

MAIDEN LANE ... a Life-Changing Place



GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT *of the Month*

*This month we are honoring a dear sister in Christ who has demonstrated exemplary Christian servanthood by being completely committed to accomplishing God's purpose for her life and that of God's church. She loves children and significantly serves our congregation as the Director of Christian Edu-Care, a ministry she has been a vital part of for more than 30 years. She leads a Divorce Care group and is active in our Sanctuary Choir. And we could say more. We thank God for **NIKKI TACKETT** and name her our "Good & Faithful Servant of the Month" for January 2010. Therefore, we express our gratitude to Nikki for being a faithful and obedient servant of Christ who helps make Maiden Lane the wonderful church it is.*

COMMUNITY Connection

The Rev. Billy Graham has said, "Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion -- it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ." Our desire to grow to be more like Him should be modeled after His life, one that was immersed in doing the will of the Father. Throughout the Gospel of John, we see time and time again that Jesus was pursuing His Father's will, not His own.

If we want to know the will of the Father, and do that which God is calling us to do, we must **grow** as the Rev. Graham challenges us to do. Here are some opportunities for you to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 3:18):

The Church in Action: A Study of Acts – Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Fireside Room

Genesis Study – Wednesdays at 7 pm in Room 200

Men's Discipleship – Wednesdays at 7 pm in Room 207

Walking Through the Word – Sundays at 9 am in Room 210

Stepping Up: Journey thru the Psalms of Ascent (Women's Study) – Thursdays at 9:30 am in Room 210

I pray you're linked up with a Sunday School class and/or Community Circle. Take every opportu-

nity to study the Word of God. It is His Good News to us, and it is wisdom and teaching so that we might discern His will.

Need more info? Contact me at jsherman@maidenlane.org.

ENON News

We received confirmation that our 87 Operation Christmas Child boxes went to Afghanistan, Panama and Sudan. Thank you to all who participated in this event. Many children's lives are touched each year by your generosity. Read the stories on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall about these countries.

I want to say I really appreciate your faithfulness in attendance. As we experience together our Sunday Series, The Elephant in the Church and our Wednesday Bible Study, Unexplainable, I know these will be life changing events if you apply these principles to your life. If you come on Wednesday, come at 6:30 and enjoy dinner together prior to our study. An offering to cover the cost of dinner is taken and goes to fund the next week. As we unveil our twelve elephants over the coming weeks, I have already said I may step on a toe or two. Some of you have already said ouch! What impresses me is your willingness to be stretched and how you are taking this not as criticism but as a means of prayer for your lives to live more godly. Let us always continue to grow together in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

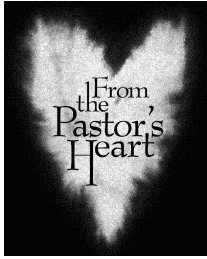
Wednesday nights are also a time for our children's Kings Klub. If your children aren't involved, try it out. I am sure they will enjoy it. Also on Wednesday Nights is our Youth Bible Study. Youth 6th grade and up are invited to this event. We have a lot of great activities in the planning stages including a Youth Retreat to Marmon Valley Farms in the Spring.

There are many ways you can get involved in the church. We are forming new worship teams, talking about visitation ministry and many other ways to plug in. If you are not in a small group study and would like to be, see Pastor Dan for more information.

MEMBERSHIP Board

Thanks to those who signed up for the trip to the Creation Museum. The bus will leave at 9 AM from the parking lot by the bus garage. This will be an educational and fun trip. Look forward to seeing you all there.

For all you Senior Adults, the new Energizers Schedule is ready and available on the information board in the Information Center. Mark your calendars for the many events we have scheduled. Thank you to those of you who helped in Shut in visitation before Christmas. If you are interested in visiting other times, see Pastor Dan for assignments.



Welcome to 2010. Can you believe it? We have completed the first decade of the 21st Century and have officially begun the second. As we enter a new year and a new decade I want to focus this month's and next month's Navigator articles on six core values that I believe should guide us as we remain completely committed to accomplishing God's purposes for the world.

I will use the word GROWTH as a visual aid to help us understand and embrace these core values:

Growing People for God

We value all people because every person matters to God and He desires to have a personal relationship with them. Therefore it is our primary business to help as many people as we can to become completely committed disciples of Jesus.

Relational Evangelism

We value that the most effective means for reaching those outside the faith with the good news of Jesus Christ is to follow the method of praying for, caring for and sharing with those within our relational sphere of influence.

Outward Focused Mission

We value that the local church is gifted and called to be the people of God on mission beginning in our own community of Springfield and Clark County and extending to all nations of the world.

Worship as a Verb

We value Spirit-led corporate worship as the environment where God is always renewing His people.

Transformational Teaching

We value the anointed teaching of God's Word as a key means by which God brings about transformation in the lives of people.

Holiness and Unity as a Lifestyle

We value the pursuit of the holiness and unity Jesus prayed for in John 17:15-23 as the normal state of relationship among God's people.



Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Mark



Are you looking for a way to get involved? We might just have a place for you within the Worship Arts Ministries!

Drama Team – This team is not just about acting. If you have a heart for reading scripture aloud, this team is for you! We are looking for both actors and scripture readers.

Worship Choir – Worship choir meets at 6pm each Wednesday. All are welcome that love to sing God's praises.

Worship Dance – There are opportunities for people of all ages to participate in worshipping the Lord through movement interpretation. All skill levels are welcome.

If you are interested in these or any other worship arts ministries, please feel free to contact me. I would love to help find the right place for you to serve. clund@maidenlane.org

YOUTH Ministry

On January 10th I began an exciting adventure together with 12 high school aged teens. We have embarked on a 1 year discipleship training series that is entitled ***The Ultimate Adventure***. For the first 3 quarters we will be using the teen discipleship series written by Andy Stephenson and Rick Winford. Each quarter has a different adventure theme including *Beginning The Climb* (mountain climbing), *Taking The Plunge* (white water rafting), and *Feeling The Wind* (wind surfing). In our 4th and final quarter we will be using the Focus On The Family Series titled *True-U*. This series is the teen and young adult version of *The Truth Project* that Pastor Mark has referenced on Sunday mornings. Each teen is being challenged to grow in their relationship with Christ through daily Bible study and prayer, weekly discussion groups, and scripture memorization. We are all very excited about this adventure and would love for you to pray for us as we take part in *The Ultimate Adventure*.

A TESTIMONY FROM *Kids Hope Mentor*

How God turns a bad day into a good one:

My job has new challenges, greater challenges, and lots of headaches. So much so that I woke up at 2:00 this morning, and after about 30 minutes knew I would never get back to sleep, and came on in to work. I just couldn't get all the problems to quiet down. All went well until about 8:00 when I looked at my calendar and realized that in the middle of a horrible day, I would need to fulfill my Kid's Hope duties.

My first thought was why did I sign up for this again? My second thought was to get this under control, and try and make the best of it. As I left work and began my journey to Snyder Park, I knew I had to leave work behind. I needed to be there for my mentee 100%. As I pulled into the parking lot I prayed for strength, for a genuine smile, to be my upbeat self, to be a Mentor.

I rang the bell, greeted the secretary and started down the hallway to meet my mentee. Today's task was to play a game for 20 minutes. As we played, I secretly turned off the timer because things were going so well. My mentee was caught up in the assignment, and when we were done, 30 minutes had gone by without a hitch. We then had activity time, and then it was time to go.

As I was filling out my appraisal of the session, I happened to comment to the secretary about what a lousy day I had before coming. She said she would never have guessed it because of the wonderful smile I had on my face – Thank God for answers to prayers. How selfish of me to get caught up in my own little world. Thank God for showing me how to be a better person through the eyes of a wonderful young man. Who learned the most from today's lesson? I'll let you be the judge of that!

February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Reg. Services	4 Women's Study	5 LIA Party	6
7 Newcomers Luncheon	8 Board Meetings	9	10 Reg. Services	11 Women's Study Game Day EMOT	12	13 Outreach House
14	15 Church Council	16	17 Reg. Services	18 Women's Study	19	20 MoMENtum Breakfast Choir Lock-in
21 Y.A. Lunch Teachers Meeting	22 Women's Craft Night	23	24 Reg. Services	25 Women's Study Golden Agers	26	27 Outreach House
28	Looking ahead: Mark your calendars for the Marriage Enrichment Weekend on March 19-20 which will be held at Deer Creek Lodge this year. Watch the Sunday News for more information.					