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Pastor's Page –September 2014

September is an exciting time of year and this year is no exception. September brings with it the start of a new season of activities. In the church, the choir and Sunday school are both back in session. We're getting ready for charge conference scheduled for October 29. (Here come the extra meetings!)

Two particular activities that I want you to put at the top of your list starting this month are Prayer and Bible Study. These are what will fuel the other things we do in the church, just like gasoline fuels your car. We will have prayer on Wednesday mornings at 9:00. Also on Thursday evenings at 7:00. We'll be in the lounge.

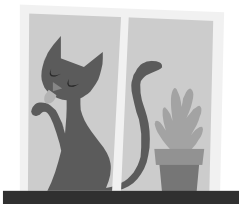
Disciple Fast Track will begin on Sunday, September 7th (Rally Day) at 4:00 p.m. I don't want to hear any moaning about Steeler games. I'm a big Steeler fan, too. On those Sundays when the game starts at 4 p.m., you can miss 1 ¼ hours of a game and still enjoy the other 2 hours.

Let me add a word about the tyranny of the urgent. I'm feeling it myself and I'm working hard to fight it. The tyranny of the urgent is when you let what's urgent crowd out what's important. Do you ever get to the end of the day and think, "I should have...?" That's a sign that there's something important you needed to do that was crowded out by other things.

Self-discipline is a mark of a Spirit-filled follower of Jesus Christ. He is our role model. He never let the urgent preempt the important. God comes first. Spiritual needs – yours and those of others - come second. Don't let the day/week/year go by without giving proper attention to these important priorities. It takes self-discipline and the Holy Spirit wants to help you with it.

Looking forward to praying and studying the Bible together with you,

Pastor Pat



GEORGE HERE. IT TOOK LONG ENOUGH. I DIDN'T LIKE BEING LEFT BY MYSELF FOR DAYS AT A TIME IN JOHNSTOWN. AND THEN THERE WAS THE DAY I SPENT IN FORD CITY IN THE KAMER'S BASEMENT. I COULD HEAR THE D*** DOG UPSTAIRS. I DIDN'T LIKE THAT, EITHER. BUT THE NEXT DAY MY PEOPLE CAME AND GOT ME AND NOW I'M IN MY NEW HOUSE. I WILL BE GETTING MY EXERCISE RUNNING UP AND DOWN 3 FLIGHTS OF STAIRS. MOST OF ALL, I'M HAPPY TO BE WITH MY PEOPLE. (*Note from the editor-please excuse George's language.)

- GEORGE, THE PARSONAGE CAT