

The Ambassador

News
and Views
From the Hill



March 2008



A Newsletter From
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Together To Sing God's Praise With A United Voice in Worship



The highlight of our united worship services has been the combined choir and the lively interaction of the Pastors. This year's first service in February provided more of the same.

What do you get when you bring two historic congregations together for a service in the middle of winter? You get great music and "Spirit filled" worship.

On February 3 we met for Sunday School and worship at Central Baptist Church. Pastor Micheel Madsen-Bibeau and I took turns sharing leadership during the service. Doreen Manderville and George Rezendes served as lay readers.

With the title, "Come Closer" for his message, our Pastor talked about God's desire to walk with us through life. The combined choir sang a powerful anthem entitled, "Holy Ground" which the Pastor referenced in his message. The service drew to its conclusion around the Lord's table with the two pastors sharing the bread and the cup with the congregation.

An offering was taken up for the joint mission trip to Mexico in April as well. This money will be added to the money

that has been set aside in the two church's annual budgets and in gifts from groups and organizations within the congregations

During the Sunday School hour we came together as a group to hear each other's stories. We played a game where everyone got to disclose something about themselves that others might not have known. Young and old alike participated in a truly intergenerational event.

After church we gathered in lower Bushnell Hall for a pot luck supper. There was plenty of food to go around and lots of conversations.

We will get together for Sunday School and Worship one final time this winter on March 2 at First Baptist. Pastor Michelle will preach and Pastor Lord will lead worship. We will also commission our missionaries.



To get an ongoing and fun report of happenings at FBC check out First Baptist Life at www.firstbaptistlife.blogspot.com

The Church At Worship



Worship
10:30 -
11:45 am

Join Us As We Worship In March

March 2, 2008

At First Baptist Church

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Sermon: "Encountering Jesus: The Man Born Blind"

March 9, 2008

Basketball Recognition Sunday

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Sermon: "I Am the Vine"



March 16, 2008

Palm Sunday

Scripture: John 8:1-12

Sermon: "I Am the Light of the World"

March 23, 2008

Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 11:17-27

Sermon: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

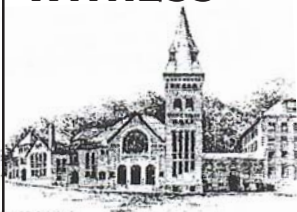
March 30, 2008

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Do You Believe Everything You Hear?"

"A person has just as much time to get glad as they do to get mad." -Grandma Scofield

CELEBRATING OUR COMMON BAPTIST WITNESS



**TWO CHURCHES
COME TOGETHER
FOR WORSHIP**

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WITH REV.
MICHELLE MADSEN BIBEAU PREACHING

We will worship together on this Sunday, hear the combined choir and commission our missionaries to Mexico. We will also enjoy a pot-luck luncheon afterwards.

Listen, Reflect, Receive

Each week during this Lenten season, we have gathered at a different church to hear the Word from one of the Pastors in our community. We began these Lenten Journeys back in the Spring of 1999 at the invitation of Rev. Sidat Balgobin of Park Congregational Church. Over the years we have enjoyed the fellowship and the varied preaching and worship styles of our sister congregations.



This year we began at Park Church with a service on Ash Wednesday. We moved to Central Baptist for the second week and enjoyed the hospitality of United Congregational last week. This week we met at First Congregational in Norwichtown.

There are still two weeks left to take advantage of these special services. They will help you prepare for Holy week and Easter. Join us next week, March 5, at the Lee Memorial United Methodist Church and hear Pastor Ho Soon Han deliver the message. Then help us close off this series by helping us host the final service on Wednesday, March 12 right here at First Baptist Church.

Coffee and dessert will follow the forty five minute worship service. We'd love it if you can bake something and bring it along. All the services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Did you miss a service? You can hear it on audio tape. Speak to Fred Green and he make sure you get a copy of the week you are looking for.



New Nursery List Is Available

We want to thank those who have volunteered to take a turn in the church nursery. Here is the nursery list for this month:

March 2 - Sandy Stone and Sharon Fishkin

March 9 - Kelly Bolin and Sandra Lucien

March 16 - Wendy Henry and Kristen Deptulski

March 23 - Easter - Hired Help

March 30 - Rachele Weimer and Cheryl Dutrumble

The ministry of the church nursery is special in that it allows our moms and dads to come to church and be uplifted in worship. By providing childcare during our worship hour, we provide a place where our parents can come to be renewed and encouraged as they seek to develop a Christian home. If you sense God is calling you to this special ministry, speak to the Pastor or Laura Kreger. We'd love to have you join us.



Palm Sunday Men's Communion Breakfast

On Sunday, March 16th City Councilman Bob Zarnetske will be the speak at this year's Men's Communion Breakfast at Central Baptist Church. He will share ideas on how the people of faith can make a positive difference in the city. The service begins at 7:00 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast are available for \$5.00 each. See Oliver Bray to get them.



Baptism and Welcome of New Members Planned For Palm Sunday



Four people have expressed interest in baptism or church membership this Spring. On Palm Sunday we will welcome those who want to take the next step in their faith journey. We will have a service of baptism for Andrew Higgins and extend the right hand of Christian Fellowship to the others who want to proceed with transfers of church letters.

On Palm Sunday we remember how the crowd came out to affirm Jesus. It provides a great backdrop for those who want to proclaim him Lord of their lives today. Kelly Bolin, Debbie Bray and Erika Davis are also thinking about joining our church family that day. All of them will be meeting with the Deacons on Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Worship in the Easter Season



Maundy Thursday
On Thursday, March 20, we will gather around the Lord's table with Jesus and his disciples in a dramatic recreation of the events in the upper room on that night. Come and worship with us at 7:00 p.m. as we share the Lord's Supper and reflect on his passion. There will be special music as well..

Way of the Cross Procession

On Friday, March 21 we will join with Bishop Michael Cote and other Christian leaders from across the region in a public witness to our common faith in Christ. We will gather at Chelsea Parade at 6:00 p.m. and march down Broadway carrying the cross, singing hymns and reading and reflecting on Jesus' walk to Calvary. All are welcome to join in this powerful testimony to the unity we have in Christ. In the event of rain, we will meet at Central Baptist Church to sing and pray.



Sunrise Service in Norwich

As the sun comes up over the hills of Norwich we will be singing God's praises at Howard Brown Park on Easter morning. Our Pastor will be calling us together and leading the worship service. Pastor Church Tyree will be delivering the message. Musicians from Norwich Alliance will be providing the accompaniment as we sing "Christ the Lord has Risen Today." The service begins at 6:30 a.m. and will last about 40 minutes.

Following the service there will be opportunity for fellowship and a hearty breakfast at the Norwich Alliance Church on Wawecus Hill Road. In the event of rain, the service will be held at First Baptist Church.

Join us for our Easter Celebration on Sunday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Invite your friends and family to come with you.

Parking is also available next door at Firestone Tire, across the street at Midas Muffler and Oak Tree Plaza.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh, The falling of a tear, The upward glancing of an eye, When none but God is near.
—James Montgomery

Iron Sharpens Iron A Conference for Men

Saturday, May 10 in
Worcester, MA



Special Guest Speaker:
Chuck Colson

Cost \$39 per person
Let's get a group to go!

ABCCONN's Spring Fling March 8th

First Baptist Church,
Wallingford, CT
8:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Come an listen to a
great speaker, Rev.
Jeff Johnson of

National Ministries
ABCUSA and take
advantage of the
opportunity to hear gifted
workshop leaders and have
conversations with others
like us doing ministry in
local churches.

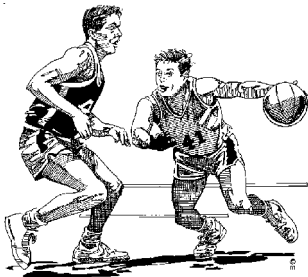
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Lord if you want
to come along.
Thechurch will
pay for your
registration and
you can ride
with us.



Basketball Player Recognition Sunday



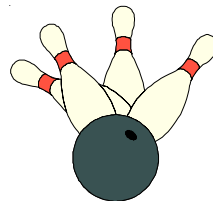
Join Us on
Sunday, March 9
at 10:30 a.m.



We will recognize all the kids
on our Church League Teams this
year. We will welcome their fami-
lies and have a reception after
church in their honor. This is one
of the most special Sundays of the
year.

We will also get a chance to thank the coaches!

The Holy Rollers will open their 17th season in
June and you are invited to join us. You do not
have to belong to the church to join. Invite your
friends and let's have a ball.



We have mixed teams of four in an handicap
league. We bowl through the summer on Sun-
day nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning later this year.

The cost is about \$14 a week and that includes the price of a ban-
quet at the end of the season.

Sign up at church if you want to bowl. We will have a League
Meeting sometime in April.

Softball Season Is Here!
Find your glove, put on some
sweats and join us as we
celebrate our 21st season in
the Church League.

The league is open to
anyone over the age of 16.
Games are played on week-
nights at 6:00 p.m. up at the
Taftville Reservoir Fields.

Speak to the Pastor or
Brian Goldin if you are
interested. Registration is
\$40.00 per person.

Come be
part of an all
starcast and
plan to have
some fun this
summer as
we get out on
the field for
our 22nd season in the league.



Children's Day Celebration and All Church Picnic



**May 18, 2008
at Fort Shantock**

2008 Scholarship Applications

Contact the church office to get a copy. It is worth your time. You could receive \$400 toward your educational expenses.

The Mother Daughter Banquet Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings. Come be with friends.

Cost: Adults \$7.50
Children Age 6-12: \$5.00
Age 5 and under: Free

**Special Guest:
Dana Daunis
Miss Connecticut 2007**



Dana won the talent competition in a preliminary round of the Miss America Pageant earlier this year. She will be singing for us and then be available for autographs and pictures.

The Big 50 Celebration



Join us as we have some fun with those hitting the half century mark On June 1 we will honor those turning 50 years old this year. The list includes our Pastor and many regulars at church. The circle also includes a few in our wider church family. The half centurians include:

Pete Adams, Patty Bell, Leon Dalbec, Mark Damien, Ray Deptulski, Sue Ferguson, George Fraton, Fred Green, Elizabeth Isenburg, Cal Lord, Stephanie Mattos, George Rezendes and Mark Rogers and Marc Vaillancourt. (If you also fit in this category let the Pastor know so we can add you to the list!)

During worship we will also recognize our members with fifty or more years of membership. They include:

Edith Robinson (1928), Doris Regets (1937), Jean Roscoe (1939), Lois Lopez (1944), Bruce Royce (1952), June Pendelton (1953), Doris Adams (1954), Marge Booth (1954), Carolyn Benker

(1955), Charles Hamblen (1955), Bonnie Koch (1955), George Strouse (1956), Elaine Berrie (1957), and Jean Smith (1958).

Finally, we are also going to recognize our couples who have been married 50 years or more. That includes Bob & Marge Booth, Dick and Elizabeth Strong, Al and Sue Damien, and Dot and Harry Calkins.

It should be a great day and a lot of fun. We will have a reception after church to honor all of our half centurians.



By the way, there are several people also celebrating other notable birthdays in 2008. We are going to wrap them into the celebration as well. So if you were born in 1918, 1928, 1938, 1948, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998 we want to invite you to party with us. Just let us know in the church office and claim your year!

Looking Ahead...

Upcoming Events

On Friday March 7 we will be hosting a Youth Concert at FBC. There will be food, activities and lots of music. Plan to invite your friends as we host this evening of fun for area churches.



Care Net Annual Banquet

March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Mystic Marriot

Guest Speaker: Synda Masse

Synda is a post abortive woman who experienced God's healing touch eleven years after her abortion. She is author of "Her Choice to Heal: Finding Spiritual and Emotional Peace After Abortion."

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

how to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime

The Marriage Course is for any married couple who wants to build strong foundations for a healthy marriage that will last a lifetime.

The Marriage Course is a series of sessions designed to help any married couple strengthen their relationship.

It's a great opportunity to spend time together as a couple looking at the important issues in your marriage.

The Marriage Course is very practical and will help equip you with the tools needed to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.

Each session you are given the opportunity to enjoy time together and listen to a talk. Then there is plenty of time to discuss the topic as a couple. There is no group work involved at any stage of the course.

who's it for?

It is for any married couple who wants to work together at and invest in their relationship.

It doesn't matter if you've been married for less than two years or more than thirty.

If you have a strong marriage this course will help you make it even better and will reinforce your good habits.

If on the other hand your marriage is in difficulty, the course will help provide you with very practical tools to help you work through the issues. Some couples who are separated have used the course as a way of trying to get back together.

While the course is based on Christian principles couples are welcome with or without a church background. Many couples who are not churchgoers have enjoyed and benefited from doing the course.

Sign up today.

Cost is \$99 per couple.

The date is April 4-5, 2008
at Camp Wightman.

Session titles:

- * Building Strong Foundations
- * The Art of Communication
- * Resolving Conflict
- * The Power of Forgiveness
- * Love in Action

what couples say

Mark and Katie

We had areas of conflict in our marriage... we were a couple of hotheads. The course gave us some really good tools and practical help

mainly in the area of listening. We learnt how to listen to each other and just to reflect. We learnt to respond in a healthy way.' Mark

'I have to say doing the course has given us tools which have made things better, and it does work.' Katie



Jim and Lisa

'We were like two people living in the same house leading separate lives.' Lisa

'It really helped us to learn the tools for communicating. You think you know how to communicate but sometimes you just know how to talk. We were able to break through that surface level of communication and really share our lives together and get back the intimacy and closeness that makes marriage so wonderful.' Jim

'I can't express the drastic turnaround this course has done for us.' Lisa



People, Places and Possibilities

Order Your Easter Flowers

We are going to have a beautiful display of flowers for Easter morning and you can help make it a "memorable" occasion. If you would like to remember a loved one or recognize a special person, then please fill out the order form below..



I would like to order the following flowers;

- ___ Tulips at \$6.75 each for a total of _____
- ___ Lilies at \$9.25 each for a total of _____
- ___ Hyacinths at \$6.75 each for a total of _____
- ___ Daffodils at \$6.75 each for a total of _____

Please type the following name(s) in the Easter Sunday Bulletin as follows:

In Memory Of _____

In Honor of (someone living) _____

Given by _____
(Examples: Mr & Mrs John Smith / John & May Smith)

Please make your check out to First Baptist Church and put Easter flowers in memo line. Reservations due by 03/16/08.

Congratulations to Heidi Adams and her fiancé, James who were married the end of February.



Our best wishes to Andrew Higgins and Erika Davis on their upcoming wedding later this spring.

Our congratulations to Wayne Morse and his fiancé, Kim. They have announced an August 30th Wedding Date.

Check us out on the web at www.fbcnorwich.org. You will find our monthly newsletter in full color and lots more. You can keep up with what is at happening at church on a daily basis at www.firstbaptistlife.blogspot.com. For daily inspiration go to <http://pastorcal.blogspot.com> and catch the pastors musings and suggested links to devotional sites.



Marge Booth had gall bladder surgery last month. There was some unexpected developments but she is doing fine now... We think of Jean Roscoe in our prayers. She had a heart attack last

month. Then within the next two weeks her husband Steve, took a for the worse and passed away. (You can send her a card at 1 Orchard Lane, Norwich, CT 06360.) Lift up Bill Rossoll in prayer. He spent a week in the hospital last month and came home last week... Think of Jennifer Marcy in your prayers. We pray that she will feel God's presence in her battle with ALS... We lift up Curt Brockway as he heads back to work after rotator cuff surgery. He has been fighting through the pain... Christian Fitchett was in and out of Children's Hospital in Hartford two times last month. We pray that he is on the road to health now... We lift up Michelle Lord in our continuing prayers. We also remember Christine Royce, Bob Duntz and Adele Cofer with their continuing concerns... We think of Robyn J. Choate, Jean and Tom Smith's daughter. Lift her up in prayer... We lift up Luis Pabon in prayer as he prepares for surgery in the coming weeks... Donald Schoepfer is having treatment for his battle with cancer. Lift him up in prayer. His father was the minister here between 1957-1967...

We think of Judy Dupont, Ken Taylor, Doris Regets, Jimmy Marino, Edith Robinson, and Michelle Lord in prayers.

We lift up our expectant parents, Mark and Bonnie Ambruso and Stacia Green and her fiancé, Nick Grange as they anticipate the joyful days...

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IF GOD IS SO POWERFUL AND HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE EVERYWHERE, HOW COME I CAN'T FIND HIM ON EITHER MYSPACE OR FACEBOOK?

The prayer of a child

This message was found written on a drawing tablet a church provided each child at worship:

Dear God, I am at church today as you might know. You are very sweet to my family and the earth. I love you!!!!

Looking Back at February

The Giants Won the Super Bowl!

The Super Bowl game was the reason for our getting together but good conversation and a bevy of snacks kept us entertained all evening. One group worked on the annual puzzle while others drifted in and out of conversations.

We watched the commercials and occasionally watched a play or two on the screen. When The Giants or Patriots made a good play, everyone scrambled to see the replay. Rosie Main and Brian goldin hosted this year's Super Bowl Party and they provided just the right atmosphere for the gang that came together this year.



A Baby Shower at Church

Stacia Green was up from Florida for a visit and her mom and a few friends threw her a baby shower in Fellowship Hall. Several ladies from church were present and everyone had a good time.



The baby is due in April and Fred and Gwyn have plans to go down to visit around the time of her due date.

A Banner Year



Pastor Lord saw the banner hanging from the pulpit at Central Baptist and he asked Karen Warfield where she got it. When she indicated that she made it herself, the Pastor asked if she could make one like it for us. She readily agreed and the next day she and David stopped by to deliver it.

Check it out at church this week.

Our Church in the World

Working Around the Church



If you stop by the church on a typical Saturday morning, you might think you were entering Grand Central Station. There is often lots of activity as members of the Property Committee work on a number of small projects. A few weeks ago they repaired a few spots where the plaster was

broken and did some painting. They measured the old kitchen door and are making plans to replace it. They also took measurements for the broken window in the kitchen that has been taped up for the last two years or more.

Our Property Committee is taking their charge seriously and working on making this old building as nice as it can be. I thought I would share a few pictures of them in action today. By the way, you don't have to be on the Committee to help. Just speak to one of the members and ask what they are working on. They include Ray Deptulski, Mark Rogers, Randy Sargent, Pete Adams, Fred Stone, Nancy Allen, Chip Chaffee, Ray Henry and Steve Ohlund.

Do you like to sing? Join the choir. The group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.



Fill a Pew

Invite a friend to church this month. They will be glad you did.

The Missional Church?

After hearing of our desire to engage our community with the love of Christ, we have been invited to explore what it means to be a missional Church by ABCCONN. Our regional staff was given a grant to work with churches like ours to develop their missional identity.

To take advantage of what is being offered, a small group of our members will meet four times over the next fifteen months with a team from National Ministries ABCUSA to talk about sharing Christ's love outside the doors of the church. Their homework between these meetings will be to look for a ministry that the church is excited about and put together a group of people to make it happen.

The carrot on the stick, if we need one, is that each participating church will receive \$1,000 to use to develop that ministry.

We are already reaching out by serving lunch to the homeless once a month. We may want to expand this ministry. Or we could discover some other ministry that excites us.

For example Sue Ferguson has coordinated putting together a list of people who are making meals for those who have medical issues. She said she even found people outside the church who wanted to help. People want to help their neighbors. We may want to build on this and reach out to a group like Hospice or the ALS Society or some other group and help supply meals or help coordinate the efforts.

At the conference I am at this week, Erwin McManus told a story about how his church simply began loving people by doing small things and he saw his church begin to grow. He said that people want to do meaningful things, things that matter. If a church does this it will grow. It will also be a blessing to the community and to its own members.

If you are interested in looking at this and being part of the team, speak to me in the next few weeks.



Coming Soon! A Study featuring the book, "The Purpose Driven Life."

Our Ministry to Youth



Youth Group News

On Sunday, February 10 our Junior High Youth Group met at First Congregational Church and watched the movie "Amazing Grace." They also brought vegetables to share in making "stone soup." Kids from Central Baptist, First Congregational our church made up the group.



On Sunday, February 24 we had a youth group meeting and Fred Green got to host his first of the year with our kids. Up until this point he has been working with the other churches in joint projects. In January we went ice skating and in February we saw the movie. Fresh of a youth leaders retreat led by ABCCONN Volunteers, Fred was anxious to try a few ideas with the group.

The kids got together at 5:00 p.m. and got right to work digging through the Bible to find the ingredients for a "scripture cake." They read the verses and then mixed the elements together and put it in the oven to bake.

The kids played a memory game that helped them get to know a bit about each other. That was followed by a game of trust called "time bomb." The kids had a great time. While they were eating the cake they made. They made some plans for future meetings.

The next big event will be the Youth Concert on Friday, March 7th. Our kids will serve as hosts. The Praise team will play. Then we will have a time for games and snacks. Then FireProof, a band from Rhode Island will finish off the night.

The kids will also participate in the Way of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. on Good Friday. After the walk they will come back to church to talk about Jesus' experience on Good Friday. They will also make Ice Cream Sundaes.

To the left are a few pictures from the last meeting.



Other events on the horizon include roller skating in Groton, Laser Tag in Mystic, a sleepover P.J. Party and Rock and Bowl at the Norwich Ten Pin. Our Youth Group is for all kids in grades 6 -8. You do not have to be a member of the church to join the fun. Actually we encourage everyone to bring their friends.

If you have questions about upcoming events, speak to Fred Green or the Pastor.

It Is A Good year For FBC Hoops



Leonard Miller has been pushing his kids to work together and it is paying off as they come down the stretch with an 8-0 record in the Junior Varsity Division.

Fred Green takes a very experienced team into the final weeks of the season with a 7-1 record.

Julio Sanchez has a solid core of veterans leading his team as they come to their last two games carrying a 6-2 record.

The FBC Heat led by Coaches Jim Volpe and Jack Greenwood have played hard all year. With mostly seventh graders

they will be the team to beat next year. Meanwhile they have a 3-5 mark as they come down the stretch. They are playing well and won their last game.

The teams finish up the season in the next week.

We will get a chance to meet many of these boys and girls this month at our Basketball Recognition service. I hope you will plan on being with us.

There will be a reception in their honor after the service with coffee, punch and goodies to share.



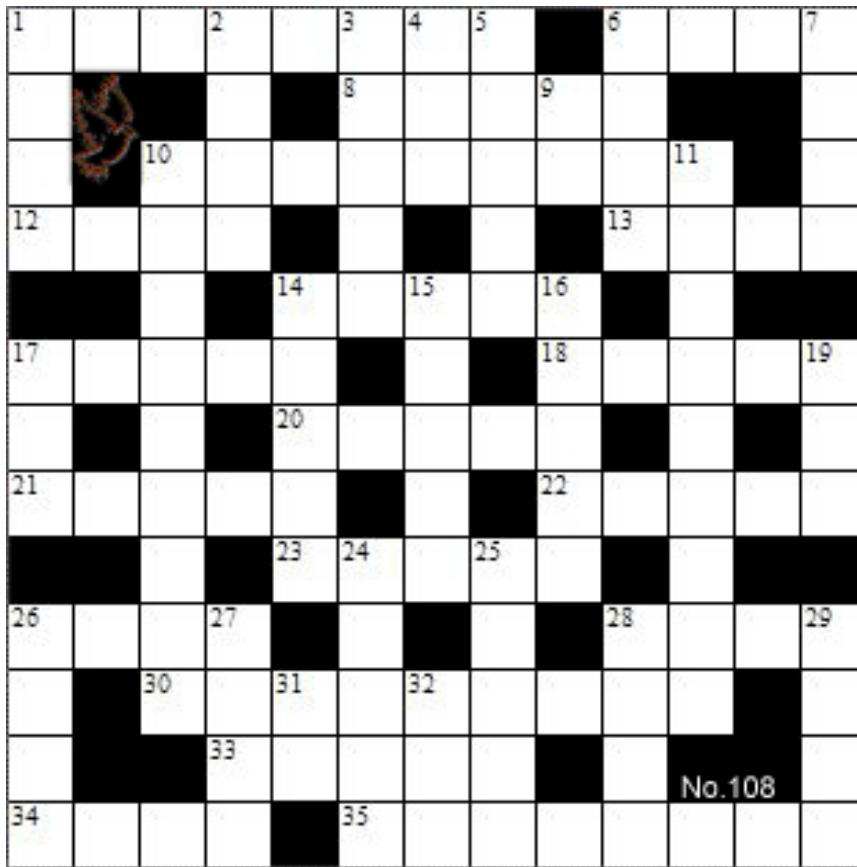
Our Ministry To Youth - Basketball

What's Next?

After Basketball Season Coach Green has some plans to get all the kids together for more fun and good times. He will be in touch.



Wit, Wisdom & Wackiness



ACROSS

1. Elijah said to the ___ of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls (1 Kings 18:25)
6. keep this command without ___ or blame until the appearing of our Lord (1 Tim 6:14)
8. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no ___ (Ps 147:5)
10. Once you were ___ from God and were enemies in your minds (Co 1:21)
12. They will destroy the walls of Tyre and ___ down her towers (Ezek 26:3-4)
13. They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden ___ (1 Sam 6:4) KJV
14. But Jesus ___ made no reply, and Pilate was amazed (Mark 15:5)
17. Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a ___ (Ps 58:4)
18. We ___ always to thank God for you, brothers (2 Thess 1:3)
20. Abraham's son (Matt 1:2)
21. dip it in the blood that is in the ___, and strike the lintel (Ex 12:22) KJV
22. Then he reached out his hand and took the ___ to slay his son (Gen 22:10)

23. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit ___ in them (Eccl 2:5-6)
26. I have not been drinking wine or ___; I was pouring out my soul (1 Sam 1:15)
28. His mercy extends to those who ___ him (Luke 1:50)
30. Peter ___ the matter from the beginning, and expounded it (Acts 11:4) KJV
33. Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I ___ (Ps 119:54)
34. To the chosen ___ and her children, whom I love in the truth (2 John 1)
35. revolt against kings and has been a place of rebellion and ___ (Ezra 4:19-20)

DOWN

1. unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that ___ (Isa 8:19) KJV
2. nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only ___ their heads (Ezek 44:20) KJV

3. an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's ___ and the knowledge (Titus 1:1)
4. gather silver, copper, iron, lead and ___ into a furnace (Ezek 22:20)
5. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as ___ as a mustard seed (Matt 17:20)
6. there shall come forth a rod out of the ___ of Jesse, and a Branch shall (Isa 11:1) KJV
7. "The ___ has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent (Mark 1:15)
9. "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare ___ to? (Luke 13:18-19)
10. a woman came to him with an ___ jar of very expensive perfume, (Matt 26:7)
11. So Saul ___ himself, putting on other clothes (1 Sam 28:8)
14. Salute every ___ in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:21) KJV
15. If anyone worships the beast and his ___ and receives his mark (Rev 14:9)
16. set up the doors thereof, the ___ thereof, and the bars thereof (Neh 3:3) KJV
17. a quarter of a ___ of seed pods for five shekels (2 Kings 6:25)
19. the king told the attendants, ___ him hand and foot, and throw him (Matt 22:13)
24. She saw the basket among the ___ and sent her slave girl to get it (Ex 2:5)
25. Surely I have acted like a fool and have ___ greatly (1 Sam 26:21)
26. manager told him, 'Take your ___, sit down quickly, and make it four (Luke 16:6)
27. Help us, O LORD our God, for we ___ on you (2 Chron 14:11)
28. My steps have held to your paths; my ___ have not slipped (Ps 17:5)
29. A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ___ (Prov 26:28)
31. he said, ___, such a one! turn aside, sit down here (Ruth 4:1) KJV
32. The god of this ___ has blinded the minds of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:4)

Why a fish?

One of the most significant statements the early Christians used was “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior.”

Because Greek was the universal language then (the New Testament books were written in Greek), Christians often said and wrote, “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior” in Greek.

That phrase, if printed as an acrostic (using the first letter of each word), looks like this:

I = Jesus

CH = Christ (anointed)

TH = God

U = Son

S = Savior



The acrostic forms the word ICHTHUS, which is Greek for fish. If Christians needed to know where to gather for worship, they could look for a fish and perhaps an arrow pointing in the right direction. Persecuted Christians, seeing a fish on the door of a home or business, knew it was a safe place occupied by fellow Christians.

Atheist Holiday

In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel and declared, 'Case dismissed!' The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, 'Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah...yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!'

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, 'Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate, his own atheists' holiday!' The lawyer pompously said, 'Your Honor, we are unaware of any such holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honor?'

The judge said, 'Well it comes every year on exactly the same date---April 1st! Since our calendar sets April 1st as 'April Fools Day,' consider that Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture, he is a fool, and April 1st is his holiday!'

Now, have a good day and get out of my courtroom!



Oh Baby! Can You See It?

Look at the picture above and tell me if can see the baby? I am told that you need to be extremely gifted to be able to look at a scene and see the gift in it. There are blessings all around us.

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SURE I KNOW MY BODY IS A TEMPLE ... I'M JUST A MEGA-CHURCH

The color purple

We are still in the church season of Lent. Many churches have purple paraments on the altar, lectern and pulpit. Many pastors and choir members wear purple stoles. Why purple?

In ancient times, purple garments were expensive and hard to find. The dye came from rare sea mollusks that had to be crushed to garner their purple fluid. (One ounce of purple dye required 250,000 mollusks!) Then the right kind of fabric had to be placed in the dye, dried and made into clothing, which was time-consuming.

Generally, only wealthy people and members of royalty could afford purple garments. For example, in the story of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man “was dressed in purple and fine linen” (Luke 16:19).

Purple is used in church sanctuaries during Advent and Lent because Christ is revered as the King of Kings.

Wit, Wisdom & Wackiness...

i-Connect; we-Connect

The surprising ways to use technology for your marriage

We e-mail each other in the same house!

by Caryn Rivadeneira

A year ago, my husband and I attended a weekend retreat for Christians at a rustic hotel on the snowy dunes of Lake Michigan's shoreline. At one of the evening sessions as we sat bundled under blankets, rocking in big wooden chairs, the speaker told a startling story: One night he came home late from a meeting, only to realize his wife was "all the way upstairs." He was dying to tell her a good story from the meeting but was overpowered by his hunger. So while he made himself a sandwich out of leftover meatloaf, he did the unthinkable: He reached for his cell phone and called his wife *from inside the house!* Aaaah!

Now, to be honest, it was the 20 other couples at the retreat who apparently found this startling, as they all gasped in horror. But my husband and me? Not so much. Let's just say we gave each other the same sheepish, high eyebrowed, clenched smiles we do when marriage experts warn of the havoc wreaked by *TVs* in the bedroom. Truth is we call each other from cell phones from within our house all the time! And we can go one better: My husband, Rafael, and I have e-mailed each other while sitting on the same sofa. So is our marriage in jeopardy? Are we living in some kind of communication hell? No way!

Relationship built on technology

While we're not so modern or so tech-romantic that we met on-line, our relationship was definitely shaped by technology. Early in our relationship, we learned the value of passing along a funny story or news items by e-mail while working miles in the opposite direction. We got spoiled with the immediacy with which we could relay some interesting news, a funny story, or a great idea, which could then get fleshed out thoroughly during the



hours we had together back home.

When our first child was born a bunch of things converged that shook our communication styles to the core. For one, we kept having kids. Face it, nothing kills conversation like little kids around the house. While they bring with them all sorts of interesting news, funny stories, and great ideas to share, they take away from our relationship.

Also, I started working from home. My husband already worked from home so that meant we spent many hours all in the same house. While one might think that this arrangement is good for marital *tete-a-tetes, au contraire*. We had more problems than before.

Alternate modes

I've long read of the wisdom of the love note left on a spouse's pillow or a letter written to say what spoken words tend to mess up. These modes of communicating are beneficial to a marriage. That's how I see cell phones and e-mail. Even from within the same house. See, it didn't take long to realize that if I simply *called* my husband at his home office, my kids would leave us to our conversation. They know (for the most part) to leave me alone when I'm talking on the phone, so we've found it to be the perfect interference-free way for us to connect during the day.

And e-mailing from the same sofa? Chalk that up to 11 years of marriage and knowing my husband. We spend

many nights semi-cuddled on our family room sofa with our laptops, well, on our laps. This is when I do the bulk of my editing and writing and when he does the bulk of his catching-up on work.

In my "work breaks" I come across stories that just needs to be shared with Rafi. But I know him well enough that if I pipe up and tell him the story while his mind is engrossed in whatever he's reading, I'll get little more than a small smile and maybe a "That's funny." But if I e-mail it to him, he'll read it when he's ready, he'll laugh out loud, and then look up to chat. Perhaps to some of you this sounds outrageous, but it works for us. And it works well.

No substitute

I'm not claiming that talking by cell phone, text messaging, or e-mailing should replace regular conversations. By far, talking face to face is still my favorite form of communicating. In fact, in a couple weeks, we're heading up to beautiful Sister Bay, Wisconsin. Know what I'm looking forward to the most? The six-hour car ride. Because it's then that Rafi and I will sit side by side, with kids strapped in safely behind, flanked by Lake Michigan to the east and soybean fields to the west. And it's then that we'll talk, dream, share, laugh, maybe even argue a bit. I cherish those moments more than anything. But those moments right now are few and far between. While cell phones and e-mail don't replace them, they keep our lives connected in that in-between.

We e-resolve our conflicts

by Kate V. Bryant

When it comes to arguing, my husband, Paul, and I have two different approaches: He wears his feelings on his sleeve; I hide mine up my sleeve. You know when Paul is angry or frustrated-it's out there for

the world to see. I learned quickly that to confront him or challenge him when he's angry can be like throwing gasoline on a fire. He's worked hard at keeping a leash on it. Sometimes he succeeds; sometimes he doesn't.

On the other hand, I've made an art of hiding emotions.

"What's the matter, Kate?"

"Nothing."

"Something's bugging you-are you mad at me?"

"No, I'm fine."

Of course Paul became frustrated with that pattern. On rare occasions, the pressure inside blew my lid off, and I expressed my anger all right! I used every communication no-no there is: *You always...you never...you're so...* Then I felt like a communication failure

So Paul tiptoed around my hidden emotions (whatever they were) while trying to keep his from spilling all over the floor, while I was uptight about saying words that are profitable but not flammable in the heat of an argument. Trying to defuse stress had become stressful for both of us.

And then came e-mail. The first time we "argued" on-line, it went something like this:

Paul: *Kate, about last night-I'm really sorry I reacted like I did. I guess I was really tired, and when you said we had a commitment on Friday night, it just put me over the top. I wasn't really angry at you. I took it out on you. I'm sorry.*

Kate: *I realized that, but your strong response stunned me, and I did feel like you were blaming me. I don't appreciate when you take things out on me. I'm not your enemy. I'm your wife, and I love you. Let's look at it as an opportunity to be together rather than a commitment we weren't planning on.*

Paul: *You're right. That's a good way to look at it. But let's try not to make it a late night. Can we hold Saturday night as a family night and home-base it?*

Kate: *I agree. Maybe we can just rent a couple DVDs and kick back and chill.*

That was much better! I could reread what I'd written and delete and reword the phrases that didn't come out right. Our exchange of words was calm, rational, and productive. When we arrived home from work that day, we had big warm hugs and I'm-sorry kisses for each other.

When Paul and I got married, we received lots of advice from experienced couples. More than once Ephesians 4:26 was quoted to us: "In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry." Perhaps you've heard it too: *I'll tell you the secret to a happy marriage: George and I have always settled our arguments before going to bed.*

But Scripture *also* says, "A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-and how good is a *timely word!*" and "A word *aptly spoken* is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 15:23; 25:11, italics added). I've been married more than 20 years, and now I find myself in the position of passing nuggets of marital wisdom to younger couples. I'd pass these two on right alongside the one about the sun not going down on your anger. In our marriage, they go hand-in-hand.

Although most of our arguments aren't solved through e-mail, most are at least addressed on-line. We take the time to pray and ask God to show each of us what part we played in igniting the argument or fanning its flames. We repent to God, then repent to each other when we get to the keyboard the

next morning.

When we use e-mail to resolve an argument, we can take the time to put in words what we're really feeling without the heat of the moment choosing our words or distracting us from really "hearing" each other. \

Paul: *I understand what you're saying, but I don't agree. We obviously need to work through this. Let's take some time tonight to sit down and talk about it..*

And we do. We've always arrived at resolution as a result. While we may need to compromise and adjust our expectations, we always maintain respect for each other in the process.

Although we would never advocate replacing marital conversations or discussions with e-mail, we've found it's often a valuable first step toward verbal interaction and agreement.

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AFEW GUIDELINES TO E-RESOLUTION:

(1) If your face-to-face argument seems to be at a stalemate, tell your spouse, "I disagree with you. But I still love you. I'm committed to resolving this issue, but our emotions are too high at the moment to be productive."

(2) Take time to pray before e-mailing. Ask God to help you look objectively at the situation and show you what the issues really are. Ask him the difficult questions and be open to hearing the answers:

Am I being fair? Are my expectations reasonable and realistic? In what ways am I wrong in this situation? Am I being faithful to God and his word in the Bible?

(3) Use the e-mail messages to clarify communication, not continue the argument.

Clearly lay out your perspective and invite your spouse to do the same.

Carefully read what your spouse is saying and what he or she is not saying. "I feel really angry at you right now" means just that, not "I think you're stupid," "I don't love you," or "I'm right and you're wrong."

Clarify any comments in the e-mail exchanges that you don't understand or may be reading too much into.

One warning: Keep in mind that e-mail can come across harsher, especially because there are no vocal inflections and you can't see facial expressions. So extra care needs to be taken to make sure the right tone comes across. Smiley faces and internet lingo <g> can help with that.

(4) When you're confident that you understand each other's perspective, set aside a time to work toward resolution, preferably that day. Plan to go out for dinner or talk when the kids are in bed. You may even want to print out the e-mail exchange so you can refer back to it as a reference point.

(5) Keep your date. Pray together first, then discuss the matter calmly and respectfully, keeping each other's points of view in mind. But stick with it.

Mission To Mexico 2008

Engaged In Mission



When we set out for Mexicali, Mexico a year ago we didn't know what we were getting into. Only one of us had ever done anything like this before. We were told to be flexible and to simply allow God to use us. A friend of Pastor Lord's told him that the most important thing we could do was to simply go and be with the people and love them for Jesus.

On the Sunday morning that we gathered for worship with the people, that advice proved to be prophetic. One person after another thanked God for us.

We didn't do a lot. We did some painting, plumbing, minor repairs and clean up. We made a few crafts and played games with the kids. That was enough. It reminded them that they were a part of a bigger family and that they had brothers and sisters in Christ across the world.

We are getting ready to bring a message of love to our brothers and sisters in Mexico again. Our mission team will be leaving on Wednesday, April 9 to partner with the seminary and work in one of the churches.

Our fifteen missionaries this year include Sharon Fishkin, Carol Calkins, Amanda Duntz, June Deptulski, Connie Jensen, Nancy Janco, Lisa Lapointe, Merlynda Sol, Pastor Michelle Madsen Bibeau, Carol Wojcik, Janet Cochran, Mark D. Kane, Mark A. Kane, George Rezendes and Pastor Cal Lord.

Mission trips are not for everyone. If you wish you could go, but find that your circumstance just won't allow, you can still make a contribution. You can make an offering to help offset the costs of the trip. We are looking to raise \$3,000, a dollar for every mile we are traveling. Mark your envelope or check with the words "Mission Mexico" and send your love along.



Eglise Baptiste De Waney

January 24, 2008

Dear Christian friends,

I am greeting you with just a few words in our Lord Jesus-Christ, hoping that everyone is doing great. Although Haiti continues to be plagued with political instability, we, at Waney Baptist Church, have good reasons to be grateful.

The year 2007 brought many blessings to Waney Baptist Church: We had a record numbers of souls saved in a year's time. Our 30th anniversary celebration was a successful one; There were 13 new believers baptized, 2,250 church leaders and Christian friends of the Waney area participated, and several choirs were invited for the event; and the Gospel had been preached. Our annual church meeting ended in celebration: new leaders were nominated and plans for the future were made. Christmas celebration was truly a blessing for all of us, especially with our Church children performing some Christmas plays.

On Dec 31 we had a thanksgiving service. In which we incorporated, prayer time, baptisms service of 10 new Christians, singing, message, the Lord's Supper, and finally the Church and community got together for our traditional annual soup and New Year wishes. The service started at 8pm on Dec 31, 2007 and ended at 12:30 am on Jan 1, 2008.

Please, continue to pray for us as we have several needs that need to be addressed.

May God truly bless you all during this year of 2008 and many years to come. Thank you so much for being part of the Lord's ministry at Waney.

Sincerely,
Evens L. Olibrice

The Waney Baptist Church in Haiti is one of the ministries we support with our weekly mission giving. Earlier this year we gave \$250 to sponsor a group of high school students going to a convention. We are going to send another gift down to assist them as they celebrate their anniversary and baptism services in July.

Prayers for the Ministry in Mexico

With their work located in Baja California, Mexico, Mercy and Rick Barnes work with the Dios con Nosotros (God with Us) Baptist Convention of Baja California and with American Baptist missionaries Tim and Patti Long. Their ministry in Baja includes leadership development for new church planting, focusing on Mexicali, Ensenada, Tijuana and Tecate.

They report, "New church planting can mean many things, for us it has meant breaking down the old wineskins and discovering new ones. It has taken us down the road of dialogue about women in ministry and into innovative ways of doing outreach with young girls lost in prostitution. It has meant partnering with sister churches in the U.S. and looking for many innovative ways of financing."

Rick and Mercy are part of the faculty of the Mexicali (Dios con Nostros) Seminary, teaching courses on church planting, mission, pastoral care and self-care. As intentional bridges between American Baptist churches in the U.S. and the Baptists of Baja California, they also help shepherd work groups and facilitate continuing education for church leaders adapting materials where appropriate.

- Pray for Rick and Mercy as they train leaders to plant new churches in the Mexicali area.
- Pray for four new church plants that have begun in the last several months, that they would prosper and that many would be reached for Jesus.



Coaches Jim Volpe and Jack Greenwood serve up the meal

A Hot Lunch on a Cold Day

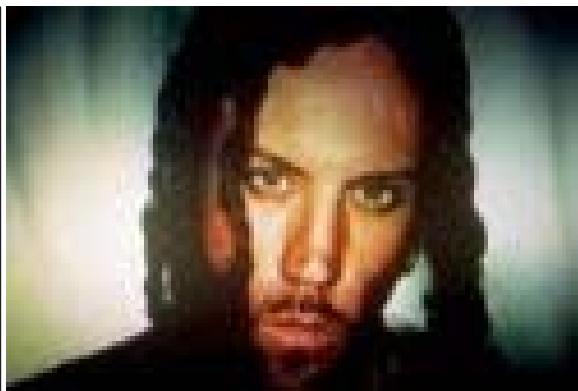
On February 17th we kicked off our third year of serving at the monthly interfaith luncheon. Sue Ferguson and Cindy Carchidi cooked up kielbasa and baked beans for the folks. Shirley added a salad and Shop Rite provided bread and desserts for the folks.

Jim Volpe and Jack Greenwood and a few of the boys from the FBC Heat basketball team helped set up and serve. Buddy, Jania and their dad also helped. We served over fifty people on this cold February afternoon.

We are always looking for help. We serve on the third Sunday of the month. We can use cooks to prepare and set up the meal, and helpers to set up, serve and clean up. speak to Cynthia Strouse or me if you want to help. It is great fun and you come away feeling like you have been blessed.

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

—C.S. Lewis

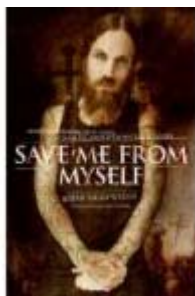


The Repentant Rock Star

In his fearless memoir, Brian Welch of Korn tells us how God's love radically remade his life.

Former Korn lead guitarist Brian "Head" Welch fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming a rock star. But after a tumultuous ten years with Korn, a controversial band known for its lyrics about childhood alienation and abuse, he was left with an addiction to methamphetamines and alcohol.

His marriage broke up too. The one bright spot was his young daughter, Jennea, whom he's raising today. Deeply depressed and suicidal, Welch reached out to God in 2004.



In the book he wrote himself, *Save Me From Myself: How I Found God, Quit Korn, Kicked Drugs, and Lived to Tell My Story*, Welch

describes an intense spiritual encounter, saying he was miraculously delivered from his addictions and redeemed by Christ.

Now he says he's been called to tell his generation how an out-of-control rocker found God.

"When you are a kid you dream about becoming a rock star, like it's going to be the best thing that's ever happened to you," Welch says. "And when you get it, it is fun. But when the responsibilities come, you ask yourself, 'How can I be so miserable?'"

"I was addicted to drugs. But it was more than the drugs. I was unsatisfied with the top."

After he heard Jennea singing a Korn song about sex, Welch knew he had to get off drugs and raise her properly. He unsuccessfully tried rehab.

In 2004 he began hanging out with some Christians, believing they might help him overcome his demons. And he went to a church where the pastor talked about "Jesus being real."

"I just went home and asked Him into my heart," Welch says. "I didn't hear a voice, like: 'Brian, I am God and, uh, I'm talking to you now.' When you are in His presence, you just know. I don't know what it was, if it was the Holy Spirit pouring love into my heart, but it was undeniable. It was awesome."

Welch shocked the music world and set off a media frenzy in 2005 by announcing on a radio station in his hometown of Bakersfield, Calif., that he had quit Korn and been saved. Soon after, he was baptized in Israel and has since moved to Arizona.

In his fearless memoir, Welch takes the reader backstage and



explains what it was like playing for more than a decade with a multi-platinum band that sold upwards of 30 million albums.

The inspirational book is a rock 'n' roll adventure that takes a sometimes shocking but sincere look at

how the constant recording and touring placed Welch in a cycle of addiction he could not stop by himself.

Outlining a series of supernatural coincidences and spiritual encounters with God in vivid detail, Welch addresses how with the help of Jesus he survived rock's hard-partying lifestyle.

"God is ... pouring out His Spirit on all flesh right now. I've heard testimonies of people who mock me and then God touches them and totally transforms them

like He did me.

"His love is overpowering.

The revival has started, and I'm just glad to be used as a vessel."



Written by Troy Anderson

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Hot Theology

Preaching on hell doesn't have to feel like it.

Clocking in at 55 minutes, I nearly broke my personal record for the longest sermon I've ever preached. It was "Hell."

In our series called "Hot Theology," the topics were determined from surveys of the congregation. The most common question: "Would a loving God send people to hell?" That's hard to cover in 35 minutes.

The subject of hell and judgement is all over the New Testament. Still, we don't hear much about hell today, at least not from the church. We tend to cover other subjects repeatedly, but ignore one that Jesus talks about all the time. There are some exceptions, but the preachers yelling "turn or burn" on street corners are rare.

There is an episode of *Seinfeld* where Elaine's boyfriend, Puddy, becomes a Christian. He starts listening to Christian music and begins badgering Elaine about going to hell. At one point he asks her to steal the neighbor's newspaper for him because she's "the one going to hell, so [she] might as well steal it." Elaine explodes, starts whacking him with the newspaper, and screams, "If I am going to hell, you should care that I'm going to hell!"

I think Elaine has the right perspective. We cannot approach the subject of hell merely as a doctrine and ignore the human impact. Teaching on hell is not for the sake of knowing Christian trivia or to satisfy theological curiosity. If we believe in hell, and if we believe people created in God's image will either experience eternity in communion with him or apart from him, then we should be communicating the gospel, both the good news and the bad news.

Of course, this calls for balance. Christians have often been guilty of making hell the primary motivation for salvation. I believe this is an alteration of the holistic gospel found in 1 Corinthians 15. But if we completely ignore the reality of hell and judgment, we are forced to make one of Jesus' frequent teachings little more than an obscure metaphor.

Because of the church's tendency to be unbalanced about hell, and because of our cultural assumptions about the afterlife, I began my sermon by having the congregation read aloud every single New Testament passage about hell. The exercise took several minutes but it got people participating and thinking. We compared these passages with popular portrayals of hell-from The Far Side cartoons to AC/DC's "Highway to Hell"-to see how we've had our beliefs shaped by pop culture, the red devil with horns and a pitchfork, and all that.

Then we looked at concepts of the afterlife from other cultures and religions. Christians aren't the only ones who believe in a "hell." Despite our culture's growing discomfort with eternal judgment, we shouldn't be embarrassed by a belief that's been almost universally held throughout history and still is today.

I led the congregation through a study of the words translated "hell" in English: Jesus described Gehenna, the garbage dump outside Jerusalem where bodies were thrown, where worms ate flesh, and where fires continually burned.

Finally, we returned to Elaine on *Seinfeld* and what matters most-the mission.

As Charles Spurgeon said, "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms around their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for."

by Dan Kimball

Tell me what you think about this article. Drop me a note at church or e-mail me at fbcnorwich@sbcglobal.net.

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Meer Christianity Study Continues

The mid-week Bible study resumes on Thursday evenings this week through the Easter season. All are welcome for thoughtful discussion, prayer and good fellowship. The group meets once a week at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Steve & Patricia Ohlund at 62 Gulliver Circle. C. S. Lewis' book, *Mere Christianity* is the starting point for the weekly discussion about faith and living life. No need to have read the book before hand. Just come for the fellowship and discussion.

C. S. Lewis (pictured to the right) was the foremost Christian writer of the 20th Century.



Food for Thought...

FBC Hosts First Spiritual Open Mic

Christ Episcopal Church opened their doors to host the first Open Mic over two years ago. It was started for those who wanted to sing songs of faith. They drew a nice crowd of performers and had several folks who came to enjoy the program. A few of our people were at the first one.

This winter the members of our Praise team asked if we could host the program and the invitation was accepted.

On February 9 Steve Contois and Fred Green set up the sound equipment while Gwyn Green and Cheryl Dutrumble transformed the Fellowship Hall into a candle lit coffee house with tables and chairs around the room.



Several different performers took the stage and sang everything from contemporary praise songs to Christian folk to an original song.

We had about twenty five people on hand for our first Open Mic. It was great fun. We will do it again in April. Keep your eyes open for the date and the details. Invite your

friends to come along. It promises to be an entertaining evening with good music and good Christian friends. Better yet! There is no admission charge. So plan to be here to enjoy the fun.

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Fall Schedule includes: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
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Camp Wightman Schedule

Summer 2008 Schedule

Date	PROGRAM	Completed Grades	FEE
Saturday, June 28	Open House - Bring Your Swimsuit (1:00-4:00 p.m.) Swimming, Boating, Tours, Food, Camp Store		
June 29-July 5	Primary 1 6/29-7/2 (Spicer Village)	K-2	\$195
	New Friends 7/3-7/4 (Spicer Village)	Parent w/child	\$30 / \$20
	Junior 1 (Clark Village)	5-6	\$357
	Counselor-in-Training (Peck Village)	9-10	\$294
	Adult w/Special Challenges 1 (Retreat Centers)	Age 21+	\$426
July 6-12	Junior Aquatics (Spicer Village)	5-6	\$399
	Junior High Aquatics (Clark Village)	7-8	\$399
	Senior High Aquatics (Retreat Centers)	9-12	\$405
July 13-19	Middler/Junior Music (Spicer Village)	3-6	\$368
	Junior High 1 (Clark Village)	7-8	\$357
	Wild Women in the Woods (Retreat Centers)	Women 25+	\$279
	Primary 2 7/20-7/23 (Spicer Village)	K-2	\$195
July 20-26	Primary 3 7/24-7/26 (Spicer Village)	K-2	\$153
	Middler 1 7/20-7/23 (Clark Village)	3-4	\$205
	Pioneer Camp (Peck Village)	6-8	\$394
	Senior High Event (Retreat Centers)	9-12	\$405
	Adults w/Special Challenges 2 (Spicer Village)	Age 21+	\$426
July 27-August 2	Junior 2 (Clark Village)	5-6	\$357
	Middler 2 (Peck Village)	3-4	\$347
	Jr. High/Sr. High Music (Retreat Cntrs)	7-12	\$357
	Lifeguarding Camp (Retreat Centers)	Age 15+	\$415
	Drama Camp (Spicer Village)	7-12	\$363
August 3-9	Semana Hispana de Jubileo (Clark Vlg)	3-8	\$336
	Canoe Camp 8/2-8/9 (Off-Site Camp)	9-12, Adults	\$457
	Middler 3 (Spicer Village)	3-4	\$347
August 10-16	Junior High 2 (Clark Village)	7-8	\$357
	Junior Explorers (Peck Village)	5-6	\$368
	Primary 4 (Spicer Village)	K-2	\$195
August 17 - 20 (1/2 week)	Grandparents with grandchildren (Clark Village & Retreat Centers)	N/A	\$100 adult \$70 child

We offer a \$100 scholarship to all of our campers who ask for it. We would like to see every child go to camp this summer. Speak to the Pastor for information on camp and scholarships.

It may well be that the world is denied miracle after miracle and triumph after triumph because we will not bring Christ what we have and what we are. If, just as we are, we would lay ourselves on the altar of service of Jesus Christ, there is no saying what Christ could do with us and through us.

—William Barclay



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