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Serving the World *(Cont. from pg. 2)*

August 8. The Mexico Mission Team was interviewed during services on August 15. Paul and Judy Snuffer, our pastors to EFC missionaries, gave reports last Sunday during the worship services and during the Adult Community hour.

Pastor Update *(Cont. from pg. 3)*

Pastor Josh Casey (High School Pastor) - Pastor Josh has spent a significant time on the road this summer. He has led four high school trips out of state. He continued to work on his Master's in Christian Studies at Trinity Seminary in Deerfield, IL. He participated in four classes this summer racking up 10 hours of credit.

Pastor Paul Hofrichter (Music Ministries) - Pastor Paul recently returned from a three month sabbatical. During this time he served on a three week mission trip with the Janz Team in Germany and Switzerland. He visited twenty one churches during this time to observe trends in worship in three different states. Our church pastors are provided a three month sabbatical for spiritual refreshment after every seven years of ministry.

Legacy *(Cont. from pg. 1)*

impossible. No one can leave a legacy in a dying world - but we can live one! While we live, we can pass on a legacy of life. Every day we are either passing on life or we are passing, on life.

Please join us Sunday mornings as we study 2 Timothy - Paul's final letter in the New Testament. We will explore how to multiply our life and legacy in Missional Living. Missional Living is simply taking on every day with a strategic intention to make life count infinitely, eternally. It is passing on life - reproducing and multiplying life in the lives of others to swell the eternal population of heaven and free hell's captives.

Well, can we count on you as we live the legacy?

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you. And, the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others! 2 Timothy 1:5 and 2:2

September 2010- homepage newsletter

What Legacy are You Passing On?

By Mike Neely

What does a legacy look like? What does it take to pass it on? You may think of a sports team passing on a winning legacy. To do so requires recruiting the most skilled younger players and training them to take the place of past stars. You may think of a legacy of faithful service to the homeland. That too requires recruiting and training new soldiers to replace those who sacrifice their lives in service. Maybe you picture more of a family legacy. A family legacy even more clearly illustrates not only the reproduction of life in children, but passing on the character and values that are transferred through training in relationship.

Missional living is living everyday with the intention of making life count eternally.

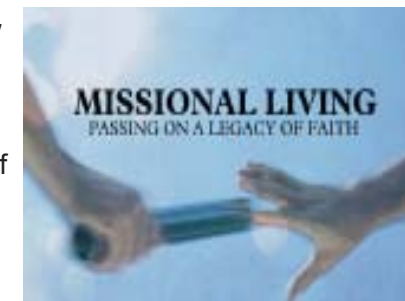
I believe that all of us want to make our lives count and pass on a legacy. We want to make a difference during our lives that continues beyond our lives. But we face two massive obstacles to passing on a legacy. First we all face death. We can't wait until we die to pass on a legacy. It must be lived out in our life first and then passed on in other's lives. Second, we live in a culture of death. The Bible warned us that these last days would be perilous times. If our legacy is only tied to this life and this world - it can not last.

In a dying world it is not only difficult to leave behind something lasting - it is

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Fall Sermon Series Missional Living

The new Sunday morning Fall sermon series begins August 29. The book study of 2 Timothy calls believers to focus on Living Missionally with the goal of "passing on a legacy of faith". Over the next seven weeks the



The new fall sermon series begins Sunday. A free training booklet will be available and will be used throughout the seven week series.

church family will be exposed to the heart of Paul's call to pass on the faith through authentic, caring, intentional relationships in everyday living.

Beginning next Sunday, a free booklet will be made available containing the sermon notes from the fall series of messages. Everyone is encouraged to bring their copy each week and refer to the training manual through the seven week themed sermons.

Start Something New this Fall

Start new spiritual growth. Start new relationships.

Start a new life in Christ. Check out the start dates for opportunities for growth for all ages.



Sept 8 - Rock Solid 3 yrs-4th grade

Solid Life 5th grade
Route 6 - 6th Grade Kickoff
Middle School Free Life Kickoff
High School Free Life Kickoff

Sept 12- Membership Class

Sept 13- Women's Fall Bible Studies

Sept 18- Men's Challenge Night

Sept 19- Friendship Faith Sharing Class

Details and schedules can be found at the fallstart'10 Information Points in the church halls and at www.giefc.org.

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Helping Guests Feel At Home

It's Sunday morning and your standing in the Church Lobby. You see someone you work with or a family from your neighborhood walk in the door for the very first time. You're glad they are here checking things out, so now how can you help them connect? First of all, recognize that you are a key to their experience as you help them connect and as you pray for them to grow in their spiritual growth.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Introduce them to others who are in similar lifestages
- Help them discover common interests with others in the church
- Assist them in situating their children in the Wednesday and Sunday ministries
- Invite them to come along with you to an Adult Community or Men's or Women's event
- Help them find their way to the Gathering Place
- Listen for ways to become further involved in their lives
- Continue helping them connect with others in the coming weeks
- Invite them to come with you to the next Welcome Coffee or Faith Steps Class

Serving the World this Summer

Pat Liebsack (left) led the four person Germany Mission Team. They saw God work mightily in the lives of teens at the English camp. Check out their ministry reports at www.giefc.org.



Lois McNeill, missionary to Russia, presented a riveting update to a large crowd on Sunday morning, August 8.

Upcoming Events

Aug 29
Children's Appreciation/
Training Meal

Aug 29
Motorcycle Free Ride

Sept 1
Women's Fall Kickoff

Sept 17
Spanish Language/Culture
Training

Sept 19
Men's
Challenge Night

Sept 36
Community Life Meeting

Nov 2
Fall Harvest Banquet

The summer months provided opportunities to highlight many of our mission team efforts and updates from several of our missionaries. The Denver Middle School team presented a video update during worship services on June 20. Willie Hunter provided a glimpse of the Gospelink ministry during services on **continued on page 4**

Building Fund Faith Goal

Four months into the 2010-2011 fiscal budget year, the church family has responded with over \$53,000 in special gifts reducing the building loan to \$546,000. At the April Annual Community Life Meeting, the congregation was asked to pray about reducing the building loan from \$599,000 to \$150,000 by April 30, 2011. The church family is well underway towards meeting this Faith Goal. Thanks for praying about your involvement in this effort as we move into the final nine months of this step of faith.

Rock Solid

Kick-Off Family Night

Wednesday, September 8

6:45 - 8:00 p.m. - Worship Center



3 years – 4th Grade and
Solid Life (5th grade)

Join us for a special family presentation by speaker, basketball entertainer and personal coach

Dan Wetzel

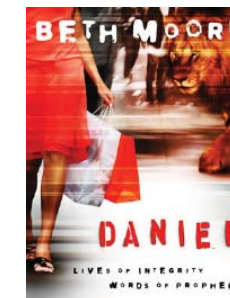
Dan will entertain with his amazing basket ball skills and tricks, and present a Gospel message. This is a special evening for parents to attend with their children. All children need to be accompanied by their parents or a responsible adult.

Pastoral Staff Updates

Pastor Matt Whitman (College & Hispanic Ministries) - The church was saddened to learn of Pastor Matt's recent resignation. We wish him God's best as moves to an Interim Associate Pastor position at the EFC in Lander, WY. Pastor Matt served here as Youth Pastor from 2002-2004 and in his present role beginning in 2006. He and his wife, Camilla, and their two daughters are looking forward to the arrival of child number three in late October. **continued on page 4**

Women's Fall & Winter Bible Study Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

This Beth Moore study of the book of Daniel shows how individuals can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. Please join us for our Fall Women's Bible Studies Kick-off event on September 1, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The first session begins September 13th. Pre-registration is available in the Lobby today, online, and at the Church office through August.



NEW MEMBERS

Doyle and Melanie Denney have been part of our church family for over six years. Doyle has recently retired as principal at GI Northwest High School. He is now serving as the Director of Coaches Ministry with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has been serving with our Rock Solid Ministries for kids. Melanie also just retired from education as a high school counselor at Adams Central High School. She is now involved in a key role as coordinator of our Women's Ministries Bible Studies. Doyle did not attend church regularly as a child. However, it was on a Mexico Mission trip as an adult that Doyle's heart was touched by the missionaries and team leaders on this trip. He then trusted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Melanie grew up in the church, but became aware that she only had a head knowledge of Jesus. It was through a couple's Bible Study that she came to realize her need to accept Jesus Christ as Lord of her life.



Gary and Mary Jewell: Gary grew up with minimal involvement with Christ. As a young adult he became more involved in church, but wasn't aware of his need for Christ until he attended



a Promise Keepers event at the urging of his boss. Gary is grateful that God did not give up on him over the years. As a teen, Mary trusted in Jesus as Savior at a camp. She has sensed His presence in her life through her trials and joys. Mary enjoys the centrality of the Gospel message which they have heard regularly preached over the past year of their attendance at GIEFC. They are part of the Living Room Adult Community. Gary is involved in insurance sales and Mary works in Admissions at St. Francis Medical Center.

These individuals have applied for church membership. They have been approved by the Board of Elders. They are now being presented to the church membership. Following a thirty day comment period, they will be welcomed as voting members of the congregation. Membership applications are available at www.giefc.org.