

# Church Bulletin Announcements Hispanic Congregations

July -- September 2006 Quarter

July 2

No doubt we adults of the congregation have good memories of celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when we were young. It's a good time to have parties and picnics, and all kinds of family get-togethers. Let us be sure that our children can look back on safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun. Please remind your friends and family to celebrate safely by choosing not to drink and drive and choosing not to ride with a drinking driver. Pasa Las Llaves. Pass the Keys. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

July 9

With the hot weather here to stay, we need to make sure that we never leave children unattended in parked vehicles. Even on a relatively cool summer day and with windows partially cracked open, temperatures inside a vehicle can soar, rapidly causing occupants to suffer from heat illness or even die from heatstroke. Be sure all the drivers in the family understand and agree to this safety matter. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

July 16

Most of us are very likely to be taking some long road trips this summer. Our traffic safety friends offer some tips for keeping focused and safe. The best way to stay focused while driving is to avoid fatigue. So schedule your trip to allow for frequent breaks. Stopping for food or beverages, taking time to pull over at a rest stop just to stretch your legs, staying overnight at a motel or local bed and breakfast, and sharing the driving are all good ways to avoid fatigue and stay alert behind the wheel. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

## **July 23**

Some of our summer time road trips may include rural roads. You may be surprised to know that driving on rural roads is more dangerous than traveling urban streets and roadways. Fatal rural crashes are more likely to involve multiple fatalities, rollovers, and more trucks. Fatal rural crashes more often occur on curved roadways and have greater vehicle damage. Head-on crashes are more prevalent in rural areas than in urban areas. Wearing safety belts is a powerful defense against the risks of rural driving. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

## **July 30**

The Buckle Up in Your Truck campaign continues in our area and in several areas across the country. A lot of pickup truck drivers are still not getting it. They need to buckle up, too. Research shows that pickup trucks in fatal crashes roll over twice as often as passenger cars. Being thrown out is the most common cause of injuries and fatalities in rollover crashes. Safety belts reduce the risk of dying in a pickup truck rollover crash by up to 80 percent. Pass the word. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

## **August 6**

National Stop on Red Week is a period dedicated to educating all of us about the dangers of running red lights. It begins today and runs through August 12. You might be hearing about it on the news. One thing is for sure, the tragedies of crashes resulting from red-light running make the news and wreck thousands of lives every year. There is no good reason for running a red light. Pass the word. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

## **August 13**

State and local law enforcement agencies will soon begin their annual Labor Day Impaired Driving Crackdown. It will run from August 18 through September 4. Our traffic safety friends tell us this is what everyone can expect: Drunk Driving. Do the crime. Do the time. It's a crime this nation and this community cannot afford. Pass the word. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our***

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### **August 20**

Law enforcement agencies in our area and across the country are continuing the Labor Day Impaired Driving Crackdown. Our traffic safety friends tell us this is what everyone can expect: Drunk Driving. Over the limit. Under arrest. We are glad that this state and this nation is getting tough on people who put their own lives and the lives of others at risk. We can make a difference by letting local officials know that we support this crackdown. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

### **August 27**

Next weekend a lot of people will be on the road for the long Labor Day Weekend. The national Labor Day Impaired Driving Crackdown will be in high gear. Our traffic safety friends tell us this is what everyone can expect: Drunk Driving. Do the crime. Do the time. Please don't forget that wearing safety belts is a powerful defense against any impaired drivers that you might meet on the roadways. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

### **September 3**

The national Labor Day Impaired Driving Crackdown which began August 18<sup>th</sup> ends tomorrow, but innocent people of all ages are at risk year-round from drunk drivers they meet on the road. Let public officials know that you support on-going efforts to get drunk drivers off the road to prevent needless tragedies. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

### **September 10**

With Diez y Seis coming up in a few days, it's time to think ahead to make everyone gets home safely from celebrations by having a designated safe and sober driver. Don't let drunk driving spoil your celebrations. Pasa Las Llaves. Pass the Keys. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

### **September 17**

Our traffic safety friends tell us that teens wear safety belts at rates 5-15% less often than most older adult age groups. Their data indicates that 63% of fatally injured teens in crashes were not wearing safety belts. Sometimes teens buckle

up when traveling with family, but not when they are with friends. Make sure the teens in your household know that you expect them to buckle up regardless of what their friends might do or say about it. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

## **September 24**

Our traffic safety friends tell us that crash data and emerging research suggest lower safety belt use at night. Failing to wear safety belts at night can be deadly. At night, driving is more difficult, driver fatigue is more common, and more drunk drivers are on the road. It is so simple to buckle up every trip in every vehicle night and day. Pass the word. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***

## **Pastors Notes**

### **Summer Sermon Traffic Safety Message**

Many matters of public safety that trouble us are things over which we have little control.

Traffic crashes continue to wreck families in our community and across our nation. We can do something about this problem by our own actions and our congregation's action.

Here are some things we can do individually and together.

- (1) Call drunk driving what it really is: a crime.
- (2) Get involved with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).
- (3) Teach your children how to avoid the dangers of impaired driving. Tell them not to ride with a person who has been drinking, even if it is a family member. Tell them who to call if they find themselves in a bad spot like that.

- (4) Speak to a friend or relative who drives impaired. Care enough about them to give them advice they may not want to hear. Help them avoid the crime of impaired driving that can send them to jail and crush innocent victims.
- (5) Make family and community celebrations safe. Plan to ride only with a sober driver. Pasa Las Llaves. Pass the keys.
- (6) Let local law enforcement agencies know that you support their efforts to keep alcohol impaired drivers off our community streets during the national crackdown August 18 – September 4, *and every day*.
- (7) Let prosecutors and judges know that you expect them to be serious about keeping impaired drivers off the road.
- (8) Buckle up yourself and your children every trip every time day and night.
- (9) If you know a young father who just refuses to wear seat belts, give him some straight talk. Tell him his personal choice of not wearing seat belts could cost his family plenty.

It's time for us to use our individual and collective moral courage to speak out about impaired driving and to take specific steps to stop it. It's time to be good examples to our neighbors and friends. Let us be known as a congregation whose members buckle up themselves and their children. ***It's a matter of community safety. Our community. Our safety. Let us live out our message of love with simple actions that can prevent injuries and death.***