



Blog by Josh Wertenberger

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The Value of a Good Name

In preparing for the mission trip to Liberia, I have been reading *Hoping Liberia* by John Michael Helms. The book has helped me get an idea of what Liberia has gone through as a nation and how Olu Menjay has been a part of repairing a war torn country. I have not finished the book yet, but the chapter I have thought about over and over is the one entitled "The Value of a Good Name." In this chapter, Helms tells of how Olu escaped from Liberia during the war. As he came near to crossing the border, soldiers detained him. Olu was carrying letters for some of his friends to family members who were already in the Ivory Coast. The guards who stopped him accused him of being a spy and ordered he be stripped and stated his penalty for such a crime was death. The soldiers had just shot a man and Olu knew that this too would be his fate. Just before his execution the commander stopped and asked Olu to identify himself. Olu told him his name, "Olu Menjay." He was then asked if his father was Harrison Menjay and Olu confirmed it to be true. The commander then told of how Harrison had given him a scholarship to attend school when he did not have enough money to afford schooling. Orders were given to the soldiers to give Olu his clothes back. He was also given \$10 and a Coke from the commander and was allowed to cross the border. Olu was reminded of Proverbs 22:1 that says, "A good name is more desirable than great riches. To be esteemed is better than silver or gold."

This story got me to thinking about the importance of my name and the impact I have on others. What do people think of when they think of your name? Do they think of compassion? Do they think of love? Do they think of Christ? As we start summer, I encourage us all to evaluate what our name tells others and think of ways that our name will reflect the name of Christ.

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CONNECT CALENDAR

Saturday, June 11 Connect, @ Open Gym 7-9pm

Saturday, June 18 Connect, @ DEEVER's, 1230 N Topeka, special time: 8 – 10... bon fire & games!

Saturday, June 25 Connect, @ WARD's, 1805 Lawndale, 7 -9pm... pool party!

Weekly Events:

- Sunday School 9:45 @FBC
 - High School Upper Rm,
 - Middle School Basement: West Hallway
- Fusion, Wednesday @ Upper Rm: 6:45 – 8pm
- Fusion Afterhours, Wed. @ Upper Rm: 8:00 – 9:00pm



First Baptist Church
315 W. Central
El Dorado, KS 67042

High School/College here's what's coming up!!

Camp Galilee
July 23 - 29th
Total Cost:\$180 due July 13th. (Paperwork due then also!)
Deposit of \$50 (non-refundable) due NOW - pick your bunk spot when you get it turned in!



Pre-Camp Galilee Ski Party
Wednesday, July 13th
Meet @church,
Starting time to be determined.

:) Boating & Hot Dogs
Bring Towel, suit, and YOUR
PAPERWORK & Final Payment

MIDDLE SCHOOL... here's what's coming up!!
VBS July 11 - 15



connect with others!



EFBC
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6-8:45 PM
EL DORADO FIRST BAPTIST