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SERVING ROSSTON, PRAIRIE POINT, ERA, FORESTBURG, GREENWOOD, AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Happy Valentine's Day

(you have one week - don't miss it!)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ross Point Community Club - Will meet Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 6:30 PM for a business meeting, refreshments and games. If you would like to, please feel free to bring refreshments to share with the others. Please contact Treva for more information 768-2298.

The Era Community Ladies Coffee Club - will meet February 7, and February 21, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Era Methodist Church.

Forestburg Ladies Luncheon - Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 11 AM at the Forestburg Community Center.

Games Night - hosted by The Ross Point Community Club will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2007 at **6 PM** at the Ross Point Community Center. The games will include "42", Chicken Foot, and other games of interest. The games will begin at **6 PM** so get there earlier in order to draw for partners. Please feel free to bring a snack to share with the others.

Forestburg Community Service Club - will meet Thursday, February 15th at 7 PM at the Forestburg Community Center.

Free Movie Night at the Forestburg School. The feel-good surprise movie hit of the season that touched the hearts of more than a million people in theatres is coming to Forestburg! *Facing the Giants* will be shown at the Forestburg School on Friday, March 2nd at 7 PM. Admission is FREE. Dan Reeves, NFL Coaching Great, says, "Every family in America should see it!" Sponsored by the Forestburg Baptist Church.

The Ross Point Saturday Morning "42" Gang - To help raise money to go toward the repair of the Ross Point Community Center Building, we will continue gathering for games through the winter months. If you are interested in playing either "42" or Chicken Foot, please join us on Saturday mornings at the Ross Point Community Center. We will meet at 9:30 AM, visit, drink coffee and play games. After the games, lunch will be served. Donations will be accepted for the lunch.

Forestburg Sesquicentennial Celebration - Work is in progress toward the celebration of the Forestburg Sesquicentennial June 8th, 9th and 10th. Committees have been formed and the officers have been elected: President - Al Garza, Secretary - Wanda Green and Treasurer - Olita Lanier. The book committee is Jewell Dill, Norma Morby and Carolyn Hawk. If anyone has any suggestions, pictures or good information to contribute, please let us know. We will try to have a good museum. We need everyone's input. Contact Jewell Dill at (940) 964-2237. February 8th is the next meeting at the Community Center.

The ABC's of Starting Over

Mark 10:46-52

Is your life predictable? Do you do the same thing, day after day? Do you feel as though 2007 will be just as dull and monotonous as 2006? There is a wonderful passage that gives you a practical example of how one man changed his life. It gives you the ABC's of how to change your life.

Mark 10:46-52 - Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. [47] When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [48] Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" [49] Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." [50] Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. [51] "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." [52] "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

From this passage, we can discover the ABC's to help us change our life.

D - Decide to Stop Worrying

1. First, Stop Worrying About What Other People Will Say - (v. 48) Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more.

What were they telling him?

Shut up! Nobody wants to hear what you have to say!

This isn't the right place.. This isn't the right time...

Nobody's ever done it that way before...

You can't do that - just be quiet

We have to quit worrying about what other people think. In this particular situation, everyone else was wrong. Everyone else told him he shouldn't do it that way. He didn't care what the protocol was. He didn't care if all the people agreed that you just don't approach Jesus that way. He knew he needed help and he wasn't going to be denied.

Have you prayed for something and God hasn't answered you yet?

Keep on calling out to God.

Do you have a need and God hasn't met it yet.

Keep on calling out to God.

Are you hurting and don't have an answer?

Keep on calling out to God.

Are people telling you to quit?

Are people telling you that God doesn't care?

Are you worried about what other people think or what other people will say?

Are you concerned about how it might look?

Are people telling you to give up?

Are you worried that other people will think you crazy or you're a fanatic?

Stop worrying.

Don't quit. Don't give up. JUST CRY OUT EVEN LOUDER

One of the greatest attributes a Christian can have is persistence and perseverance. Jesus tells a parable about the neighbor who comes at midnight and is rewarded for his persistence. Someone once said, "God doesn't answer shallow prayers, he answers desperate prayer".

...to be continued.

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