, and 4. As a team, the five of us will probably field the best basketball team in 15 years, when my older sons are still young enough to play well and the younger ones are in their prime.

I guess being part of the family dream team when I'm 67 is something to look forward to. I'd better start working on a hook shot.

Maybe they'll let me carry the water.

P-I-N-E-A-P-P-L-E

"Dad! I know how to spell 'mall' – M-A-L-L", boasted my 6-year-old at the breakfast table today.

"Cool!", I said, "That's great! I know how to spell 'radio' – R-A-D-I-O".

"P-I-N-E-A-P-P-L-E", said my 4-year-old.

Show off.

"Why do they call girls 'honey'?"

Asked my 4-year-old in the car the other day – as a rather obvious attempt to hi-jack a conversation.

"Don't ask silly questions like that", we said, "we know you're just trying to interrupt. We want to talk to you if you have something real to talk about, but don't just make up silly questions, ok?"

"Ok", he answered.

Five minutes later, during a lull in the otherwise frequent conversations, he asked me, "Dad, how did God make us?"

What are you going to name them?

Asked my 6-year-old, after I purchased four new marbles for my collection.

"What's so hard about that?", retorted his mother, "Just call them Orangey, Greeny, Yellowey and Bluey!"

She does not, apparently, understand these things. And, Solar Sailer, Bob Marely, Egg-Drop, and Superman are struggling to remain unoffended.

"Wow, Dad, you sure are strong!"

Said my 4-year-old, as he saw me working to snap my jeans.

Online Poll:

How much of your Christmas shopping already finished?

Katie Dubois:

I have purchased 2 gifts...I think that's about 2% of my total gifts.

Leah Sytsma:

I'd say about 20%

Donna Bos:

You are supposed to do it ahead of time???

Jill Monroe:

Like 2%

What is a missionary to the City of Wyoming?

By Tim Bos

Wyoming is certainly changing. The peoples of the world are coming to live here. This creates many challenges, especially as the fiscal crisis of the greater United States has hit especially hard in Wyoming. Students who speak a first language other than English in Wyoming Schools is simply an amazing number, even to their school administrators. I've lost count of the number of foreign languages one can hear within Wyoming.

One of my principal tasks is working with the Wyoming Community Youth Coalition. Our congregation was the first local church to join this coalition. The After School Resources & Program Committee meets monthly in our church's building. I am a member of this committee. When the weather was nicer we even met from time to time in The Attic. Lord willing, when the roof top unit is installed, we can meet there again.

Did you know public school councilors are very impressed with our Attic and the many programs held there? Your work as a congregation to prepare a location for young people is noticed and very much appreciated.

Another of my tasks is to find more places for our congregation to become even more involved in this community. It is one of my greatest joys to find people seeking help for their city. The public schools are coming to the churches asking for help. The city itself realizes the great benefit of godly congregations & now often works with churches instead of apart from them.

Another of my joys is finding other believers working in the public schools, in city government, and in secular organizations, who want to enlist the help of fellow Christians. They are pleasantly surprised a local congregation would designate a "Missionary to the City of Wyoming". Thank you for allowing me to serve God with you.

Meet: Craig & Debbie Wallin

Where do you go to school/work?

Craig is happily retired and Debby works at Schuler's Books & Music in the Café.

Where do you live?

We bought a house on Ariebill St. in Wyoming three years ago.

How did you first come to Wyoming Park Bible?

We didn't have a church and decided to look in the yellow pages and there you were!

What are your interests/hobbies?

Craig likes to work in the yard and play on his computer. Debby likes cooking and reading. We like going on walks together.

What is your favorite snack?

Chips and Cheese

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

We love to travel and would like to go to Europe someday.

What's one thing that you're really excited about?

We are really getting involved in church activities and are having a great time meeting everyone.