CONNECTION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Today's Schedule

Morning Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Children's Church: *Paula Stubblefield*
Praise & Worship: *Praise & Worship Team*
Message: *Rev. Douglas Martin*

6:00PM **CONNECTION NIGHT**

Connection Groups will be meeting at various homes in the area. Everyone is invited as we study the topic "How to Live". If you are not plugged into a Connection Group, please see Rev. Cindy Thomas.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email your announcements to debbieshoup@gmail.com no later than Tuesday.

Look what's happening at CCRO!

GIRLS MINISTRIES DINNER this Wednesday, Feb. 17th. They will be serving spaghetti, salad and a dessert. The cost is $4 for adults, $2 for children and not more than $15 for a family.

WALKING CONNECTION GROUP will be meeting Saturday, February 20th at 9:00am in Marcos Park with parking at Blue Haze Elementary. See Cindy Thomas for a map.

S.A.L.T. WOMEN'S MINISTRIES will be meeting next Sunday, Feb. 21st at 6:00pm. BJ Medina will be sharing with us on impacting others. Come prepared to see what the Lord wants to share through you to others. Bring finger foods and an open heart.

UPPER CLASS SENIORS will be going to the Christian Art Museum to see the was sculpture of the last Supper on Thursday, Feb. 25th. Afterwards, they will be stopping for lunch. They will leave the church at 10am. The museum is free, but they do ask for a donation.

MEN'S MINISTRIES BREAKFAST will be meeting at on Saturday mornings at 9:00 for an hour of food and fellowship. This is a perfect opportunity to get to know one another in an informal setting. All men are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL The Family Foundations Sunday School Class that meets in the fellowship hall is starting a new study by John Bevere titled :The Bait of Satan—Living a Life Free from Offense". Please join us.

Pastor's Corner

ALLELOU, KOINONIA, COMMUNION, CONNECTION

Here we are right in the middle of a time celebrating love and togetherness. Red hearts, chocolate hearts, candy hearts, and confetti hearts makes one thing perfectly clear—much of the world is thinking about the heart, relationship, love, and togetherness.

Throughout the Old Testament we are confronted with the vast distance that exists first in the relationship between God and man and then as a result the problem that exists between man and man. The problem started as a vertical one and then spread from horizon to horizon infecting everything from sea to shining sea draining life from every aspect of human relationship. Bitterness, unforgiveness, jealousy, and envy erupted into slander, malice, anger, fighting, and war. The cost has mounted upon families, tribes, and nations.

On the way to the cross Jesus urged his disciples to commit themselves to togetherness and called them to "Love one another". In the power of His resurrection those disciples found themselves called to close the gap first between God and man and then man and man. The Apostle Paul often used the word "allelou" speaking of "one-another" and called the early church to "prefer one another". He also used a word – "koinonia" which speaks of fellowship and being together. The church had a calling to come together and move closer in proximity within the heart. We today celebrate the wonderful privilege of the Table of the Lord. There at that table we celebrate Him and "one-another". Tonight we have the opportunity of spending time with each other and moving closer in relationship. Tonight we celebrate CONNECTION!

This year Valentine's Day is certainly a day for celebrating our connection to God and our connection to others in His family!

Pastor Doug