

# The Urgency that Changes Us

There was a time when the Lord's church saw heaven as eternally beautiful and the reality of hell as the terrible consequence of sin. There was an urgency from the pulpit and the pew to reach out to neighbors, communities and the world with the soul saving message of Jesus Christ. Whether it's a fear of being considered intolerant, of political-correctness, or the lost concept of God's absolute truth—the church (and us included) has lost this urgency.

The church is not a social club. Its mission is not curing all of society's social ills. Our mission is to "go into all the world" and to be a "love letter" from Jesus to the lost. We are to be bridge builders not fence builders; spirit lifters not spirit crushers. We are to feed people's stomachs so more importantly we can feed their souls. Every one needs a savior! Do we really believe that savior is Jesus Christ? Our part in this mission: "**sharing our faith**".

At least three amazing things happen to us when we share our faith:

- We **major in the majors**. We don't have time to fuss or worry about those things of lesser importance. Neither we nor the church have time for trivia.
- We validate and **strengthen our own faith** as we share Jesus.
- The **Lord's church GROWS**... and remember, churches are either growing or dying. Let's grow!

Have you shared your faith this week?

Love, *Jack*

*Share your faith in 2010*

- (1) Pray for people to share with.
- (2) Pray for opportunities to share.
- (3) Pray for courage and compassion.

## Haiti Earthquake Recovery:

We know you want to help. Please give any funds you would like to go toward disaster relief for Haiti to Nelson Nuñez (our deacon of Benevolence), Dave Williams, or one of our Elders.

Tonight: 6:00 PM, The Young Adult group: will be meeting at the Cooper's home in Pitman. **Carpooling from our building is at 5:30.** See Matt Fort for details.

## Wednesdays:

**Class 1: Holiness & Repentance** in the Auditorium.

**Class 2: Marriage Matters "fireside chat"** in the **SR. HIGH ROOM upstairs**. This will run through the month of *Romance* . . . February. For anyone who needs to have their marriage recharged or enhanced, jumpstarted or defibrillated, strengthened or empowered . . . then these forums for fellowship are for you. There is hope! This will be like friends gathering around the kitchen table sharing what has worked for them. Here's our lineup of sharers:

**Jack and Nancy Swinehart** – Feb 3

**Jerry and Carol Clark** – Feb 10

**Tony and Fay Ceraso** – Feb 17

**Stan and Linda Amado** – Feb 24

Come, have fun, and be prepared to share what the Lord has done through your marriage! ☺

Friday Youth Group Meets at the Cook's Home 7PM.

## Saturday:

Winter Youth Rally at Camp Manatawny:

9 AM to 4:30 PM, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$7 per person. The **Guest Speaker** is Anson Wallace and featured guests are the **OVU Ambassadors and Express**. There is also a **Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Fun and Games**. **RSVP** Phillip & Carolyn St.James at (610) 559-8637.

Sweetheart Dinner, SATURDAY, FEB. 13<sup>TH</sup>

6PM: Our Youth Group sponsors this great event. The **sign-up sheet is posted**. The cost is \$20 a person.

Ladies Spring Retreat March 5-7:

**PLEASE let Fay know if you are coming by today!**

There is a **table** set up in the foyer and after worship. **Sign up and finalize your rooming arrangements.**

**Please turn in your money ASAP.** The hotel is requiring final payment. **If you need to make financial arrangements**, please see Nancy Swinehart (858-1494). Don't miss this great weekend. Why not bring a friend?

PRAYERS: Praise for Bella Joy's arrival at the Fortunatos! Remember the people of Haiti, Dale Sherry's mother who broke her hip, Fred Boyle is out of the hospital and moved to rehab. Chet's Dad, Jack Churchill is battling colon cancer, but please also pray for his relationship with the Lord.

Today's Worship Leaders

**Worship Leader:** Tate Perazzelli

**Main Prayer:** Jerry Clark **Closing Prayer:** Tony Ceraso Jr.

**Lord's Supper:** Jess Nitla, Dan, Jack Swinehart, Kevin Finn

**Greeters:** Tony Sr., Dave Cook, Debbie Powers, Margaret

**Nursery: Stephanie & Alli** Next Week: Bibiana & Elaine

**Red Action Team** cleans this week. **Lillian** coordinates

**LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn - Evangelist

Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

Worship ..... 135

Bible Class ..... 95

Wednesday..... 49

**ELDERS:**

Rick Boyle (856-986-4876)

Tony Ceraso, Jr.

Jack Swinehart

Contribution. .... **\$3,001**

Budget Goal..... \$4,175

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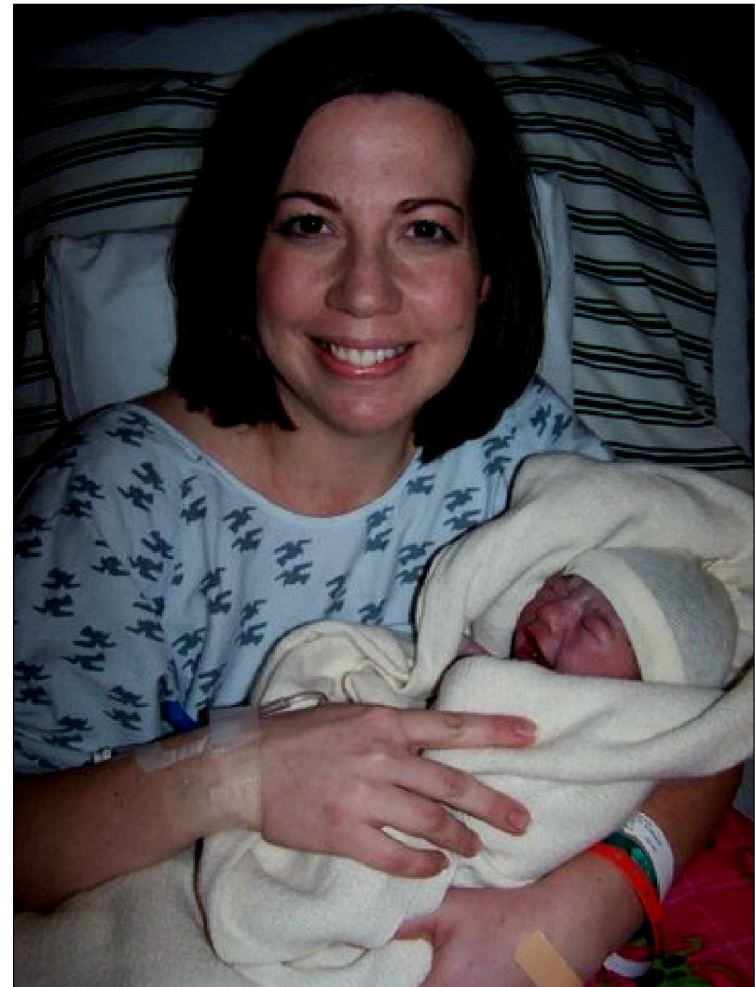
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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)



Jesus: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." --Luke 19:10

*A little bundle of "Bella Joy"*