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A Chronicle Of our News

Seeds for Growth

Random Thoughts

- Well, the travel is over and all the individuals and groups are home. The “prison gang”, the BUMP team, and Tampa Team XII have returned from near and far. We have heard a bit about the experience of the ministry in St. Louis by our students. Their impact on the kids they met in inner city St. Louis will be felt for some time. We will be hearing a report from the Czech team in the worship service on August 28. Many of the other mission and ministry trips will be highlighted on Sunday, September 25. Much to be thankful for and many lives touched this summer. Thanks, Lord, for the willingness of a great crew of people to give time to bring a message of hope to those who need it.
- Our Community Group has just started a study of the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20. It is interesting to look at the ten again and get a fresh perspective into God’s nature. We know the “big” ones about stealing, murdering and adultery. But on the same list is the one about misusing the name of the Lord. It even mentions in verse 7 the Lord’s response if we misuse His name. Of course, the first commandment is to worship God alone. No other gods besides him. This is a tough challenge. I can read this passage and do my study from my recliner while drinking iced tea (decaffeinated) and munching on my favorite snack. Then when I’m done, I can grab my remote and flip on ESPN or Food Network.
- As I mentioned in my note in January, I am going through the Chronological Bible this year. In the last two weeks, I finished reading II Kings. In chapter 22, it starts by announcing Josiah as the king of Judah. He became the king when he was eight years old and the text tells us that “he did what was pleasing in the Lord’s sight.” There is much here I could talk about related to his age and his trust in God at an early age. But another truth in this passage is challenging me right now. That phrase “pleasing in the Lord’s sight” caught my attention. God is watching my actions and He is also watching my heart. What is my motivation? Here we are back to Psalm 19:14. “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”



That’s all I am saying today.

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GroupLink

Coming September 18—Note date change

GroupLink Sunday

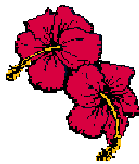


On Sunday, September 18, you are invited to sign-up for a Community Group immediately following the Worship Service -- this is our next step to *Grow in Community!* These new Starter Groups will begin in late September. Groups will initially meet for 8 weeks to begin to taste the benefits of community and to allow each person or couple to determine if this particular group fits them well. After 8 weeks, if the group members gel, they will be invited to make longer-term commitments to grow in faith together. This is your opportunity to experience authentic community and spiritual growth through fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Don't miss out!

Luau

Say goodbye to summer with a Luau!

Friday, August 26 from 7:00—9:00 PM



All are welcome to celebrate the end of summer and enjoy BBQ, Hawaiian games, and more! Put on your best island garb and join us for an evening of fun.

Please make your reservation at the Information Center in the lobby or the Welcome Station in Tree-House. Donations will be accepted the night of the event.

Prayer 2011



Oakwood is focusing on prayer in 2011. Did you know that you can use your hand to help you remember what to pray for? Pick up a copy of our August Prayer Guide from the Information Center and find out how.

Recycle Bin at Oakwood



Did you know that your newspapers, magazines, junk mail, etc., can earn money for Oakwood? Collect your recyclable items during the week and bring them when you come to church. Look for the blue Mixed Paper Recycling Bin on our property. Thanks for doing your part to help earn extra funds for Oakwood.

Acceptable items:

Newspaper & inserts, phone books, white paper, colored paper, glossy paper (without food residue), junk mail & envelopes, catalogs & magazines, cereal & cake mix boxes (liners removed), computer & plain fax paper, NCR paper, paper reams wrappers, construction art paper (less than 50% painted), paper egg cartons, non-metallic gift wrap and greeting cards, manila folders, hanging files, shredded paper, paper bags, self-stick notes, paperback books, frozen food boxes/cartons (no food residue), shoe or clothing boxes, store receipts, thermal fax paper or carbon paper, hardback books, tyvek mailing envelopes, padded envelopes.

Not Acceptable items:

Food contaminated paper, plastic or foil; milk, soy, juice cartons or pouches; film plastic (e.g., plastic bags, bubble wrap); beverage cups, coffee cups, donut boxes, fast food cups, take out containers/wrappers, foam egg cartons, foil, food and candy wrappers, snack or potato chip bags, ice cream cartons, paper covered with paint or pet waste, pizza

Fall Schedule



Beginning September 11

9:15 AM—Education Classes—Children's Ministry,
Middle & High School, Oakwood Mill
10:30 AM—Worship Service & Full TreeHouse Ministry

See Adult Class descriptions on Page 4

Shoes for Orphans

Oakwood is partnering with The JOY FM in collecting shoes for orphans in Honduras. You can help by bringing in NEW leather or canvas athletic shoes of any size. Through August 26, there will be bins in the Worship Center lobby and the office for you to drop off your shoes.



PowerHouse Schedule

Sunday, Aug 21—Fundraiser—Food Bag Prep
Back To School Pool Party @ O'Briens—bring \$5 for pizza
Sunday, Aug 28—Regular Evening Meeting
Sunday, Sept 4—Regular Evening Meeting
Leaders Lock-In
Sunday, Sept 11—Fall Schedule Begins—new teen classes @ 9:15
Regular Evening Meeting

A Wake-Up Call

Sunday, September 11, 2011
7:00—9:30 PM
Oakwood Community Church



Join us for this evening of teaching messages by Anne Graham Lotz and Joel Rosenberg, knit together with authentic worship music led by Selah. We pray this evening will be used by God to wake up His people. Join us as we consider the time in which we live, refocus on Jesus as our Hope for the future, and ask God to re-ignite such an intense longing for His return that we live the rest of our lives with no regrets.

Oakwood Mill



Fall 2011—Beginning September 11 9:15 – 10:15 AM

The Oakwood Mill is the Adult Education Ministry of Oakwood Community Church. All Classes are held in the Education Center. The two classes being offered are:

EXODUS 24-40

Led by Terry Rexroad

Join us as we continue the study in Exodus and look at:

- Moses on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights - instructions for building of Tabernacle
- Creation of the priesthood (Should Christians have a priesthood?)
- Sin of the golden calf (How could a group of people who had seen so much evidence for God do this?)
- How did Moses see God's back or did he?
- A recreation of the tablets
- Why does God punish the children for the sins of their fathers into the third generation?
- Feasts are established, how do these relate to us?

Click the link below to register for this class on our website:

https://secure.accessacs.com/access/nonmemberlogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1809&EventID=24465&sn=103580

The Art Of Marriage

Facilitated by Dave & Martha Dorsey

The Art of Marriage brings together some of the most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting. It also brings a fresh approach to a video event by weaving together some of the following elements to help couples fully experience God's design for marriage:

- engaging stories
- real-life testimonies
- man-on-the-street interviews
- humorous vignettes

The Art of Marriage consists of six video sessions and an accompanying manual that provides couples with projects to help apply the principles taught during each session. The manual is also designed for couples to use after the class by offering articles, date night ideas, and useful tips for continuing to strengthen their marriage. The cost is \$35 per couple for your class manuals.

Topics Covered

Session 1: love happens (purpose of marriage)

Session 2: love fades (drift to isolation)

Session 3: love dances (roles)

Session 4: love interrupted (communication)

Session 5: love sizzles (romance and sex)

Session 6: love always (legacy)

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Is it 50/50 or Half and Half? - Part 2

By Aaron Sharp



If you missed Part 1 of this article, you can read it on our website.

Concepts vs. Details

Many people fall into one of two categories, the conceptual-oriented person or the detail-oriented person.

The conceptual-oriented person tends to look at the big picture. When this person takes in information, his brain forms and remembers concepts, but not necessarily a lot of details. This is the person who tastes a piece of chocolate pie and remembers that it was good, and that when he put whipped cream on top it was even better.

The detail-oriented person tends to focus on small details. When this person receives information, her thoughts center around specific details, but she may not necessarily remember complete concepts. This is the person who tastes a piece of chocolate pie and asks the pie maker if there's a hint of nutmeg in the pie, or what type of crust was used.

Many people are married to their "perception-oriented" opposite. In my marriage I'm the concept person and my wife is the detail person. I see a movie, a tire sale, shoes, and all I remember is whether or not I liked that thing. Any details can bog me down. This can be frustrating to a lovely lady who asks for details from someone who has none to give. My wife, on the other hand, can become so focused on details that she misses the point of those details.

Say, for example, that I've looked into a potential business opportunity and for a variety of reasons decided it wasn't a good idea. The odds are that when I tell my wife about it she's going to ask why I decided it wasn't a good idea. That question, to a concept-oriented person, can seem like she doesn't trust my judgment, but in reality all she's seeking are details. Details are what she understands best, and for us to communicate properly I need to provide some details.

It's good to find out what "types" you and your spouse are, so you can understand why they ask certain questions and if they're personal or if they're simply an offshoot of each other's personalities.

Speak Their Language

There's an old adage, "A picture is worth a thousand words." This doesn't mean that instead

of speaking audibly you turn your marriage into a giant game of Pictionary, but rather that you develop the skill of using word pictures to communicate. In their book *The Language of Love*, Gary Smalley and John Trent define a word picture as, "A story or object to activate simultaneously the emotions and intellect of a person. In so doing, it causes the person to experience our words, not just hear them."

I learned an important lesson about communicating this way when my soon-to-be wife and I were planning our wedding. (Really my wife planned it, but I did respond yes or no to a few questions, so I take partial credit.) During the planning phase she was having a hard time finding a photographer. One night, as she was stressing about this problem, I insensitively and ignorantly said, "Just pick somebody. All he has to do is take pictures."

My fiancée could have easily responded with anger at my lack of understanding, but instead she chose to respond by speaking my language, which is what a word picture ultimately does. She looked at me and said, "Imagine if you could only do one fantasy football draft in your entire life. That's what planning a wedding is like for me." To that point I could have cared less about photographers, but after her poignant explanation, I understood the importance to her of finding a good photographer, so this became my mission. She'd taken something that was important to her, rephrased it in a term and situation that was important to me, and then communicated that truth. Every year my buddies and I get together for our annual fantasy football draft, and I always think about photographers, normally around round seven or so, but never before round five.

Installing these three guardrails for communication will take some of the mystery out of the process as well as equip you to solve small problems before they become huge problems. At worst, maybe they'll save you from wasting precious moments arguing about the difference between 50-50 and half and half.

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Sundays - 10:00 AM

Calendar at a Glance



Aug 21—Compassion Offering
 PowerHouse Back To School Party
 Aug 26—Luau
 Aug 27—Community Group Leaders Meeting
 Aug 28—WIN Sunday—Czech Team Report during the morning Worship Service



Sept 4—Blood Pressure checks following Worship
 Sept 5—Labor Day—Church Office closed
 Sept 11—Fall Schedule begins—Education classes @ 9:15 AM, Worship @ 10:30 AM
 A Wake Up Call—Evening service
 Sept 13—Women of the Word Bible Study begins
 MISCOM Meeting

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Deadline	Publication date	News for dates including...
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Sept 9	Sept 14	Sept 17—Sept 30

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