

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

Sunday, February 21, 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!

Most of us have heard of the Nobel Prizes, awards given to scientist, economists, for literary works and for work to bring about peace and unity in the world. But have you ever heard the motivation behind the awards that have been given since 1901? I find the story interesting and challenging.

In 1888 Alfred Nobel's brother was killed while out of the country, the news mistakenly reported that Alfred had died. It condemned him for his invention of dynamite and is said to have brought about his decision to leave a better legacy after his death. The obituary stated *Le marchand de la mort est mort* ("The merchant of death is dead") and went on to say, "Dr. Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday." The erroneous obituary so troubled him that a few years later he signed his last will and testament that left a fortune of \$250 million to establish the foundation that would award the Nobel Prizes annually. Mr. Nobel was concerned about his legacy.

On Wednesday Shari and I had the privilege of joining hundreds of people literally from the four corners of America, in Stockbridge, GA to pay our last respects to Veronica Reece, the wife of our District Supervisor and long time friend Scott Reece. Veronica passed from this life into eternity last Saturday, suddenly and unexpectedly. At the memorial service we laughed and wept as we remembered her life and impact. Veronica leaves four children and a husband that loved her dearly. But she also leaves a legacy of godliness, faithfulness, love, integrity, and the list could go on and on. Simply put she has left a legacy for her children and every life that she touched during her short 45 years on this earth.

As we remembered and celebrated her life, I have been given cause to examine my own life and ask myself some tough questions. What will be said at my funeral service? How will people remember me when I slip from this life into eternity? How will my wife and children remember me when I am not around to remind them of all my great qualities? These are tough questions, but ones that need to be answered now while there is time to make adjustments. Once our day comes to leave this world it will too late to think about our legacy, it will already have been developed. Blessings to you as you develop a lasting legacy!

Pastor Bob

Ladies Softball Team Pancake Super

Friday Night, February 26 beginning at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall

Adults - \$6 / Children under 12 - \$3 – ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Proceeds to go toward softball expenses for the ladies team!

See Melodie Smith for details or to help

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

The LEADing Edge

TONIGHT @ 6:00PM in the Sanctuary

Doing Church As A Team (video conference)

Dr. Wayne Cordeiro, *New Hope Church, Hawaii*

For all church leaders and those interested in learning more about being a leader! Childcare is provided!

OUTREACH REMINDERS

- Today we will be receiving a special missions offering for relief ministry for Haiti
- It is time to turn in your baby bottles filled with change for the Community Pregnancy Center. If you don't have them today please return the bottles as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Wednesday Night Connection – 6:30PM – Join us as Pastor Bob leads a study entitled ***Rebuilding the Real You*** – a study from the Book of Nehemiah.

Men's Bible Study

Disciplines of a Godly Man, by R. Kent Hughes

Beginning Thursday, March 11th from 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost is \$12 for book - due by March 7th

See Matt Staring for details

PRAYER REQUESTS / NEEDS.

- ***The family of Scott Reece*** – Foursquare Southeast District Supervisor and his children as they grieve the passing of his wife Veronica
- ***The Nation of Haiti*** – devastating earthquake
- ***Danielle Harris*** – recuperating from surgery, healing of cancer
- ***Glenda Erwin*** – Pastor Bob's aunt, pancreatic cancer
- ***Madison*** – 9 year old cousin of Shannon Covington, healing of cancer
- ***Jenny*** – Shannon Covington's aunt – healing of cancer
- Remember those in our church and community who have lost jobs and those who are struggling financially

Upcoming Events

2/21 – Church Council Meeting @ 4PM

2/21 – The LEADing Edge – 6PM, *Doing Church as a Team*

2/26 – Pancake Supper - Fundraiser for Ladies Softball Team, Fellowship Hall @ 6PM

March 4-6 – District Men's Retreat, Myrtle Beach, SC

3/9 – Ladies Ministry Meeting @ 6:30PM

3/10 – Conclude *Rebuilding the Real You*

3/11 – Men's Bible Study Begins 6:30PM – *The Disciplines of a Godly Man*

3/21 – The LEADing Edge – 6:30PM

3/31 – Wednesday Night Live – Dinner and Easter Egg Stuffing