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MAY CURSILLOS AT SHILOH-BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN

United Cursillos #37 and 38 will take place May 14-17 (men's) and May 21-24 (women's) at Shiloh-Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Benjamin St., Columbia Heights, MN. Both Sunday morning serenades are closed (team and sponsors only). Sunday evening serenades for both weekends are at 5:30 p.m. and open to all 4th Dayers.

Rector/rectora are Mike Bussey (Colonial) and Nancy Anderson (Christ Presbyterian). Theme for the men's weekend is "Light" and John 8:12. Theme for the women's weekend is "You are the apple of my eye" and Zachariah 2:8.

'NEW CHURCH' IS NORMANDALE HYLANDS UNITED METHODIST

United Cursillo policy allows one "new church" to participate in each Cursillo weekend. Usually the new church's senior minister and spouse, along with a lay member or couple, go through the weekend together. For the May pair of weekends, the new church is Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church, Bloomington, MN. Please support these soon-to-be 4th Dayers with prayers and palanca:

Rev. Ardrey and Andy Benjamin
(lay couple not yet determined)

NEED PALANCA IDEAS? CALL THESE PEOPLE...

Men's weekend

Mike Bussey (rector)	739-1191
Satoru Sudoh (kitchen rector)	739-3050
Roy Baker (4th Day rector)	436-5439

Women's weekend

Nancy Anderson (rectora)	823-2133
Judy Cheeley (kitchen rectora)	(612) 251-4908 (LD)
Carolyn Dockter (4th Day rectora)	436-8232

Remember that a form of palanca that is always welcomed by the team is clean-up following the Saturday evening Agape dinner, and again Sunday evening following the clausura.

UNITED CURSILLO FUTURE DATES

United Cursillo #40 (Single women's)
July 23-26, 1987
St. Croix Valley United Methodist

Deadline for applications: June 9, 1987

United Cursillo #41 (Men's)
October 1-4, 1987
Edina Covenant Church

United Cursillo #42 (Women's)
October 8-11, 1987
Edina Covenant Church

United Cursillo #43 (Men's)
January 14-17, 1987
(Location to be announced)

United Curillo #44 (Women's)
January 21-24, 1987
(Location to be announced)

OUT-OF-STATERS: CAN YOU SEND PALANCA?

What is your best memory of your Cursillo weekend? For many, it is the palanca, in all its forms. For some it was fish crackers, for others, Rollo brand candy, and for others, a palanca note from someone in Chattanooga or Nome, Alaska.

Recent United Cursillos have been blessed with plentiful palanca, but one area that has been lacking has been "notes from afar." So, if you're reading this letter from California or Wisconsin or New York, please give some thought to sending a palanca note to upcoming weekends. Simply address your letter or note to "Men of United Cursillo #37" or "Women of United Cursillo #38," etc. Mail your notes to Judy Hill, 4617 Browndale, Edina, MN 55424, and she will see that they get to the appropriate weekend(s).

HELP, I'M LOST! WON'T YOU HELP FIND ME?

Large white Bible (KJV)
Wood and metal podium
Small sarna bell
Needle nose pliers (2 pair)
Contemporary stations of the cross (1 set = 14)
Small bell with wooden handle
Large wood cross with beveled sides (4 ft)
Wood table crosses (3 = 12"-16")
Milk glass vases (18 identical)
Overhead projector (3M)
Supply transparency sheets and pens
Book of Common Prayer (25)
Paten (Eucharist plate)
Very large milk glass vases
Banners

If you were on a team and recall any of these items being used on a United, Episcopal or Kairos weekend, please help track them down. If there was a weekend at your church or your church was used for a Kairos, please check corners and closets to see if anything was left behind. Contact Barb at 929-2952, Sue at 424-2171 or Sally at 427-7890.

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED MEN'S #37

Rector:	Mike Bussey	Kitchen rector:	Satoru Sudoh
Asst. rectors:	Doug Dahl	Asst. rector:	Gary Snyderock
	Duke Lunden	Kitchen team:	Don Curtis
	Art Nienaber		Jeff Hovis
Spiritual Dir:	Mike Dyrdal		William LaPorte
Asst. S.D.:	Walter Schlichting		Rodney Martins
	Don Utzman		Peter Moy
Music Dir:			Art Taylor
Rollo room:	Art Bauman		Bill Trudeau
	Bill Brastad		Tom Weber
	Andy Detroi		Blair Weimer
	Dan Fredenberg		Dave McElyea
	George Martens	Palanca rector:	Mark Heffelfinger
	Bill Minkema	Palanca S.D.:	Dave Williamson
	Rory Palm	Palanca team:	John Forshtay
	Jim Sievert		Don Goodell
	Bob Thompson		Tom Heath
	Craig Vick		Roger Leone
	Fred Hille		Court MacFarlane
	Steve Fix		Bob Neal
4th Day rector:	Roy Baker		Don Phillips
Asst. rector:	Dick Longsdorf		Bob Zabel
4th Day team:	Ron Goette		
	Ray Hedberg		
	Ken Linde		
	Tom Herman		
	Bob Kircher		
	Jim Wentzel		
	Gerald Nelson		

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED WOMEN'S #38

Rectora:	Nancy Anderson	Kitchen rectora:	Judy Cheeley
Asst. rectoras:	Kathy Downing	Asst. rectora:	Amy Stark
	Ann Langholz	Kitchen team:	Kathy Anderson
	Ann Lee Zalk		Kay Boyce
Spiritual Dir:	Sue Adams		Robin Carlson
Asst. S.D.:	Virgil Leih		Rhonda Hilbrands
Music Dir:	Norma Jean Barr		Dorothy Lee
Rollo room:	Melanie Almars		Jean Menge
	Judy Bangh		Jean Polley
	Kathy Cantrill		Sandy VerVelde
	Maureen Magnuson		Dee Wiley
	Lynn Pryzbylski		Dorothy Ann Williams
	Nancy Putman	Palanca rectora:	Kathy Anderson
	Julie Richter	Asst. rectora:	Lois Long
	Betty Selness	Palanca team:	Jean Brastad
	Jan Snell		Mary Edlund
	Kristine Sopoci		Linda Halvorson
	Mary Beth Stull		Margaret Irwin
	Sandy Tscholl		Jean Knowles
4th Day rectora:	Carolyn Dockter		Barb LaPorte
Asst. rectora:	Ginny Peterson		Jean Martens
4th Day team:	Norma Baker		Rosalie Schlichting
	Nan Beard		Susan Wagner
	Barb Eastwood		
	Trudy Hanson		
	Donna Jurgensen		
	Judy McElyea		
	Barb Westurn		

UNITED CURSILLO #35 WEEKENDERS (1/87 -- CPC)

William Arndt
Lowell Barr
Don Cooper
Tom Elowson
Donald Hansen
Thomas Huffman
Sanford McCall, Jr.
Tod Paulson
Larry Rundell
Edward Sievers
Thomas Tibbetts
Frank Walsh

Todd Baldwin
Neil Brownlow
Donald Dealing
Curtis Erickson
Michael Harrison
Michael Kelly
Willis Mayo
Craig Peine
Richard Schmoker
David Stevens
William Trudeau
Wayne Wells

Earl Bandelin
Robert Castellano
William Dickson
Timothy Goodner
James Henderson
Brian Kise
Richard Parrott
Jim Raymond
John Schueler
Donald Thomas
Larry Vogel

UNITED CURSILLO #36 WEEKENDERS (1/87 -- CPC)

Joan Anderson
Linda Baldwin
Barb Black
Barbara Deetjen
Kay Dickson
Audrey Gisvold
Jerrilyn Henderson
Tammy Johnson
Patricia Kojetin
Maria Mueller
Kathleen Randall
Kit Schmoker
Susan Stevens
Sandra Trudeau

Joyce Andrews
Dolores Bandelin
Shirlie Brownlow
Bonnie Dealing
Coleen Elowson
Marion Hansen
Kristina Huffman
Arlene Kelly
Judy Lewis
Carol Parrott
Sue Raymond
Mary Lou Schueler
Audrey Thomas
Christine Walsh

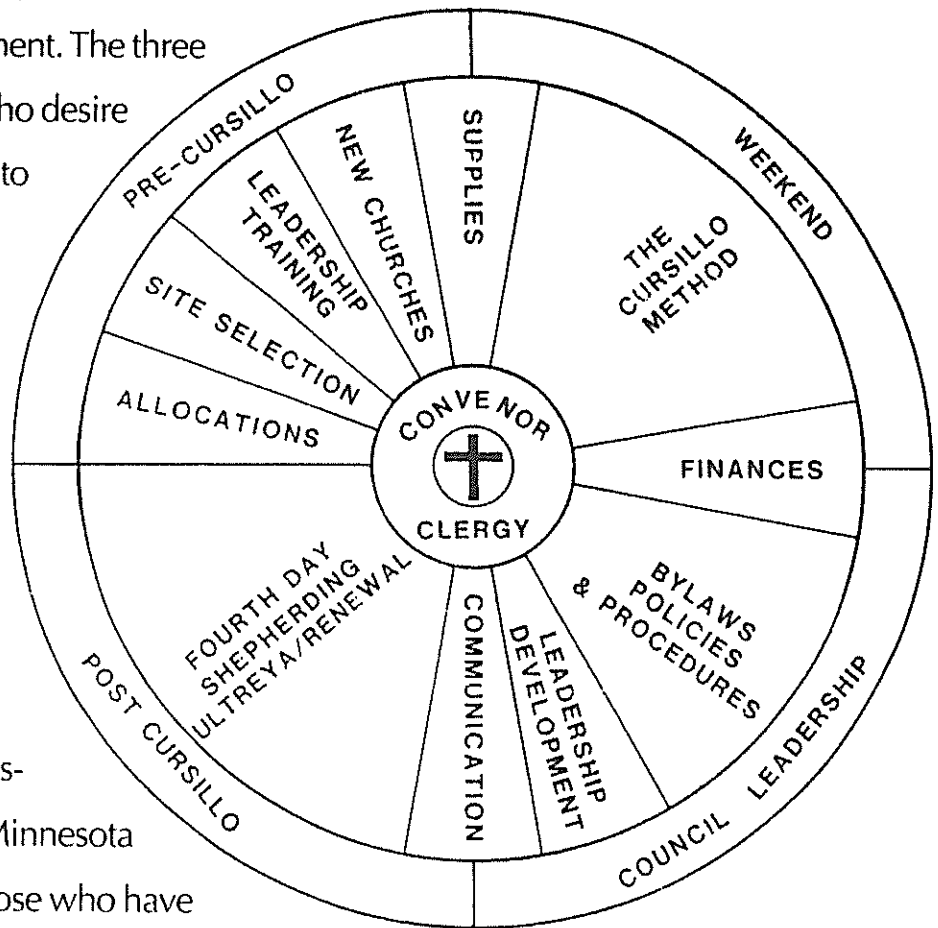
Anne Arndt
Joane Barr
Cynthia Castellano
Deborah DeMeester
Marge Erickson
Sandra Harrison
Deborah Johnson
Jane Kise
Denise McNaught
Linda Paulson
Andrea Rossman
Diana Sievers
Darlene Tibbetts
Marilyn Wells

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

MINNESOTA UNITED CURSILLO COMMUNITY

Cursillo, a short course in Christian living, is a lay movement of the church that has as its purpose the Christianization of the world through the actions of Christian leaders in all areas of life. The Minnesota United Cursillo Council considers the Pre-Cursillo, the Weekend and the Post-Cursillo as the key elements by which the Council emphasizes its priorities for management. The three day weekend aims to bring people who desire to live out an active Christian life and to make commitments to achieve that goal. The Post-Cursillo experience provides support and encouragement to respond to the call of Christian renewal within, not outside, the church. It is meant as a vehicle for Christian growth, not as a conversion for non-Christians.

The Council is responsible for administering the duties that will enable the Minnesota United Cursillo to effectively serve those who have experienced a Cursillo, as well as those who will participate in the years to come. The Cursillo Method, as published in the manual, is the primary source by which Cursillo weekends are governed.



UNITED TEC FOR TEENS? YOU CAN HELP...

The United Cursillo Council is interested in providing an experience similar to Cursillo for our teenage children. TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is active within the Episcopal, Lutheran and Catholic Cursillo communities. Many United teenagers have already participated in TEC weekends. United 4th Day families -- either your teenage kids or you as a leader -- will now have an opportunity to become involved in a United TEC. The United Council is committed to providing leadership, time and money to initiate TEC within the United community. Of course, United TEC will become a reality only with the support of many United families.

Support is needed in each of these areas:

- <> 10 to 12 people willing to serve on a TEC Council;
- <> Teens willing to attend TEC within the next six months and who then could serve on a team as a leader;
- <> Teens who have already attended a TEC weekend and would be willing to assume a leadership role on a TEC weekend;
- <> Clergy willing to serve on the TEC Council and/or in a leadership role on a TEC weekend.

Here's how you can help TEC:

- <> As an adult on a TEC weekend;
- <> As an adult on the initial developmental TEC Council;
- <> Helping identify teens to attend a TEC weekend;
- <> Helping find TEC alumni willing to assume a leadership position during the first few United TEC weekends;
- <> As a clergy willing to serve on the TEC Council and as clergy leadership on TEC weekends.

The best way to learn more about TEC -- either as an adult or as a teenager -- is to participate in a TEC weekend...here are two upcoming weekends to consider:

June 20-22 -- St. Stephens Lutheran/Bloomington
Nov. 21-23 -- Trinity Lutheran/Owatonna

If you or your son/daughter is interested in participating in either of these TEC weekends, contact me right away so I can send you an application form or put you on a list so you can be notified of the first informational meeting.

Contact: Dave Appelhof
8920 Southwood Drive
Bloomington, MN 55437
Phone 831-8592 (H) or 893-9661 (W)

'GOD MADE YOU HUMAN, NOT PERFECT!'

In August of 1982 when I came home from Cursillo, my best friend said, "Margo, you seem 'squeaky clean!' You look like you've just been to Disneyland and really celebrated life!" A few months ago, another really close friend said, "Margo, you seem like a little kid in sharing feelings -- so spontaneous and honest and open." I can truly say that I feel like a little kid -- only five or six or seven years old -- for lots of reasons, and I have all of you to thank.

My religious background growing up was disjointed, confusing and embarrassing. I learned that "God is love," The Lord's Prayer, "Jesus

loves me, this I know..." the 23rd Psalm, the Golden Rule, and the Ten Commandments (kind of, but never memorized them). The words christening, confirmation, (first) communion, resurrection, confession, eucharist, homily, baptism, godparents, etc. -- the words may well have been one and the same to me because I had no idea what they were or what my friends were talking about.

As an adult I truly searched for a faith and a spiritual home and family but finally gave up. In November 1979 at age 36, I was forced into counseling for a number of reasons and very reluctantly began to identify feelings that I had never learned even existed. It was the lowest time in my life and I was really down and out.

Colonial Church found me in March 1980...I didn't find it. On my first Sunday there with four others from my apartment complex, 10 people from all walks of my life came up to welcome me with huge hugs. I am forever grateful and I knew that day that Colonial was "home." On November 16, 1980, I joined Colonial and was baptised. That was an incredible day in my life -- scary and beautiful. I truly was a new little baby, crying, forgiven, washed clean of my old mistakes, and given a new beginning. I was there with two non-member friends and a huge new extended family. Not until a year later did I realize that that's normally a family day for moms and dads and sisters and brothers. I hadn't even thought of it.

Arthur's (Rev. Arthur Rouner) Wednesday morning Bible Study at the Sofitel became my support group in December 1981 and remains so today. My daily 20 minute "morning message" time also became forever invaluable and very precious to me.

Then in August of 1982, I attended the first Lutheran single coed Cursillo. New beginnings again! The environment rolled me up like a geyser! And the button I received that said "God made you human, not perfect" was a totally new enlightenment to me. What a relief! No wonder I came home "squeaky clean!" As a bonus I gained a hundred beautiful new Christian friends, at least half of whom I still see and love today.

Serving on four Cursillo teams, Loaves and Fishes, Christian Volunteers of Minnesota and now the United Cursillo Council continues to help me grow personally, emotionally and spiritually. It's incredible to me how I can feel so much deeper as a woman and also more spontaneous as a kid in these few short years. I'm calm and peaceful. And my faith grows stronger every day. From Hebrews 11: "Faith is the absolute positive assurance what what you want is going to happen even if you can't see it up ahead." I know that's true for me, in God's time, and I'm so glad! Thank you all!

In God's love,

Margo Holen

(Editor's Note: Thanks, Margo, for letting us share your joy in the Lord! Palanca Press welcomes essays and spiritual reflections from other members of the 4th Day community...simply mail them to the address below.)

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR RETIRING PAUL WAITE

On July 1, Paul G. Waite will be retiring as pastor of Shiloh-Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4301 NE Benjamin St., Minneapolis, MN 55421. Paul will preach at the morning worship service on Sunday, June 28 and an open house celebration, to which you are all invited, will be held from 4-7 p.m in the downstairs fellowship hall. Paul and Vi plan to remain in the Twin Cities area and are open to other ministries. A minister for 41 years, Paul has served at Shiloh-Bethany for the past 28 years. He was recently appointed to the United Cursillo Council as a clergy representative.

SELECTING CHURCH LOCATIONS FOR CURSILLO WEEKENDS

By Steve Keefer
Site Selection Coordinator
United Cursillo Council

It is my job as site selection coordinator to line up a church for each pair of weekends scheduled by the Cursillo Council. The criteria I use for selection are fairly straight-forward -- the church must be both willing and able to host a weekend. In addition, I attempt to provide some diversity of church denomination and location within and outside of the Twin Cities. Frankly, this has been difficult at times due to the relatively low number of churches capable of hosting a weekend. It is in this regard that I am asking all of you to help me. The pool of potential host churches must be enlarged if we are to continue staging four pairs of weekends per year.

As you continue reading, try to visualize your church hosting a weekend. Then, in the following week or two, discuss the possibility during your renewal groups and ultreyas. Finally, I would like each liaison (or pastor or volunteer, if no liaison exists) to fill out the planning form and return it to me, even if there is no possibility of ever hosting a Cursillo. Completing this form does not commit your church to hosting a weekend, but it will help the Council greatly in future planning.

The need can be seen more clearly by looking at some weekend statistics. The United Cursillo community will have been in existence six years in May. At last count, the community included 47 churches. There have been 18 pairs of weekends hosted at 12 different churches. Four churches have hosted 11 pairs of weekends..one has hosted four pairs of weekends. Two churches are no longer able to host weekends. In other words, 8% of available churches have hosted 61% of the weekends. This affords the remainder of the churches an excellent opportunity to help spread the message of Cursillo!

Planning is underway for 1988 and it would help a great deal if forms could be returned to me by May 15. (WARNING: This form is being used for the first time so it is untested...I will appreciate any suggestions that would improve both the form and our ability to evaluate potential sites. Return your comments with the form, separately by mail, or by phone (439-0255).

Return to: Steve Keefer, 312 Northland Ave., Stillwater, MN 55082.

CURSILLO WEEKEND PLANNING CHECKLIST

Return to: Steve Keefer, 312 Northland Ave., Stillwater, MN 55082.

This form will help the United Cursillo Council evaluate whether a church has sufficient space to host a Cursillo weekend. It will also help weekend leadership prepare for staging a Cursillo weekend at a church. Please write in names or numbers for rooms in your church (e.g., "library," "4th grade," "classroom #3," etc.) that you think might be appropriate for Cursillo use, and then check which items apply for that room.

Don't be concerned if you can't check every item...this does not mean your church is not a potential site. Some weekends have had to be very creative with available space. If your church facility looks feasible, a Council delegation will contact you to arrange a visit.

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE _____

ROLLO ROOM

- ___ Must accomodate six 8-person round tables plus another table for 7.
___ Room for a dias and overhead projector.
___ Good ventilation and lighting.
___ Outside access for weekenders' breaks.
___ Problems? _____

PALANCA CHAPEL

- ___ Room for alter, team and visitors (minimum of 20 persons), and chairs.
___ Access to rollo room for send-offs, but not so close that singing can be heard in rollo room.
___ Send-offs will not disturb Sunday worship services.
___ Problems? _____

DINING AREA

- ___ Seating capacity for 80-90 persons.
___ Problems? _____

KITCHEN

- ___ Adequate oven and range space/capacity.
___ Adequate refrigerator space/capacity.
___ Adequate freezer space/capacity.
___ Problems? _____

WEEKENDERS' CHAPEL

- ___ Large enough for alter and approximately 55 chairs.
___ Away from palanca chapel.
___ Away from 4th Day room.
___ Problems? _____

SLEEPING AREAS

- 36 weekenders
- 7 leaders
- 12 rollo room
- 10 palanca
- 10 4th Day
- 10 kitchen

- Space for mattresses, with room to walk between.
 - Kitchen team close to kitchen.
 - Weekendrs not close to kitchen.
 - Weekendrs' sleep area-windows not close to parking areas.
 - Problems? _____
-

ROOMS (6) FOR CHAPEL VISITS (If fewer, how many? _____)

ROOMS (3) FOR PASTORAL COUNSELING
 Quiet or with doors?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Rooms/areas/route available. Need 12 stations, somewhat separate from each other.

STORAGE SPACE

- Space to store furniture that may have to be temporarily moved.

RESTRICTIONS (If possible, state reasons for restrictions -- we may be able to find a way around them.)

- Current church activities/programs fill space to capacity.
 - Summer Cursillos only.
 - Sunday School conflicts.
 - Other? _____
-

INTERESTING FEATURES

- Existing showers (how many? _____)
 - Room for portable showers.
 - Gymnasium.
 - Inner-city.
 - Suburban.
 - Out-state.
 - Other? _____
-

SUPPORT OF SENIOR PASTOR/GOVERNING BOARD(S)

- Yes.
- No.

View from the Cliff...

A 4th Day friend wrote recently to inquire about whether a music album or cassette tape of Cursillo songs has ever been recorded. His belief was that many Cursillistas would appreciate a record or tape, if available.

The only recording with which I'm familiar is "God Is So Good" by Anna Mae Vagle (available at Logos Bookstore). Songs include Sing a New Song, Look Out Your Window, Pass It On, Have You Seen Jesus My Lord, Allelujah,

How Great Thou Art, Let Us Break Bread, Amazing Grace, Spirit of the Living God, and God Is So Good.

If you know of other recordings, let me know and I'll include them in a future Palanca Press. One problem associated with recording some of the songs sung at Cursillo weekends is that various songs are protected by copyright or can be recorded only by special permission. Examples of copyrighted songs include Seek Ye First, Hear O Lord and Pass It On.

On a somewhat related "note," several musicians have commented at clausuras and other Cursillo gatherings that a "Cursillo jam session" would be a fun event. If you play an instrument, I'd like to hear from you -- would you be willing to come to an evening or Saturday jam session? The purpose would be partly to review the music and determine whether everybody's playing tunes the same way. We may also be able to teach each other some new tunes. An additional purpose would be to learn exactly what's involved in being a rollo room music director, assistant music director or palanca chapel music director. If you would like to be notified of a Cursillo jam session as outlined here, send me a postcard or note and I'll make sure you're informed of the time and place.

My spiritual fuel tank was approaching empty several months ago and I needed a fill. Then, through a series of coincidences (ha!), I came across an organization that has provided some welcome octane and brought me in contact with a number of Christian brothers and sisters. My new ministry may be of interest to some of you, so I'll provide some details and if it "trips your trigger," give me a call or write, and I'll tell you more.

The ministry is an arm of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In 1986, FCA affiliated with a national-level group of professional fishermen who were attempting to begin big-money bass tournaments with a time of prayer and to spend time together in Christian fellowship.

FCA offered its support and launched the National Fishing Ministry. In March, I joined a group of volunteers to start a Minnesota chapter of FCA's National Fishing Ministry called "Fishing Friends." One of the key leaders of our local chapter is Ron McConico, teen director at Hospitality House in north Minneapolis. Another leader is Reggie Thiel, director of Camp Fish at Walker, MN, a youth camp that teaches kids how to fish and enjoy the outdoors.

Our goal is to meet monthly in Christian fellowship and discuss where the crappies are hitting or how to attract trophy bass or muskies. We'll hear from professional fishermen who have Christ at the center of their lives. We'll also attempt monthly fishing outings with sons, daughters or kids who have neither the means nor an adult to go fishing with.

I especially enjoyed working in FCA's booth at the recent Sportsman Show at the Minneapolis Auditorium. We had hundreds of sign-ups for a free week at Camp Fish and many Christian outdoors-type folks who stopped by to wish us well.

If a Christian fishing club that fishes for both fish and men/women interests you, let me know and I'll send you the latest information.

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