



A Healthy, Holy Obsession

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Two guys often meet to talk baseball cards in a café where I sometimes read. Baseball cards must mean a lot to these guys, because they'll talk about them for an hour at a time, a couple times a week. I've overheard them quote prices from \$2 to \$270 per card. One guy is obviously wealthy, while the other seems quite poor—but they share a passion for baseball cards.

This reminds me of something Marjorie Boulton said: *"Any great love is manifested largely by attention."* If you love something (or someone), you notice them, focus on them, even obsess about them. This is why the most dangerous driver around is likely a fly fisherman driving along a trout stream. So distracted is he by what he loves that he cannot focus on driving.

But let's turn from how much we love something to what we love. Henry Scougal said, "The worth and excellency of a soul is to be measured by the object of its love." How do you know the quality of a person? By what do they love, what grabs their attention.

So if Scougal is right, how can we have an 'excellent soul'—what should be the 'object of our love' if we are ever to be good persons?

We all go through phases in which trivial things seem important. People—even 'grown ups'—can be crazy about collecting things, about football scores, 'celebrities,' the coolest brand of t-shirt... but hopefully we grow up and realize how little these things truly matter.

But how do we determine the difference between trivial and profound? In fact, how do we know what is most important? Ask Jesus.

He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength" (Mk. 12:30). There is no clearer statement of priority. Love God, and love nothing more than you love God. (Ex. 20:3).

If you aren't thrilled by the prospect of knowing God, of seeing Jesus face to Face (Ps. 27:4), you are not alone. The first step toward truly delighting in God is to acknowledge your lack of desire. In his passionate book, *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer prayed, "I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to want Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory..."

If we cannot find in our soul any deep longing for God, then we must plead with Him for it. He may not do it immediately, but that is one prayer that God will answer. When He (and not His benefits) becomes the focus of our desires, and when He is Himself the answer to our prayers, then the joy He gives to us will be His own presence. Only He can satisfy our deepest longings, and He will do much, much more than that! "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Ps. 34:8).

"Yours Truly"

"Yours Truly" is a night designed for young women in grades 7-12 to be challenged in their relationships with the opposite sex as well as to enjoy a night of elegance.

Special guest speaker, Molly Sanborn, will challenge them about their relationships with guys. Our own Waseca guys will serve and make sure they have a respectful, fun and wonderful night!

When: January 16th

Time: 7pm Cost: \$10

Attire: Semi-formal Grades: 7-12

Where: Christ Community Church

For questions or tickets contact:

Christ Community Church

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MISSIONS BUZZ



A number of women have asked for the peanut soup recipe that was served during the Missions emphasis luncheon in October. Ann Wheeler graciously shared the recipe with us. Feel free to clip out the recipe and enjoy!

Peanut Soup



1-2 chicken thighs
4 cups beef broth
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tomato, chopped
2 potatoes
1 carrot, chopped

1/2 cup raw peanuts, peeled
and ground in a little water
1/2 cup peas
1 tablespoon parsley
Salt & pepper to taste
1 tablespoon oil

Fry onion, tomato and carrot in the oil. Add these to the broth, along with the chicken, potatoes & ground peanuts. Cook without stirring for 30 minutes; add peas. If using fresh peas add them at the beginning. Take meat off the bone and remove the skin. Serve with a few potato strings of very thin fried potatoes.



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Sunday Worship Events



First service: 8:00 - 9:15am

Fellowship: 9:15 - 9:30am

Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30am

Second Service: 10:45am - 12pm

Prayer Meeting: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Staffed Office Hours

	<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Monday:	9:30 am - Noon	Noon - 5:00 pm
Tuesday:	=====	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday:	9:30 am - Noon	Noon - 5:00 pm
Thursday:	=====	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday:	9:30 am - Noon	Noon - 5:00 pm

Christ Community Church Mission Statement

As a local body of believers, we will seek to glorify God in worship, in evangelizing the unsaved and in teaching Christians to obey everything Christ commanded. To that end, prayer will be our foremost task, Scripture will be our authority, God's Holy Spirit will be our source of power and love will be our motivation.



MAKS



ALL MOMS WELCOME!!

FRIENDS, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

Bring a friend!!

MAKS is ringing in the New Year with lots of fun things planned just for you, to make your winter a little brighter.

MAKS is a moms & kids group that meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Fireside Room from 10am to noon. We spend time working and learning together as mothers. Then we enjoy a meal together while our children are well cared for and having fun.



January 5th

Game Day!!

Come and relax after the busyness of Christmas. We are planning to play a great game called Bunco.



January 19th

Mentor Moms

We will be learning from mentor moms about nurturing and maintaining friendships during different phases of life. Bring your questions!



Come prepared to relax, laugh & meet other moms.



Our leaders this year are: Stacey Dufault, Aimee Miller, Shannon Kuball, Kara Ring, Lisa Cage, Jeannie Hadley, Jessica Mickelson & Stacy Dufault - Please contact any one of us with any questions.

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 <u>9:30-10:45am</u> Worship Service No Sunday School <u>5:00pm</u> Prayer	4	5 <u>10:00am</u> MAKS <u>7:00pm</u> Congregational Care Commission <u>7:00pm</u> Property Comm.	6 <u>6-7:30pm</u> AWANA <u>6-7:30pm</u> Jr. High <u>7:30-9:00pm</u> highRise	7 <u>12:00-1:15pm</u> Men's Lunch Bible Study <u>6:30-8:00pm</u> Worship Team	8 <u>6:00-7:30am</u> Men's Group	9 <u>9:00am</u> Newcomer – Memb. Class <u>9:00am</u> Elder-Comm. Meeting
10 <u>8:00-9:15am</u> Worship Service <u>9:30-10:30am</u> Sunday School <u>10:45-12:00</u> Worship Service <u>5:00pm</u> Prayer	11 <u>10:00am</u> Women's Bible Study	12 <u>6:30pm</u> Elder Board Mtg. <u>7:00pm</u> Children's Comm. <u>7:00pm</u> Women's Ministry	13 <u>6-7:30pm</u> AWANA <u>6-7:30pm</u> Jr. High <u>7:30-9:00pm</u> highRise	14 <u>12:00-1:15pm</u> Men's Lunch Bible Study <u>6:30-8:00pm</u> Worship Team <u>7:00pm</u> Women's Study	15 <u>6:00-7:30am</u> Men's Group	16 <u>9:00am</u> Newcomer – Memb. Class <u>7:00pm</u> "Yours Truly"
17 <u>8:00-9:15am</u> Worship Service <u>9:30-10:30am</u> Sunday School <u>10:45-12:00</u> Worship Service <u>5:00pm</u> Prayer	18 <u>10:00am</u> Women's Bible Study <u>1:00pm</u> Quilting <u>6:30pm</u> Precepts	19 <u>10:00am</u> MAKS	20 <u>6-7:30pm</u> AWANA <u>6-7:30pm</u> Jr. High <u>7:30-9:00pm</u> highRise	21 <u>12:00-1:15pm</u> Men's Lunch Bible Study <u>6:30-8:00pm</u> Worship Team <u>7:00pm</u> Women's Study	22 <u>6:00-7:30am</u> Men's Group	23 <u>11:00am</u> Empty Nester Soup Lunch 
24 <u>8:00-9:15am</u> Worship Service <u>9:30-10:30am</u> Sunday School <u>10:45-12:00</u> Worship Service <u>5:00pm</u> Prayer <u>6:00pm</u> Annual Business Meeting	25 <u>10:00am</u> Women's Bible Study <u>6:30pm</u> Precepts	26	27 <u>6-7:30pm</u> AWANA <u>6-7:30pm</u> Jr. High <u>7:30-9:00pm</u> highRise	28 <u>12:00-1:15pm</u> Men's Lunch Bible Study <u>6:30-8:00pm</u> Worship Team <u>7:00pm</u> Women's Study	29 <u>6:00-7:30am</u> Men's Group	30
31 <u>8:00-9:15am</u> Worship Service <u>9:30-10:30am</u> Sunday School <u>10:45-12:00</u> Worship Service <u>5:00pm</u> Prayer <u>6:00pm</u> Sunday Night Life Classes						