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## FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER



### NO GREATER LOVE

No Greater Love is the dramatic story of faith, forgiveness, and the sovereignty of God. Jeff and Heather were the "lucky ones." Best friends from childhood, high school sweethearts, and married by 22. After the birth of their only child, however, Heather fell into an uncontrollable depression. Hopelessly lost, she did the unthinkable...she abandoned her husband and infant son – and vanished. Now, ten years later, Jeff's world is dramatically rocked when Heather shockingly reappears in the most unusual place. We are making a last minute change in the movie we will be showing at "Dinner and a Movie" night on February 13th. We received a great promotional deal plus the movie from Family Christian Bookstores. We feel this will be a great movie to watch, one that has not yet been released to the public. Invite your friends. Please sign up for this event on the back table by February 7th.



Matt Thompson, Senior Minister

- January 31, 2010  
Remember that Promise -  
Deut. 31:1-8
- February 7, 2010  
Guest Speaker - Kyle Foote  
Ezekiel 36:22-32
- February 14, 2010  
Luke 21:8-19  
Promised Help
- February 21, 2010  
I Corinthians 10:1-13 -  
A promised way out
- February 28, 2010  
John 5:13-21-  
A promise of Life

### VISION OBJECTIVES 2010

1. Develop more discipleship programs.
2. Develop more committed disciples.
3. Organize and increase the prayer life of the congregation.
4. Increase reading and bible study of the congregation.
5. Develop a strong outreach ministry.
6. Increase participation in Sunday school and worship service.
7. Develop a youth program with Bible activities appealing to youth, nursery and college age students.
8. To develop a Full staff; Sr. Preaching, Youth, Adult and Worship Minister and a Secretary.

# February Activities

## MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

There are a number of different Ministry Team meetings in February. If you are interested in working on a ministry team or just learning more about that ministry, please come to their meeting. The times and dates are listed below:

**BENEVOLENCE MEETING**  
Monday, February 1  
5:00 p.m.

**OUTREACH MEETING**  
Monday, February 8  
6:30 p.m.

**YOUTH MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 9  
6:00 p.m.

**MISSIONS MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 9  
7:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP MEETING**  
Wednesday, February 10  
7:10 p.m.

## CHOIR TO BEGIN PRACTICE



We are going to have a choir that will be singing on March 28 and April 4 and several more times during the year. We would love to have you sing with us. If you are interested, please see Danna Snyder. Practice times will be announced very soon.

**Spread The Word**  
Youth Group (grades 7 - 12)  
Every Sunday  
From 4 pm - 6 pm

Invite your friends and join us as we “chew on the Word”, play games and have fun!

**FAITHFUL FRIENDS**  
(Grades K - 6)  
Sunday, February 28

We will be going sledding weather permitting on Sunday, February 28 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come and join us for sledding, a lesson and some hot chocolate.

## FEBRUARY LABOR OF LOVE DONATIONS FOR THE VETERANS

We would like to show the disabled veterans at the VA Medical Center in Brecksville and Wade Park how much their sacrifice is appreciated. During the month of February, we will be collecting the following items:

- Deodorant
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- brushes
- combs
- T-shirts
- socks
- books
- puzzles
- word search books
- cross word puzzle books
- afghans or lap robes

Veterans need to be appreciated and another way to make them feel appreciated is a “thank you” card. Along with your donations, if you would write a simple thank you for their service to our country and put it in an envelope. Do not address it.

There will be donation boxes in the back of the sanctuary for your cards and donations.

**JANUARY  
NURSERY SCHEDULE**

7 Andy Spiesman  
14 Teri Brunzman  
21 Sue Ellen Foote  
28 Tracy Bowling

**JANUARY  
GOD'S LITTLE JUNGLE SCHEDULE**

**TEACHER HELPER**

7 Tabitha Ellis Matt Spiesman  
14 Nicole Brunzman Jessica Fishley  
21 Stephanie Bowling Adam Spiesman  
28 Neena Hutchinson Dalton Cayen

**JANUARY  
REIGN FOREST SCHEDULE**

**TEACHER**

7 NONE  
14 Debbie Caranci  
21 Donna Geddes  
28 Danna Snyder

**JANUARY  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PUPPET TEAM SCHEDULE**

7 None  
14 None  
21 None  
28 None

**JANUARY  
COMMUNION and OFFERING SERVERS**

7 Matt Thompson \* Ralph Hanneman  
Matt Geddes Jim Bradbury  
14 Don Bowling \* Dave Foote, Sr.  
Bernie Steighner Nelson Johnson  
21 Dave Ray \* Jeff Snyder  
Ralph Rees Sarge Branford  
28 Dustin Smoot \* Dave Foote, Jr.  
Glenn Hadlock John Mitchell

**JANUARY  
SOUND SCHEDULE COMPUTER SCHEDULE**

7 Don Bowling Tracy Bowling  
14 Matt Geddes Stephanie Bowling  
21 Jim Bradbury Becky Snyder  
28 Rob Millard Teri Brunzman

**JANUARY  
SPECIAL MUSIC**

7 Sharon Millard and Hannah Lainge  
14 Danna Snyder and Quartet  
21 Annette Millard  
28 Annette Millard

**JANUARY**

**PRAISE TEAM KEYBOARD**

7 Teri's Team Annette Millard  
14 Danna's Team Hazel Hanneman  
21 Annette Millard Annette Millard  
28 Annette Millard Annette Millard

**JANUARY  
GREETERS**

**INSIDE DOOR OUTSIDE DOOR**

7 Jeannine Yenyo Elton Garber  
Bernie Steighner  
14 Dustin Smoot Rob Millard  
Tessa Smoot  
21 Sarge Branford Larry Smith  
Linda Branford  
28 Bernie Steighner Elton Garber  
Jeannine Yenyo

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Hazel Hanneman  
2 Matt Geddes  
4 Timothy Bowling  
5 JoAnn Brestowski  
7 Danna Snyder  
8 Glenn Hadlock  
16 Janice Johnson  
20 Penny Ray  
25 Tabitha Ellis  
26 Dave Foote, Jr.



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

3 Matt & Angel Thompson  
14 Carl & Robin Peck  
14 Dave & Penny Ray  
14 Chris & Tina Naftzger



# MATT'S MIND IN FEBRUARY

2010 IS A YEAR THAT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO; I AM EXCITED HOW GOD IS GROWING OUR CHURCH AND BLESSING US IN SO MANY WAYS. THE MINISTRY TEAM FAIR on January 10<sup>th</sup> was a great success. If you signed up for one of our ministries, many of them have meetings this month where they will be planning their 2010 year, so plan on joining them (list of team meetings on page 2). Our new women's ministry **Becoming** had an awesome event in January and I am told that many women were blessed. This year we are striving to get everyone to spend time in God's word. We just finished 30 days of "Getting to Know God" and now we are going to spend 30 days on "Knowing the Promises of God." I encourage you to pick up one of our devotion sheets on Sunday morning or check out our **thrive blog** on our newly redesigned web site. I would like to thank Angel for redesigning our website. She did an amazing job. I would also like to thank Elton Garber for taking over our outdoor sign ministry. Great job! Also a big thanks to Dave Foote Sr. and Bernie for taking the cabinets out of my office and putting them into our soon-to-be café.

On the front of the newsletter you will see our nine vision objectives that the elders gave to me when I came here at the end of March which will be two years this March (WOW). We are striving every day to grow and achieve these objectives. One of those objectives we hope to move on this year is adding to our staff. The first step is that we are excited to be adding a part time summer intern this year to work with our children's church and help our Sunday school teachers. We are also excited to let you know that we are looking to add a part time worship pastor to our staff this year. We have someone to whom we are talking with and praying about and, when and if we get to that point, we will bring him to you. So please be in prayer for myself and the elders.

Now here is the amazing news! Our salary budget will not be going up and you are asking how can this happen. First, Danna has asked to have her hours reduced by 4 hrs. a week as she is nearing retirement age. That money is what we will be using to hire our summer intern. Now you ask, how can we add a worship pastor to our team without raising our salary budget. I have been led by the Lord to give \$4500 of my salary back to the church to allow this to be possible. This is how we are going to be able to add more staff. You can see that our current staff believe in these vision objectives and want to see these come to life.

I also want to encourage you to sign up for our **Dinner and a Movie**. It is going to be an amazing night I encourage you to bring your friends. Last night I got to preview the movie that we will be showing, "No Greater Love." It is an amazing movie. You will no be disappointed.

Also, just to give you a heads up, we will be doing an exciting service in March that we are calling **1.2.3. ROCK THE CHURCH**. I ask you to start praying for this outreach opportunity.

I am excited to see what God has in store for us in 2010.

I am also excited to let you know that I have just confirmed that we will have Shawn McMullen, the editor of the Lookout, as our guest speaker at our leadership retreat at Blue Rock in October at "Small Churches Big Opportunities".

I know that I have jumped around a lot in this article, but that is what happens a lot in **Matt's mind**.