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**HONOR OUR VETERANS...**

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country.



**PASTOR'S CORNER:**

**Proclamation of Thanksgiving**

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln made a national proclamation to have an annual "National Day of

Thanksgiving." We continue as a Nation to uphold this tradition in what has become known as "Thanksgiving Day." As part of President Lincoln's proclamation he said, "Those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord." May we remember not only what we are thankful for, but to whom we are thankful, for we are blessed by the Lord. As believers of Christ who are citizens of Heaven and America. Therefore, we have so much to be thankful about, that is why we are declaring November 19, 2008 as a day of Thanksgiving for our church. We will have a Thanksgiving Service and Meal starting at 6 p.m.

During this time of Thanksgiving we will have a worship service that prepares our hearts for Thanksgiving. We will acknowledge that we are so blessed and we will count our many blessings. We will have a sermon on Luke 17:15-16 and we will choose to be the one who gives thanks in humble gratitude.

After the service we will have a Thanksgiving meal to write home about. All day long people will be preparing the meal. If you would like to be a part of this team or make donations toward the food please see Sandy Nickle or a Hostess Team member. We will take up a Thanksgiving

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Do Your Part November 4th, 2008

**VOTE**



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collection during the service that is an offering of Thanksgiving unto the Lord. As for the meal it is free; however, love donations to offset the cost are greatly appreciated. So on November 19, 2008 you will have plenty of ways to demonstrate just how thankful you are through praise, service, giving and much more.

May God richly bless our church as we share in giving "THANKS" to Him for our many blessings.

-Pastor Chris

**KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR CULTURE:****Godly Government**

By the time you get this newsletter and read this article November 4, 2008 may have come and gone. It is a big day for our country, culture, future generations and even the world. Sadly our nation is divided and the division goes beyond party lines. I believe the division is about ideology, worldview, values, morals and dare I say God's providence.

This division is clearly unhealthy for our nation and I see no end of it in the near future. I suppose I can accept secularist divide, but what I cannot understand is that Christians are divided on the issues of politics and gov-

ernment as well. As Christians we should be in one accord about the purpose of government and we should find the purpose of government from the Scriptures. God gives specific guidance in Romans 13:4 that says government is for our good and established for the good of society. We should realize from Philippians 3:20 that our citizenship is in Heaven. This means that being an American is secondary to having our minds on Godly things. In other words God's Word should influence our citizenship as a Christian American. We should approach government as an institution that God ordained for our good so long as our government submits to God. As Christians we are to help our government work for the good of people by electing people who will promote God honoring policies and principles in their governing of our government. If Christians could unite on these Biblical principles about government we would not be divided and we would be able to help our nation unite under God instead of continue to fall farther away from God.

It appears to me that with each election America continues to sell out the Judeo-Christian values that have made this Nation great. Additionally, it appears that Christian Americans are placing their hope in a political party or candidate instead of God. The hope of our Nation is not found in a donkey or an elephant but in the Lord God Almighty. It sure seems like more and more professing Christians are aligning their political views with the

**KEEPING AN EYE ON CULTURE...**

world instead of the Word. So many professing Christians are disregarding what Scripture says about ideology, values, and morality as it pertains to politics and governing. It should be our primary focus to promote God's intentions for government, not man's. It should be our goal to elect politicians who will submit to God's ways. That is why it is important to always know to the best we can the character, judgments, beliefs, associations, values, and views of the politicians who we elect to establish the governing direction and policies of our land. Sadly many professing Christians have good intentions, but good intentions are not always God's intentions. This is a serious problem facing our Nation when professing Christians fail to promote and advocate a government for the people, by the people, established on God's intentions for government. We must not fail as Christian Americans to promote God's purposes for government, we must do our part to promote politicians, legislation and policies that are Scriptural and God honoring, and we must do our part to hold our government accountable to submit to God.

Please understand that I am not saying that there is one Christian response to every situation we face as a Nation. Nor am I saying one party holds a monopoly on morality. But clearly there are some policies and principles that better align with the wisdom of God found in Scriptures. We must face this reality and advance our government to align itself closer with God's intentions.

No matter what the outcome of this election, our purpose and goal remains the same: We are to promote government based on God's intentions. Our job has either stayed about the same or gotten more difficult depending on the outcome of the election. Elections do have consequences therefore, I pray for God's intentions for our government to prevail over our Nation. I pray that we will live in a society that is for our good because it is submitted to God's way of government. I pray for leaders who will promote policies that are compatible with a Judeo-Christian ethics and values. And lastly, I pray that all followers of Christ will be united in holding our nation accountable to be a government submitted to God. I pray all these prayers because it is fortunate and good for our culture when Godly principles are upheld in our laws and in those who govern. But oh how unfortunate it is when godless people, even some whom claim to have God, take our Nation farther away from God.

Keeping an eye on our culture!

**INTERESTING STATS ABOUT OUR CULTURE:**

40% believe in ghosts

34% believe in UFO's

28% believe in witches

25% believe in astrology

21% believe in reincarnation

Source: On Mission Fall 2008

**LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...**

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH...**



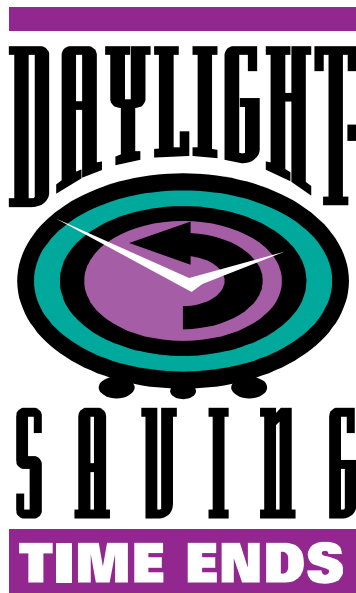
**NEWCOMERS CLASS...**

Pastor Chris' Newcomers Class will begin January 11, 2009. This class is for those new to Broadman Baptist Church. It is a 4 week class which takes place during the "Life Impact" hour. The class will meet in the fellowship hall. This class is required for membership at Broadman. If interested please contact Pastor Chris.

**DBCP DISCOVERING BASIC CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES CLASS...**

The Discovering Basic Christian Principles Class will be repeated beginning February 8, 2009. This a 13 week course which takes place during the "Life Impact" hour. This class is a follow up to Pastor Chris' Newcomers Class. The class is for adults who are new Christians, new to Broadman or just want a refresher in basic principles of the Christian faith. Some of the content for this course include: salvation,

assurance of salvation, the Bible, forgiveness, tithing and much more. You will also learn how to write and share your Christian testimony and discover your spiritual gifts. This class is taught by Bill Stockdale. We will use the book, "I Have Been Born Again, What Next" along with other class materials provided. Cost of the book is \$4.00. There is a class sign-up sheet located at the kiosk in the sanctuary. For more details and a syllabus see Bill Stockdale.



**November 2nd!**

**CLONE OF A CINNABON**



- sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

**DIRECTIONS...**

Place ingredients in the pan of the bread machine in the order recommended by the manufacturer. Select dough cycle; press Start.

After the dough has doubled in size turn it out onto a lightly floured surface, cover and let rest for 10 minutes. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon.

Roll dough into a 16x21 inch rectangle. Spread dough with 1/3 cup butter and sprinkle evenly with sugar/cinnamon mixture. Roll up dough and cut into 12 rolls. Place rolls in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking pan. Cover and let rise until nearly doubled, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, pre-heat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Bake rolls in preheated oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes. While rolls are baking, beat together cream cheese, 1/4 cup butter, confectioners' sugar, vanilla extract and salt. Spread frosting on warm rolls before serving.

**INGREDIENTS...**

- 1 cup warm milk (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1/3 cup margarine, melted
- 4 1/2 cups bread flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons bread machine yeast
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups confectioners'

**SHORT NOTES**

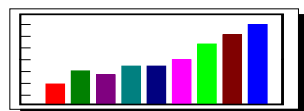
**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Ultimately, our loyalty belongs not to any political party or candidate, but to God Almighty."

- Richard Land

**TRACK OUR ATTENDANCE...**

Aug 21.....	175
Sep 28.....	160
Oct 5.....	184
Oct 12.....	186
Oct 19.....	160



**NOVEMBER 27TH!**



<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Clone-of-a-Cinnabon/Detail.aspx>



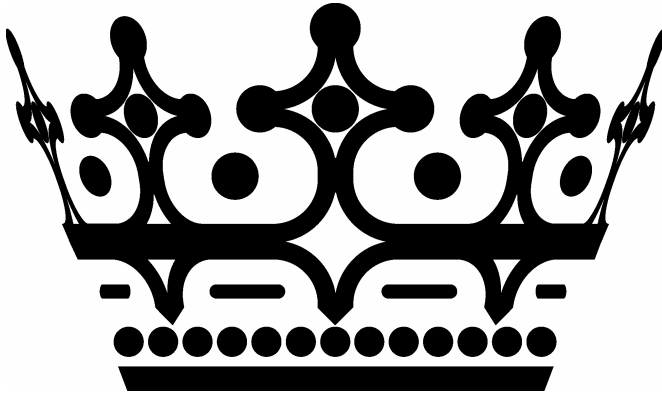
**National Bible Week,  
November 23-30,  
2008**



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & MORE...

# NOVEMBER

• **Christian Symbols +**



Crown

The crown, a symbol of royal authority, represents Jesus, the King of Kings. It can also symbolize the "crown of glory," the eternal reward that faithful Christians receive in heaven (see 1 Peter 5:4). Three crowns are often used to represent the wise men who traveled from the East in search of the baby Jesus.

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/2 KEVIN CROUCH
- 11/2 JOHN HILL
- 11/3 JOYCE LAKOS
- 11/4 SANDRA LALLEY
- 11/5 MELIA NICHOLS
- 11/6 FLORENCE FITZPATRICK
- 11/8 RYAN SUTTON
- 11/13 LORI THOMPSON
- 11/15 DAVID BAUGHMAN
- 11/19 MARY JO GILMORE
- 11/19 JAMES RADER
- 11/19 JENNY SALAZAR
- 11/19 HAROLD SMITH
- 11/20 AMY SHORB
- 11/21 STEPHEN FRIEND
- 11/22 DAVID LAPE
- 11/22 CAROL SMITH
- 11/24 ASHLEY FRY
- 11/27 SEAN JOHNSON
- 11/28 DOUG CAFFELLE
- 11/28 RICK CARTER
- 11/29 DEBBIE LACONTI
- 11/30 DAIN RICKER

**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2008
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends, November 2, 2008
- Election Day, November 4, 2008
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2008
- Bible Sunday, November 23, 2008
- National Bible Week, November 23-30, 2008
- Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008
- First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2008

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY:**  
**"The Study of End Times and Beyond."**

This is an ongoing study that examines the many doctrines pertinent to End Times Theology and will end with a Study of the book of Revelation. Please make the commitment to attend Wednesday night discipleship so you can learn, grow, and live out the Truth of God's Word in your life in times such as these!!!

es·cha·tol·o·gy

1: a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 11/14 ED & MAGGIE KUBE



**ENERTAINMENT BOOKS...**

**CASHBACK...**

**GFS...**

**BIBLE QUIZ...**

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE...**

The price of the Entertainment Books is \$30 each. They will be available now through the first of December. The church gets \$7 for each book sold.



**ACME CASHBACK PROGRAM...**

Receipts dated between September 28, 2008 and February 21, 2009 with the community cash back amount at the bottom will be eligible for a 5% rebate for the church. The funds received from this program go towards events such as the annual church picnic. Receipts can be dropped off in the collection box located on the table outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, see Brad Mouser. Thank you for your participation.



**GORDON FOOD SERVICES:...**

**"A Great Way To Give Back To The Lord!"**

Are you a part of the GFS "Fun Funds" program for our church? Did you know you can buy some great food and products at a great price and give back to the Lord? Well you can! Find out more at the church information kiosk in the sanctuary.



**Bible Quiz**

Isaiah, a spokesman for God, looked for the Messiah to come from a certain family. He wrote: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of \_\_\_\_\_, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:1-3, NRSV).

From whom did Isaiah say the Messiah would come?

- A. Adam
- B. Noah
- C. Samson
- D. Jesse

Answer on pg 7



**JOIN US FOR SUPPER**

**Every Wednesday**

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm

November 5: Macaroni & Cheese

November 12: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches

November 19: Thanksgiving Dinner...Please sign up at the Kiosk if you plan to attend.

November 26: No Services



**After a delicious meal stay for the WBI**



**HELP PAGES, ID'S, MISSION OF THE MONTH AND MORE...**

**T.A.S.S.E.L. SUNDAYS**

*Teens After Service Serving Elegant Lunch*

Love Donations Accepted!

Profits from these lunches will be used to defray the cost of youth activities.

Sign up at the Kiosk & Support Our Youth!!

Watch for Upcoming TASSELS:



**KETCHUP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2008:**



I hate to say it but it is time to get out the Ketchup bottles on November 16, 2008 for "KETCHUP" Sunday at Broadman Baptist Church. As a church we made a commitment to God and one another to support the proposed budget for 2008. Our church is behind in our giving. I had said back in April when we got caught up with our budget through a "Ketchup" service that we needed to keep on track so we would not have to have another budget push at the end of the year. Unfortunately, we are still behind so on November 16, 2008 we will have our normal offering but then we will also have a time to "Catch-up" our commitment to the Lord in a special "KETCHUP" offering. Please ask God how you can give above and beyond your normal tithe or gift to honor the commitment we made to the Lord. Some may give little, some may give a lot...all I ask is that we have equal sacrifice. The amount is not what matters to God...He simply wants our obedience and faithfulness...

**Give as God leads and we will "KETCHUP."**

**BROADMAN HELP PAGES...**

Do you need help with yard work? Are you looking for a painter, or someone to help with projects around the house? Is your car in need of service? How about someone to walk your dog, house sit, baby sit, or clean your house? Need dental care or eye care? The Broadman Help Pages is at your service!! We have listings for all of the services listed above and then some. Just get on the Broadman web page and click help pages. It will take you directly to the listing of individuals recommended by our church members. Also, we can still use some more listings so just contact Pastor Chris, Millie Castillo, or Meila. Millie can be reached at milliecastillo1873@msn.com.

**New Vendors have been added!!**

Check it out at:  
[http://www.broadmanchurch.org/spiritual\\_helps/bbc\\_help\\_pages.html](http://www.broadmanchurch.org/spiritual_helps/bbc_help_pages.html)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH...**

Operation Christmas Child is also our mission of the month for November. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.



We want to share God's love with hurting children around the world. In order to create an extraordinary gift for a child in need, all you have to do is take an ordinary shoe box and fill it with toys and other presents. These boxes will provide opportunities for local believers to tell children about Jesus Christ. If you are interested or need more information, please visit the church kiosk. Please have your filled shoe boxes at the church no later than November 16th.

**ST. ANDREW'S DAY...**

St. Andrew, who was Peter's brother, is the patron saint of Scotland. According to legend, in the fourth century a man named St. Rule carried to Scotland the relics of St. Andrew, who had died on an X-shaped cross. He took them to a place now known as St. Andrew's, where they're kept in a church.

St. Andrew's Day falls on November 30 each year. Some Scots wear blue and white X-shaped ribbons on that day. Scotland's flag also features a blue and white cross.



## VOTE...

## GOD'S CALL TO VOTE...

## Be a God-Honoring Patriot



Romans 13 clearly argues the case that all Christians are obligated to submit and participate in government to honor God and for the good of all people. Part of our responsibility according to God's Word is to vote in a God honoring way. That process begins with the idea that we must first register to vote so that we can vote. If you are not a registered voter please make it a priority to register. Voter registration forms are available at the Kiosk for your convenience. Simply fill out the form and mail it in. Then make sure to seek God's will, examine the candidates and issues to determine how they align with your biblical values and then cast your vote as an act of worship. I pray you will be a part of this awesome privilege of voting we have in America. It is God-given therefore it should be God-honoring. Do your part and answer God's calling to vote.



DECISION  
2008!

## NEW TO THE FAMILY OF GOD...

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Lynn Gembicki - Born in Cleveland and growing up in Parma, Lynn and her husband Floyd reside in Stow. Married for 35 years, they have two sons -- Timothy and Paul. Lynn enjoys gardening and music and likes Broadman.

Mary Jo Gilmore - A native of Texas, they lived in many places when her husband was in the military; she now resides in Cuyahoga Falls, near Broadman. Mary Jo is blessed with a large family -- 2 daughters, a son, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She is a crossing guard with the Stow police and loves to read.

Susan Hillman - Having grown up in Akron, Susan has lived in Stow for 23 years. She has two sons -- Josh, 18, and Sean, 24. She spends a lot of time studying the Word and enjoys her dog. Susan's dream is to finish her education in criminal justice and forensic science. A praise -- in January 2008, with God's help, Susan broke free from her alcohol addiction.

Chris Marshall - A native of Akron, Chris lives in Cuyahoga Falls. She has a daughter, Heather, and a granddaughter, Sheila. Chris is an account manager, enjoys helping people and steps up when she feels needed. Things she likes: family cookouts, Dancing With the Stars and reading. Broadman has been an answer to her prayer, where people are so open and friendly. Chris shares the responsibility of caring for her mother.

Dee Mitchell - Growing up in Canton, Dee attended Jackson Twp. schools and graduated from Falls High. He has two children -- Makayla Sky, 3 ½,

and Lee, 4 ½. His parents are Terry and Wendy Mason. Dee is recovering from back surgery necessitated by a work-related injury.

John Parker - Having lived in Akron most of his life, John attended Hudson, Tallmadge and Woodridge schools. He enjoys working with electronics; he has ridden a motorcycle most of his life, including occasional charity rides. John is engaged to be married to Lindsay Burley in December.

Jeanne Richardson - Jeanne has been reunited in fellowship with our congregation and we welcome her back. She and her husband, Jerry, reside in Cuyahoga Falls and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Sherry Russella - A native of Lakewood, Sherry lives in Cuyahoga Falls with her husband of 16 years, Gregg, and son Charles. She helps Gregg with the beautiful flowers on the church grounds. What brings her the most joy is reading God's Word.

Brittany Stepp - A graduate of Falls High, Brittany resides in Cuyahoga Falls with her husband Jason and two-year old daughter, Ella. She is graduating from Akron Institute with a degree as a medical assistant. Brittany has two siblings.

Chad & Kelli Steward - Both natives of Oklahoma, they have been married two months and reside in Cuyahoga Falls. Chad has an 8 year old daughter from a former marriage who lives with her mother in Oklahoma. Chad is a Marine, stationed in Akron; he loves to fish and deer hunt. Kelli enjoys scrap booking

Welcome all to the  
Broadman Family!

## BENEVOLENCE...

## BENEVOLENCE DONATIONS NEEDED...

As Thanksgiving approaches, it is time to reflect on the many blessings God has given us. This is also an opportunity to share those blessings with the less fortunate. This year we would like to deliver 13 Thanksgiving food baskets. We need your help to make this possible. Below is a list of items needed for the baskets.

- Turkey
- Stuffing Mix
- Bags of potatoes  
Jars or cans of gravy
- Canned corn, green, beans, and peas.
- Canned milk, pumpkin, and boxed pie crust mix
- Canned cranberries

Donations may be left in the donation box in the library or given to your Deacon. Monetary donations may be given to supplement baskets. Please have donations turned in by November 16 so that baskets can be prepared and delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Please see Brad Mouser for details.

Thank you,

**Brad Mouser**  
Benevolence Deacon



## IDONTCELEBRATE...

## HEARTSONG...

## IDONTCELEBRATE.COM....

After hearing a sermon from Pastor Chris referring to how people today say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas" last year during Advent I was inspired to do something to promote Christmas in our culture. In response to his sermon I created a T-shirt that said "I Don't Celebrate the Holidays." I gave the T-shirt to Pastor Chris and it was worn during the last service before Christmas last year. I told Pastor Chris that next Christmas I was going to sell them. I didn't realize what that really meant and what would happen back then, but as a result "Idontcelebrate.com" was birthed with the help of Terry Sneed and Pastor Chris.

Now as the Christmas Season is fast approaching we are praying to see a huge response from our congregation, friends and family. We are asking that everyone in the Church purchase at least one item and let friends and family know about our website and ministry. We will have brochures available for you to take and give to family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. We have many different things to choose from. From shirts to Christmas cards to even dog bowls, we have something for everyone to get the message of Christmas out to our culture. This year let's not let our culture be sold out to the Holidays but may we celebrate Christmas.

God has blessed us with an alive and growing church and our space is becoming smaller and it has become necessary to add more space so we can continue to grow. That is why proceeds from "I Don't Celebrate" will go to help pay for our parking lot and also the future front building.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about what you can do to help let people know about our website, you can call (330) 554-7605 for Carla or (440) 655-9007 for Terry. Thank you for your support.

Carla Patterson



## HEARTSONG...

Heartsong will be here on November 22 and November 23. When they arrive Saturday we'll need to provide sleeping arrangements for them. There will be three women and five men. If you can house any of them on Saturday, please let Jane Mason or Brad Mouser know.

The Hostess Committee will feed them Saturday evening and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Thank you,

**-Jane Mason and  
Brad Mouser**

Truth learned. Truth lived.  
**CEDARVILLE**  
*university*



**HeartSong**  
*a music ministry of Cedarville University*

FAITHFULNESS ...

ON MISSION MAGAZINE...

SALT &amp; LIGHT...

**2008 Theme: Faithfulness -***"We desire to be faithful as God is faithful."*

Signs of Faithfulness to which we commit:

- 200 + in Worship
- 120 + in Sunday School
- 100 + on Wednesday Night
- 30 New Families
- 50 Salvations & Baptisms
- Faithful Giving
- **Faithful Ministry Leaders**
- Faithful Nursery Volunteers
- Faithful Involvement



This month it is time to focus on "Faithful Ministry Leaders." At the end of 2007 we pledged, as a church, to commit to some signs of faithfulness during the year of 2007 and beyond. One of those signs was to have faithful ministry leaders. This is a must if our church is to grow and become all that God has called us to be for this community.

First let me say to all the ministry leaders I am so glad that you serve the Lord through this church. It is important that we have faithfulness in all areas of ministry. I want to ask all of the ministry leaders to do a serious evaluation. Are you faithful to your ministry as unto the Lord? Are you responsible? Are you striving for excellence? Are you proud of your labor for the Lord? Are you passionate? Do you care? Are you always striving to make your ministry the best it can be? I think if we are all honest there is room for improvement. For some it is minor, for others there are drastic measures of faithfulness required. Please have the integrity to admit shortcomings and pledge to serve the Lord faithfully. If already serving faithfully simply recommit to the Lord to continue in faithfulness striving for excellence for Him.

To those not in leadership my question is why not? What do you have to offer? Where can you lead? It all starts with a call to faithfulness and then a commitment to follow through for the Lord.

I pray God will continue to rise up faithful ministry leaders.

**-Pastor Chris**

**SALT AND LIGHT: Target Locked and Engaged - Marriage**

In case you are not paying attention - the Homosexual 'Gay' agenda will not stop its attack on marriage until marriage as we know it, traditionally and biblically, is a thing of the past. Those supporting the redefining of marriage have moved into the courts and have gotten the full support of some politicians and judges who are rewriting history in our Nation and for mankind. It started with Massachusetts, then California and now Connecticut has followed suit in legalizing "same sex marriage." All three of these States have redefined marriage as something contrary to the Word of God. Make no mistake, marriage is in the cross hairs of many politicians and judges in our Nation as well as anti-Christian groups. This is not only un-Godly, but un-American in my opinion. The target of marriage is locked on, in the sites and being decisively engaged by those who promote the homosexual agenda.

Do not be deceived, marriage in our culture as God intended is about to be a thing of the past if something is not done. Remember that the only thing needed for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing. I hope everyone reading realizes that this attack will not stop here, it will not go away. This is an attack on our faith, values, ideals, homes and God. I am offended by all who say they are Christians and do nothing, support it with their silence or naively believe it will not affect them or our society. Don't be a fool as the Scriptures say...open your eyes to the gravity of this situation. This is only the beginning and I believe we must stand up and fight for marriage and our culture.

Fortunately there have been many victories as well. Many states have marriage Amendments, but those may be overturned if taken to the U.S. Supreme Court, which I do believe will happen someday. So the question is will the court uphold the constitution, which should be aligned with Scriptural intent, or will they rewrite history and make marriage something it is not? That will greatly depend on the appointment of Supreme Court Justices by our next president. That is why the judicial philosophy of our next president is going to be so important to the future of America. God help us if we choose unwisely and elect a president who will appoint judicial appointments who will support redefining marriage. I hope I am wrong in my analysis, but I truly believe I am being prophetic in my statements and predictions about the future of marriage in America.

I wish I was wrong, but I can only say "I told you so." I predicted this would happen in numerous articles over the years. In my opinion, this is the greatest spiritual issue to face the church and our culture in my generation. The results will determine who we are as a Nation and who we will become as a Nation. I pray we can be 'salt' and 'light' to preserve the greatest nation ever established by God.

**Go be "salt" and "light."**

**-Pastor Chris**



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## THE PARKING LOT IS DONE!...

### **PARKING METER: Paving the way for our future requires faithfulness...**

Doesn't the parking lot look great! So now what? Part of paving the way for our future is to commit to filling the parking lot and to pledge to pay for the parking lot.

Remember to give above and beyond the tithe so we can pay off the debt we have incurred. You can give during the offering or you can also pay the parking meter at the door each time you come in.

Every time you park in the parking lot may it be a reminder of our vision to become a "Spiritual Hub" for our community, of God's goodness and provisions, and our obligation to join God at His work. God has called us to pave the way for our future through this parking lot...for great things He has done and will continue to do!

### **RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE PARKING LOT - NOVEMBER 21 @ NOON**

How exciting is our new parking lot!!!! Praise the Lord!!! On Friday, November 21 at noon we are having a Church and Community Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. I hope everyone can make it. I realize some will have school and work but this is the best time for us to make this a community event. May God receive all the glory for great things He has done.



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