

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

Sunday, February 28, 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!

As we continue through the final weeks of winter and look forward to the spring days ahead, it is hard for me to believe that we are at the end of February. It seems that only a few days ago we were still singing Christmas carols and celebrating the New Year. Time flies when you are having fun! As I look back at the first two months of 2010 I can see that God has done some amazing things in us and through us. The plans and vision that He has placed within our hearts is coming to pass step by step, just as He has promised to do.

I see growth in so many lives and in so many areas of the ministry of Abundant Life. One of the things that I shared a few weeks ago on our Vision Sunday in January was that I felt the Lord say that 2010 was to be a year of "Preparation and Assimilation." To me that means that this year is to be a season to ready ourselves for what God has in store for us. It reminds me of Joseph in Egypt after God had given Pharaoh the dream of seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Joseph developed a plan inspired by God to harvest all the extra crops during the years of plenty and then they would be able to live on the extra during the lean years to come. They spent the years of blessing to prepare and get ready for the years of famine.

I don't think the Lord was speaking to me to get ready for tough times, although the days in which we live are exactly that. But I do think He was saying get ready for the harvest of souls that I am going to bring to Abundant Life. Prepare yourselves, develop your ministry teams and make the necessary preparations so that you will be ready for the work of the Lord in our midst.

We have the responsibility to steward our lives and resources in a way that positions us to receive the fullness of God's blessings and grace. To place ourselves in a way that we are ready to receive and handle the blessings that God pours out in our lives and through His ministry in and through us. Are you getting ready? Are you prepared? We all are in this together for the glory of God! Blessings to you!

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

Ladies Softball Team - Pancake Super
Thank you for your support!!!

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

PRAYER & FASTING WEDNESDAY – SEE PRAYER POINTS INSERT!

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.

OUTREACH REMINDER

Last Sunday we received a special missions offering for earthquake relief ministry for Haiti, if you did not have the opportunity to give but would like to please mark your gift "Haiti" and place it in the offering basket. We will be sending the offering to Foursquare Missions soon.

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 and be sure to sign up at the Information Center

Church Work Day

Saturday March 20th from 8AM – Noon

Inside and Outside Work – Watch for a list of projects next week!

PRAYER REQUESTS / NEEDS

- **Steve Mize** – Uncle of Junior Canoy, diagnosed with cancer
- **The family of Scott Reece** – Foursquare Southeast District Supervisor and his children as they mourn the passing of wife & mother Veronica
- **The Nation of Haiti** – continued recovery from devastating earthquake
- **Danielle Harris** –healing of cancer, began chemotherapy Friday
- **Glenda Erwin** – Pastor Bob's aunt, pancreatic cancer
- **Madison** – 9 year old cousin of Shannon Covington, healing of cancer – the doctors removed a tumor from her foot, now she is recuperating and preparing for more surgery
- **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

March Events

- 3 – Day of Prayer & Fasting
- 4-6 – District Men's Retreat, Myrtle Beach, SC
- 9 – Ladies Ministry Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 10 – Conclude *Rebuilding the Real You*
- 11 – Men's Bible Study Begins 6:30PM – *The Disciplines of a Godly Man*
- 14 – **Daylight Savings Time Begins – Turn Your Clock forward 1 Hour**
- 20 – Church Work Day 8AM - NOON
- 21 – The LEADing Edge – 6:30PM
- 31 – Wednesday Night Live – Dinner and Easter Egg Stuffing