



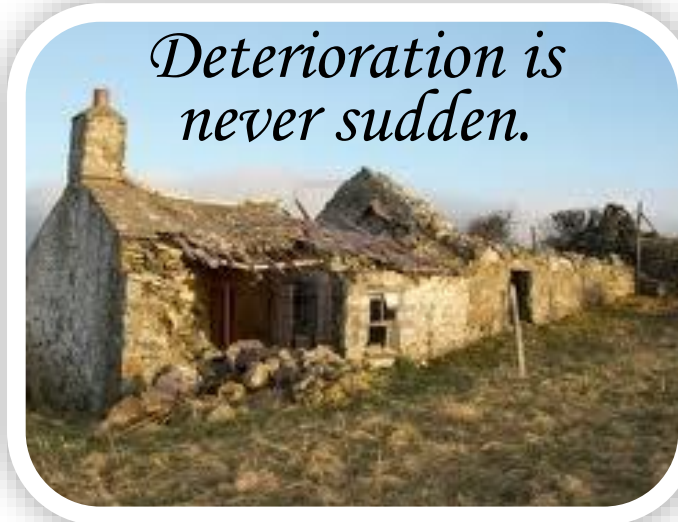
Pastor's Perspective – Erosion

By Dr. Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

The first eleven chapters of 1 Kings record the erosion of a great man—in fact, the greatest of his day. Wisdom, loyalty, diplomacy, faithfulness and efficiency characterized the attitudes and actions of David's gifted son for the first few years of his kingship (1 Kings 4:29-31; 10:23-24). Best of all, Solomon loved the LORD and carefully walked in His ways (1 Kings 3:3). But then, almost as if he had attained the mastery of man and God, Solomon seized the reigns of compromise and wrong, wandered from the LORD and drove himself to the misty flats of licentiousness, pride, lust and idolatry. He died a debauched cynic, so satiated with materialism that life was all meaningless, a chasing after the wind (Ecclesiastes 2:26).

But Solomon's decline did not happen overnight.

Deterioration is never sudden. No garden "suddenly" overgrows with thorns. No building "suddenly" crumbles. No tree "suddenly" falls. No marriage "suddenly" breaks down. No nation "suddenly" becomes a mediocre power. No person "suddenly"



becomes vile. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, certain things are accepted that were once rejected. Things once considered wrong are now counted right. At the outset it appears harmless, but the wedge it brings leaves a gap that grows wider as moral erosion joins hands with spiritual decay, and the gap becomes a canyon. In Proverbs 14:12, Solomon writes: *There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.* He ought to know.

Be careful about changing your standards so that they correspond with your desires, unless you know objectively that those desires are from the Lord because they are commended in His Word (Proverbs 3:5-8). Be wise about the company you keep (Proverbs 1:12-15). Be cautious about becoming inflated with thoughts of your own importance (Proverbs 3:33-35). Be alert to the pitfalls of prosperity and success (Proverbs 10:22 with 1 Timothy 6:6-10). Remember Solomon, who deteriorated from a humble man of wisdom to a vain fool in a rather brief span of time.

Construction progress at Crosswalk Commons—Purdue



Recent Construction Photo

Not that long ago, it seemed like it would take a miracle for the Salt & Light Christian Fellowship to raise the necessary funds to break ground on their vision for an internationally-focused living and learning community on the campus of Purdue University. Now, Crosswalk Commons is becoming a reality thanks to the Lord's overwhelming provisions. Praise the Lord! He provided the miracle!



Architect's Rendering

Awana Awards Ceremony

On May 19, we held our annual Awana Awards Ceremony.



Cubbies Leaders

Gina Irving (Director), Toni Wyatt, Rachel Estrada, and Katie Irving



Sparks Leaders

Nancy Gardner (Director), Sherry Wasserstein, Stephanie Cronin, and Doug Mount



T&T Leaders

Peter English (Director), Tracy English, Joseph Estrada, Suzanne Jensen, Richard Benham, Russell Mahoney, and Amy Mount

Awana resumes September 15 at 5:30 PM

Money Matters

May Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,038
Budgeted Needs Per Week	\$5,229
Budgeted Receipts to Date	\$101,950
Budgeted Needs to Date	\$109,810

Vacation Bible School

Age 3 through Grade 6
 July 22 - 26
 9:30 - 11:30 AM
 To register, call the church office or come July 22.
 Printable registration forms are available at
www.honoringGod.org



Summer Family Worship

The Summer Family Worship Hour begins on Sunday evening, June 2, and will continue throughout the summer. This ministry provides an opportunity for families to worship the Lord together during the months that Awana is not in session. Pastor Odom and several others from the church family will be leading us in worship featuring a variety of music that appeals to all ages. Pastor Lindholm will have a message from God's Word for the teens and adults while the children meet separately for KidsTime. Please plan to join us for this great opportunity to worship together on summer Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM!

June 2013 Bible Memory Challenge



*"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck."
 ~ Proverbs 1:8-9*

Calendar

June 5	First Wednesday Meal (6:30 PM)
June 7	Fellowship Dinner & Game Night (6:30 PM)
June 9	Love Offering for Jim and Jan Ruff
June 12	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
June 15	Men's Breakfast (7:30 AM)
June 16	Father's Day (No PM Ministries)

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