



Real Life News & Notes

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Shaun White is an American snowboarder who was expected to dominate this year's Olympics in Russia, just like he did four years ago in Vancouver. He's an amazing talent. He's a one-of-a-kind athlete who has taken his sport to new places with his creativity and talent. Coming into this year's games, he was the overwhelming favorite in just about every event he was participating in.

Well, things don't always work out the way the experts predict (I'm looking at you, Broncos). For whatever reason, Shaun White has failed to perform at the level everyone expected. It's extra shocking when you think about how much he dominated the competition four years ago.

In the Vancouver games, White found himself in uncontested first place with just one run left to go in the half-pipe event. The half-pipe is a style competition, with competitors being judged by the tricks and flips and grabs they did on their way down the slope. White had done so well in his first run that no one could beat him. He could snowboard in a straight line down through the half-pipe and still win the gold medal.

Instead, White took advantage of this free run to perform a new trick - it's called a Double McTwist 1260, and it involves a lot of flipping and spinning in the air. It's an impressive thing to see, and it showed a lot about White's attitude in the competition. White wasn't in it just for the medals. He was in it for the joy of the sport.

White took a chance performing a complicated trick on his final run. Except he didn't. He knew that he'd already clinched the gold medal. It was his, no matter what happened on his final run. Inspired by that confidence, he felt free to let loose and perform one of the best runs ever done by a snowboarder.

There's a lot of confidence that comes from already knowing the outcome. As Christians, we're called to live a life without fear. We already know the ending of this story. The book of Revelation is a complex book open to many different interpretations, but its ending depicts a world that has been restored by God. Satan and all evil have been defeated and destroyed. Even without the book of Revelation, we still have the guarantee from the letters of the New Testament and from Christ himself that he will return in triumph and that all believer will be vindicated in the end. We know the ending. We can be joyful and confident in that knowledge.

So what will we do with yourself as people who already know the ending? Will we be defensive people, walling ourselves off from the world with fear and judgment? Or will we be fearless? We can do the safe thing, like if Shaun White had just skipped his final Olympic run - he had the medal guaranteed, after all. Or we can take this opportunity for a victory lap, celebrating our confidence and joy with a life that is lived to the full, wholly for God.

Brian Peacock

Memory Verse For February: I Cor. 12:20

"There are many parts, but one body."

Our Gathering Today

Guests: Thank you for trusting us enough to honor us with your presence this morning. We hope you feel welcome and encouraged. One of our members may ask you if there is anything they can pray for you about this week or how they might serve you. Let us know how we can show Jesus' love to you. Please fill out a visitors card and enjoy the gift bread! **If you believe in Jesus as your resurrected Savior and Lord please join us in the partaking of the communion as it is passed.**

Sermon: Today **Bobby Heath** will be preaching for us. His topic is: "**Deliver Us From the Evil One.**" I know we will be inspired and encouraged by his message and passion for Jesus. Fasten your seat belts!

Thank you! For all those who planned, prepared, and pulled off the wonderful Valentines dinner last night!

WELCOME HOME, DOUG!! You were greatly missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Sunday Morning Class to Start

Bob & Bobby Heath will Start a new class on the "Old Testament Survey" the 1st Sunday AM March through June in Room 202. If you have been wanting a good reason to start reading and studying your Bible each week in 2014, this is the class for you! Learn the reason for the Godly Line from Adam to Christ; and have the ability to relate the history of mankind from beginning through Malachi. There will be a sign up sheet soon so be watching.

Honduras Meeting Re-Scheduled

The organizational meeting for the Honduras trip in July has been re-scheduled. It will be at the home of Mike & Rose Hughes on February 18 at 7 PM. See Mike or Rose for questions.

Sunday Ladies Class to Begin

Attention ladies! Starting March 2nd, there will be a new Bible study beginning on Sunday mornings, in room 103. The title of the class is "Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotion." All ladies are welcome! Ask Jenna for more details. See you there!

Kitchen Clean-Up Day

There will be a kitchen clean-up day on Tuesday February 18 at 9 AM. All ladies that would like to help with this project are welcome to attend. If anyone has food in the refrigerators that should be saved, please mark it. If you have questions, please call Melva Willbanks, Wilma Seela or Sue Boyle.

Youth News

Classes today: Junior high and high school are all invited to meet in the high school room for class this morning.

Huddle tonight: Join us at 6pm at 298 28 1/2 Rd. The Tinkles are hosting us and we're going to have a great time. Don't miss our dinner and devo together!

Winter Peak: We're meeting up this Friday at the church building at **noon**. Bring enough cash to pay for two fast-food meals, and please bring \$15 to help with gas.

Please remember the following in your daily prayers.

We have a number of people who have ongoing health issues, please remember them and their families in your daily prayers. Your prayers are much appreciated by all.

LAURA, GARY AND TRACY, friends of Jan Nelson, all have cancer.

BARB ROTH, (Mary Mendenhall's sister) stage four cancer in several places.

MARY CATHEY...thanksgiving prayers as she seems to be settling into her new home with no problems.

MARTY PRINCE...he was arrested for being involved in an incident, which was not of his doing. Pray the truth will be made clear in court this week and he will be cleared of any charges.

MISSIONARIES...wherever they may be ...may their efforts reach many people for the Lord. Pray for safety and the Lord's watch and care for them and their families.

Keep DOUG in your prayers as he is in Singapore . Pray for safety as he travels home. Pray for much good to be done for the Lord's kingdom as a result of his time spent there. Keep his family in your prayers while he is away also.

ANONYMOUS (*Request received on visitor card*)—Pray that God restore my relationship with my husband, Wayne, that God heal Wayne's mind and draw him to the one and only God.—wife ,Linda. Please pray for Sarah's health, vision and wholeness of body, soul and mind and protection from the evil one.—Privately, thank you.

Pray for our MILITARY and THEIR FAMILIES... for protection, guidance, strength, and spiritual blessings for both those on active duty and those who have been wounded in any way and are dealing with many adjustments in their lives.

Pray for our NATION, for God's forgiveness and mercy as we repent of our nation's taking you out of everything it can. Pray He will restore our nation. Pray that He will guide us In how we should respond to the many things going on in our nation today that are ungodly.

Pray for our CHURCH FAMILY...that we will show Christ's love and do what we can to bring others to Him. That we will remain faithful and look to Him for guidance in these difficult times.... regardless of the circumstances surrounding us.

Continue to always give thanks to God for His abundant blessings and His unfailing Love. May we always have an attitude of gratitude...and show it by our words and actions...both to God and others.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16 NKJV

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be know to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6,7



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For the Record

Feb. 9, 2014
Attendance 240
Average Attendance, 4th qtr. 238
Contributions \$5,553.00
Budget Pending

Communion Preparation—February

Shirley Bagga

Communion Table 2/16/14

Ed Riddle

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in February

Bobby Heath
Scott Hendricks
Bo Hill
Mike Hughes
Mike Hurd
Isaac Lavadie
Daran Mahoney
Lucas Matthews

Announcements: Curtis Fleming

Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Ron Wilson—Covenant of God—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Sermon On The Mount—Vince Urbina—Room 103

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Doug Clayton— 1st John—Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway—103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
2 & 3 yr. old—104
Pre KK, Kindergarten—205
1st & 2nd Grade—209
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
Middle School—213
High School—203

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 4 yr. old—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
All teens meet in—203

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule
Meets Sundays at 10 AM

Feb 16
Feb 23

Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman
Bobby Heath, Matt King

Mark 10:17-31
Mark 10:32-45

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.
(NLT)