

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Good morning and welcome to Abundant Life! I am glad that you are here; I consider it an honor to worship the Lord together today. If this is your first time to worship with us please take a minute to complete one of our Welcome Cards located in the guest packet. If you did not receive a guest packet you can get one at the Information Center in the lobby. Once you complete the card either drop it in the basket during the offering or leave it at the Information Center. Again, I am glad that you are here today!

This week we all have been shocked by the reports and pictures of the devastation in Haiti. Many of us have connections with people in Haiti or who are Haitian. Shari and I have pastor friends in Miami, FL who are Haitian and have immigrated to America to serve the Haitian community in Miami.

Whether you know someone there or not, this is a natural disaster that has struck very close to home. The devastation has been tremendous and the loss of life is mounting. We have a responsibility to pray for the residents of this nation. In times like these we are often hard pressed to find the words to pray as the needs are so great and devastating. Here are a few prayer points for you to consider:

- Pray for the recovery of people buried alive in the ruins
- Pray for good weather as the search and recovery continues. The forecast is for heavy rain Sunday and the first of the week.
- Pray for the Christian community in Haiti, for their safety and for them to have opportunity to share the love and hope of Jesus with their friends and countrymen.
- Pray that God would use this disaster to sweep through the nation with revival fires
- Pray for aid to continue to arrive quickly and without interruption and for the rescue workers to have strength and wisdom as they seek to serve in such difficult conditions.
- Pray that the nations of the world would continue to give so that the nation can be restored and rebuilt

The need in Haiti will be long term and require a long term response. Many agencies, including Foursquare Missions International are already responding in many ways. On Sunday, February 17th we will be receiving a special missions offering to assist the people in Haiti as they recover from this tragedy. If you desire to give before then you may do so through the Foursquare website, www.foursquare.org or through one of the many trustworthy agencies working in Haiti such as Samaritan's International or the American Red Cross.

Blessings!
Pastor Bob

Winter Weather and Church Closing – In the event of winter weather, snow, sleet or ice a decision will be made to cancel church services by 7:30AM and the closing will be announced in the following ways:

- Local TV stations – WBTB, WSOC
- Church website: www.livingabundantly.org
- Email notification
- A phone calling plan will be placed into effect to call every home in the church

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

The LEADing Edge – TONIGHT, from 6:00-7:30PM

Whether you currently serve in a leadership role within the church, in your workplace or if you want to learn more about being an effective leader you are invited to be a part of our monthly gathering for leadership training! Childcare is provided. Tonight we begin a video study called *Doing Church as a Team*, by Wayne Cordeiro.

Wednesday Night Connection – New service time 6:30PM – Join us as Pastor Bob leads a study entitled *Rebuilding the Real You* – a study from the Book of Nehemiah. Books are available for purchase for \$12 each, please sign up at the Information Center.

Ladies Bible Study – A Woman's Heart, by Beth Moore

Beginning Tuesday, February 2 from 7-8:30PM

At Jen Staring's home – 157 Foursquare Road

(4 houses beyond the church on the left)

Cost is \$16 for workbook – due by Jan 24

See Jen Staring or Melodie Smith with questions

Childcare in the church fellowship hall

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, January 30 – 8AM in the fellowship hall. We will share a delicious breakfast and discuss plans for our Men's Ministry 2010. Please sign up at the Information Center if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly (*have enough food!*)

PRAYER REQUESTS / NEEDS

- **The Nation of Haiti** – devastating earthquake
- **Danielle Harris** – recuperating from surgery, healing of cancer
- **Madison** – 9 year old cousin of Shannon Covington, healing of cancer
- **Jenny** – Shannon Covington's aunt – healing of cancer
- **Matt Staring's cousin's family in Georgia**, house fire, serious injury to husband and the loss of their baby in the fire.
- Remember those in our church and community who have lost jobs and those who are struggling financially

Upcoming Events

Jan 17 – Church Council Meeting 4PM

Jan 17 – The Leading Edge 6-7:30PM

Jan 23 – Youth Snow Tubing Outing

Jan 30 – Men's Breakfast 8:00AM – Church Fellowship Hall

Jan 31 – Children & Youth Ministry Volunteer Meeting (following Sunday morning service)

Feb 7 – Super Bowl Fellowship 6PM

Feb 13 – Valentine's Banquet