



MARCH 2010 newsletter

Randy's Reflection - What's the News?



News! It is a widely used English word. Another earthquake - record snowfall here and across the country - elections - politics - the economy - health care debate - shootings - bombings - and another sports celebrity scandal! It is enough to make you ask, "Is there any good news??"

I do not know about you, but I can get bitter and negative very quickly when I am around bad news more than positive and good news. My wonderful wife politely confronted me the other night and said, "Your words are bitter tonight," and I agreed. My bitterness was nothing of great import, just little comments about fellow drivers, billboards, and correcting every political ad and news story on the car radio at the time. It got me thinking and praying, "Lord, help me out of my bitterness." I found some Good News about changing this problem in my life.

Hearing what Sherry said led me to search the Word of God for help. During study, I was led to Ephesians 4:29 - 5:2. I found quick help from Paul's writing. First, say "only things that are helpful for building each other up." For me, this includes my words about other drivers, not using words that tear them down, but build them up. On the flip side, building each other up also includes positive correction, such as, "your words are bitter tonight." Those words built me up in Christ. So, I need to say things that build up, then get rid of bitterness, praying about it and asking for the Lord's help. I am having my wife hold me accountable when bitterness spews from my mouth.

Second, I must replace the bitterness with an action. "Be kind, compassionate and forgive." Instead of responding to people's erratic driving habits with disdain, I could, for example, let them go first at a 4-way stop, even if it is my turn, kindly waving to them as they go by, not honking at them unless it is to alert them to danger. I will forgive them if they are not as kind as I am. They may be unemployed and trying to make a job interview on time, not even realizing how close they had gotten to me. I must put the shoe on the other foot.

I need to bathe my thoughts, words and actions with the love of God. Paul says to imitate God and live a life of love like Christ did. I thank God for the road map out of bitterness that leads me on this new journey in my life. I hope that you might benefit from my transparency. If we pass this courtesy on to others, then we will have a large number of people showing God's love, compassion and excitement. Now, there is some GOOD NEWS we could all use!

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MARCH EVENTS



Photo provided by Guatemala Children's Project

Four of our DCC Students are Involved with Kingdom Week!

Rob Courtney, our Youth Intern, and Savannah Grosenbach are trading their Spring Break Vacation for a mission trip to San Raymundo, Guatemala March 7 - 13 with Dallas Christian College's Kingdom Week. Some of the activities they will be involved in are: VBS, Worship seminar, work projects, after school programs, and Sunday worship.

Vanessa Austin is going to New York City with the DCC Choir and Amy Kolkman is ministering with the DCC outreach team in Inner City Chicago.

Please be in prayer for them while they are gone.

CIY Jr. High

Believe Conference

March 19, 20 ~ Only \$25
Arlington Convention Center
Designed for Middle School Students, grades 6 - 8 See Rob for more information!

Advanced Ministry Planning Meeting

March 28 at 12 Noon - Elders and Deacons, plan to attend this meeting. After a brown bag lunch, we will pray, discuss and plan concerning the next 5 years' ministry for HCCC. Be sure to bring your Elder/Deacon Notebook. Later, we will have the entire congregation involved with this endeavor

Meetings this Month

- 3/7 - Elders Meeting
11:45 am
- 3/14 - Board Meeting
11:45 am
- 3/15 - Newsletter Deadline
- 3/15 - W.I.N.G.S. Meeting
7 pm

Hawaiian Luau

March 27 at 6:00 pm!
The W.I.N.G.S. Group has planned a fun time for everyone!
W.I.N.G.S. Ladies, come at 10 am to put up the decorations!
There is a food sign-up sheet on the Women's Bulletin Board.
Please sign up early !

Area Women's Retreat Meeting

April 16- 18 - *A Diamond in the Rough*

If Coal Can Turn into DIAMONDS . . . then SHINE in HIS POWER!

Joan Shelley from South Padre, TX will be the speaker this year and Sheri Tesar from Colleyville will lead in worship.

Early registration and its pricing are past, but it's still not too late to register! You'll find a registration form in the Overflow Area.

www.areawomensretreat.org for more info.

Prayer Concerns

Cancer

Ola Bell, Paul Booth, Jimmy Collins, Gracie, Gil Harmon, Jim Hatten, Kathleen Kennedy, Cheri Keyhoe, Beth Leeck, Linda Madden, Phyllis McLain, Lori Morrison, Gina Rollins, Rick Smith, Stephanie Smith, Julie Waldie, Larry Wilshire

General Health

Robin Biles, Phyllis Booth, Dean and Harlan Cary, Sao Chounchantharat, Maria Consuelo baby, Glen Davis, Cal Donaghe, Rick Doughty, Colleen Elliott, Riley Emmons, Lou Gates, Jo Kemp, Carroll Kennedy, Joe Leadabrand, Arthur Maddox, Michael Olvera, Mildred Ragsdale, David Reed, Jerrie Reynolds, Cecil Rollins, Renee Seigel

Other

Vannessa Austin, David Chestnut (job), Chounchantharat family, Ashley Malin, Troy Snider (job), Shattered Dreams event.

God's Protection

Biles' grandsons, Keith Huffstutler in Afghanistan, Cassandra Scott, Health and prosperity of our church, Christians in Thailand Refugee Camp, DCC Mission Week, Military, Pray for our Advanced Ministry Planning Meeting

Grieving

Simons/Housewright family

Missions

Christian Camp of the Living Word, Church Growth Ministries, Colegio Biblico, Cornerstone Assistance Network, Dallas Christian College, International Student Missions, MBC Ministries, Mid-Cities Pregnancy Center, Conexion 180 and Rogelio Lira

Church Leadership

Randy Grosenbach, Dr. Alan Pickering, Patrice Morrison, Rob Courtney, Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison, J.W. Downs, Eli Douglas, Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle, Pungram Ngatzu, Tom Snider, Allen Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday, George Jones.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Allen and Kristi Wright March 14

Birthdays

Emmett Lopez	March 3
Erin Spangler	March 4
Meridith Page	March 7
George Jones	March 11
Gabriel Page	March 11
Lizzie Ngatzu	March 15
Keaton Spangler	March 24
Corky Melvin	March 29
Cerena Douglas	March 29

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, food and beautiful plants. Your love and kind words will always be cherished.

Our love...Judy, Tom and family.

(After the death of Judy's brother and mother.)

Look for ...

Board Minutes and Financial
Statements every month!

Financial Update:

- We have had to upgrade the office computer - \$509.99
- Repaired blower motor in Overflow Area/Classroom furnace - around \$200. We saved about \$300 by doing repairs ourselves...Thank you, Cody Elliott!
- Conexion 180 has continued covering ½ of our monthly electric bill since this past summer. Thank you, Conexion 180!



MISSION STATEMENT

Communicate God's Word - Matthew 28:18-20

VISION STATEMENT

To provide for the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of our community by training the H.C.C.C. family through Bible study, song, fellowship and teaching, that they may dedicate themselves to carrying the Word of Christ to all they meet.

WORSHIP SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

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| 9:30 am | Sunday School (all ages) |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| 1:30 pm | Conexión 180º |
| 5:00 pm | Youth Choir and Drama |
| 5:00 pm | Adult Choir |
| 6:00 - 7:30 | Revolution Youth Group |

MONDAY

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| 9:30 am | Ladies Bible Study |
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WEDNESDAY

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| 6:30 pm | Elliott Home Bible Study |
| 7:00 pm | Morrison Home Bible Study |
| 7:30 p.m. | Conexión 180º Bible Study |



CHURCH STAFF

Minister: Randy Grosenbach

Youth Minister: Rob Courtney

Music Director: Patrice Morrison

Church Secretary: Edye Baldrige

Elders: Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison

J.W. Downs, Eli Douglas

Deacons: Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle, Tom Snider, Pungram Ngatzu, Allen Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday, George Jones

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Individual, Marriage, Family Counseling

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HISPANIC MINISTRY

Conexión 180º Rogelio Lira