

Salina Heights Christian Church



Peacemakers Kickoff Sunday

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a minister is helping people *THROUGH* trials. It's kind of like that teaching principle where the teacher always gets more out of it than the student. We are so blessed when we invest meaningfully in the lives of others.

Over the years I've had the privilege of walking several people through the fire of reconciliation. Some were marital, some were extended family issues that had been brewing for decades, some were inter church, and still others were reconciling their own guilt from past sins.

The **Peacemaker** series is an 8 week focus on how we as Christ followers can better apply this "Law of Love." The gospel of Christ is the perfect response to mankind's sin, rebellion and conflict with him. God overlooks and bears our sin with great patience, withholding judgment and offering forgiveness and reconciliation in spite of our many offenses against him. The cost of this mercy was immeasurably great; however God sent his Son to serve as both mediator (1 Tim. 2:5) and sacrificial lamb.

Future Link . . .

- **September 20th**
Peacemaker Kick-Off Sunday
- **October 11th**
Author of "My Father, Maker of the Trees" will be here to share about the Genocide in Rwanda. It's a story of forgiveness and reconciliation.
- **November 1**
Special guests *Eternity Focus* will be sharing in our morning services with an evening concert to follow. To learn more about their message and music go to www.eternityfocus.com. These young ladies are related to our very own Karol Regier and come highly recommended.

Jesus went on trial in our place, submitting to civil and religious litigation, was convicted for our sins (2 Cor. 5:21), and suffered the flogging, death and separation (assault and murder) that we deserve (Mark 15:34). ***"The gospel is the most wonderful and yet costly and painful response to conflict the world has ever seen!"***

Through the gospel God has molded the 4 G's of peacemaking which we'll learn during our first weeks of the series. He revealed the glory of his grace. Although Jesus was without sin, he took our sins as his own, paying for them on the cross. he has shown us our sin and gently restored us. By going from heaven to

earth, from earth to the cross, from the cross to the grave, and from the grave to glory, he has secured eternal reconciliation for all who will surrender and obey.

Although the Sunday morning material will give you plenty to chew on, **please consider joining a small group** so that you can process these principles with others who also deal with conflict on a daily basis. Small group is where *community comes to life*, it's a place to fit in and belong. It's an opportunity to bless and be blessed.

Sign up today by contacting the church office or stop by the table in the back of the sanctuary for a sign up sheet.



THE BRICK

Hey Friends! Make this a GOD CAN month. Cody Harris recently shared this story with his employees and I thought it most worthy to pass along. Enjoy!

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car, shouting "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please. I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

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Outreach Link . . .

The connection with the Salina Fire Department is now broadening to many groups in the church. Scott Rosebrook has done an outstanding job on the website, providing an means for the entire Salina community to correspond and share their thoughts of gratitude. Other groups are stepping forward to write birthday cards, provide food for special occasions, and others are wanting to join me in building relationships with the guys.

That's why **I LOVE THIS CHURCH**. You respond to needs when it really counts.

Mission Link . . .

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL TIME ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, WHEN MATTHEW, HEATHER, GRACE & MALACHI CARDER WILL BE HERE.



We will enjoy a carry-in lunch together, and encourage and pray for them as they will be leaving on September 22 for the mission field in Indonesia.

This young family has been a special blessing here at SHCC, and we are excited to see what happens as they GO on mission with GOD!

THE CLASSICS POPCORN & A MOVIE NIGHT

If you are at least 50 years old, you're invited to join our Classics group here at the church at 7:00 on Saturday, September 12 for our "Popcorn & a Movie" night. We'll watch *Secondhand Lions*, enjoy some snacks, and have a fun time together.



Also—we're gonna try our first ever Saturday breakfast at Appletrees. Based on feedback from our first meeting, we'll give this a try for a few months and see if it meets a need for ongoing fellowship. We'll meet Saturday September 19th at 9am. Hope to see you all there.



For further information call Sue Dickey at the church office.



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Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.

Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

—Author Unknown—

Kenny

P.I.T. Crew



Our new and improved PIT CREW will begin September 6th. PIT stands for People In Touch. And that's exactly the result for which we are praying.

Here are a few ways you can help contribute to the success of the PIT crew even if you're unable to be on one of the teams.

1) In addition to handing out bulletins and opening doors, the primary purpose of the crew is to cultivate a welcoming environment where anyone can fit in and belong. That's why it's important that we not take too much time visiting with the PIT Crew so that they are available to guests and people who may need assistance.

2) You may notice that a new family is visiting with us. Great! You go and sit with them and do your best to learn of their interests. If you don't believe that you're the right fit for a particular guest, please alert a family or individual who would better fit the bill.

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Then, after the service let the PIT Crew leader, at the Information Center, know if there is any follow up needed. They may want information about youth, or small groups so just keep your eyes and ears open so that we can do a better job of responding to folks.



Joybells, Kid's Connection Project Rock Beginning September 6

Joybells (4's & 5's) will be dismissed after the communion/offering time of the 2nd service. They will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson downstairs in their respective classrooms.

Kid's Connection group (1st—4th grade) will be dismissed during the 2nd service following our corporate prayer time. The Kid's Connection group will meet downstairs in the elementary large space.

Their fall focus will be *God's Big Picture* taking a journey from Genesis to Revelation. This series began this last year and will be finishing up this year. Judy Eilrich will teach the Bible lesson, Dave French will do an object lesson, and Becky Maddex will lead a game time.

Project R O 4 C K "Reaching Out 4 Christ the King" (5th & 6th grade) will be dismissed during the 2nd service following our corporate prayer time. They will meet in the Red Garage next to the east parking lot.

Their fall focus will be *Maximum Challenge*. Heading into the preteen years can bring on many changes both physically and emotionally. And in the midst of life change, they will be challenged to accept God's changeless message of love and concern through the ages. Ultimately, learning the secrets to winning in real life!

Welcome back to our children's ministry opportunities. You all have been missed!

JaNae

YOUTH UPDATES

School is back in session, youth group is up and running, and we are having a blast! There are so many exciting things going on right now that it's just amazing! If you haven't had a chance to come out on **Wednesday nights at 6:45 PM** to youth group, I just want to let you know that we'd love to see you there! We'll have some fun and learn about how God wants our "Walk" to match up with His "Talk"!

There are some upcoming events that I'd like to tell you about:

MALL MANHUNT Sunday September 13 (4:00 – 6:00 PM)

We are going to be playing a big game of Manhunt at the mall! Adults from Salina Heights will be hidden in plain sight around the mall and it will be up to groups of students to find them. And whichever group finds the most, gets a prize! Meet us at the church and we'll have a blast!

If you are an adult who would be interested in being a part of the hunt, please let me know. The more people we have the better it will be! - This event is for both Jr. and Sr. High.



CREATION FEST CONCERT Deadline to sign up- Wednesday, Sept. 2

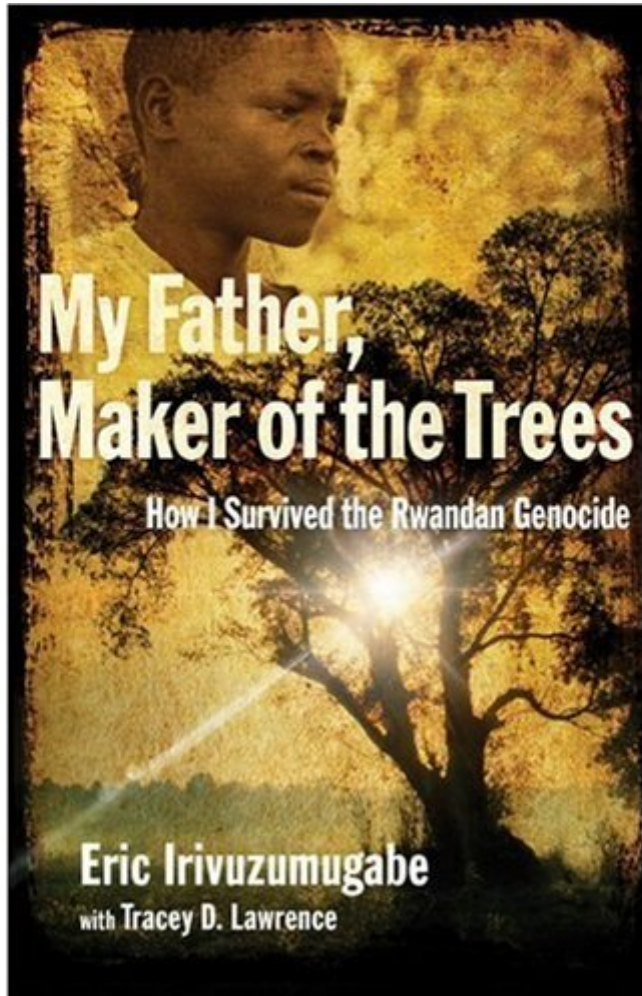
This concert is going to be awesome! Thousand Foot Krutch, Jars of Clay, FM Static plus three more bands will be coming to the Bicentennial Center on Saturday, October 3 for an awesome concert! We are going to be going as a group and tickets cost 17.50 per person. There is a deadline so that we can purchase tickets that are together as a group. - This event is for both Jr. and Sr. High

We're excited for these events and we'd love to have your student and their friends participate and together have a great time hanging out and growing closer to God! If you have any questions you can contact Micah at micah@salinaheights.com or you can reach him 823-7050.



**A DIFFERENT MISSIONARY EACH EVENING,
SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
Come hear how God's Kingdom is being taken
to the ends of the earth!**

Safari Insight Mission—Al & Velma Corson
Master's Provision—Jim Smelser
King Solomon Christian Camp—David Brundage
South Pacific Christian Fellowship—Bruce & Lydia Wiley
Gathering the Outcast—Jim Rowh
Brazil Christian Mission—Darel Boston



**October 11th
6pm**

**Salina Heights
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*Genocide
Forgiveness
&
Reconciliation*

In 1994, sixteen-year-old Eric Irivuzumugabe climbed a cypress tree and remained there for fifteen days with little food or water. Eric is a survivor of the 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, which claimed the lives of more than one million people in just a hundred days. In the midst of indescribable loss, and without a job, a home, or an education, Eric was determined to start a new life for himself and his two surviving brothers.

My Father, Maker of the Trees is not only the story of his physical survival; it is the story of his spiritual rebirth and the role he is playing in the healing and redemption of his land and his people. His incredible account lays bare both the reality of evil in the world as well as the quiet power of reconciliation and hope. Eric's message of God's relentless love through our darkest circumstances will both encourage and inspire you.

Join the author who documented Eric's amazing journey on October 11th, right here at Salina Heights Christian Church, 6pm. Tracey D. Lawrence resides in Colorado, but has spent a great amount of time with Eric and the people of Rwanda bringing a fresh perspective of GOD CAN for all to enjoy. She'll share details that will inspire both young and old alike. The cost is totally **FREE!** Books will be available for purchase.