

# Sunrise Christian Church

## February 2011 Family Newsletter



**"His banner over me is love."**

SoS 2:4

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**SCC's mission is to:**  
*Love, Learn and Lead*

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### Why go to Church?

supplied by Susan Barton

A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of

the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! Amen!

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Our absence from, or lack of, church attendance is important to God, for in the Bible we are told, "**Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing**" (Heb. 10:25).

So in order to fulfill Christ's wishes, SCC will have a:

### No-Excuse Sunday ☺

- \* Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- \* There will be a section with lounge chairs for those who feel our pews are too hard.
- \* We will have steel helmets for those who say,

"The roof will cave in if I ever came to church."

\* Blankets will be provided for those who think,

"The church is too cold."

\* Fans will be provided for those who think, "The church is too hot."

\* Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

\* One section will have trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

\* The sanctuary will be decorated with both poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

(Supplied by Keith and Jessie Steele)

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I hope this amusing article made you stop and think, as this is what its intended purpose was. Yet being a Christian means that we have committed ourselves to Christ and those things he values. Acting like the church means that we have a role to play; our attendance shows others what is valuable to us. We are able to encourage one another on those occasions when we meet for the purpose of worship. Our time of being at and of

being the church is a time when we are able to hear things together- at the same time. And though we can worship God by ourselves, we cannot worship Him if we willingly choose to not be part of the body of Christ! So lets all join in making our time together special to God and to each other! **Bill**

**SCC's Children's ministry**



Jesus said, **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”**

Matt. 19:14

And Carol DeHaas, Thelma Smith, and Debbie Wilson have been doing exactly this! Each of us need to congratulate them for their hard work, innovative ideas, and tender hearts towards the kids. Without servants like these God's kingdom would not be expanding as it is! With that, Carol needs to be gone later in February and therefore is looking for someone to take her place while she is gone. Please get hold of her if you're interested and she'll give you more information.

Sunrise C.C. will again have a VBS program during the early part of June, and so Jesse Steele will be on the lookout for volunteers. Remember- she makes it FUN!

Cove Christian Camp's camping program begins June 19<sup>th</sup> for the High school group, and ends on July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade camp. More information about these camps will be available later.

**Kids Say the Darndest Things**

**The Commandments:**

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Then without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

**Kids Praying:**

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully pronounced each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail."

Three year old boy: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

One four-year old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

**Faith and Doubt**

Anonymous

Doubt sees the obstacles,  
 Faith sees a way;  
 Doubt sees the blackest night,  
 Faith sees the day;  
 Doubt dreads to take a step,  
 Faith soars on high;

Doubt questions, "Who believes?"  
 Faith answers, "I"!

Remember, doubt looks at what you can do, while faith looks at what God can do through you!

**Hope Resource Center** is the new name of the local ministry that used to be known as Pregnancy Resource Center. The name change came with their move into a new building. This building is located at 17 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., and faces Idaho Ave. Here is part of their mission statement:

*“Christ is the foundation of this ministry. Board members, staff, and volunteers endeavor to model Christ in every aspect of the ministry. We strive to promote a Christian world view that affirms the sanctity of human life. We are committed to reach all segments of our society with a life affirming message that makes abortion unnecessary and life a celebration.”*

Hope Pregnancy Center is supported by churches, businesses, and individuals just like you and me, so during the month of February we will have our annual **Baby Bottle drive** where we collect change, checks, and greenbacks. So pick up a baby bottle and start collecting change and money for them. And, keep them in prayer while doing so.

Some may wonder why we have so many fundraising activities here at SCC. Part of the

reason is that these ministries need our help- they could not exist without our support. The second reason is that by helping to support a ministry, we join in their efforts- we become part of them and they us. The third and greatest reason is that we are called to a life of service, and service means giving. To the church in Ephesus, Paul writes this: “**We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works...**” (Eph. 2:10). So, let’s keep up God’s good work!