

Children's sermon: September 26, 2010

**"Peace in my sole"**

Any of you having a bad day??? .... well ... such is life.

Fred and his buddies are having a bad day ... in fact, lots of bad days.

Fred the billiard ball ----- everyday, he's "behind the 8-ball." Always going in the pocket before he should.

Judy the skateboard .... everyday ... upside down.

Even Bob and Sally ...the twin airplanes ... they fly and land upside down.

So, this morning ... they are hanging around Orland Park ... just hoping to find a place where they can feel loved and ok ... and ...they hear music.

Do you hear it????

You've asked me to play more church-kind-of-music on Sundays ... so, listen ...

Ah, what a nice song ... "I've got peace like a river in my soul ..."

Fred and Judy and Bob and Sally ... they hear the music ... and, whoa ---- they start feelin' better about life and about themselves.

They want to find where the music is coming from ... so, they keep walking.

After a long search ... the music brings them to a church. Want to see it????

The church is in the shape of a big SHOE!!

Think of it ... a church ... shaped like a shoe ----- WHAT BETTER PLACE TO FIND REST FOR YOUR SOUL ... or is it spelled "sole"???

Well ... they are excited ... so, they hop right into this shoe-turned-church ... or is it a church-turned-shoe???

Whatever ----- they come out FEELIN' GOOD!!

For the first time in a long time ... Fred isn't "behind the 8-ball."

Judy is skating on her wheels.

Bob and Sally are flying right-side-up.

What is the secret?

Peace.

God's peace.

Inner peace.

It's God's gift to all of us ... but sometimes we lose it ... or we can't find it.

Well ... now they all have "peace like a river."

And to help you remember how good "inner peace" feels. I'm reaching inside this big shoe ... and out comes a BRAND NEW PAIR OF SOX FOR EACH OF YOU!!

It makes your "sole" feel good.