

# HERALD OF ALCC



## Kathie's Korner

By God's grace, Abundant Life is here  
to bring people to wholeness through God's grace.

Two little boys with Floyd blood flowing hot in their veins - each with a point of view, each with the clout to make his opinion stick, erupted into loud altercations repeatedly. Oh, they loved to play together, they said. Each looked forward to their times together with shining eyes and the proverbial baited breath, but without fail, some small disagreement would turn physical. And for some reason my son, who was eighteen months younger and a head shorter, though no less stocky or muscular, seemed to come out on the short end of the stick.

After a while, I admit I grew quite weary of the repeated, "Mommy, he hit me." I thought the OTHER parents should take a literal "hand" in curtailing this dominance...and I felt like an ogre personified for constantly explaining, "You boys need to apologize to one another," when I was quite certain my son was

innocent of all charges laid against him. Sometimes as a parent of such a boy, a decision is made on the spur of the moment, when it seems there is no other workable solution. I'm not proud of this decision, mind you, I'm just admitting that I made it.

I leaned over in my chair as my young son, with tears in his eyes, for the tenth time said, "Mommy, he hit me!" I sighed and whispered quietly in his ear, "Hit him back!" My son stiffened and looked at me with surprise in his eyes, then turned and marched back to play. It only took moments before fresh wails were erupting from the "playroom." This time, they came from the larger boy, and I with slightly pink complexion, watched in fascinated wonder as his parents suddenly sprang into action trying to ascertain the villain.

I eventually had to confess my part in the drama, take my "punishment" and explain to my son, anew that

violence was not a proper resolution for conflict. But strangely, the physical response did seem to build a certain respect in the larger boy that lasted for a long time after that. I rarely was called upon to referee thereafter.

Remembering that story causes me to reflect on the spiritual responses of we Christians to the attacks of Satan. We know we have the power of Christ within us - big enough, strong enough to fight even the greatest of fears and depression, but our tendency is to whimper, "He hit me! He tempted me!" With tears in our eyes, we show our bruises to the Father, and He loves us. He says He does. He patches us up repeatedly, sets us down and says, "Go do my work." But sometimes, I think he wants to lean over from His great "rocking chair in the sky" and say, "Hit him back!"

*Resist the devil,  
and he will flee from you.*  
James 4:7b

## This 'N' That - Darlene Saunders, Guest-Writer - SeaSide Escape



The SeaSide Escape committee consisted of Cissy Murphy, Darlene Saunders, Kathie Floyd, Connie Lagerwey, Linda Cosick, Wendy Harward, and Cheri Barber. They just didn't know how things were going to turn out. They were taking the plans for a day long women's retreat and dividing them into three evenings. They had three objectives: for women to get together for Bible study, to worship, and to draw closer together. They all felt the women needed to get to know each other better. As Kathie said, "There just isn't time enough on Sundays before and after church."

Admittedly, we all live in a busy world. Would anyone take time out of busy schedules to show up? Imagine our delight when the sign-up sheet reached 50! It was wonderful to see 50 women arriving by themselves, or in pairs or groups, picking up name tags, water bottles and journals, and sharing around tables in half the auditorium, which was decorated to look like a beach resort (thanks to Cissy Murphy and her helpers.)

It took more than atmosphere to slow the group down at the end of a busy week (September 9, to be exact). Wendy Hayward led in some peaceful worship songs, then had everyone compare the labels on their water bottles to make new table groups. Once settled, they were led by Linda Cosick in a lively Bible study on Sarah.

Everyone agreed the groups and the games were the highlight of the evening. Although the directions were a little confusing, the Doubter's Dilemma game gave everyone a chance to find out amazing facts about each other – or not!

After the Bible study, Kathie Floyd had the women unwrap their water bottles to find questions to ask each other while snacking on delicious tropical fruits. The session ended with the table groups getting back together to share their personal information and prayer requests. They prayed together, and promised to continue praying for their group members.

When the committee met to evaluate this first retreat, they were bubbling with excitement at God's blessing. Three constructive criticisms had been given: a need to be sure to be heard; a need for longer time playing the games that helped people get better acquainted; and the possibility of regrouping more than once in an evening, so the women could get to know even more people better.

This reporter canvassed attendees, and most of the comments praised the evening's activities for fun, relaxation, and getting to know each other better. Lois Goodwill said that when she came into the meeting she was wondering, "Who are all these people?" – a question any of us might ask when we attend just one of the Sunday morning worship services all the time. She was glad to get ac-

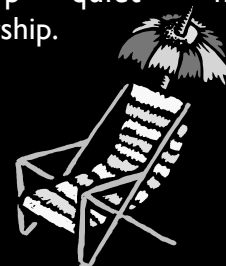
quainted, and said we should do this more often.

Pat Frank mentioned it was good for us to get out of our comfort zone. It's always easier to gravitate toward the group we know best. Denise Fink worried about her guests feeling uncomfortable among people they didn't know. But everyone cooperated in the group shuffle, and apparently enjoyed acquiring new friends among their Christian sisters.

Kim Moore liked the mix of some deep study with what she called "less deep," admitting most of us need to relax at the end of a busy week. She was reassured and encouraged by hearing other moms express their likes and dislikes concerning housework and child rearing. It's good to know you're normal.

Billie Giles mentioned she thought it was too short, but that was a good thing because it made you want to come back for more.

And more is planned. On October 7th, sessions 3 and 4 will be offered. Ladies need to remember to bring their journals. Any woman who was not able to attend the September retreat can still come in October and November (4th). There will be new groups, new games, new snacks, and new ways to develop quiet moments of worship.



# OCTOBER 2011

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|-----|-----|--|--|---|---|
|   |     |     |  |  |   | 1   |
| 2<br>Worship<br>8:45 am<br>10:30 am<br>"Lunch Bunch"<br>10:30-12:00<br>12:30-3:00     | 3   | 4   | 5<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>10:30 am<br>Family Night<br>7:00 pm                          | 6<br>CIB Read through<br>6:30 pm<br>All actors & cast            | 7<br>Men's Bible Study<br>7:30 am<br><br>Women's Seaside<br>Escape 6:00 pm  | 8   |
| 9<br>Worship<br>8:45 am<br>10:30 am<br>FWYC 12:30 pm<br>Donnor Trail<br>Pumpkin Patch | 10  | 11  | 12<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>10:30 am<br>Family Night<br>7:00 pm<br>Tom's lunch 10:00 am | 13   | 14<br>Men's Bible Study<br>7:30 am<br>Golden Empire<br>Communion<br>1:30 pm | 15<br>CIB Project Day<br>9:00-11:30   |
| 16<br>Worship<br>8:45 am<br>10:30 am  | 17  | 18  | 19<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>10:30 am<br>Family Night<br>7:00 pm                         | 20<br>Tom Coopers's<br>Dinner, Sierra<br>Pres. Church<br>5:30 pm | 21<br>Men's Bible Study<br>7:30 am  | 22  |
| 23<br>Worship<br>8:45 am<br>10:30 am<br>"Lunch Bunch"<br>10:30-12:00<br>12:30-3:00    | 24  | 25  | 26<br>Ladies' Bible Study<br>10:30 am<br>Family Night<br>7:00 pm                         | 27   | 28<br>Men's Bible Study<br>7:30 am  | 29<br>Senior's Breakfast<br>9:00 am<br>Kayla Hill<br>Baby Shower<br>2:00 pm |
| 30<br>Worship<br>8:45 am<br>10:30 am<br>"Lunch Bunch"<br>10:30-12:00<br>12:30-3:00    | 31  |     |  |  |   |   |

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**The Harvest**

This little seed in the palm of my hand  
Seems harmless enough  
while it lies here –  
But I know that if I plant it  
If I water it  
If I cultivate it  
In this heart of mine  
It will grow...  
And I will reap a harvest  
Larger than what I planted...  
I will gather a harvest for longer  
than anything I sowed.  
I will reap, for the harvest comes  
as surely as the night  
follows day.  
So I'd best think carefully  
before I plant this little seed  
I hold in the palm of my hand...

~ Kathie Floyd

**Classes Available on Family Night  
Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.**

**Adults**

Church Awakening Downstairs  
Dan Watson (Larry Van Cleave)  
Band of Brothers Downstairs  
Chris Bierwagen & Tim Floyd  
I Corinthians Downstairs  
Greg Fowler

**Youth** (Middle School & High School)

»crossover» Sanctuary  
Chris Navo & the Youth Team

**Kid's Klub**

Kid's Klub Fellowship Hall  
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