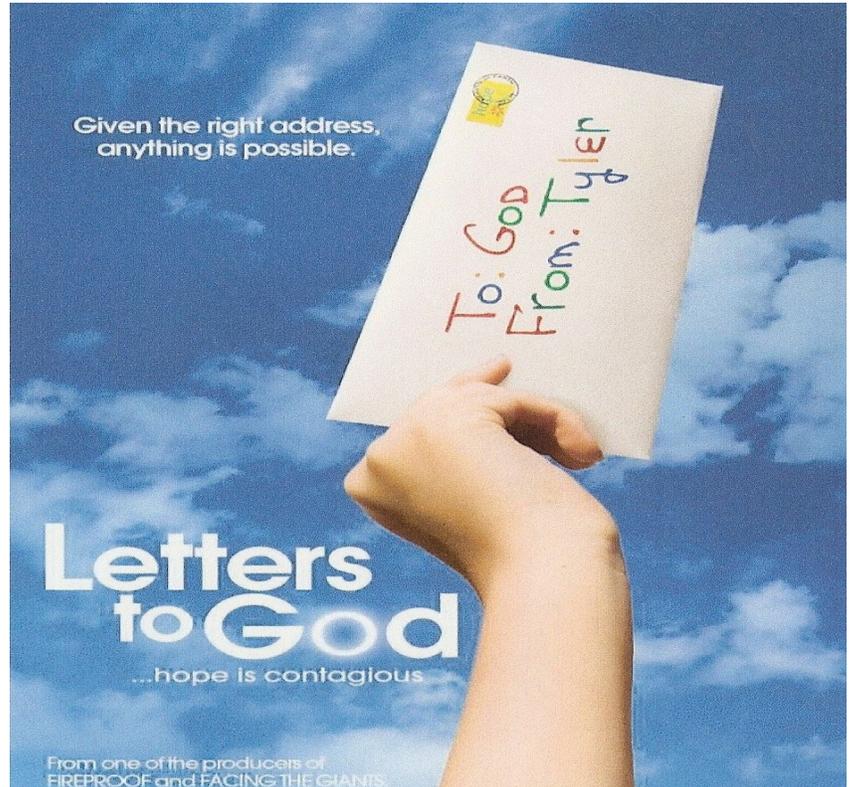


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For the Whole Family



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**From Dan's Desk*****The Newness of Spring***

You may be familiar with that little limerick that goes, "Spring has sprung, the grass has ris, I wonder where the flower is?" Despite the poor grammar, the point is valid. Springtime is God's way of showing us new life. The promise of Spring is the newness of life, made sure by the new life God so faithfully brings forth every year.

But sometimes it is difficult to see this when we look at our own lives. We grow weary as the flower of youth fades. But the promise of God stands sure for the believer. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, "through outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (II Cor. 4:16). At my age, I know what they mean when they said "the old gray mare she ain't what she used to be." The old body just wears out. And it doesn't matter if we're 20 or 50 or 90 years of age, all of us are "outwardly wasting away," as the Bible says.

Pretty depressing, I know. But the good news is that for the Christian God is renewing us inwardly each day. By the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit. God is renewing us, strengthening us, and bringing the power of His new life into our lives each day. And it does not matter what is happening to us physically, the renewing power of the life of Jesus Christ is there to strengthen our spirits on a daily basis.

This gives us strength for today and hope for tomorrow. For no matter what may happen to us on the outside, inwardly our spirits are being renewed by the same God who faithfully brings spring flowers out of the winter snow.

This is what gives us the courage to go on—the renewing power of the life of God at work in us. And by the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we have this power and this hope not only for this life, but for the age to come, where we will know His renewing power in full, by the redemption of our bodies. The resurrection of Jesus proves it, and the flowers of Spring are but little reminders of God's faithful promise to bring His new life to a waiting creation burdened with the cold snow of winter. So let's rejoice at what we see God doing in us and around us, for we know that just as certainly as Spring follows Winter, the new life of God is coming.

For Him,
Dan

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From David's Pondering Pool...



30 Hour Famine Campaign 2011

It's that time of the year again. It's that time when we as a church have the chance to step up and be the hands and feet of Jesus all across the world. During last year's 30HF campaign we raised over \$2,600, which ended up providing over 60 children with food for an entire year! Now it's time again to reach down deep, roll up our sleeves, and help out even more children in desperate need of life's most basic needs.

I could go on and on about all of the reasons why I'm so passionate about this project. I could talk about the statistics: about how every day hunger kills 8,000 kids under age 5; about how 1 in 6 people on this earth go to bed hungry every night. I could even talk about all of the research I've done concerning World Vision, and how they work not only to feed those in immediate need but also to supply the poor with training, land, seeds, and tools so that the cycle of hunger and poverty can be broken. Instead I'd like to share with you a short story about the biggest reason why I'm so passionate about the 30 Hour Famine.

I was four years old. I don't remember a whole lot about that day, but I remember it was hot. We were living in Honduras at the time, and we had just recently adopted my younger brother Daniel from a family who lived in a village in the mountains. We were going up to visit my brother's family. I remember the adoption process was a long one with many twists and turns, so I think we may have had to get their signatures for something or another.

I slept most of the way to the village, but I remember the pavement becoming gravel, and then becoming nothing more than a road carved out of dirt and clay. I drifted off to sleep as the car made its way up the mountainside. I woke up in the arms of a man I did not know, and I remember being really scared. Next thing I knew he sat me down on the dirt floor of the hut where my new baby brother would have grown up. That was when I saw something that will never leave my mind.

There were several children playing outside of the hut. Some of them may have been Daniel's biological brothers or sisters, but I don't know. They weren't wearing much clothing, in fact some of the smallest ones were completely naked. I remember their hair being orange, which is unnatural for Hondurans, whose skin is dark and whose hair is jet black. I learned later that the orange hair was caused by malnutrition. One little boy, who couldn't have been much older than I was at the time, was sitting against the outside wall of the hut. Flies were swarming around his eyes, and his stomach was swollen beyond reasonable explanation. That was because of malnutrition also. He looked tired, like an old man trapped in a child's body, and the look on his face will never leave my memory.

I pray that this isn't the case, but chances are likely that several of those children are gone today. Malnutrition causes all kinds of problems and illnesses, and some children even literally starve to death. I will never forget the moment when my eyes met with those of that starving child who could have been my brother.

There are few people in this whole world that I love more dearly than my brother Daniel. We've been partners in crime since the day he could walk. He was the best man at my wedding. As I look back on the day we went and visited his family, I can't help but wonder what if? What if God had not brought him into our family? Would he still be around today? Would his hair be orange? Would his stomach be swollen?

Hunger for me is not a faceless issue. Growing up, we had our moments just like any other siblings, but I can't imagine what life would be like for me without my brother in it. This year's 30 Hour Famine campaign will be to honor the Lord. It will be to do His work, to feed His children. To care for the least of these. And all along the way, I will remember those kids who might not have been as lucky as my brother and I. God can use us to make a difference in this world, and I'd like to invite you over the next 8 weeks to stand together with me.



Ben Merold, a well known preacher, used to say, "a small church is a friendly church but they're usually friendly with each other. They don't usually get out of their comfort zones

when new people come in." Well, a church in Florida understood this, so they established these rules that may help us in reaching people for Jesus.

1. **The 10 foot rule:** If you come within 10 feet of an other person, from the time you get out of your car until the time you get back in your car, you should smile, make eye contact, and say "hello" (whether you know them or not).
2. **The 5 minute rule:** Immediately following the service, please use the first 5 minutes to seek out someone you don't know and introduce yourself to them. Don't discuss business or rush to a meeting. Put first things first and be friendly.
3. **The 2 person rule:** At this church, nobody should sit alone. Any visitor who enters our building should never sit by themselves. Move to where the newcomer is sitting and ask to share the seat next to them. Introduce yourselves and talk with them informally about the church or other topics. Nobody should ever stand alone in the lobby either. If you notice someone who is alone, take advantage of this opportunity to get acquainted.

Remember the Bible speaks of the church not as something that we do but as something that we are!



New Member Reception & Chili Cookoff!

Bring a crock-pot of your favorite chili recipe to share.

Then MEET, GREET & EAT with the new members at WSCC!

Sunday- March 6, 2011

After 2nd service. In the gym.

We have 3 Chili Categories:

- **MILD:** family friendly & flavorful!
- **MEDIUM:** Little bit of heat to warm up those tastebuds!
- **HOT:** Hot-n-spicy. Eat at your own risk.
You may break a sweat & need water!

Sign up & list what category of chili you are making & how many guests.



Sound Tech Training

Sundays

March 13, 20, &
27th

5:15PM to 6:00 PM

Support our Troops

Chaplain Ben Dillon
c/o Dawn Dillon
10736 Darneal Dr.
Fountain, CO 80817



Update your
Directory
Wayne & Linda
Kieser
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Hymn Formation (c)
by Sam Sippel

In 1939, Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993) found himself riding the Chicago to Cincinnati train again. As a travelling musician and composer, he had ridden that train many times.

The train snaked through Southern Indiana's Whitewater River Gorge. Soon, it reached Richmond, IN. As the train passed through town, it approached the Starr Piano Company. Through the window, he could see the big factory building that sported the parrot logo that proclaimed "Home of Gennett Records."

The building triggered many memories for Tom. He had recorded there many times over the last 20 years. He also remembered the times that this very train had stopped or spoiled recording sessions.

After leaving town, the train proceeded through the Indiana countryside. He saw horses, sheep, cows, and other animals peacefully grazing together.

An old spiritual came to mind, "We shall walk the valley in peace." It's words have been haunting him for weeks.

"We shall walk through the valley in peace
And if Jesus Himself shall be our leader
We shall walk through the valley in peace."

Another verse began, "There will be no sorrowing there." Dorsey had battled numerous personal and physical problems including the death of his wife and infant daughter. The idea of "no sorrowing there" doubtless appealed to a man who had faced Job-like tests of faith.

Dorsey's mind wandered. He looked out the window and saw that endless farmland again. Maybe he looked at the nearby newspaper that contained news of the pending World War. He reached for his notebook and began writing a new song inspired by the old spiritual.

"There will be peace in the valley for me someday
There will be peace in the valley for me
Oh Lord, I pray
There will be no sadness, no sorrow
No trouble, I see
There will be peace in the valley for me"

Although the song was popular, it didn't become a standard until Red Foley & Elvis Presley waxed their famous recordings.

Dorsey's compositions touched the lives of many. The songs won the admiration of his peers, especially Mahalia Jackson, who called him the "Irving Berlin of our race." Ironically, Rev. Thos. A. Dorsey, the black gospel pianist-composer is often confused with Tommy Dorsey, the popular white bandleader-trombonist. They are two different people.

When he died in 1993, Dorsey finally walked through the valley of peace. He took the hand of his Precious Lord Who led him to heaven.

Bible Trivia

This month's trivia is a nod to the

Ladies' Wed. morning Bible study.

The rider of the pale horse was given power to kill how many...?

Revelation 6:8
beasts.
wild
to kill by sword, fam-
A fourth of the earth,

What is the rider of the white horse called?

Revelation 19:11
Faithful and true.

What do the armies of heaven ride?

Revelation 19:14
White horses.

Who ran faster than Ahab's horse and chariot all the way to Jezreel?

I Kings 18:46
Elijah

A horse is a vain hope for _____?

Despite all it's great strength it cannot _____.

Psalms 33:7
Deliverance & Save



- Seniors on the Go– March 8th Riley’s in Springdale.
- Small Group led by Wayne and Linda Kieser meets Tuesdays at March 8 and 22, 7pm , at 1205 Kailyn Ct., Hamilton, Ohio.
- Senior Play Day - March 10 and 24th at noon. Come join the fun. Barb Ramsey and Ruth Ann Schaffer skunked Bob Ramsey and Bill Schaffer at beanbag.

“Thank you for your thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. We are so blessed to have our church family & the support & comforting words from Dan & Pete. The food, cards, flowers & your presence at the visitation & funeral for our son, David, were so much appreciated. We love each & everyone at West Side.” Louie & Bonnie Spaulding.

“Thank you for your thoughts & prayers at a very difficult time. Thank you to those who prepared food for the dinner, it was very much appreciated.” Glenn & Karen Sandlin & Family of David Spaulding.



Give a bit of heaven in 2011!! The annual membership drive for the Mt. Healthy Christian Home Auxiliary is in progress. Small gifts from many people help make life nicer for the residents. Your membership dues helps the Auxiliary enhance the lives of the residents by providing funds for the little extras that bring sunshine to the residents. Membership dues are \$3 for the individual and \$5 for the family.

You are encouraged to attend the Auxiliary meeting on April 12 at 10:15 am.

Mt. Healthy Christian Home has ministry opportunities requiring a variety of talents and some that simply require time and interest. These opportunities would fill as little as a few hours a month or as much time as a person wants to donate.

Let’s make a difference in the lives of the residents of Mt. Healthy Christian Home.

Forms are at the Welcome Center.



“WSCC Cookbook: Let’s collect our favorite church recipes & raise funds for 30 Hour Famine. Please stop by the 30 Hour Famine booth outside of the foyer to receive a form to write your favorite recipe(s) on & return them by March 20th. All proceeds will go directly toward our 30

Hour Famine goal.”

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Nick Arnold**
 - Darrell Collins**
 - Lynne Davidson**
 - Donna Elams**
 - Dennis Haynes**
 - Callie & Floyd Grubb**
 - Judy Guadagno**
 - Travis Kinch**
 - George McNally**
 - Norma Ramsey**
 - Bill & Mag Thacker**
 - Bailey Walker**
- All with health concerns

- Sophie Bovenizer**
- Bill Chamberlain**
- Helen Dye**
- Anna George**
- Dolle Haven**
- Earl Kieser**
- Mae Lasley**
- Dale Richter**
- Ruby Wyatt**
- homebound

David Spaulding
bereavement



**Communion Preparation for
March Searchers Class
Roger Richardson**

March 6

9:00 At the Table: Bill Gabbard, John Van Sickle
9:00 Serving Communion: Willard Adkins, Ron Baker, Roy Barker, Bill Brunner, Brian Butts, John Cole, Darrell Collins, Ray Dalton
9:00 Benediction: John Van Sickle
Home Communion: Ray Dalton, Neil Geyer
Exit Greeters: Dave Combs (SD), Bill Arnold (BD)

March 13

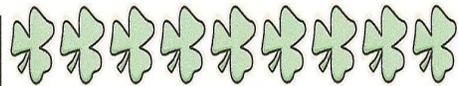
9:00 At the Table: Bill Arnold, Dave Combs
9:00 Serving Communion: Marc Gabbard, Ron Gann, Wayne Kieser, John Lowery, Bob Scaeffler, Elmer Scarth, Louie Spaulding, Chris Thompson
9:00 Benediction: Neil Geyer
Home Communion: John Van Sickle, Mark Hinkle
Exit Greeters: Al Miller (SD), Mark Hinkle (BD)

March 20

9:00 At the Table: Al Miller, Frank Owens
9:00 Serving Communion: Bill Gabbard, Bill Arnold, Dave Combs, Neil Geyer, Willard Adkins, Ron Baker, Roy Barker, Brian Butts
9:00 Benediction: Frank Owens
Home Communion: Dan Knisley, Pete Taylor
Exit Greeters: Neil Geyer (SD), John Cole (BD)

March 27

9:00 At the Table: Bill Sandlin, Neil Geyer
9:00 Serving Communion: John Cole, Darrell Collins, Ray Dalton, George McNally, Frank Owens, Marc Gabbard, Bob Scaeffler, Elmer Scarth
9:00 Benediction: Pete Taylor
Home Communion: Clay Hinkle, Mark Hinkle
Exit Greeters: Frank Owens (SD), Mike Thacker (BD)



Birthdays

- 3. Kim Lipscomb
- Andrea Rehkamp
- Cole Thompson
- Rachel Whitehurst
- Dave Combs
- Annette Adkins
- Helen Dye
- Bonita Gay
- Louise Gabbard
- Ada Bonar
- Cindy Hinkle
- Red Reatherford
- Darrell Collins
- Chelsie Owens
- Devona Pater
- Eugene Simmons
- Sam Sippel
- Mike Clayton
- Faye Reatherford
- Cheryl Dalton
- Julie Perry
- Eunice Murphy
- Mike Thacker, Sr.
- Gwen Dees
- Sharon Rich
- 27. Mason Lipscomb
- Janet
- Fields
- 28. Carita Baker
- 29. Kenneth Brehm
- 30. Mae Lasley
- Barb Ramsey
- Emily Ulrich

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 07. Bob & Ruth Schaeffer
- 11. Dave & Carol Combs
- 21. Roy & Carol Barker





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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

March 1	Staff meeting 10:30 am
March 2	Women's Bible Study
March 6	New Members & Chili Cook-off
March 6	Letters to God Movie
March 7	God's Girls
March 8	Fun Bunch to Riley's
March 8	Small group at Kieser's
March 9	Women's Bible Study
March 10	Senior Play Day
March 13	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 13	Sound Tech Training @ 5:15 pm
March 14	Caller deadline
March 15	Staff meeting 10:30 am
March 15	Leadership meeting 11:30 am
March 16	Women's Bible Study
March 20	Sound Tech Training @ 5:15 pm
March 22	Small group at Kieser's
March 23	Women's Bible Study
March 24	Senior Play Day
March 27	Sound Tech Training @ 5:15 pm
March 30	Women's Bible Study

Regular Services

Sunday:

Traditional Service	9:00 am
Bible School	10:15 am
Contemporary Service	11:15 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Youth Meeting	6:00 pm

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study	9:30 am
Evening Bible Study	6:30 pm

Fifth Sunday:

Bible School	9:30 am
Combined Service	10:30 am