
Column: Faith

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... Time for us all to be more watchful as we drive through town, because there will be lots of kids present in the streets with the new school year. Excited at seeing friends they may have not seen for those weeks of summer vacation, they could well not be paying attention to traffic like they should – and that means it's up to us to keep an extra ear and eye out to keep them safe.

There's no back-to-school excitement at my house anymore. Even the grandkids are all grown and gone, some of them parents themselves. Even my great-grands are now starting school, though all in other states.

I am continually reminded how time flies. I remember how I couldn't wait to turn 21 - it seemed to take forever, but from that time on, each year has flown by exponentially faster!

But there are local kids who are special to me. The delightful youngsters who live across the corner from me. And the youngsters who come to my church. They're like surrogate grandkids, and I love them all!

Today, there are a couple of things going on. It's the final day of the annual sale of Smith River United Methodist Church. The hours are 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Who knows what treasures you might find? Why not check it out!

"Reclaim Your Worth" is a program being presented by a group of local churches at the cultural center 9:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m. With limited seating, you might want to make sure space is available, but it sounds like a really good program.

Hiouchi Community Fellowship, Cornerstone Assembly of God, Foursquare Church, Faith Christian Center, Bethel Christian Center, and Pacific Light Church are collaborating for this one.

I think it's really special when our churches get together to do things – not only does it make for good fellowship, but people get to know and understand each other so much better despite differing church memberships.

Tomorrow is a very special day at the Nazarene church.

When I was growing up in New York state, in addition to Mother's and Father's Days we had a Children's Day. At the Nazarene church tomorrow, "Kid's Day" will be a day focused on the children present. Music will be kids' Christian songs, and the sermon based on the story of David and Goliath.

Following the service, all will head to Florence Keller Park for a BBQ.

Perhaps we should check into bringing back that official Children's Day?

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