

Connection Sunday April 11, 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 meet at various homes in the area. Everyone is invited as we continue studying 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!



WALKING CONNECTION GROUP will be walking Saturday, April 17th at 9:00am. All those who are interested, see Cindy Thomas for the location and more details.

BOWLING CONNECTION GROUP will be bowling Saturday, April 17th. Everyone is invited. Please see Rick Pingel for the time and location.



MEN'S MINISTRIES BREAKFAST meets 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.



S.A.L.T. WOMEN'S MINISTRIES & ARMOR BEARERS MEN'S MINISTRIES will meet next Sunday evening at 6:00pm.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LUNCH will be held on Sunday, April 25th immediately following the morning service. The cost is \$4 per person, not to exceed \$20 per family.



GIRLS MINISTRIES NACHO DINNER is Wednesday, April 21st at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Build your own nachos and have dessert. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.



PRE-TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL class is in need of a teacher. If you are interested, please see Bryan Thomas for more information.



BUDDY BOXES Please don't forget to return your Buddy Box filled with coins for BGMC. The goal this year is \$1000.



Pastor's Corner

DIRECTIONS PLEASE!

*The wind blows where it will, and you hear the sound of it, but **cannot tell where it comes from, and where it is going**: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)*

God compared His Spirit to the wind, a very appropriate comparison indeed. We can't see the wind, and the same goes for God, because He and the wind He created are both invisible. We can see the results of its presence but cannot see it actually blow. The wind blows where it wants to (under meteorological principles), and so does God's Spirit (under God's direction). Though we can't see the wind, we know it's there because we hear the sound and feel it on our bodies. Again, the same goes for God. Though we can't see Him, we can be sure He's there. We can feel Him in our spirit and hear Him in His words.

In the passage I mentioned earlier, Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being born again and also compared being born again to the wind. The phrase "can't tell whether it's coming or going" refers to those who are confused or lost.

Unbelievers have a hard time figuring out the believer. We seem strange and unpredictable to them and worse yet God is a complete mystery! He is often blamed for things and situations that have nothing to do with Him. We are often labeled as "weird", "bigoted", "out-of-touch", "strange", and "fanatical". All because we are born again and not of cheap material—we are born of the Spirit of God! So do not think it is strange that we leave them "bumfuzzled" and "clueless" It is a side effect of the wind of the Spirit when it is observed by someone yet to be transformed! They may call you "weirdo" but God calls you "son"! They can follow you home!

(Where'd That Come From?: Everyday Expressions Found in the Bible.)

Pastor Doug