

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB

Sunday, August 22, 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! Pastor Bob

As we approach this Sunday morning of worship and ministry I am very excited. It was great to be able to be away for a few weeks but not nearly as great as it to be back. We definitely missed you all!

As I write this brief article I am reminded of the story from the ministry of Jesus when He approached the Pool at Bethesda (John 5). There was a man in need of healing. The tradition was that an angel came down and stirred the waters and the first one in the water would be healed. It sounds like a cruel hoax for everyone except the first one to reach the waters. Many scholars believe that this was a fable and that this was not a way that God's people experienced healing.

Whatever the case may be, when I was in Israel I had the opportunity to lead a devotional time at this site with those on my tour bus. As I had read the Scriptures in advance and thought of my soon approaching opportunity to share the devotion I thought about how Jesus came along and without apology He gave people what they needed. There may not have been an angel that stirred the waters of the pool, but Jesus was there and He certainly stirred the waters in this man's heart.

Jesus is stirring the waters today, this very day. As He stirs them He is saying "come unto me all who need healing, strength, forgiveness – whatever the need," for My grace is sufficient for all your need!"

I sense the Lord stirring the water around us today and the waters around the life of our church. I am more excited than ever about God's work in us and through us.

What is the need in your life today? Come to Jesus and allow Him to meet it!

Blessings!

Pastor Bob

The **Disciple Bible Study** begins Thursday night at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Contact David or Leah Randall for more information 704-799-6346!

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Wednesday Night Worship & The Word

Pastor Bob will be continuing the Bible Study in the Book of Hebrews
Worship begins at 6:30
Kids Ministry is available!

Saturday Evening Prayer

6:30-7:30pm in the sanctuary
Come for the whole hour or come for a few minutes!
Prayer makes all the difference!

Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, August 29 we will take a few minutes at the end of our Sunday morning worship service to share an update on our renovation plans for the Kids Church Building. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ladies Aloft Fall Event

A.L.O.F.T. (Abundant Life, Our Fellowship Together)
Fall Kickoff/Parade of tables Saturday Sept. 11Th
Tickets are \$10 and sale starts Sunday Aug 8Th
See Jessica Dingler for details or purchase your tickets!



What in the World Is Going On?

*A new Sunday morning sermon series beginning Sunday September 12
Pastor Bob will be teaching on the "signs of the times" and how current events in our world today are fulfilling prophecy the points to the soon return of Jesus Christ and the ends of the world as we know it today. This will be an exciting and challenging teaching series.*

PRAYER REQUESTS / NEEDS

- **Danielle Harris** –healing of cancer
- **Glenda Erwin** – Pastor Bob's aunt, pancreatic cancer
- **Serenity House** – please pray for this ministry in our community, that God would provide for their every need

Upcoming Events

August 25 – Church Council Meeting 7:30PM
August 26 – **Disciple Bible Study Begins**
August 29 – Congregational Meeting – Regarding Building Issues
September 1 – Day of Prayer & Fasting
September 11 – Ladies Brunch
September 12 - New Series, What in the World is Going On?
September 19 – Receiving New Members
September 19 – Church Council Meeting, 4pm LEADing Edge 6pm
September 26 – Friends & Family Day