

Studies in Isaiah

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How Should I Read the Prophets? Most of the prophets were primarily public speakers--writing was a secondary activity. Many prophets are mentioned from whom we have no known extant writings (Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, etc.) Their speeches and reflections include direct messages from *Yhwh* as well as personal comments and descriptions. Most of the books are collections of short messages. It is best to read a "chunk" at a time, focusing on major themes and concerns rather than just going by the chapter divisions. Many prophetic messages were directed into *political* situations and everyday spiritual problems. But some messages spoke to God's long-range plans or what we might call GOD'S GREAT PLAN OF REDEMPTION (the expression *the Day of the Lord*). A number of the forward-looking prophecies were fulfilled during the life of Jesus (i.e. Matthew 4:14-16). Isaiah wrote a series of four POETIC prophecies called "servant-songs" - 42:1-4 49:1-6 50:4-9 52:13-53:12). As you read through the prophets ask yourself four questions:

- WHAT DID THIS MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE TIME?
- WHAT SPECIFIC ASPECT OF GOD'S CHARACTER IS BEING PORTRAYED?
- WHAT PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT ARE DISCUSSED?
- WHAT SPARKLING PROMISES OR CHALLENGES POP UP?

Why Study Isaiah? To ask this of any book of the Bible may seem unnecessary. But in practicality there tend to be many other books we would study first, even within the Old Testament. So we ask sincerely, "Why study Isaiah's 27 century old prophecy?" Or, we may admit to enjoying certain *paragraphs* or *chapters* of the prophecy, but of what use is the whole thing? Let me suggest a few reasons why it is profitable to become well-acquainted with this prophet:

- His powerful revelation of the heart of God
- The modern applicability of that revelation
- His foresight into Messiah's ministry
- His light on the Kingdom of Messiah, not yet come!
- His encouragement about the Providence of God

We live in a country today which we love very much. But it is a confused country which has fallen prey to the "god of this age." As a nation we are placing our confidence in many things *other than* the God of hope. As in Isaiah's day there are two messages which people need to hear. These are the two principal themes of the Book of Isaiah: judgment and redemption. The first 39 chapters of the book deal primarily with judgment and chapters 40-66 with the latter message. As Christians and as modern Americans we need to hear both messages--Why do you suppose we are so loathe today to speak of judgment?

Thumbnail Sketch?

Author: **Isaiah ben Amoz** (son of Amoz)

Note: Most liberal scholars insist that this book was not the work of a single writer. They say that the tone changed so dramatically at chapter 40 and again at 56, that a single author would not do this. The view that there existed a "Deutero-Isaiah" or even also a "Trito-Isaiah" also seeks to place these chapters *after* the events which they describe, thus eliminating the supernatural element of predictive prophecy. There are however no factual reasons to abandon the view of a single author--see Dr. Ryrie's notes for a full response.

Content: sermons delivered to the people of Jerusalem & Judah judgments pronounced upon the pagan nations of Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, etc. as well as on Israel too.

Date: **739 to 700 B.C.**

Contemporaries: Hosea the "minor prophet" 760-722 B.C.
Micah the "minor prophet" 740-687 B.C.

Major Themes? As we said above, the twin-thrust of Isaiah is judgment and redemption, or as Dr. Ryrie characterizes it, denunciation and consolation. But there are many themes and messages for us in the book:

- the majesty and greatness of God
- the holiness of God
- the strong awareness of personal unworthiness & sin
- the clear experience of receiving forgiveness
- hope
- the servant of God
- the Messiah of God
- the Future Rule of Messiah

Isaiah's Theology Isaiah's contribution to the progressive revelation of the Bible is important for many reasons, but the book is not a collection of abstract dogmas. The lessons of God's greatness and love in respect to human need are stated in the concrete historical realities of one of Judah's most critical periods (Judah was about to follow the apostasy of the ten northern tribes of Israel).

No book speaks more earnestly of God's sovereign power and righteousness. The phrase *the Holy One of Israel* is used 26 times in the book. The vision of God is majestic (ch. 6) and lifted up. Contrasting this, is the account of the people of God who continually try to cut God down to their size, and to get around His call for them to obey His laws. The PROFOUND NEEDINESS of rescue (1:18) stands side by side with the truths of *Yhwh's* exaltation. Isaiah has been called the "evangelical prophet" because his vision for the people's rescue centers on the coming "branch of Jesse", the Son of David, whose sacrificial work (ch. 53) is the ultimate hope of Israel and indeed, the whole world.

God's sovereign plan, His intolerance with sin and yet His patient planning for redemption, His intention to send a Ruling King who will also die, and His determination for restoration of that King in the future, all come through clearly in Isaiah's prophecy. The book moves from past to present to future. There is a "creative tension" in the book--it overviews many centuries; it moves between specific historical situations and universal concerns; it narrows down to see salvation given only to a minority in Judah and widens out to see even Gentiles playing a key part in God's Kingdom. Yet despite the tensions in the book, we see God's absolute rules. He is the eternal King and He will punish sin even among His own people. And He is also their faithful Redeemer. Finally, the Book of Isaiah contains in chapters 24-27 much about the tribulation period and Kingdom age in the distant future (to Isaiah).

Key Passages

1:18	6:3	6:8	7:14	9:6,7
11:9	26:3	30:18	35:1	40:3
48:16	53	55:1	57:15	59:1
61:1-3	64:6			

coming Attractions!

Lesson 2 The Messiah in Isaiah
Lesson 3 Practical Applications from 27 Centuries Ago

Reference works I used:

Gleason L. Archer	<i>Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties</i>	Zondervan
Balchin/Field/ Longman	<i>The Complete Bible Study Tool Kit</i>	Intervarsity
John Calvin	<i>Preface to the Prophet Isaiah</i>	Baker
Hobart Freeman	<i>Introduction to the OT Prophets</i>	Moody
Walter C. Kaiser	<i>Hard Sayings and More Hard Sayings of the Old Testament</i>	Intervarsity
John A. Martin	<i>The Bible Knowledge Commentary commentary on Isaiah</i>	Victor
J. Vernon McGee	<i>Thru the Bible Vol. 3</i>	Nelson
Charles Ryrie	<i>The Ryrie Study Bible</i>	Moody
E. J. Young	<i>The Book of Isaiah</i>	Eerdmans

Memory Verse (for 11-7-93)

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TO HAVE COMPASSION ON YOU. FOR THE
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FOR HIM...

Isaiah 30:18

I memorized this verse this week: _____

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The Messiah in Isaiah

Introduction The Hebrew word ~~MSHKh~~ means "the anointed One." To "anoint" meant to consecrate or to set something apart for a special purpose. Oil was often used, and both priests and kings were anointed in special ceremonies which most nations of the ancient world took very seriously. Jesus Himself performed various acts of anointment, highlighting His own identity: His baptism, His riding into Jerusalem, His reception of oil by Mary, His demonstration at the last Passover, etc. In fact many moves that Jesus made had Anointing-significance; demonstrating His "Messiahship."

Perhaps the oldest apologetic question faced by Christians would be, "Was Jesus of Nazareth the true Messiah of Israel?" For multiple-times the history of our country, Israel had awaited the Chosen One, the Deliverer. From Judah and Jerusalem, from Galilee, from exile in Babylon, from Goshen in Egypt, from Canaan, from Eden, the people of God even from before Abram waited for the Promised One of God. The Bible teaches that Messiah would have TWO ADVENTS - the first as a suffering Savior and the second as a conquering King. We still await the second advent but in His first coming, Jesus Christ fulfilled every relevant Old Testament prophecy related to Messiah. It is an impeccable evidence as to His true identity. A very few examples:

Genesis 3:15.....	Matthew 1:20	Born of the seed of a woman
Psalms 2:7.....	Matthew 3:17	the Son of God
Genesis 22:18.....	Matthew 1:1	the Seed of Abraham
Jeremiah 23:5.....	Luke 3: 23,31	of the House of David
Micah 5:2.....	Matthew 2:1	Born at Bethlehem
Psalms 72:10.....	Matthew 21:1,11	Presented with gifts
Deuteronomy 18:18.....	John 4:19	Shall be a prophet
Psalms 78:2.....	Matthew 13:34	A teacher of parables
Zechariah 9:9.....	Luke 19:35 ff	Enter Jerusalem on a donkey
Zechariah 11:12.....	Matthew 26:15	Sold for 30 pieces of silver
Psalms 22:16.....	Luke 23:33	Hands and feet pierced
Psalms 16:10.....	Acts 2:31	His resurrection

But the richest treasure chest of Messianic prophecy is the prophecy of Isaiah ben Amoz. Isaiah drew upon the Law; He pointed Israel (and many pagan nations too) to their own failure to understand and to keep the Law of Yhwh. Hope could only come in Messiah. We understand that hope can only come today through Messiah too!

Note: We are reminded of the incredible privilege we enjoy to live in this dispensation.

Although we face our own struggles we can be comforted by the knowledge and understanding that Messiah has indeed already come one time--the time to procure our redemption. That does not lie in the future. It has happened. We can look BACK and see that the Anointed One of God accomplished all that God demanded. Not one bit of His work went unfinished, this His cry from the cross, τετελεσται (tetelestai) "It is finished." In our dispensation we look back on Messiah and His first arrival. In Isaiah's day he had to look forward, bearing with the fact that even though they had "gained approval through their faith, they did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect" (Hebrews 11:39,40). The unity of God's plan is wonderful.

The Four Servant Songs The four poetic passages in the latter half of Isaiah which are known as the "Servant Songs" are very significant. They paint a picture of Messiah unlike what many of Isaiah's contemporaries might have expected. Messiah is seen as contemplative, gentle, inclusive, suffering and yet sure to be exalted and full of faith. He will be the Servant of God. He will be the atonement of God on behalf of Israel (a "lamb slain from before the foundation of the world").

Isaiah 42:1-4 As God's servant, Jesus did what Israel could never do--He perfectly carried out the will of the Father so that people *everywhere* might believe in the Holy One of Israel. With some minor variations, Matthew uses this passage to identify who Jesus really was. Note: the "bruised reed and burning wick" theme was especially precious among the Puritans!

Isaiah 49:1-6 God's Servant is the speaker in verses 1 - 5 and God addressed Him in verse 6. He owned a special calling from the Lord and His ministry would spread to the Gentiles. Despite the election of God, Israel would see that election spread to include people from all nations.

Isaiah 50:4-9 This passage shows that the Servant would grow by experience. Does this surprise us? It should not; Jesus grew as a baby to a child to a teen to an adult, just as all do. He had to learn and grow, and to DISCOVER that the Sovereign Lord would help Him at all times. Note: evidently, Jesus had a beard!

Isaiah 52:12 - 53:12 One of the most beloved passages in the whole Bible, this section crowns the Messianic theme of Isaiah's prophecy. The description of His bearing of our sins is unparalleled in the Old Testament. Nothing could be in view but the cross. The Servant was a Suffering Savior in His first advent.

The Bottom Line God's heart and the Gospel are crystal clear in Isaiah 55: 1,2...

Messianic Prophecies in Isaiah

He will be preceded by a messenger	Isaiah 40:3
He will be called before His birth to be a servant of God	Isaiah 49:1
He will be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14
He will be a descendent of Jesse and thus in the Davidic line	Isaiah 11:1,10
He will begin in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1
He will be empowered by the Holy Spirit	Isaiah 11:2; 42:1
He will enjoy a ministry of miracles	Isaiah 35:5,6a
He will be gentle toward to the weak	Isaiah 42:3
He will be obedient in His mission	Isaiah 50:4-9
He will voluntarily submit to suffering	Isaiah 50:6; 53:7,8
He will be dumb before His accusers	Isaiah 53:7
He will be rejected by Israel	Isaiah 49:7; 53:1,3
He will be crucified with thieves	Isaiah 53:12
He will take on Himself the sins of the world	Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12
He will be buried in tomb of a rich man	Isaiah 53:9
He will triumph over death	Isaiah 53:10
He will be exalted	Isaiah 52:13; 53:12
He will come as an Avenger and as a Comforter	Isaiah 61:1-3
He will manifest the glory of God	Isaiah 49:3
He will restore Israel spiritually to God and physically to the land	Isaiah 49:8
He will reign on the throne of David	Isaiah 9:7
He will bring joy to Israel	Isaiah 9:2
He will make a New Covenant with Israel	Isaiah 42:6; 49:8,9
He will be a light to the Gentiles	Isaiah 42:6; 49:6
He will restore the nations	Isaiah 11:10
He will be worshipped by the Gentiles	Isaiah 49:7; 52:15
He will govern the world	Isaiah 9:6
He will reign during a future time of harmony	Isaiah 11
He will judge in righteousness, justice and faithfulness	Isaiah 11:3-5; 42:1,4

Messiah, as Isaiah Saw Him

Several main ideas come through in what Isaiah saw and revealed about the Messiah: the hope of Israel is fixed on one man, a real man, sent from God; the coming of that man may not be immediate, but it will affect the whole world; that man must suffer in a vicarious way and afterwards He will rule in a royal and an absolute way; His rule will be completely transformational--the entire planet will be changed.

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Practical Applications from Isaiah

Introduction Christians perhaps tend to draw upon the letters of Paul and the Gospels most often for practical insights and principles by which to guide their lives. When they turn to the Old Testament the Psalms and Proverbs offer the quickest applications for believers. God's Word is wonderful in how it provides *quick-entry* material when we need it. A person does not have to study long and hard to perceive an application for himself from "never pay back evil for evil to anyone" [Romans 12:17a] or "seek for His kingdom, and these things shall be added to you" [Luke 12:31] or "he who is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he who rules his spirit than he who captures a city" [Proverbs 16:32].

But when we study the prophecy of Isaiah we engage a different type of writing and we have to think harder. Like the epistles it is a letter (or *series* of letters). Like the Gospels it comes to us from a distinct historical setting. Like the Psalms it contains rich poetic verse. But because of its length and its subject matter it is a challenging book to draw application from. True, random verses are often quoted for encouragement but their context is lost and therefore their original meaning is lost. What does Isaiah's prophecy offer us for today--taken as a whole writing?

Important Rule When searching the Scripture for meaning, here is an important rule:

There is ONE interpretation; there are MANY applications...

So, to derive good applications it is important to have a correct interpretation first. The basic interpretive detail of Isaiah is the three-fold vision he had. Some of the book relates to Isaiah's immediate future; some relates to the first coming of Messiah and some relates to Messiah's second coming and kingdom.

Let's "attack" Isaiah now from the angle of *relationships*. Proposition: "Christianity is best understood as a series of new relationships, because of our new relationship with Jesus Christ." What can we extract from Isaiah in terms of these questions?

1. My home life?
2. My business life?
3. My church life?
4. My "private" life?

What about my home life? It doesn't matter what time-period a person lives in or in what country/culture. All people have a basic "ethic" of family. No less than Israel, the pagan nations addressed by God through Isaiah each had their own ideas of family-life. God desires to indwell His people in this area perhaps before all others because it affects the whole society. And while Isaiah doesn't deal with family-life in the direct way that other Biblical writers do, the implications are present. In 49:14,15 God draws upon motherhood as an illustration of how HE feels, as He also does in 54:5,6. In Hezekiah's psalm we read "*...For Thou has cast all my sins behind Thy back. For Sheol cannot thank Thee; death cannot praise Thee; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Thy faithfulness. It is the living who give thanks to Thee, as I do today; a father tells his sons about Thy faithfulness*" (Isaiah 38:17b,18). How might we apply this simple observation of the recovered Hezekiah to our parenting today?

What about my business life? It's always easy for "preachers" to *pontificate* to businessmen about ethics. I'm sure the successful businessmen of Judah had a short attention span as Isaiah's messages went forth. Or, they would turn on him in anger as he spoke of *Yhwh's* sense of justice and fairness... Consider chapter nine. Do you believe there will be commerce during Christ's millennial reign (assuming you believe there will be a millennial reign...) How might commerce be different if the government was resting on His shoulders? How might I be a different worker if He were present?

What about my church life? The corporate life of God's people together has always been important to God. Other prophets speak more plainly to this issue, but consider Isaiah 1:10-15. "Going to church" is of no use to Him if we indulge wickedness (*I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly* (1:13b)). For God's people, each area of life is connected. There is no *compartmentalizing*. And our church life is only as good as the weakest moral choices the individual members make! We are saved and sanctified *both* by grace. But grace *must* invade our church-relationships.

What about my "private" life? God looks at all areas of our lives. Nothing can be more basic but no truth eludes us more frequently! Isaiah indicts the private decisions of kings and common people alike. And as a private worshipper of *Yhwh* I can claim and cling to such verses as 40:29-31. These truths are timeless and we resort to them often.

Isaiah's own encounter with God, recorded for us in chapter 6, gives us application. It is an intensely *private* moment. But we can relate: God is holy; we are not! We are people of unclean lips. Before Him we are undone. But despite our unworthiness, He invites us to worship Him and to be used by Him.

Two Other Major Themes 1) Isaiah predicted much judgment. We must keep a balanced view of God. He is both love and holiness. 2) Much of the pending divine judgment at that time was because of the pagan worship which Israel indulged. The first and second command-ments are to be taken seriously! Yes He is patient and long-

suffering but He expects and *waits* for His people to repent of idolotry. What we worship and *how* we worship are not trivial matters with the Lord. It is not a secondary matter in watching and being careful with how *we* worship. The age of grace does not imply the age of license or sloppiness. Worship needs preparation; kindness, deferrance and forgiveness within the Body of God's people; and the centrality of God's Word.

Consider 60:10b . Even as we *do* fail and fall into letting other things be more important to us He is forgiving. In Isaiah's day and in ours too He *longs to be gracious to us*. And we believe that because we enjoy His Spirit in us and His Son abiding with us

Other resources used:

Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible
Evidence That Demands a Verdict

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Amoz son-of Isaiah

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Isaiah 30:18

Who Wrote the Prophecy ?

Isaiah ben Amoz

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Deutero-Isaiah

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Trito-Isaiah

56

66

- ◆ "Deutero-Isaiah" knew too much about Palestine
- ◆ Linguistic changes would necessitate "Deutero-Shakespeare", "Deutero-Milton", etc.
- ◆ New Testament testimony to a single Isaiah

Isaiah's 4 Servant Songs

42: 1-4

49: 1-6

50: 4-9

52:13-53:12

Servant Song #1

Isaiah 42: 1-4

(see Matthew 12:15-21)

Behold, My Servant whom I uphold; My chosen One in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, nor make His voice heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish. He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not be disheartened or crushed, until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.

Servant Song #2

Isaiah 49: 1-6

Listen to Me, O islands, and pay attention you peoples from afar. The Lord called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me. And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me, and He has also made Me a select arrow; He has hidden Me in His quiver. And He said to Me, "You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will show My glory." But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely the justice due to Me is with the Lord, and My reward with My God." And now, says the Lord, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him (for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and My God is My strength), He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One, to the despised One, to the One abhorred by the nation, to the Servant of rulers, "Kings shall see and arise, princes shall also bow down; because of the Lord Who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

Servant Song #3

Isaiah 50: 4-9

The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not disobedient, nor did I turn back. I gave my back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. For the Lord God helps Me, therefore I am not disgraced; therefore I have set My face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He Who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me. Behold, the Lord God helps Me; who is he who condemns Me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them.

Servant Song #4

Isaiah 52:12-53:12

Behold My Servant will prosper...

- marred
- no stately form
- despised

... Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.

- man of sorrows
- bore our griefs
- I Pet. 2:24, 25

Deuteronomy



Isaiah



Messiah



Us...

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October 31, 1993

- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Evening service-Rev. Neil Damgaard

Nursery is provided for the morning and evening services. Junior Church (ages 4-5) and Childrens' Church (grades 1-4) will be excused by the pastor.

CHURCH NOTES

- Nursery workers today:** Infants - Doug & Sharon Seifert; Toddlers - Lynn Roupa & Kim Boscombe; Jr. Church - Dan & Karen Casieri
- Next week Nov. 7th:** Infants - Lynn & Jeremiah Sullivan ; Toddlers - Jean & Shawn Quinith ; Jr. Church - Debbie & Julie Gallant
- Married Couples Social, here on Sat. Nov. 6th at 6:30 p.m. Bring games and a Mexican dish. Contact Linda Crump for details.
- **Christmas Program** - This is not a musical. Anyone may participate using their unique gifts such as story-telling, poetry, music, humor, or acting. Participants of all ages are needed. Sign up with Cheryl Craig.
- NEACE Christian Ed seminar: Unlock Your Christian Ed Dreams, Nov. 5th & 6th. Contact Dave Sinclair for group rates and more information.
- The Mullen Hill **Christian Academy** In all probability the school will be grades K-8, next year. Plan ahead if you are thinking of enrolling your children. The academy's fundraising cookbook needs your recipes, reservations, and advertisements. Use special form. See Sharon Seifert or Lynne Roupa for details. Pancake breakfast fundraiser here on Sat. Nov. 13th. Contact Doug "Smile" Broadbent if you can help.
- Home Bible studies - Ask for a schedule of times and places. They're a great way to make friends, get to know people in the church, learn the Word of God in greater detail, and a means of spiritual support. Join one this week !!
- If anyone has church tables at home, please return them to the church.
- Peg Boling has volunteered to head up the "**Angel Tree**" project this year. This annual project of Prison Fellowship, brings gifts to children at Christmas time whose parent(s) are in prison. See Peggy for greater detail.
- Men's Retreat at Monadnock Nov. 19 -21. Details on bulletin board.

Church Events

- This evening at 6:00, Rev. Damgaard will start a three part study series on the book of Isaiah. Plan to invite a friend.
- An officers' meeting will be held here tomorrow evening at 7:00.
- Tuesday there will be a practice session here from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. for boys and girls ages 9-12 playing basketball this year in the Inter-Church Sunday School **Basketball** League. Registration began Tues. 10/25 . Adults are needed to assist with or coach a team. See Jeff Doel.
- M.H.C.A. school board will meet Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- All singles are invited to a game night here on Sat. Nov 13th. Contact Claire Seifert for details.

YOUTH GROUP

- Prayer Pal meeting for young people and adults will be next week Nov. 13th.
- Please get your deposit to Tim Crump for the "Superbowl" to be held on Nov. 19th.

Events This Week & The Future

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Mens' Over 30 Basketball
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible study at the Carasetti's
	7:30 p.m.	Young people's Bible study at Frietag's
Tues.	5:00 p.m.	Sunday School basketball shoot around
	6:30 p.m.	AWANA grades 3-6
	7:30 p.m.	Bible study at Levesque's in Fairhaven
Wed.	4:30 p.m.	Sparks & Cubbies ages 3yrs - 2nd grade
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
		School Board meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Bible study at Casieri's home
Thurs.	9:45 a.m.	Ladies Bible study at Gramlich's
	7:30 p.m.	Bible study at the Turners'
Fri.	9:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible study at church

November

1	Mon.	Officers' Meeting
3	Wed.	School Board Meeting
10	Wed.	Prayer Pal meeting at Youth Group
13	Sat.	Pancake breakfast for the Academy
19	Fri.	Singles Game Night
24	Wed.	Super-Bowl for Youth
		Thanksgiving Eve service