

Monday Morning Reflection 6/9/08

Good morning! On Sabbath our own Elder Don Driver brought a powerful message from John chapter one on "How God Handles Our Sin." The comparison of the Jewish father who always provided the lamb to atone for his family's sins, to our heavenly Father who provided His Lamb, Jesus, to atone for the sins of His children-the human family-was especially moving to me. Thank you, Don!

As we move into camp meeting week, I want to share a thought with you that I received in an email from Jean Sequeira last Friday. The email was actually sent to Jean's praying women friends and it consisted of only one sentence:

Live your life in such a way, that when your feet hit the floor in the morning, Satan shudders and says, "Oh no, ..she's awake!"

I love that thought! I'm also challenged by it. Does my life make Satan shudder? Does my prayer life cause distress within the kingdom of darkness? What kind of life would give Satan the shakes? And what does it mean to be "awake"?

What about our church? What is the reaction in the counsels of hell when the Kuna church family assembles to worship, to serve, or to pray? Is there a chorus of "Oh no..they're awake"? Or is there any comment at all? Do they notice? Do they care? And what of the reaction in heaven? I'm praying that it's, "Oh yes..they're awake!" instead of "Oh no..they're sound *asleep*."

Awake or asleep. Which are you? I know I need to be much more awake than I am. I want to be a praise to heaven and a terror to hell..and I desperately want this for our church family as well.

One way to wake up may include taking advantage of the camp meeting experience this week. You may not be able to attend every day or evening, but there may be one seminar, or one meeting you could benefit from. In particular I recommend Karen Lewis' seminar on how to give Bible studies (Wednesday through Friday, 8-9 am and 2-3:30 p.m.), and/or Mauri Bascom's classes on sharing our faith (Wednesday through Friday 11 am -noon and 1-2 p.m.)

Faith that is not lived, not shared, soon loses its life-giving power. If we will rally to learn more effective ways to share the life of Christ with others, we will be fully alive to God and "armed and dangerous" to the kingdom of darkness. Let's wake up and give the devil a headache! Have a great week.
-Pastor Randy