

***BIG Shout out to all who made our Spaghetti feed such a great***

***success!*** With less than 2 months preparation time, the COC Youth ministry leaders and students were able to pull off what others thought wasn't possible.....however, God had another plan.

This would not have been possible without a team of dedicated and creative servants who brought the event to life from the decorating team (camping set); dessert auction & silent auction coordinators; the great talents of musical entertainment present, and the quick and witty cast of kitchen coordinators.

The funds raised will certainly allow for at least 25 Antioch teenagers to go to summer camp this year camping in Oregon along the Rouge River. To God be the Glory for his graciousness and his anointing over the entire team!

***Be Careful You aren't drifting towards the (ICH)...Impenetrable Christian Huddle?***

**Some have characterized the church as a holy huddle...** kind of bent in towards itself...towards each other forming an impenetrable circle sending a message with our back side, "you are not welcome...not wanted...don't disrupt our huddle." That is the message some people get when attempt to try out church...

This is not a knock on our church or any other church but a reminder to be careful. The church is made up of individual believers and personally my own insecurities...my personal bent to be selfish and uncaring about anybody but me...My natural drive to seek familiarity, all fosters a movement...a tendency to drift... towards that impenetrable huddle and if I am not careful I can find myself right in the middle of it. And if you are like me...it is something you need to be careful about to.

***One Story From a Group Fighting against the ICH Tendancy***

***The Gospel Class Outreach Ministry***

There are stories developing faster than we can share them. The outreach teams are connecting with people in our community almost daily and the stories are coming in. Here is one recent developing story. One of our gospel class outreach teams, while attempting to visit a COC guest, noticed across the street from the house they were planning on visiting, two women on a porch and one was crying...They approached the house and sought to give some sympathy. The lady crying was saying, "Where is God...I don't see God..." She was heartbroken over a relationship loss. The group spent significant time listening to her and encouraging her. Since they were a team of three guys, they thought it would be better to have a woman minister to her...and they texted one of our team members who was out visiting in another part of town. She came immediately and spent another hour or more with the woman. That day, the crying lady gave her heart to Jesus. She responded to the gospel like a sponge to water...She was invited to a ladies prayer group meeting the next day and she came eager to see her life move in a different direction...Wow! Praise God...

There are over 25 people in the last three months, who were not attending church anywhere, now coming to church, either to the Antioch or Brentwood campus, as a result of the gospel class outreaches...the visitation ministry. Praise God! May this continue to grow? There are so many people in our community who need the love of Jesus. Will you consider joining us...?

**Join Us Sometime...We go out Every Tuesday...Thursday...Saturday Mornings & Friday nights**

At the Antioch Campus...(9 to noon)...Prayer @ 9am...Fellowship and Discussions @ 9:30am...Team Formations @ 9:50am...Dispatch Teams @ 10am...Return and Report @ 11:45am...Done by Noon

*D.L. Moody* "Do you want to know how you can reach the masses? Go to their homes and enter into sympathy with them. Tell them you have come to do them good, and let them see that you have a heart to feel for them. When they find out that you really love them, all those things that are in their hearts against God and against Christianity will be swept out of the way."

## *One of the Most Important Questions I Have Ever Asked Myself!*

Most of us know people close to us who are not saved...either family members, friends or acquaintances. Many times those closest to us are harder to reach. They have likely heard the message of the gospel from us and so often there is resistance. They will likely be more open to someone else...a peer...a fellow worker...even a stranger. Here is a most important question: Do we want others who may rub shoulders with the people we love and pray for, to be as faithful sharing Christ as we are to the peers...fellow workers...and strangers God may bring into our lives? If your answer is, "No, I don't want others to follow my model because I don't share," that can be changed. Consider coming to the gospel class.

*The 8 week class begins this Sunday*

*Classes begin Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am, 11:30am & 6pm.*

*Very demanding class...but transforming...Don't take the class if you aren't ready to get stretched.*

## *Why don't we share our faith at times when we should?*

Certainly there are times in most of our lives when we do share Christ and later conclude it probably wasn't the best time to share. There are times when we shouldn't share our faith but we do. But most of us don't have that problem. With most of us the problem is that we don't share at times when we should...What keeps most of us silent at times when we should be sharing? There are many reasons we don't share when we should. We fear rejection or straining a relationship...we fear misleading someone...we fall into the category of those who believe people will get the message simply by looking at the way we live our lives...some of us think the relationship never reaches that place, wherever that place is, where it is time to share Christ...and another one is we fear we don't know enough. I want to share a few things about that one here.

## *Do you hesitate to share your faith because you fear you don't know enough?*

How much do you need to know before you know enough? Someone challenged me concerning how many sermons I had heard after 10 years of being a Christian. (How many sermons have you heard?) I figured I had heard over 1000 sermons and he said to me, how many should you take in before you give out? People go to bible conventions, evangelism training seminars and apologetics conferences and unfortunately are not often any more active sharing their faith after such events, than they were before.

We are often crippled by the fear of sharing our faith. Yet it is interesting how most of us can overcome our fears in other arenas. In what area of your life do you exhibit a fearlessness?

Do you fear bungee jumping...hang gliding...fast roller coasters? Most of us love Tower of Terror and Splash Mountain at Disneyland and will even pay a lot of money to do some of these things while statistics say, some people die, doing these things...But when it comes to sharing our faith...free...with little risk right now in America of dying, we are often overwhelmed and paralyzed with fear.

How many of us would overcome our fear of sharing the gospel with people if we knew that we would be given \$1000.00 for every time we got out of our comfort zone and shared? How many of us would honestly have to say we'd be quitting our jobs and our day would begin with diligence at 5am at a Starbucks or wherever we could find people and by 9am we'd have made 4 to 5 to 6 thousand dollars, every day? What's wrong with this picture? What's wrong with my heart if I realize I would do for the love of money what I am unwilling to do for the love

of God? God help us. God Help me! I confess there is a spirit of apathy I battle and I am so easily distracted by less important things. God give me a passion to go...give me a passion to speak up. God Help us...Amen?

**Do you love Kids?**

**Would you Consider Helping With our**

**Evening Children's Team Ministry**

**or**

**Saturday Kids' Club?**

**The Evening Children's Team Ministry**...We have a need for teachers or teacher's helpers every weeknight between 5 and 6pm. If you love Jesus and kids...we would love to have you consider joining one of our children's teams. Right now we especially have a need for help on Monday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested call Tracie at 516-0653...Thanks.

**Saturday Kids' Club**...We meet the first and second Saturday of the month at C & 19<sup>th</sup> in Antioch. Our goal is to eventually have it every Saturday, and we need volunteers to help us carry out all of the fabulous plans for these wonderful children. You don't have to commit to EVERY first or second Saturday, a few times a year would be a huge help! The whole year is scheduled with activities...This month we are doing an Easter egg hunt.

We have plans to do some spectacular things with the kids the rest of the year...Unfortunately; all of these great plans are subject to change based on how many volunteers are available on a given day. To make Saturdays a success we need you. You can help in many ways – reading a story, passing out snacks, making snacks, leading us in prayer, overseeing a craft table, or helping a child one on one, to name a few. Come down and spend a couple of hours from 10:15-12:45. I promise you will come away feeling blessed. If you are interested call Julie at 240-1128

*Julie Verhoek*

**Huge Need for Security at the COC...**Would you consider coming down any weeknight to help be a compassionate presence during our evening activities? If interested call Tracie at 516-0653...Thanks

*Prayer Every Wednesday morning*

*7:30am*

*Antioch Campus...*

*Join us for an Hour of seeking God's face for our Community*

## **Transformed Conference Coming To GHCC**

Ray Comfort and The Way of the Master Team are coming August 20<sup>th</sup> of this year to do a “*Transformed Conference*” at GHCC. **Our first Planning Meeting is Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** – (at GHCC - W248 from 1:30 to 3pm).

We will need many hands to help make this an excellent conference...

Anyone interested in helping please come to the meeting...

CONFIDENTIAL: Please pray for me and my family. I am trying to get me kids back.

CONFIDENTIAL: Please pray for my babies.

DENISE: Pray that I get a vehicle of my own so, I can see my children on a regular basis. Also pray for a job for me so I can make ends meet.

LORI: Please pray for my daughters and my son and for their salvation.

NATHAN: Please pray for my father's health. Also for my business, my finances, my relationship with Denise and for my friend Mike.

DENNIS: Pray for me and my family.

ELIZABETH: Please continue to pray for me & Jose.

CANDANCE: Pray for me and my family.

CANDY: Pray for my son to find the Lord. Also pray for Mike and Danny.

VERNON: Pray that Jesus comes soon.

DONNA: Please pray for the whole world. May there be peace. May god touch each person that they have open hearts and minds.

CONFIDENTIAL: Pray that I am here and not there.

CARY: Pray for us all. Pray for my grandchildren to be safe and healthy and for my wife to get better. Also for a job.

TAMMY: Please pray that I get an apartment.

RICK: Help me please.

LINDA: Please pray that we find a place to live and that Monte find a shelter soon.

STEVE: Please pray for my friend Roy that she stop using God's name in vain. Also pray for Carol and her grandkids and for Pam.

CONFIDENTIAL: Pray for me and my father and two other friends.

CONFIDENTIAL: Please pray for Kathy who is a breast cancer patient.

CONFIDENTIAL: Please pray for my dad who is recovering from triple bypass surgery.

JILL: Pray for Danny, Julie, my mom, and family, COC family and for my sister Susie.

JEANETTE: Please pray for me. I am homeless and I need a place to live. I am 60 years old. My daughter was murdered in June of 2004 and my grandchildren were left without a mother.

CATHY: Pray for my relocation to Sacramento.

LORI: Please pray for me and my family.

JOAN: Please pray for me.

KIMBERELY: Please pray for my granddaughter who will have hip surgery. She is only 4 years old.

CONFIDENTIAL: Please pray for my uncle Tony who is very ill.

BRANDON: Pray that God's will be done in my life and that he gives me his strength, wisdom, hope, discernment and adds more of Himself to me so that I may mature into what he has predestined for my life.

HAILEE: Dear Lord, I want you to know that I love you very much. You are great. I want my friend to be my friend again.

STEVE: Please pray for Norma, her son and her grandson. Also keep my sons and daughter in prayer as well.

ROBBIE: Pray that Robby goes back to work for the tree service soon. We really need the money for rent and to get our truck fixed. Pray that I get a job soon and that I will make right choices.

MARIE: Please keep me in prayer as I have been sick and in the hospital. Pray for the homeless.

CONFIDENTIAL: I pray that my mother gets over being depressed and starts to live her life a healthier way. Pray that my boyfriend gets his anger issues under control and that you lead him to counseling. Pray for

my friends mom who thinks she has cervical cancer.

BOBBY: Please pray for my family as we go through a lot right now.

LATRELL: Please pray for me and the anger I am feeling. Also pray for the person I love to stop using.

KIM: Please pray for my family. We are going through a lot right now and need more of God in our lives.

RICK: Please pray for our business to pick up.

CAROLYN: Please pray for all those who had died.

NORMA: Please pray for Rosa's health. She has had a serious stroke. Pray the Lord heals her.

JOHN: Pray that God protect me as I am homeless.

CONFIDENTIAL: Please pray for my wife and I.

SANDRA: Pray that my reimbursement check will arrive soon.

PHILLIP: Pray I get into a local recovery house and able to find work. CONFIDENTIAL: Pray for me and my girlfriend.

MICHAEL: Pray for Candice to know the Lord.

CONFIDENTIAL: Pray that my grandchildren stay safe and God shows them the road to him. Also for health for my family.

SAL: Please pray that the Lord live in me.

ROBERT: Pray that the Lord provide some work clothes for me.

KEVIN& LADONNA: Pray for protection and a place to stay.

DONNA: Please pray that my son gets a job soon. Also for my nephew who just lost his job. Pray that he either gets his job back or finds a new one quickly