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From the Major' Desk

“Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.”

Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

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It's easy to get weary when doing good things. Often, what we do goes unappreciated and unnoticed. We work hard to do good for the Lord and it seems no one else notices. We wonder if even God Himself has been aware of all we have done for Him.

We've come through a long winter and we can be weary of all that has happened in the past few months. It's easy to get grumpy and irritable. We often call it the winter blues.

I have an antidote for the winter blues. The Psalmist tells us to serve the Lord with gladness and to come before His presence with singing.

Praise is good for the soul, and, now we are told, it's even good for the heart. When we praise God and rejoice in His presence and in His goodness to us, our body rejoices us with us. We can actually improve our health as well as our disposition by singing praises to God.

I love music and in my own way, I try to make music by singing and playing instruments. It's the way in which I can express my love and praise to God for all He has done in my life. Maybe you are not musically inclined. That's okay. We are commanded to make a joyful noise, not a beautiful song.

It's important that we praise God for His benefit, too. He loves us and He loves to hear us praise His name. When we call Him, He will answer. It's important that we lift His name in praise.

So, as the sun begins to warm our bodies, may our praise warm our souls!! And be glad!!

God bless you!
Major Harold Poff



Volunteer Appreciation Day

May 7, 2013



Racheal Freeman (left) and Kayla Murphy (right) showed their creative sides by designing masquerade masks for the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in May.

Indiana Music Day



Major Harold Poff is playing an Euphonium in the Indiana Divisional Band at Music Day.

On Saturday, April 27th, a delegation of 12 individuals from Fort Wayne attended the Indiana Divisional Music Day Celebration at the Eagle Creek Corps in Indianapolis. During this event there was a Singing Company (Jr. Choir ages 7-14) Sing-off. There were five Singing Companies who participated. Our Singing Company was the smallest (3 members) but they filled the chapel with praises to our God! You can see their witness via You Tube. Simply go to www.youtube.com and search for Fort Wayne Salvation Army Singing Company.

Study Connection Program and homework time benefits CYC youth

All students in the center on Study Connection days (Wednesday), are required to do homework during the hours between 4:00-5:00 pm, whether they are bussed in from Franke Park School or are regular attendees of the after-school program. On other afternoons, the CYC youth work on homework from 4:30 -5:00 pm.

Computers are only available for homework projects during this time and only after approval from a staff member. The gym is also closed during this time. The emphasis for this one hour is homework and study.

It is interesting that kids who 'didn't have homework' when the gym was open, suddenly find homework to do in order to remain in the center.

It has been encouraging to the staff when they see older youth volunteering to partner with the younger kids to review their spelling and reading.



Myluv Sutton (far left) listens as Corbin Grames-Sanchez reads from his book.

This focused time on homework has produced positive results this year. The



Terrell Crews often helps Tyrese Ellis with his reading.

guidance counselor at Franke Park said, parents have commented favorably about the program and think it is helping their children.

This program is another way to show to all the kids that they matter and that someone cares about them. We also show them that education makes a difference for their future.

Wade Meadows
CYC Director

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The Salvation Army 'Solid Rock' Camp is a positive and safe environment for your child's heart. Your child will experience a caring camp community with a hands-on learning experience.

The Salvation Army's Solid Rock Summer Day Camp is a new CCDF Provider!! CANI Vouchers will now be accepted as payment for Summer Day Camp.

June 10 – August 2, 2013 For campers ages 6-12.

(Closed week of July 4th)

Register for all weeks or just the weeks of your choice!

Registration forms and parent reviews at

www.safortwayne.org

Phone: (260) 744-2311 ext. 235

Contact us at 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

2 Field trips per week.

**Breakfast, lunch, snacks &
camp T-Shirt included in cost.**

\$75.00 Weekly (Regular Hours)

\$90.00 Weekly (Extended Hours)

\$10.00 Discount for sibling

Space is Limited - Reserve soon!



Opportunities in May

Wednesday evening programs
beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- May 1:** Make candy roses to sell
- May 8:** Wii Bowling
- May 15:** Botanical Gardens: Dutch Treat
- May 22:** Bible Study: Women of the Bible; Sarah
- May 29:** Card Bingo-Bring gifts

Ladies, our summer Women's Ministries schedule is full of several fun events.

Women's Ministries will be holding two bake sales after the worship services on May 5th and 12th. They will be selling homemade chocolate roses and other baked delights. All proceeds will help pay for transportation when they travel to Shishewana on June 12.

Women Ministries will be going to the Botanical Gardens on May 15, Dutch Treat. We will leave the church at 2:15.

Everyone is invited to attend a lunch time devotion at Lakeside Park on June 5th. You

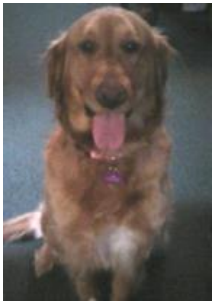
are asked to bring a lunch to enjoy as you spend time in the presence of God.

Women's Ministries will be going to visit a nursing home on June 26th. If you are interested in doing visitation, please contact Captain Sonja Jenkins.

There will be no evening Women's Ministries meetings on any day a field trip is scheduled.

Please join us this summer for fun, fellowship and the opportunity to share in God's Word.

Thankful in all things 2



A picture of Jenna on her first day at home.

In Merlin Carothers' book "From Prison to Praise", Carothers always finished each story by sharing the incredible blessings those he counseled received, after

they thanked the Lord in the midst of a tragedy they faced. I was reminded to be patient because everything happens in the Lord's perfect timing.

Shortly after I put my dog to sleep, I began looking for another companion. I knew God would find a new dog for me, though I asked my corps officers if this meant He would just provide a pet for me or would I have to look? Both officers assured me God expects us to do the work and then He will deliver a blessing. My husband lives in Colorado and I called him often to share my grief. He reassured me during each call when I told him how lonely I felt. One week passed and Marc surprised me by showing up at our doorstep, three days before our 27th anniversary. He booked his flight in January and planned to stay for three weeks. His arrival brightened my spirits and I didn't feel so lonesome.

I began searching for a Golden Retriever through computer sites, the newspaper and by word of mouth. Major Lynnetta Poff looked on line and came to work, often excited to show me her new 'finds'. I searched for three weeks and began to doubt whether I would find a retriever or any type of breed. I was turned down for several out of town shelter pets because Sarah had not been spayed. I could not afford to buy a Golden

Retriever puppy, since the average prices I saw were between \$800.00-\$1,000.

I saw a GoldenDoodle (a Golden Retriever/Poodle Mix) on Ft. Wayne Animal Care and Control's website. Major Poff and her daughter offered to come with me to see the dog the next day. We arrived at the shelter before 12:00 pm when they opened. Two others were in line before us to check out the same dog. The door opened and we rushed inside. Immediately the shelter volunteer announced Gracie was on her way to a new home. We all sighed with disappointment. The two other people interested in Gracie went into the kennel area to see the other available dogs. The volunteer said, "We just received a Golden Retriever today for adoption.", as we came up to the counter. He asked if we were interested and Major Poff shouted, "Yes, we want to put a hold on the Golden." I handed my completed application to him and walked into the kennel. This was amazing! Purebred Golden Retrievers are seldom given up by their families for adoption. When they are available, they are adopted right away.

I peeked in where the larger breeds were kept and saw the most beautiful Golden Retriever I have ever seen, wagging her tail. Major Poff knew I'd fallen in love with this five year old, affectionate dog and swiftly walked out to find the shelter volunteer. I held my breath (and was told not to be so nervous) as the dog was brought into a room where we could get to know her. Being a worrier, I was sure the dog didn't like me, as I sat down and rubbed her tummy. Even though the shelter volunteer walked in and said, "I think we've found a match," I still did not relax. As directed, I

called the shelter and left a message at 5:00 pm to verify I still wanted the dog and Amy called me at 8:30 am the next morning for an interview. I was so happy when Amy scheduled a time for me to pick 'Jenna' up from the shelter which was less than a month after putting Sarah to sleep. I was also surprised when Amy told me I would only need to pay \$25.00 for Jenna, a dog that would normally cost \$85.00-\$130.00. Since Jenna was five years old, a grant was available to help with fees to encourage people to adopt older pets.

God blessed me with more than I could have imagined. He provided me with solace during my search, by allowing my husband to come home at the right time. Jenna was scheduled to be picked up the day after Marc was leaving.

Jenna is so incredibly well behaved and was very well trained by her family. The first night she jumped in my bed and snuggled with me until my alarm went off the next morning. Incredibly, she had also been trained to wake her master up when an alarm sounds. Because of this ability alone, anyone I have ever worked for would say, "This is an answer to prayer for me," as I am often late.

It is so very joyful when you recognize how the Lord works in your life and you want to share this joy with everyone. God also knew I needed a boost to wake up in the morning (He must have a sense of humor). I encourage everyone to trust God when He asks us to thank Him in all things. God is forever faithful and will surely bless you, as He did me, when you are obedient to His Word.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

“Return Service Requested”

SUNDAY

9:30 am United Sunday School Opening
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Open gym and game night (first Sunday of the month)

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study
6:00 pm Singing Company (for youth 7-12 yrs. old)
7:00 pm Women’s Ministry and Band
7:30 pm Praise and Worship

THURSDAY

4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (Sept. through May)
6:00-7:00 pm Junior Soldiers and Corps Cadets (September through May)

SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HOURS

Food Pantry-Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm
CURF– Tuesday morning walk-ins (*call for more information*)
Other assistance provided by appointment (744-2311)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

After-school programs-please check the calendar for other events.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

