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OPEN BIBLE CHURCH

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth...
1 John 3:16-19

Pastor's Corner

Well, here we are in the year 2010. We're still pretty early in the year, and it seems to be a natural time for looking ahead. We commonly think about the things we'd like to accomplish and then make some kind of "resolution" to succeed this year. It may be about losing weight or getting in shape; sometimes it's about a project that we haven't finished yet. We're all familiar with this kind of thinking. So, while we're at it, I'd like us to focus on things that God would identify as important for us. (We talked about this a few weeks ago at church, but this is a good place for a reminder.)

Jesus said the most important commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and



Pastor Phil and Naomi Waldo

with all your strength." And the second most important thing is "love your neighbor as yourself." These are to be our priorities as followers of Christ. If we get these right,

then many other things will fall naturally into place. Love for God and others is more than a "warm-fuzzy" feeling. 1 John 3 says that love is an action. It's about our willingness to lay down our lives for others.

Let's resolve to make God's priorities our priorities! Let's love God and love others actively and wholeheartedly.

Pursuing Him,

"Sowing" for Him

Every Monday morning at 9 o'clock, Sharon Collins, Ruth Hitsman, Elisa Huss, Berva Mills, Doris Simmons and Velma Smith are busy cutting, piecing, arranging, sewing, tying, and binding quilts. They have pieced together almost 50 quilts for several orphanages as well as the family in Tijuana, Mexico that will

receive the house our church is building there in April. In 2009, they made over 50 prayer bears that were given to the CMA, shorts and dresses that our Uganda Team distributed last July, and pajama pants that were sent to Bill and Fayth McConnell to take to Mexican children.



Serving Up Some Volleyball!



Team Howard (left) and Team Waldo (right)

Robb and Dee Glauner headed up a fund-raising volleyball tournament benefiting the April 2010 Tijuana Team. Five teams registered and participated on Friday, January 8, including: Team Cornerstone (Dave and Cindi Peterson, Rhonda Allen, and Jim Hammen), Team Elsberry (Mark & Melissa,

Bryan and Shelbie Elsberry), Team Hoffman (John & Lisa, Marta, Quentin, Mischa Hoffman and Jorden Elsberry), Team Howard (Kelly Howard, Marie Low, Boo Busch, and Roman Zesch), and Team Waldo (Pastor Phil Waldo, Ashley Glauner, Hope Scott and Pastor Ben Bravard). The tournament was double elimination with Team Waldo taking first place and Team Howard finishing second. Over \$630 was raised for the Tijuana team!



*Happy marriages
begin when we
marry the ones we
love, and they
blossom when we
love the ones we
marry.
-Tom Mullen*

Marriage WORKS

Presenter Jim Latimer is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and will be using multimedia presentations of how to have a healthy marriage.

Friday, January 29

Session I

6:30—9:00 pm

What is a good marriage?

It is transparent honesty and relational intimacy. Dr. Ed Hindson begins our workshop with a discussion of how and why marriage is close to the heart of God. We will learn "Why marriage is considered God's example of His relationship with us."

Spiritual Intimacy Dr. Dan Allender discusses what is needed to form a marriage God's way.

Saturday, January 30

Session II

8:30—11:30 am

LUV Talk A communication method that will change the way we talk. Dr. Michael Smalley gives us valuable information on how to communicate during conflict. Dr. Smalley discusses how to argue effectively so a couple can reach a win/win agreement.

Negative thinking in marriage: Its power and problem

Dr. Greg Smalley discusses the need to learn how to balance expectations with reality. He covers how interpretation and judgment of an event determines the quality of any marriage.

Lunch 11:30 am—1:00 pm

Saturday, January 30

Session III

1:00—2:30 pm

Anger Dr. Gary Smalley closes our workshop with a discussion concerning the high cost of unresolved anger. Unresolved anger is considered by many "The Major Problem" in any marriage. Dr. Smalley will help us to understand how to avoid darkness and continually walk in the light of God's love, joy and peace.

Registration is \$20 per couple due by January 24. Saturday lunch will be provided by L.I.F.T. for donations. Child care will be provided by L.I.F.T. at a cost of \$5 per child for the duration of the seminar. This seminar will be held at Open Bible Church in Boone.

THANKS!

Thank you for your positive response to the letter you received regarding the church's general fund and building fund struggles. December was a strong month financially! Let's keep it going!

Cows 4 Kids

What a generous outpouring of support for our 2009 Hands of Mercy Christmas

Project! We were able to send a \$1,400 donation to Open Bible Headquarters for one cow and one calf for each of two orphanages in India. Pastor John Paul, field director in Southern India, has been notified of our gift and will be sending us information about the orphanages.

or duffel bags to be donated.



They will be taking clothing and household items across the border to donate to the children at the orphanages and also to the family they are building the house for. They plan to leave the suit cases in Mexico so that they would not have to pay extra baggage costs to get them back home.

Tijuana Team

The April 2010 Tijuana Team is looking for large suit cases

What's Happening



Velma Smith became an official member of our church in December. She is a blessing as she helps in the Compassion

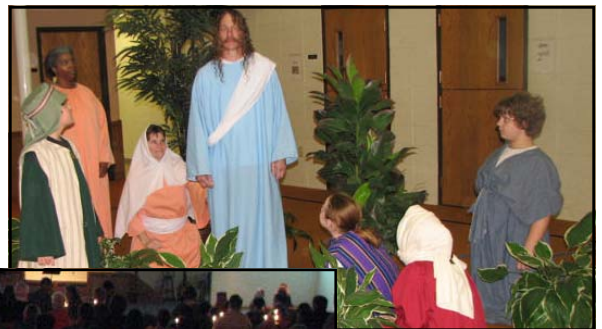
Café, with Angel Food Ministries, serving the community suppers, and assisting with other meals such as those served during the CMA Rally last summer. Velma also sews with the Monday morning "Sowing for Him" group. If you are interested in

official church membership, please consider attending the membership meeting on Saturday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

During these winter months, if Boone Public Schools cancels or releases students early due to inclement weather, then our church activities for that day will also be cancelled. We notify KWBG (1590 AM) and KCCI (Channel 8) with any weather related announcements (both are also found on the web).



Steve Lemon, Tonya Lundberg, Randy Dean Holtmeyer and Caleb Crawford were baptized in December! Pictured with them are Brian Foltz and David Wanat who baptized them. Each of them made public statements of their faith in Jesus Christ and their desire to live for Him.



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BREAKAWAY

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 17
3:00 p.m.
Giggling Goat clean up

Friday, January 29
6:30 p.m.
Child care at Marriage Works

Saturday, January 30
8:30 a.m.
Child care at Marriage Works

Saturday, January 30
11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Marriage Works

Sunday, January 31
3:00 p.m.
Giggling Goat clean up

Papa Murphy's Pizza
Card Sales

Wednesdays
6:45 p.m.

L.I.F.T.

Tuesday, January 26
7:00 p.m.
G.T.

Sunday, January 24
6:00 p.m.
Winter Jam
Vets Auditorium

Tuesdays, February 9 and 23
7:00 p.m.
G.T.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
February 18, 19, 20

B R E A K A W A Y

UPCOMING EVENTS