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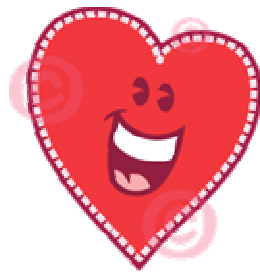
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VALENTINE'S DAY...



In the early Christian church, there were three priests named Valentine or Valentinus. Though they didn't live at the same time, each was said to be holy and each had been martyred for his faith. All three priests were designated as saints. Around the year A.D. 498, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day came to be associated with love, romance and marriage. The day is now so popular that only during the Christmas season do people mail more greeting cards.

No matter how many cards, flowers or sweets you receive this Valentine's Day, be assured that God loves you with an "everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3, NRSV).

*Now these three remain:
hope, faith and love. But the
greatest of these is love*

1 Cor 13:13

Pastor's Corner

A PASTORAL PLEA TO GOD'S PEOPLE...

1 Peter 2:9-10 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that

you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

This passage is about being the people of God that He has called us to be - a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people for God's own possession. We are called to live in the light of God; however, sometimes we fail to come out of the darkness and dwell in His "marvelous light." This is my pastoral plea, that each of us will learn to live as God's people, proclaim praises to God, and learn to be free of the darkness of this world. Here are some suggestions to help you live life as people called by God.

First, God calls us to assemble for worship and attend church regularly. Regular worship and fellowship with be-

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PASTOR'S CORNER CON'T...

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lievers should be a natural part of our lives. Sadly, many have wandered and faded away from church. As a pastor this deeply troubles me. It is an indicator that God's people are not living in the "marvelous light", but have fallen back into the darkness - which is the ways of the world. It is time for us to return to His "marvelous light." We need to be in church and it needs to be a desire and a priority in our lives. Therefore, I am asking you to recommit yourself to regular attendance on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Second, God calls each of us to be ministers and every minister has a ministry. We are not called to stand on the sidelines or sit on the bench. So be encouraged and get involved. Every person needs to discover a ministry and invest in it, give it your all for God and be blessed. All God asks is for your availability, willingness and commitment to serve Him with your utmost. Whenever we serve in ministry we bless God and others, thereby bringing blessings upon ourselves. That is the beauty of serving God. So my plea is that you will give yourself to God, and do the best you can to serve Him, while relying on His strength to accomplish whatever God calls you to do.

Third, God calls each of us

to give of our time, treasures, and talents. Giving God's way is called Tithing. Tithing literally means a tenth of what we earn. We need to commit to giving God's way through tithes and offerings unto the Lord.

I hope that this year you will apply these three general principles to your life (worship, ministry and giving) and discover the difference being God's people can make in your life as you live in "His marvelous light."

-Pastor Chris



DBCP DISCOVERING BASIC CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES CLASS...

The Discovering Basic Christian Principles Class will be repeated beginning February 8, 2009. This is 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

CLASSROOM NEWS...

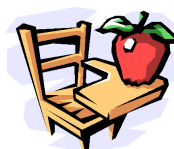
class sign-up sheet located at the kiosk in the sanctuary. For more details and a syllabus see Bill Stockdale.

TESTIMONIAL ...

When Bill approached me to write about the ideals that were covered during the Discovering Basic Christian Principles class, I have to admit I was at a loss as to just what to speak about. Being a new Christian myself, there are so many subjects I could cover. I was able to narrow it down to two of my personal favorites: writing my testimony, and discovering my spiritual gifts.

While writing the testimony, I was able to discover paths that the Lord revealed for me during the course of my life, as well as more about my spiritual strengths as determined by the search for my gifts. I'm reminded of Eph 4:11 "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers." I've been given the opportunity to realize my place at Broadman by participating as an Outreach group teacher. My wife, Kris, and I teach the Toddlers class (ages 2-5) of the nursery every Sunday morning. Not only am I able to minister to the next generation, but I am also able to learn from our lessons for the children. This past year we introduced the class to the 10 commandments, and I'm confident to boast that at least 5 of our 7 students (as well as myself) can recite all 10 of them with some prompting.

-Tony Parks



HUMOR CORNER...

► Tech Support: "Ok, now click your left mouse button."

Customer: (silence) "But I only have one mouse."
Tech Support: "I need you to right-click on the open desktop."

Customer:



"Ok."

Tech Support:

"Did you get a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support: "Ok. Right click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support: "Ok, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"

Customer: "Sure, you told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."

► There were three men sitting on a bench. Man one asked the other two: "What do you want your family and friends to say at your funeral?"

Man two said, "I guess I'd want them to say I was a nice guy and I took care of my family".

Man Three said, "I'd want them to say things like that too".

Man one said: "That's all nice, but me... I want them to say - LOOK! HE'S MOVING!"

► The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! what are 4, 2, 28 and 44?" Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network!" ...

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & MORE...

RECIPE OF THE MONTH...

THE FOREST...

I am in the middle of the forest. I can only see the forest, not the trees. A mysterious cloud hangs overhead, and is preventing me from seeing what is in front of me. When will the sun pierce this cloud, and allow me to see? How can this happen? Do my own eyes fail me? The cloud is but a temporary mirage, and will soon disappear, allowing me to once again see the path that lies before me. Until then, I must have faith that there is a path. I cannot see the path. I can either stay where I am, afraid to move or take a step, or I can move ahead, yet afraid, but with faith.

If I do not move on, the path will look the same as it did when I began down this road. Not making a decision is a decision in itself. Complacency is a choice. Indifference is a choice. Nothing I might do or not do is free from being deliberate. Free will is the choice to choose a path, or a plan of action. I can choose to stay where I am, to move on, or to do nothing. I will choose to move on. I am afraid, but I am also afraid of what

might happen should I choose not to do anything. I must have courage.

Courage involves taking action when one is afraid. I cannot have faith without courage. The fear I have will be wiped away as my faith, which is hope with substance, grows. I have faith in Jesus Christ. My faith can grow by reading the word of God. I cannot lean on my own understanding of things. Christ will hold my hand, and will lead me down the path, but only if I take his hand.

Anonymous

TOWARD HAPPIER HOMES...

“Six things are requisite to create a happy home. Integrity must be the architect and tidiness the upholsterer. It must be warmed by affection, lighted up with cheerfulness; and industry must be the ventilator, renewing the atmosphere and bringing in fresh salubrity day by day; while over all, as a protecting canopy and glory, nothing will suffice except the blessing of God.”

—James Hamilton

RASBERRY TRUFFLE FUDGE



INGREDIENTS

3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

salt to taste

1/4 cup heavy cream

1/4 cup raspberry flavored liqueur

2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

Spray a 9x9 inch pan with non-stick cooking spray, and line with wax paper.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine 3 cups chocolate chips and sweetened con-

densed milk. Heat in microwave until chocolate melts, stirring occasionally. Be careful not to let it scorch. Stir in the vanilla and salt. Spread into pan, and cool to room temperature.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine cream, liqueur, and 2 cups chocolate chips. Heat in microwave until the chocolate melts; stir until smooth. Cool to lukewarm, then pour over the fudge layer. Refrigerate until both layers are completely set, about 1 hour. Cut into 1 inch pieces.

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Raspberry-Truffle-Fudge/Photo-Gallery.aspx>



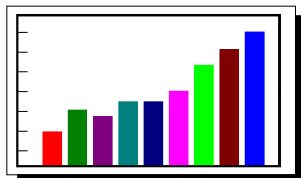
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

David Viscott, *How to Live with Another Person*, 1974

TRACK OUR ATTENDANCE...

Dec 21.....	174
Dec 28.....	127
Jan 4.....	135
Jan 11.....	103
Jan 18.....	125



February 16th

TRUE LOVES GROWS...

Through sunshine, rain,
Through smiles and tears,
Through sickness, health,
And passing years,
True love still grows
More firm and sure,
More deep and strong,
More sweet and pure.

—Peggy Ferrell

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & MORE...

FEBRUARY

• **Christian Symbols +****Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei is a Latin term meaning Lamb of God. It represents the risen Christ who triumphs over death. In John 1:29, John the Baptist called Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The lamb carries a white resurrection banner with a cross of red. The banner, representing the body of Christ, is attached to a cruciform staff, representing the cross on which Christ died.

2/3	SYDNEY ROBINSON
2/5	DELLA HALL
2/8	RICHARD MANGRUM
2/9	SUSAN HILLMAN
2/12	PAMELA TESEO
2/13	KATE BAUGHMAN
2/13	CHELSEA THOMPSON
2/14	JEANNE RICHARDSON
2/19	SUSAN HANNA
2/20	KEN FARRELL
2/21	LENETTE TAYLOR
2/25	ROBERT GEISTWEITE
2/26	DAVE HUDSPATH

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 8, 2009
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009
- Presidents' Day, February 16, 2009
- Transfiguration of the Lord, February 22, 2009

THE BOY SCOUT OATH...

Every boy in scouting learns the Boy Scout Oath:

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

What more could parents ask of their sons (or daughters)?

Valentine's
Day

FEBRUARY 14TH!

FOOD BASKETS...

BENEVOLENCE FOOD BASKETS...

A big THANK YOU to all who donated to the food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas this past year. We were able to do 13 Thanksgiving baskets and 10 Christmas baskets to help those who needed a little extra help. I would also like to thank Pastor Chris and the Deacons for their help in delivering the baskets. It was truly a blessing for all involved. Please remember that February is designated as the month to restock the food pantry so that we can continue to help those in need.



Thank You,
Brad Mouser
Benevolence Deacon

CASHBACK...

ACME CASHBACK PROGRAM...

The Acme Cash Back program will end on February 21, 2009. All eligible receipts need to be turned in by March 1, 2009 in order to meet the deadline for the rebate. Please make sure to have all receipts turned in by this date so that we can take advantage of the 5% rebate. Thank you for your participation in this program. I'm sure it will be a great success again this year.

Thank You,
Brad Mouser



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 could 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. IT IS FREE!!!!



GFS...

BIBLE QUIZ...

Bible Quiz

Second Kings, chapter 5, tells of Naaman, an army commander who had leprosy. A certain prophet of the Lord sent a message to Naaman, telling him to go wash in the Jordan River seven times. Reluctantly, Naaman did so and was healed.



Choose the prophet's name from the list below:

- A. Micah
- B. Elisha
- C. Elijah
- D. Judah

Answer on page 7 (See 2 Kings 5.)

JOIN US FOR SUPPER

Every Wednesday

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm

February 4: Hot Dogs & Baked Beans

February 11: Soup Night

February 18: Sloppy Joes & Tator Tots

February 25: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches & Tomato Soup



After a delicious meal stay for the WB!



VBS 2009...

SALT & LIGHT...

SPECIAL THANKS...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009...

Boomerang Express

"IT ALL COMES BACK TO JESUS" is what we will learn this summer as we take the Boomerang Express to the Land Down Under, July 19-24, 2009.

It is time to start planning and preparing for VBS now. Pastor Chris and Mary Reagan will serve as VBS Directors for 2009. As always we will need leaders over every section outreach (4th of July parade & VBS community outreach), decorating team and work days, recreation team, craft team, snack team, administration team, music/worship team, missions team, nursery class, toddlers class, preschool class, K-1 class, 2-3 grade class, 4-5 grade class, & family night. Not only do we need leaders over all of these areas we also need volunteers to serve.



Important dates:

April 18, 2009, 10 a.m. to 12 noon will be our VBS planning meeting. This is time to get together and start to focus on VBS as a church. We will pray for all the leaders and have a prayer walk through the church. We will pass out materials and meet with others who will serve with us for VBS 2009. This is an important meeting so please mark your calendars now and let us start VBS 2009 off on the right track for the "Boomerang Express."

April 25, 2009, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. is the VBS Clinic at Parma Baptist Church. This is where we receive hands on training and ideas for VBS. It is an awesome time and adventure. We will leave the church at noon. All leaders and helpers are highly encouraged to attend the great training opportunity.

So as you pray about the "Boomerang Express", remember "it all comes back to Jesus." Good day mates!!!



WHAT IS OUR GUIDING CULTURE?...

Surveys' show that only 16% of American adults say their moral choices, conduct and decisions are based on the Bible. (Outreach Nov/Dec 2008)

This speaks volumes about the morality of America. It shouldn't surprise any of us that America has lost her way morally, politically, economically, and socially when God's word is not the foundation of our moral choices, conduct and decisions. Americans at large (84%) have no moral compass to guide their lives. America is guided by man's ways not God's ways. Immorality is the result of whenever people are at liberty to create their own reality of right and wrong.

What does this mean to you and me? It means we have to live the truth. When we actually live according to the scriptures people will respond: some will reject our views, some will attack our views, but some will embrace our views of morality. It should be our prayer that people will see the value of God's Truth in us, by the choices we make, the way we conduct ourselves and the process by which we make decisions. When people see that we have a moral compass they may start to question what is guiding them.

As our culture continues to face troubling times we must realize the times we face are connected with our moral choices. Our guiding principles and values in America are off track; therefore, our culture is off track. Jesus spoke about this. He said the wise person builds their house on the rock. The rock is God's Word. May our houses (lives) be built on the rock (God's ways) so that America will soon discover the results of building houses on sand (the ways of man).

We have a great opportunity to be the salt and light that will lead America back to God's Word. Go be "Salt" and "Light."

-Pastor Chris

GOD IS GOOD—ALL THE TIME...

This is just a note to thank everyone at Broadman for their thoughts and prayers for me during my bout with cancer. My knowing that many prayers were said on my behalf was comforting. Thanks also to the children of Broadman who prayed especially for "Mr. Ed"

I also received many cards and notes of encouragement from people of all ages. Thank you. My wife, Mary Ann, and our three sons, John, Jim and Jeff were at my side continuously assuring me and praying for me.

Thanks to Pastor Chris for the hospital visit the day of my surgery. Your prayers lifted my spirit and told me that God is still, in control of our lives. I was no longer afraid.

Thank you, Lord Jesus for your wonderful blessings!!

Sincerely,

Ed Fullerton

CULTURE...

PARKING METER...

MORE...

KEEPING AN EYE ON CULTURE...



It is January 20, 2009 as I write this article. In less than an hour Barack Obama will become the 44th President of the United States of America. Many people are proclaiming this as a day of hope for our nation. In fact, many believe that President Obama will lead our nation in the right direction and bring hope to America. Although I do have great hope for America, that hope is not because Barack Obama is now the President, but because of what my ten year old son said to me this morning.

This morning as Samuel was getting ready to go to school he asked me, "Daddy, does a president ever change his mind if we write him letters?" The gravity of this moment was that my son realized that the values we have taught him from the Bible are not the values that Barack Obama brings to our nation as the 44th President. Because my son values God's values, he is concerned about the moral decisions of our nation and the consequences of a president who does not follow God's Word. That brings me great hope!

His question led us into a five minute discussion about our nation in which I encouraged Samuel to always remember that no matter what happens, Christ alone is where we place our trust and find our hope! I told him that I was proud of his willingness to express his beliefs to his president and to ask him to change his mind and follow God. We talked about the moral and philosophical issues associated with President Obama's presidency, from a biblical perspective, and we talked about the importance of being involved in the politics of our nation so that our nation can be a nation that God sheds His grace upon in the future. We even prayed for President Obama and the United States to turn to God and to follow God's ways. It was a very moving moment for me. I have no idea if it touched Samuel as much as it touched me, but it gave me a glimmer of hope for the future of America. In my son I saw the hope of God's people turning this nation back to God. It is a day I hope to see with my own eyes for the sake of my children.

So is there hope in America? Yes! If we turn to God there is hope! It probably won't happen under Barack Obama, under a man's leadership that placed Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus and non-believers belief systems as equal. But there could be a day when true hope emerges. In fact I believe I saw a glimmer of this hope in Samuel. No matter how far our nation falls away from God, there is always hope in Christ when people follow His ways. Perhaps God will use our nation's fading away from His ways to wake up those of us who believe in Him to take a stand for righteousness and restore our nation. I find great hope in that, and I look forward to sitting down with Samuel and writing President Obama about the future we hope belongs to America.

Keeping an eye on our culture,

—Pastor Chris

A HOME WITHOUT A BIBLE...

What is home without a Bible?

'Tis a home where day is
night,

Starless night, for o'er life's
pathway

Heaven can shed no kindly
light.

What is home without a Bible?

'Tis a home where daily bread

For the body is provided,

But the soul is never fed.

What is home without a Bible?

'Tis a family out at sea,

Compass lost and rudder bro-
ken,

Drifting, drifting, thoughtlessly.

—C. D. Meigs

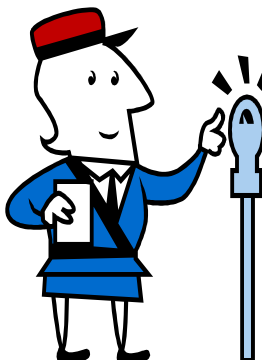
COMPLAINT DISSAPATED...

A woman called a newspaper office to complain that her Sunday paper hadn't arrived. Trying to calm her, the man at the office pointed out that the paper hadn't arrived because it was Saturday. After a brief silence, the woman said meekly, "Well, that explains why there was no one in church today."



PARKING METER...

In 2009 let's remember to keep feeding the meter!...



Don't' forget to pay the meter! We currently have about \$52,000 in parking lot debt. We need to remain focused and make it our goal to pay off this debt in less than five years. So as long as we can pay at least \$1,000 a month or more we can accomplish this. Paying off the parking lot is not part of the budget, it is an offering above your tithes. I am calling on all of us to give. I realize our gifts may not be equal, but we can have equal sacrifice. Please seek God's face and ask what you are to give beyond the tithe. May we join God in paying off this debt and filling up the new parking lot.

2009 MINISTRY POSITIONS...

Broadman Leadership Positions for 2009

Church Pastor: Chris McCombs

Discipleship Director: Rick Mangrum

Minister of Ministries: Vacant

Worship Coordinator: Charlotte Moore

Fellowship Directors: Brad Mouser & Jane Mason

Outreach Director: Alberta Balsinger

Missions Coordinators: Jackie Forcina and Pat Groetz

Deacon Chairs: Tom Lindsay & Randy Groetz (Vice)

Children's Ministers: Liz Wilkinson, Irene King, Kris & Tony Parks & Shawnetta McCombs

Kids Worship Coordinator: Irene King

Nursery Team:

Nursery Coordinator – Liz Wilkinson

Assistant Nursery Coordinators – Kris & Tony Parks

Youth Minister: Terry Sneed (Youth Council: Nelson Balsinger, Brad and Sandy Mouser, Jackie Forcina, Lynn Hendrock)

Life Impact Administrators: Alberta Balsinger / Amy Shorb

Life Impact Classes

Harvesters – Bill Stockdale

Truth Seekers – Rick Mangrum, Heather Groetz

Fellowship –, Ellis Solomon, Jerry Richardson, Bill Moore (sub)

GAP – Vacant (needs restart)

New Beginnings – Chris McCombs

Youth – George & Julie Johnston, Lori Thompson

Singles Class: Kris JoDon

Children's Life Impact: Nelson & Alberta Balsinger, Kris & Tony Parks, Sandy Nickle, Liz & Aaron Wilkinson, Karla Ferrell

Nominating/Personnel Team:

Shannon Mangrum

Heather Groetz

Bill Stockdale

Kids Praise Coordinator: Shawnetta McCombs

Assistants: Irene King, Charlotte Moore, Janie Lindsay

Praise Team Leaders: Shannon Mangrum (Admin), Charlotte

Moore, Shawnetta McCombs, Marty Geib & Elayne Stockdale

Broadman Ensemble – Pastor Chris (Bob G., Shannon M., Lindsey P., Bailey M.)

Choir Leader: Elayne Stockdale

Church Clerk: Elyane Stockdale

Church Moderator: Bill Stockdale

Audio / Visual Director: Terry Sneed

IT Coordinators: Bill Stockdale

Webmasters: Janie Lindsay, Larry Taylor

Public Relations Coordinator: Mary Regan

Church Librarian/Historian: Heather Groetz

Prayer Team Ministry Coordinator: Melia Nichols

Trustees: David Baughman, Bill Stockdale, Dave Lape

Building & Grounds Director: Dave Lape

Parking Lot Coordinator: John Parker

Interior Decorating Team Leader: Pat Groetz

Finance Team Leader: Bill Moore

Treasurer: Bailey Moore

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Moore

Teller Coordinator: Bill Stockdale

FPU Coordinator: Joyce Lape

Greeter Coordinator: Gerry Richardson

Usher Coordinator: Randy Groetz

VBS Coordinator: Pastor Chris McCombs and Mary Reagan

Women Ministry Coordinator: VACANT

Shawnetta McCombs (Bible Study only)

Melia Nichols (Secret Sisters)

Melia Nichols (Women's Fellowship)

Men's Ministry (TUFF Guys for Jesus):

David Baughman, Anthony Parks (assistant)

Hostess Team Leader: Sandra Nickle, Melia Nichols (assistant), Sandy Mouser (assistant)

Church Activities/Calendar Director: Melia Nichols

Good Wishes: Melia Nichols, Assistants: Amy Shorb, Nici Romo

Pianist: Charlotte Moore

Assistant Pianist: Marjorie Evans

Organist: Bill Moore

These positions were approved by the congregation at a regular business meeting on January 14th 2009

REACH 9 IN 2009...

WHO WILL YOU REACH IN 2009?...

Could you imagine what would happen if we all reached 9 people in 2009? In Broadman alone the results would be staggering. We currently have over 200 members at Broadman. That would mean if we each reached 9 that our church would have 1800 members...wow! Imagine if we just reached 1 each? That would mean 200 people saved and 400 members in the church...awesome! Now imagine reaching none! (Pause and reflect upon that for a moment, for that is what most of us will do in 2009).

We are all called to reach out to people for Jesus, every adult, youth, and child. All of us have relatives, co-workers, friends, acquaintances, and neighbors. May R909 be a reality we pray and hope becomes a reality!

R909 is simply a platform to help us focus on sharing Jesus and inviting people to church. Whether it happens or not is not what is important. What is important is whether or not we will choose to be a laborer in the fields that are ready for the harvest. Who will you reach in 2009?

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH...

The Benevolence Food Closet in our church is in need of restocking. The Benevolence Food Closet helps people within our church and in the community who are in need of food. We are trying to put together items so that meals can be made. If you would like to help, please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the collection tubs in the Fellowship Hall. Some items to consider are:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Oats | Instant Potatoes |
| Cereal | Rice |
| Pancake mix | Etc. |
| Syrup | |
| Peanut Butter | Items also needed are: |
| Jelly | Toilet Paper |
| Canned Fruit | Paper Towels |
| Canned Vegetables | Tissues |
| Canned Soup | Baby Formula |
| Tuna | Baby Food |
| Egg Noodles | Diapers |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Baby Wipes |
| Spaghetti Noodles | etc. |
| Macaroni & Cheese | |

MISSION OF THE MONTH...

R909 REACH 9 IN 2009

- ADULT
- YOUTH
- CHILD
- RELATIVE
- CO-WORKER
- FRIEND
- ACQUAINTANCE
- NEIGHBOR
- OTHER

R909 REACH 9 IN 2009
1 PETER 2:9-10

MISSIONS

ON MISSION MAGAZINE :
- please personally subscribe



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BE ON MISSION FOR GOD!

JOSH METZGER MEMORIAL...

FAMILY TRADITIONS...

JOSH METZGER MEMORIAL ADDRESS...

by David Baughman

As parents we quickly learn that we only have so much time to influence the basic make up of our children. I will try to give a picture to you of Josh's life from the perspective of a friend of his father.

The first time I met Josh he was not even a full year old. You should have seen the look on David's face. Very proud but knowing that this is going to quickly get crazy in this house. Three boys, and not a dull moment since.

Josh was *all* boy. On any given day if you were at the Metzger home, you would see three boys being boys. They made a barrel full of monkeys look like a quilting club. He of course quickly learned how to survive as the youngest brother. Even in his last few weeks, his brothers loved him in that same mischievous way only brothers understand and appreciate.

For most boys any meaningful activity must have one of two or both key ingredients. Danger and mystery. Add either one and you will capture their attention. I think that is why Josh liked football so much. The danger of what is really a collision sport with the mystery of "do I have what it takes?"

In a book I read by John Eldredge, "Wild at Heart" it speaks of the very important relationship between a father and his children. For Daughters, a father is an example of the right way to treat a woman so that come time to choose her own husband she will know a real man from a wanna-be. A

father is also to teach his daughter modesty. That's just about the extent of fathers helping with femininity.

But the real message of "wild at heart" is the importance of where a boy gets his masculinity from. He will get it from somewhere. The question is from where. Will a boy get it from the street where he is made to believe the measure of a man is how many other boys he can beat up or how many girls he can get to kiss him? Or from his father? I am here to tell you that Josh knew what it meant to be a real man. He had a fine example to look to in his father.

We as parents try so hard to protect our children from harm. Either physical or social. But we as parents must come to the realization that we have to focus on equipping our children instead of protecting them.

The most important lessons our children can learn from us are by watching. And they are always watching. Josh learned many things from watching his father.

Compassion & charity by watching their father take in a friend to live with them for a few weeks after a confused and misguided wife asked that friend to leave her home.

Forgiveness, Josh learned this by having Dad ask for Josh's forgiveness on the occasions he failed Josh. He also watched David's ability to forgive others that have clearly wronged him. This taught Josh not be perfect, but humble.

Obedience. Josh watched

and learned what it means to be a strong and obedient Christian man. Please understand here that I did not say passive or wimpy. Christ and his apostles were not wimpy by any stretch of the imagination and neither is his father. Restraint takes courage, strength & faith. I look back and wish I would have been able to show more restraint. I have the crooked knuckles & fingers to prove it.

Josh was slowly being shown what it means to have faith. Unfortunately Josh got a real life lesson. David was powerless except for one aspect of Josh's fight against the tumor. Josh witnessed his father in unwavering faith turn his son over to God. In times of trouble your kids watch how you handle yourself so they will know what to do. Josh witnessed and Josh understood what so many others do not. Then, he turned himself over to Christ.

A few weeks back, Josh made it very clear that Jesus came and spoke to him. He was not going to let anyone tell him differently. He said that Jesus told him that he would only have to suffer for a little while and that then..... everything would be alright.

Some of you may think that a little too far fetched. Others may believe a little of it but then misinterpret the meaning of the message. If you have any questions of where Josh is right now or how he got there. Please come and talk to me, David or Pastor Chris.

"David, you did a good job leading Josh and equipping

him. He was well on his way to being a man after God's own heart."

Jesus was right Josh, everything is alright now. We'll miss you Josh. God's speed to you.

FAMILY TRADITIONS...

To strengthen your family, consider establishing some traditions. These don't need to be complicated or expensive. For example, traditions can range from having daily devotions to attending a church camp together each year. Traditions not only build bonds between family members but help create lasting memories. Last summer, a newspaper editor wrote of a tradition he and his wife started after a visit to some churches in Europe. They bought a small font while there, brought it home and put water in it. That led to a new family tradition.

Now when the family's two boys are leaving for school or an outing, the father dips a finger into the font, makes a small cross on each head and says, "May God remind you he blessed you with brains to make good decisions."





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Scripture of the Month

Worship Schedule

9:00am Prayer in Sanctuary

9:30am Coffee & Fellowship

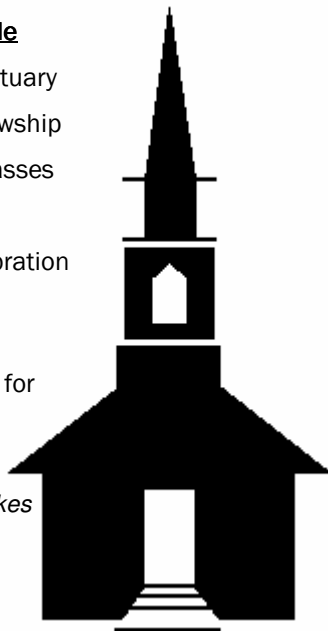
9:45am Life Impact classes
for all ages

11:00am Morning Celebration
Service

Wednesdays

6:30pm WB Something for
everyone

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1 Cor 13:13 (HCSB)

Now these three remain:
faith, hope, and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

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