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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!



Erin Trojniar was immersed into Christ this past Thursday. Erin and her husband, Elton, have a daughter, Cora. She is an active member of MOPS. Erin resides at 600 W Schwartz in Salem.

Verse of the Week:

Matthew 5:16 (NASV)

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Sunday, January 24

8:15 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, January 25

10:00 a.m. S.A.M.

Tuesday, January 26

8:45 a.m. Sonshine School
3:30 p.m. H2O setup
6:00-7:00p.m. Worship Team
6:30 p.m. Praise & Prayer

Wednesday, January 27

6:15-7:45 p.m. Teen MOPS
6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Options;
LIGHT (Ladies' Bible Study);
2-3 yr. & 4-5 yr. classes; K-5-
Foundation Rock
6:30-8:00 p.m. Jr/Sr High- H2O

Thursday, January 28

9:30 a.m. Priscilla Ladies'
Bible Study

Haitian Missionary Update

Steve and Beth Puricelli (Sonlight Ministries, Port-de-Paix)

As reported on Sunday, Steve and Beth are safe. They felt the earthquake but did not receive serious damage to their property, nor was their daily life interrupted.

They ask that you pray for:

- * The families at their school and church who have family members in Port-au-Prince.
- * The Puricelli's witness to the people in this difficult moment. At times of stress people begin to look for hope in something, we pray that it is God.
- * Pray for our students and teachers.

Bill Hauser (father of Jenny Samuels and James Hauser)

Bill was with a church missions team in Haiti when the earthquake hit. On Monday of this week they walked 20 miles to the airport in Port-au-Prince and landed safely in Florida.

Please continue to pray for the safety and strength to the missionaries they were working with (Christianville Mission, Gessier).

Tina Isenhower (Damou Christian Mission, Cyvadier/Jacmel)

Tina is safe! She managed to charter a small plane to Jacmel. Currently, she and the Damou Christian Mission team are doing what they can to help in Jacmel. They are preparing to feed extra children starting Tuesday (19th). They are also preparing to take in up to twelve orphaned children ages six and under.

To read of Tina's ordeal, go to our website (www.fccsalem.net) and click on the link in the Haitian Missionary Update.

Prayer Requests:

AT HOME

Peggy Wilson
Warren Williams
Naida Telford
Bud Burden
Ruth Ruprecht
Ron Stanley

Karl Squibb
Earl Gain
Sue Courson
Craig Liddle
Mike Molenhour
Steve Crane

BARNES

Joe Molenhour

SALEM HOSPITAL

Betty Westman

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Eastern Illinois Campus Ministry; U of I
Campus Ministry; St. Louis Christian College;
Lincoln Christian College; Ozark Christian
College; Kentucky Christian University;

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to Jim, Ed & Jerry Holsapple and their families at the death of their brother, Jack Holsapple.

Facts & Figures **January 17, 2010**

8:15 am Worship	153
Bible School	172
10:30 am Worship	264
Total Worship	417
*Ministry Fund Offering	\$ 9,010.18
Weekly Ministry Needs	\$12,855.77
*Add. Designated gifts	\$ 233.10
Total	\$ 9,243.28
Special Haiti Offering	\$ 5,137.34



Bob Jamison	3
Diann Olafsson	3
Jim Nash	3
Larry Szaro	3
Marianne Rogers	3
Jim Gaston	4
Timothy Squibb	5
Wayne Duke	5
Karl Squibb	7
Melinda Stroud	7
Chris Stone	8
Grant Bredar	8
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Priscilla Ladies' Bible Study will start the Bible study, "The Greatest Life of All- Jesus" by Charles Swindoll on Thursday, January 21st. Please come join us.

DIABETES INFORMATION

There will be a special session at Salem Township Hospital on Thursday, January 21st at 7pm by Henry Bryan, Jr. Henry is a "real person" who learned to take control of his diabetes. He wants to encourage you to live a healthier life.

Coming Up on the Calendar
January

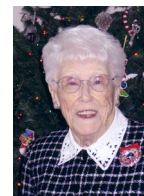
- 20-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 22-23-FCC Leadership Retreat
- 26-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 29-5th Quarter

February

- 2-Leadership Team Meeting, 7pm
- 3-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 7-Parent/Child Dedication
- 9-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 9-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 14-Missions Meeting, 4:30pm

Elders: Tom Garrett, Doug Williams (underlined - Offering prayer)**January 24, 2010****Meditation:** Doug Williams**Deacons:** 8:15-*Mike Dye, *Mike Squibb, Terry Barnfield, John Gaston, Steve Schumpert, Bob Stroud, Steve Bandy, Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Mark Zinzilieta, Eldon Prosisie, David Lamb, Jeff Molenhour, Mike Molenhour, Robert Uchitjil, Jim Rainwater, Eric Bandy...underlined to serve shut-ins, asterisk to serve Doctor's.**Attendance Tabulation:** 8:15-Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Tom Garrett**Worship Tech:** Matt Webb, Logan Pontious**Nursery:** 8:15-Linda Puricelli, Terri Blair; 9:30-Mary Piper, Karen Collier, Sandra Banning; 10:30-Alyssa Williams, Pat McArthur, Cheryl Kennedy**Stepping Stones:** Ashley Elmore, Joli Lybarger**Preschool Greeter:** Chris Apgar**Toddler Room:** 8:15-; 10:30-Sydney Tefft**Kidz Church:** 8:15-Brian & Sandra Banning; 10:30-Grant Green**Care Team Leaders:** 8:15-; 10:30-**FIM Captain:** Jan Luse**Greeters:** Joe & Cheryl Pemberton, Lucy Molenhour, Norm & Diane Barton**Ushers:** 8:15-Keith Kemp; 10:30-Pat Baldrige**Section Hosts:** #1-Brian Banning; #2-Vernice Young; #3-Betty Jane Easley**Parking Lot:** Curt Piper, Kyle Kell, Randy Helm**Baptismal:** 8:15-Janet Padberg; 10:30-Joan Buhnerkemper**Communion Preparation:** Max Dye**CARD SHOWER**

Aleen Crosby will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Monday, January 25th. Her family would like to throw her a "Card Shower." Please mail your cards to: P.O. Box 475, Salem, IL 62881.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**

MOPS now has 34 moms and 47 children attending and we need your help in this growing ministry!!! As more moms come, we are starting to run out of spots in our MOPPET (childcare) rooms. The last thing we want to do is to have to turn moms away because we do not have enough workers to take care of their children. For the second semester, we need 5 more regular attending workers. We also need more substitutes and even once-a-month workers are a huge help! MOPS meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:15 - 11:15am. Please contact Katie Mann at 548-5895 or Michelle Lockhart at 548-1540 if you are interested. Please help MOPS continue to be a growing ministry!!!

**PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION- Sunday, February 7th @ 10:30am**

You are invited to participate with us in a Parent-Child Dedication Day on Sunday, February 7th. The dedication and commitment will be at the beginning of the 10:30 AM worship service. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate. We hope you can join us for this special time.

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

Today's cultural issues are mind-boggling! Have you ever wondered how God views racism and divorce, or if homosexuality is even mentioned in the Bible? How does a person begin to make sense of all this chaos and controversy? As the world deals with these difficult issues Christians can't simply bury their heads in the sand. If we're going to claim that the Bible is relevant today just as it was in the 1st century then we must engage our culture, which means dealing with these Gray Matters. It's time we stop scratching our head and look to God's Word for clarity.

We want your input. If you have a question or topic that you think we should consider, please submit it to the FCC office. A sermon series dealing with your questions is planned for mid-April.

**Thank You**

Dear FCC Family,

We wanted to thank you for the money you've given this past year to support our ministry in Japan! We truly appreciate your prayers and support! May God continue to bless you in 2010 as you seek to know Him more! Thanks again! Love from Japan, Jared & Stephanie Henke

Our mom, Helen Watson, thoroughly enjoyed all the cards for her 90th birthday. Thank you all so much
Love, Sharon Watson & Ruth Erio

Mann's Masterpiece

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This past weekend Katie and I were able to get some time alone together. We went to dinner and a movie on Friday night. While we were on our date Nathan told the sitter, "I've never been on a date before!" I don't know if he was implying he wanted to go on a date with her or not. However, I was pleased to see that he knew and was trying to understand what mom and dad were doing.

It is very important for married couples to continue to date. You don't know everything about your spouse. There is always another story, another dream, another hope that creeps out every time you look deep into each other's eyes. Not only is dating important in a married relationship, but if you have kids, they need to see your love for each other. They need to see you hug. They need to see you stare into each other's eyes. They need to hear your word of love and encouragement for each other. They need to know you are still pursuing one another – dates! As your children get older, they might tell you how gross you are, but you are leaving a lasting impression in their mind of how a husband and wife should treat each other. You are instilling in your children the kind of husband or wife they will pursue. Love each other, but let your kids know how much you love each other too!

Dave's Musings

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To Small Group or not to Small Group . . . that is the question!

And I hope the answer is that you would love to be in a small group. It can be a much different experience than a Sunday School class. Yes you learn, but you also grow relationships and get to learn from a shared experience. It is how we can live in community. Learning together. Growing together. Sharing burdens and prayers together. Celebrating together. Life . . . together. Our culture has become too much of an island mentality, not needing anyone or anything from anyone. But the truth is that God made us for each other and we are better with each other.

Have you ever thought of being in a small group? Have you ever been curious about it? Have you ever wanted to check it out? If so, you should join a small group. Better yet, you should put one together! The best way to get into a small group is to start one! Yes you! Call people you would like to join with and get it going. There are resources available here at the church to study and any of us would be more than willing to have any number of conversations with you to help you get going. All you need is the motivation to do it.

However, don't do it for the sake of doing it! If you really want to grow in Christ and build lasting relationships, then do it. I love our small group and we are busting at the seams because we're getting excited about what God is doing in us.

So give it a chance, I think you'll be surprised!

Humbly, Dave

Case in Point

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Do You Accept My Challenge?

This past week in Sunday school the 5th and 6th grade class along with Ashley and I discussed spiritual growth. We mentioned many of the things that would help us grow and learn, such as reading the Bible, being around other Christians, and going to church. As we discussed this we noticed that all of the things that they can do as kids to grow spiritually are the same as what adults can do.

However, Ashley and I discussed later that there is one thing that tends to go by the wayside when a person reaches adulthood: Bible verse memory. Kids spend a lot of time in Sunday school, Kids church, and camp memorizing Bible verses and there are several reasons for this. First of all, Bible memory helps to store God's Word in their hearts. It keeps God's Word fresh in their minds. Secondly, it proves to be a wonderful resource for them as they continue to learn. It is a lot of fun to see the moment when a kid connects something they just read in the Bible to something they already knew from memorizing it earlier. It helps them piece together the "BIG story" of the Bible in their minds. And third, it is a helpful tool for them when they share God's Word with others. They will not only know what the Bible says, but they will know where in the Bible to find it.

My challenge to the adults is for you to introduce or reintroduce Bible memory into your lives. It is not simply a kid's activity, but it is a resourceful tool that is helpful to all Christians. The best part is that it is a simple exercise! I had a college professor who had a stack of index cards on a ring. These index cards had Bible verses written on them and he would spend a few minutes each day flipping through these cards and refreshing his memory. What an easy way to spend time everyday growing spiritually!

If you need some guidance as to where to begin, start with the books of the Bible. You may also pick up a Kidz Church Plus sheet in the foyer each week and learn the verse that the kids are learning. Or you may come by my office and I'll give a list that you can go through. Once you have completed that list, I can give you another. Please take advantage of one of the greatest tools God has blessed you with: your brain.

From Phil's Desk

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Several years ago in Mississippi, a doctor taught a Red Cross course in emergency medical assistance to a group of ladies from First Church. One evening a serious accident occurred in front of the home of one of these ladies.

At the next Red Cross class, that lady described the accident. "It was horrible," she exclaimed. "There was blood on the street, bruised bodies, and broken bones. I was so glad to have had your course on emergency medical assistance."

"Were you able to use what I taught you?" the doctor asked.

"Yes," she replied. "I put my head between my legs and breathed deeply, and never once felt as though I would faint."

That's a funny story, but tragic as well.

What good is it to be equipped for service and resourced to meet needs, only to help ourselves? Being a disciple of Christ is about growing, learning, reaching, straining to go where Christ wants us to go, do what Christ wants us to do, and say what Christ wants us to say. It is about serving others – meeting their needs and loving them until we feel our tank is dry, only to find that God is filling us up to the point that we overflow with His blessings.

The Kingdom of Heaven is about serving. It is not about being served or to serve for something in return – it is about obedient service whose reward most likely will not come in this life on earth.

*In His Grip,
Phil*



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