

July 21, 1998

Dear «Greeting»,

We don't have any power at our house right now. There are about 10 houses in the northwest corner of Janesville with no fans, air conditioners or refrigerators running today. I assume there are others in Janesville without power, but in our neighborhood it's just the 10 of us. My neighbor on the west has power, my neighbor on the east is like me, no power.

It's amazing how many light switches I've turned on with no result. I've stopped myself and the children numerous times from opening the refrigerator and the freezer. How many times have I looked at the clock on the microwave to find a blank screen? There is so much that electricity provides that I just take for granted. I use it every day and don't even think about it, until it's gone.

How easy it is in our busy lives to take really important things for granted. We just "use" them without really thinking about it, until they are gone. Things like our health, our family and even God Himself. There are three events during the next few weeks that are designed to help us pay attention to those most basic realities that we so easily take for granted.

SPIRITUAL LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD

On Sunday, July 26, at our 10 am worship service, we will begin a series of seven talks that will explore how we can make the spiritual dimension of our life take on more importance in our daily living. It all begins this Sunday with a talk entitled, "Life is War".

FAITH TRAINING SEMINAR

This seminar is designed for parents. In the rush of providing our children with every opportunity that is available it is easy to miss the most critical thing, passing on a real faith in a real God. Here is a chance to step back from the work of parenting and spend a few hours with other parents as we consider what the Bible has to say to us about leading our children to God. See the enclosed brochure for details.

HEAVEN'S GATES, HELL'S FLAMES

This is a high impact, dramatic presentation on the realities of heaven and hell. It has been said that no one is prepared to live well who is not prepared to die well. This series of vignettes will cause us to give attention to one of the great certainties of life—we are all going to die. It is being sponsored by about 15 Janesville churches and will play at 7:00pm each evening from Aug. 15 to 18 at Craig High School auditorium.

«Greeting», we are here to serve you. Please feel free to use these events to help you and your family give greater attention to the things you know really matter.

Warmly in Christ,