

Fayette Community Church Communicator

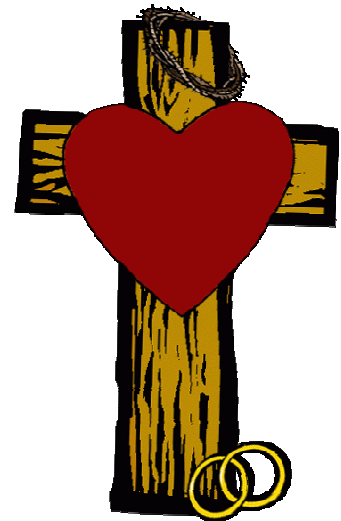
February 2010

Are you looking for a love that lasts? Do you wish you knew how to be a more loving person? Do you ever wonder, "What does love look like, anyway...and how do I find it?" This series is all about finding and living a Love that Never Fails!

Love

Never

Fails



- Jan 24:** Lord Increase Our Love PLEASE!
Jan 31: The Perfect Love—No More Fear
Feb 7: Crazy About My Wife!
Vow Renewal Ceremony Following Worship
***Feb 14:** No Greater Love

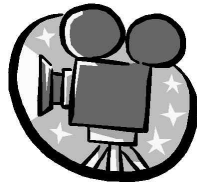


*It's all about
LOVE!*

- Feb 21:** Love Your Neighbor
Feb 28: True Love Waits
Mar 7: My First Love – Single, but Not Alone
Mar 14: With Love, From Grandma & Grandpa
Mar 21: Love – The Most Excellent Way

**On February 14th, a visiting couple will be randomly selected to win a free romantic dinner. Any married couple who visits us for worship between January 24th and February 14th and fills out a visitor card is eligible to win!*

Ladies Movie Night



All ladies are invited to bring your girlfriends and come watch the “Love Comes Softly” movie series on the first Tuesdays of every month (until the series is finished), beginning with the first movie, “Love Comes Softly,” on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM. Free popcorn (and tissues!) will be provided.

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C.M.B. & L.B.A.

The Christian Ministries Board will meet on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 PM followed by the Local Board of Administration at 7:00 PM.

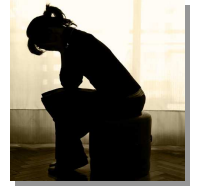
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Join Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters is an opportunity for you to be a blessing to someone else, giving you a chance to do ministry unto the Lord. What does a Secret Sister do? As a Secret Sister, you would be expected (at the very least) to pray for your secret sister regularly (which is the most important part of being a Secret Sister) and to periodically write a card or note of encouragement to let her know that you are praying for her and thinking of her. Many secret sisters also remember each others’ birthdays and anniversaries and try to learn each others’ special interests as well as occasionally buy or make each other small gifts for special occasions, or even “just because.” (Spending money and buying gifts is not a requirement, however.)

If you are a lady (age 18 or older) and would like to participate in this special heart-warming and uplifting ministry, simply fill out one of the forms you received in your bulletins and put it in the box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Additional forms are available near the box, if needed. (If you are out of town for the winter season, you can e-mail Kate Adams to request a form that you can fill out and e-mail back to her at kateadams@iowatelecom.net) In a few weeks Pastor Tenney will draw names and pair you with two ladies – one who will be praying for YOU as your secret sister, and one for whom you will be praying as THEIR secret sister. You will remain secret sisters for one year (Can you keep a secret that long?) at the end of which the secret will be revealed!

give HOPE



heart of ministries offering

Through the annual Heart of Ministries Offering, *Wesleyan Women* strive each year to “give hope” to those in need.

In 2010 the needs have only increased! Last year the General Church asked the *Wesleyan Women* to develop ways for the church to address the issue of Human Trafficking.

Along with the fight to abolish human trafficking, the Heart of Ministries Offering supports many other projects including: Missionary Assistance, Support and Scholarships for Wesleyan Universities, Hephzibah Ministries, and projects to help those in Haiti, Swaziland, and Russia—just to name a few!

Please be in prayer about your contribution to this offering. For more information or to donate, brochures are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary; you may use the envelopes provided in the brochures or simply write “Heart of Ministries” on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate. You can also visit www.wesleyan.org/women and follow the links to donate online or write a check and mail it to Wesleyan Women, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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Ladies Scrapbooking Day

Saturday, February 20th 9:00 AM - ?

All ladies of the church are invited; bring your photos and scrapbooking supplies—you can work on your own scrapbooks or help with the church scrapbook. Brunch will be served; please bring finger-food snacks for grazing and your own drinks. Contact Randa Harrison if you have any questions.



**Tuesday,
February 16th**

Ministry Leaders: Don’t forget to fill out your activity forms for activities, events & dates in March and give them to Kate by the deadline. Extra forms are available on the small table at the back of the sanctuary. Please contact Kate with any questions.

Mission News

“The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.”

—Samuel Zwemer

Monthly Scripture Focus: “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (*James 5:16b NLT*)

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Week 1: January 31—Feb. 6: Pray that our missionaries & MKs would be reminded that God’s grace is sufficient for them. Pray for the power of God to rest on them. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Week 2: February 7—13: Global Partners Asia Area: *Pray that new believers would be discipled so their faith will be solidly built on Christ. Pray for tribal work going on in various places. *In many Asian countries followers of Jesus face persecution. Pray for a hedge of protection around them and that they will be lights shining in the darkness. *Pray that God would give national church leaders & pastors throughout Asia spiritual wisdom and insight so that they might grow in their knowledge of God. (Ephesians 1:17)

Week 3: February 14—20: Cameroon/Democratic Republic of Congo/Ghana: Pray for ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts to receive the Word of God. Pray for receptiveness to the good news of Jesus to spread across these countries.

Week 4: February 21—27: Albania/Bosnia/Croatia/Kosovo: Strong ethnic divisions among people groups & religions continue in many areas of these countries, and spiritual darkness is prevalent. Pray for the Holy Spirit to break the powers of darkness that enslave people. Pray that they would come to know true freedom found in Jesus, the Light.

CSF – Dennis & Mary Ann Barnett: “THANK YOU for your prayers, your encouragement, and your support, for us, and for the ministry of CSF. This has been a challenging year, financially speaking. A number of CSF’s supporters are struggling financially and have had to cut back their giving. These are difficult times, and we understand. Be encouraged though: God is our provider, and he will continue to provide for you—and for us. Other than economic resources, we’ve grown stronger in every area of this ministry, and we believe that God will use His people to get us caught up. Thank you for being a part of the victories that the Lord has given to us in 2009.

The 2009 Furniture Giveaway on Labor Day Saturday was an answer to prayer! By mid-August we only had half the furniture we needed! The week before the event, a large moving van filled with furniture arrived from Valley Christian Church with 15+ helpers to unload it. Luke from Rose Hill Alliance Church filled the CSF front deck with stacks of used bookcases and desks the night before our give-away. We connected with 80+ internationals. God gave us a sunny, clear day and the St. Paul police helped us manage traffic flow. God provided all the help we needed: CSF staff, CSF students/leaders and several volunteers from partnering churches. This year we were done by 6 p.m., instead of last year’s 20-hour weekend giving away & delivering furniture. God is so good!

God answered our prayers for the school year’s 1st “Dinner ‘n Dialogue” outreach. Unsaved internationals with whom we’d connected came to hear Dr. Bruce Simat’s brilliant talk on Human Origin. In October, God also outdid our expectations by bringing 81 internationals & 27 Americans to hear Dr. Robert Osborn’s profound gospel message, “How Bribery Destroys the Soul.” This made our first International Family Night a great success.”

Submitted by Joyce Duncklee

World Hope International – Haiti

(January 13: 1 day after the earthquake) Our brothers and sisters in Haiti have been hit by the largest earthquake the area has seen since the 1700's. As day broke this morning, it became apparent that much of Port-Au-Prince and its surrounding areas have been reduced to rubble. Communications remain sketchy due to severely damaged infrastructure, but the early reports are not good. The Red Cross is estimating that 3 million people have been affected by the major 7.0 magnitude earthquake and its after-shocks. Haiti's Presidential Palace, their White House equivalent, is in ruins, and Haiti's first lady has reported that "Port-Au-Prince has been destroyed." WHI has 60 staff working in Haiti, many of whom live and work in Port-Au-Prince. We have just heard from WHI's country representative Thony Querette; He said he is OK and asked for prayer. We do not know the status of our other staff in the capital area. We also received word from Global Partners missionaries and a team from McLean Bible Church located in Petit-Goave, and they are OK. WHI also has nearly 400 sponsored children in Haiti. We are in the process of determining their status and will communicate more as we are able. While we are not first responders (fire, emergency, rescue) we are preparing to respond with food, water, cooking fuel, tarps...whatever we can to help survivors cope and begin restoring a sense of normalcy to their lives. Most importantly, we want to express the love of Christ and provide comfort and hope. We will update the website with specific action plans as they take shape over the coming hours and days. In the meantime, please pray with us and for our people in Haiti and donate to our relief effort. God bless you; let us pray and work together to aid our Haitian brothers and sisters in need.

Haiti—Day Three: As reality sets in, so does desperation. Swirling emotions are beginning to envelop the survivors. Anger, despair, grief, fear and a powerful survival instinct all contribute to the current social environment in Port-au-Prince. Don't stop praying, friends. Haitians need our prayers more than ever.

World Hope International is fully engaged in the relief efforts in Haiti. We have 60 staff in the Port-au-Prince area and, praise God, we have located all but one. We are trying to locate her whereabouts as I type this e-mail. Please keep her in your prayers today. We have also received incomplete reports regarding our sponsored children. Many of the children are safe and alive, but we have not heard from several of the hardest-hit areas.

I will be traveling to Haiti this Sunday along with our COO, David Erickson ... We will have regular updates on our website (www.worldhope.org) and invite you to stay prayerfully informed about the status of WHI's response to the crisis in Haiti.

I also ask you to consider giving a special gift to our efforts in Haiti at this time. We are currently mobilizing our efforts but we need generous donations to respond to the needs of the Haitian people.

Make your check out to Fayette Community Church & mark it "Missions-Haiti Relief." It will be sent on to World Hope.

Thank you for "loving your neighbor."

Dr. Karl Eastlack, CEO, World Hope International

Hope and Strength (January 21): Praise God! Today they pulled a five year old little boy from the rubble of his home in Port au Prince. His mother is dead and his father is missing, but he is alive. At this point, eight days into this nightmare, we'll take any good news and give the Lord thanks and praise, because there is so much bad news all around me at this very moment.

This morning I visited an orphanage that WHI works closely with in Leogané, twenty miles from downtown Port au Prince. Their three-story building (dormitory, school and chapel) lies in complete ruin. Totally flattened!

It was stunning to look at. Thank God, all 131 children gout out safely, along with their staff. These children now sleep, eat and go to school outside...

...WHI is offering **Hope** and **Strength** to a people who have told me, "Don't forget about us!" **I promised them that I will not forget them and neither will World Hope International.**

Thank you,
Karl

