

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

January 5, 2006
9:00 a.m. – Noon

The Grief Support Ministry is designed to connect those who are grieving with those who are concerned and want to “be there” during the most critical time of adjustment. The training will assist the participant to understand the steps of dying, grief and counseling. At the conclusion of the training session, the participant should feel more confident in ministering to ones who are dying and or grieving from loss.

If you have any interest in grief ministry or you just want to learn more, consider attending the Grief Support Ministry Training January 5, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.

BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

January 11, 2006 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Becoming A Contagious Christian is a “safe” eight week study on how to communicate your faith in a style that fits you. This is a course developed at Willow Creek Community Church in the Chicago, Illinois area.

The participants will NOT be required to go door-to-door or to do anything other than attend and apply what is learned to share with those for whom there is concern. The format will be large group with a video segment and discussion led by Dr. Paul.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. At the conclusion of the eight weeks, you should be able to talk naturally and comfortably to your neighbors and family about your faith without fear of being offensive or awkward.

TAPESTRY WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Ladies **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

You’ll not want to miss Tapestry’s upcoming event to be held
Friday, February 3,
from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
in the Christian Life Center.

TAPESTRY WOMEN’S MINISTRY will be hosting “**Ribbons and Lace**” - a ladies coffee and style show presented by Draper’s and Damon’s. During the event, the study group leaders will introduce the new group studies that will begin the week of February 5.

FREE tickets for “**Ribbons and Lace**” will be available beginning Sunday, January 15.

WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE

JANUARY 29-31, 2006

CENTERPIECE OF FAITH

A Study
Of

The Epistle to the Hebrews

Dr. Louis Cobbs, Leader
Tyler, Texas
Former Vice President
International Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention

Sunday morning and evening sessions
Monday and Tuesday morning sessions

Happy Birthday

- 1 Mari Green
- 2 Shirley Domilise
- 3 E.P. Dobson
- 4 Eileen Denny
Tony Maier
- 5 Lois Smith
- 6 Ray Hagel
- 12 Florence Stephenson
Luke Hammer*
- 13 Earl Wellborn
- 15 Lee Ann Johnson*
Bryce Johnson*
- 16 Carol Swinney
- 17 Gordon Willis
- 19 Horace Smith
Raymond Tatum
Evelyn Wischmeyer
Cammie Johnson*
- 20 Rev. Gene Runnels
- 21 Abby Jackson*
Bethany Jackson*
- 23 Mary Wulitich
- 24 Gail Chesson
- 27 James Spann
- 29 Don Bertrand

*Missionaries' birthday



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The first
Tuesday
of each month,
8:00—9:00 a.m. in the
Christian Life Center.
All men are invited.



Wedding Anniversaries

- 12 Bob & Betty Roth
- 14 Bob & Jan Lewallen
- 15 Betty & Jose Wirebaugh

Condolences and Christian love are expressed to



**Tootie Britton & family
in the death of her husband,
Marvin, on December 1, 2005
in Springfield, MO**

**The family of
Enos H. Peterson who
went to be with the Lord on
December 11, 2005**

**Keith Oaks & family in the death of his wife,
Ginger, on December 16, 2005**

COFFEE BREAK
Sundays 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.



“Coffee Break” is the fellowship time that takes place on Sunday between Bible Study and Morning Worship. It provides an opportunity to visit with fellow members and guests in the Christian Life Center. Coffee

Break” also offers a **service opportunity**. Each week, couples or teams of persons serve as hosts for the fellowship time. People who have not hosted this time may like to do so; here are **the basics**:

- Hosts are responsible for the preparation of the coffee, creamers and sweeteners, water for hot tea, and paper goods which are provided by the church. Finger foods are provided by the different Bible Study classes.
- Hosts sign up for particular dates of service and serve only on the dates of their choosing. The sign-up sheet can be found on the coffee table in the CLC on Sunday mornings.

If you would like to serve as a host for “Coffee Break,” please sign up on the form provided in the CLC and talk with Dr. Paul or Lenore Cardinael for instructions.

FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES IN TANZANIA

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December 2005

As always, it is hard to believe that another year is coming to a close. And, as always, there is no better time to praise our Lord for the great things He has done...the time when we especially remember the gift of His Son, Jesus, as a Baby lying in a manger, who came to save us from our sins.

As we thank the Lord, we also thank YOU for your prayers and financial support that enable us to continue to serve Him here in Tanzania. We want to take this opportunity to let you know some of the things you have helped us to do this year through your prayers and financial support...

- Assist in providing training to around 600 church leaders nationwide in Tanzania
- Training young men and women to lead "True Love Waits" seminars to help them and their peers avoid HIV/AIDS infection and live according to biblical principles
- Improving Sunday School, Children's and Women's ministries in churches
- Minister to widows, orphans, and street kids, an increasing segment of Tanzania's population
- Working closely with Tanzanian Baptist entities, encouraging them as they assume more and more responsibility for ministering in their own country and beyond
- Share the gospel with people, leading some to faith in Christ, and teaching them to follow the commands of Jesus in their daily lives

Let us share with you an exciting story that starts with a little "street kid" named Issa. One day Pauline asked Issa if he had parents and a home, He said yes. Then she asked if she could take him to his home. He said yes. Issa got in the car and led Pauline to his home on the outskirts of our city. Upon arrival she found Issa's mother, stepfather, and siblings all there as if just waiting for her arrival. Pauline shared the gospel with the whole family and they all prayed to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. After praying, they said, "Now we need to learn more." Of course, that was music in Pauline's ears. So since that day, we have been going every week to this home to teach the Bible. Attendance has grown to forty-plus people and more neighbors have come to trust the Savior. This outreach group could become a church except that the household and nearly the whole neighborhood are officially members of another religion. So, we ask for your prayers for the "Fellowship at Issa's house" to continue developing into a lighthouse in that community and spread beyond.

Thank you for your prayers for us personally and our family. Pauline's rheumatoid arthritis continues to stay under control with meds and she remains mostly pain-free. Just has more

headaches than we'd like. I (Bill) had carpal tunnel and neck disk replacement surgery last February in South Africa and am doing well. Our children are well. The one living here in Tanzania and his wife are expecting their third child in July. Paul and Mark are still in college in Fort Smith, Arkansas and working part-time. We had a wonderful vacation in the States in November and were able to spend time with both of our mothers as well as our Stateside kids and siblings and their spouses.

This paragraph we address especially to our Southern Baptist supporters. We want to express our deepest appreciation for how you came through again last year by giving nearly \$134 million dollars to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. We have heard how you have given millions to tsunami and Gulf-coast hurricane relief. Again, we praise the Lord for your generous giving. We know God will richly bless you for that. Some of you are personally coping with the damage caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita or other natural disasters that have struck America. We are praying for you. Again, we ask that you consider "the fields white unto harvest" and give even more generously than you have these past two years to the Lottie Moon Offering. This year's goal is \$150,000,000. Your gifts are essential to sending and keeping more than 5,122 missionaries serving over 1,194 people groups around the world. We also want to thank you for giving to the Cooperative Program (CP) through your weekly gifts to your local church. CP giving makes up a major portion of the annual budget of the International Mission Board and supports numerous ministries in North America.

Finally, if you would like to keep in closer touch with us during the year, please send us an email asking to be put on our email prayer supporters list. That has become the best way for us to keep in touch as it is much less time consuming and more economical and efficient in all ways. You can be a much more involved member of our prayer team that way. If you don't hear from us, please let us know. Your prayers are always greatly appreciated and heavily relied upon. *Please don't stop praying even if you don't hear from us as often as you like.* We love to hear from you. Please share your news and prayer needs with us, too. We'd love to be on YOUR prayer team.

May our Lord bless you and yours with a wonderful holiday season and a new year willed with His richest blessings as you seek Him in all you do. And remember....give your biggest and best Christmas gift to Jesus....It is His birthday, you know!

Love in Him
Bill and Pauline

CALENDAR

- 1 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
- 2 OFFICE CLOSED
- 3 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting
- 4 9:30 a.m. Samaritan Visitation (ea. Wed.)
- 5 9:00 a.m.—12:00 N Grief Support Ministry
9:30 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Com.
4:00 p.m. Nelson Bible Study (ea. Thurs.)
- 9 9:00 a.m. Sewing Group (ea. Mon.)
9:30 a.m. Outreach (ea. Mon.)
- 10 9:00 a.m. Missions Committee
- 11 5:30 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner
6:30-7:30 p.m. Becoming a Contagious
Christian
- 16 OFFICE CLOSED
- 19 10:00 a.m. Partners on Mission
- 24 10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
- 25 6:30 p.m. Church Conference
- 29 Begin Winter Bible Conference
- 30 Conference continues
- 31 Conference ends

FROM DR. PAUL

As I write, we are still in the midst of Christmas celebrations through worship, parties, and shopping among the masses! Yet, as you read, all of the holiday "fun" is behind us and a new year of activities and experiences awaits us.

You have already seen on the front page the events of January to consider. Allow me to encourage you once again to plan on attending the Valentine Banquet on February 14, 2006. The cost will again be \$15.00 per person. This year, Russ Reeves, Christian comedian, will lead us through an evening of fun and laughter. Russ, a former staff member for several different churches, believes God has called him to "change the world one laugh at a time." There have been a number of articles regarding the need for laughter as a means to good health.

Come and get healthy with us. Tickets will be
available in the glass walkway beginning
January 22, 2006.

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