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## VERSE OF THE YEAR 2010

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. —Psalm 127:1(ESV)

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

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## For Whom the Bell Tolls

by Rev. Douglas W. Merkey, President, Churches for Life, [www.getintolife.org](http://www.getintolife.org)

Dong! 1.25 million      Dong! 1.33 million      Dong! 1.42 million

For years, Twin Oaks' Life Team presents the "tolling of the bells" in our morning worship service to soberly communicate the death toll that legalized abortion has had in our nation since 1973. In 2010, that bell will toll 37 times, representing over 50 million killed unborn children.

As our culture deepens its love affair with killing, it is a real possibility that the Life Team will soon need to add 2 additional layers of bell-tolling: one for human embryos killed by experimentation, research, and some fertility technologies, and one for infirm or elderly persons killed through legalized euthanasia. How many times do you think the bell will have to toll for these before our church and nation wake up to this horrible affront to the gospel and our God of life?

Dong! 2.8 million?      Dong! 1.7 million?      Dong! 6.2 million?

Only God knows. He also knows that He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:6). He knows that He rescued us from eternal death to give us the gift of eternal life through faith in His only Son, Jesus. He knows He lives in us as the life-giving God by His Spirit. And He knows He wants to live through us to bring life, spiritual and physical, to those in peril around us; including those in the womb, in the experimenter's Petri dish, and in our nation's infirmaries.

But do we know it? More importantly, do we know Him? Are we aware of the life-loving nature of our God and how we as His redeemed are proof of His life-rescuing heart? Do our actions prove our belief? Twin Oaks' Life Team will present some great opportuni-

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## Financial Freedom in Crown Ministries

by Mark Hawkins, TOPC Business Administrator

God's word is a wonderful guide for all areas of our life. Applying the word consistently to our lives will result in changed hearts and fruitful living. An area where the Bible devotes significant attention is in the area of money and material possessions. There are over two thousand verses devoted to these topics. Please plan on attending the Crown Ministries Journey to True Financial Freedom here at Twin Oaks on Saturday, January 16th to learn more about what God has to say about our material possessions. Twin Oaks has had a long standing partnership with Crown Ministries and this will be the third consecutive year we have kicked off the 10 week study with the one day seminar. The seminar will cover a wide range of topics including getting out of debt, making good financial decisions, and preparing for retirement. The seminar is a wonderful refresher course for those who have been through the ten week study. It also provides an opportunity for those who have heard about Crown to come and check it out without making a ten week commitment. We have received very positive feedback from the previous seminars and are aware of


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ties to prove our belief on Sunday morning, January 24. In addition, many churches from our region will come together on Sunday night, January 24, 6:00 PM AT TOPC for combined prayer, worship, and challenge. Why not set aside January 24 as an opportunity for God to direct you in what you can do?

- Dong! 4.1 million... embryos have been killed by an embryonic researcher...
- Dong! O Jesus, thank you for giving me physical and spiritual life...
- Dong! 5.8 million...grandparents euthanized...
- Dong! O Lord, please use me to give life to others in peril...
- Dong! 2.9 million... “useless,” “resource-draining,” infirm people put out of their “misery”...
- Dong! O, Lord!
- Dong! O! 

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many lives that have been profoundly impacted by Crown. This should not be surprising because we know God’s word is indeed powerful and Crown Ministries is faithful to the word. The speaker is from Crown and he sprinkles his talk with both humor and real life illustrations to keep everyone’s attention. Twin Oaks longs for all our congregants to know the true financial freedom that comes from applying God’s truths to one’s finances. Join us Saturday January 16, at 8:30 AM to begin your journey to financial freedom. Cost is \$25 per participant and you may enroll by calling the church office or by registering online at Crown.org. For more information please contact Mark Hawkins. 

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

**Parents and volunteers are requested to attend a Children’s Ministry meeting Sunday, January 3 at 5:00 PM.**

**From Pastor Bill Myers:**

There have been some changes in Children’s Ministries. I will give direction to Children’s Ministries on an interim basis and Wendy will be working closely with me. We had a meeting on Sunday, December 20, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM where parents, Sunday school teachers, elders, and other interested church members met to talk about where do we go from here. It was a good time of listening to and learning from one another. We will resume discussions on Sunday, January 3 at 5:00 PM. Hopefully you all received

the Children’s E-letter that was sent the end of December outlining some of the discussion points. If not, please send an email to me at: [bmyers@twinoakschurch.org](mailto:bmyers@twinoakschurch.org) so I have your address and can keep you informed.

We are thankful for parent volunteers who have stepped forward to help keep Children’s Ministries running smoothly. Martha Willy is coordinating Children’s Church and will prepare the packets and remind parents when it is their Sunday to serve. Thank you Martha!

Sunday school teachers are in place and will continue to lovingly teach your children from 9:00 – 9:45 every Sunday morning. Thank you teachers!

Wednesday night Children’s programs will resume on January 6, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Tami Claycomb will head up Kids4Truth for our PreK, Kindergarden, and 1st graders. Wendy will head up Nic at Night for our 2nd – 6th graders.


**Sing! Jr.** will no longer meet at 5:45 PM. It will be incorporated into the 6:30 – 8:30 PM programs.

**Joymakers** will continue to meet though the time is TBD, stay tuned!

We invite any help in Children’s Ministries, please send me an email with your ideas and willingness.

God is good, all the time! Bill

## CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

 **WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER, NOW 5:15 PM**  
Sign up on the pew pad, call into the church office or e-mail Heidi Trauth at [htrauth@twinoakschurch.org](mailto:htrauth@twinoakschurch.org) by Mondays at noon to reserve your meal(s). Cost is \$6 per person ages 11 and older, \$3 ages 3 to 10, \$20 max per family. As this is a fellowship ministry, we will no longer accommodate to-go meals. We appreciate your sensitivity to the cost of this ministry by making your reservations on time.

Dinners resume January 6.

## COLLEGE LIFE

 **COLLEGE LIFE BIBLE STUDY**

Join other college students as we explore the Parables of Jesus together. We meet at Danny and Lizzie Simpson’s home every Sunday night at 7:00 PM Call Danny at 314.620.5874.

## COMMUNITY MINISTRY

### ☛ HONORED GUEST LUNCHEON SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

If you are a visitor, attending non-member, or just want to know how to get better connected to our TOPC church family, you are invited to join us for lunch. This is a great place to just sit, eat, and get to know people. Register with Gwen Pollex in the church office.

### ☛ INQUIRER'S CLASS, JANUARY 29—31

If you are contemplating membership or would just like to understand the teachings of TOPC, you are encouraged to attend this weekend class. Members are encouraged to invite attending, non-members to this enriching weekend of fellowship. To register or for more information contact Rev. Bill Myers or Gwen Pollex in the church office.

### ☛ CELEBRATE RECOVERY NEEDS YOUR EXPERTISE

If you bake, cook, or are an undiscovered chef, the Celebrate Recovery group would be happy to help you make your dreams come true! Please consider donating desserts or helping with meal preparation and serving on Friday nights. We love seeing new faces! Contact Susan Brewer at 636.273.0095, [sgbrewer2@gmail.com](mailto:sgbrewer2@gmail.com) or Marsha King at 636.391.0004, [makingstuff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:makingstuff@sbcglobal.net)

### ☛ FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for donations to help members of the church. The food pantry needs:

- **Non-food items:** Paper products including toilet paper, facial tissue, and paper towels.
- **Personal hygiene items:** Razors (men and women's), tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo and conditioner, and body soap or soap bars.
- **Cleaning products:** Dish soap and dish washing detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, fabric softener, all purpose cleaners, disinfectant sprays and/or wipes.
- **Food items:** We ask that you donate items that you would like to have. Please make sure donations are in original packaging, undamaged, unopened, and have not expired.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions for the food pantry, e-mail Matt Merrick at [mstmerrick@gmail.com](mailto:mstmerrick@gmail.com).

### ☛ PRODUCE CO-OP

This biweekly program is available to encourage families to eat healthy at a great price! Your check is your order so you participate when it is convenient for you. Money is due to Corinne Lattimer in the church office by the dates below. Cost is \$23 per box. Please contact Corinne Lattimer with any questions at [youth@twinoakchurch.org](mailto:youth@twinoakchurch.org). Enjoy God's Food!

Money due Sunday, January 10  
Delivery on Wednesday January 13, 3:30 PM

Money due Sunday, January 24

Delivery on Wednesday January 27, 3:30 PM

## DIACONATE

### ☛ DEACONS FOR JANUARY

01/03/2010	Craig Philipp	314.724.2951
01/10/2010	David Plocek	314.637.2422
01/17/2010	Rick Reynolds	314.401.9634
01/24/2010	Tim Smith	636.484.4384
01/31/2010	Scott Stinehagen	314.616.4134
02/07/2010	Clark Stout	314.394.5297

## FAMILY NEWS BY PASTOR BUD

### ☛ JANUARY BIRTHS & BIRTHDAYS

**Peter and Sarah Hon** gave birth to Leah Hon on the 10th of November. On the 23rd of November, **Greg and Laura Wagener** gave birth to Owen Samuel Wagener. He weighed 9 lbs., 6 ozs. Logan Wagener is his "big" brother. **Brad and Jodi Brasfield** gave birth to Julia Taylor Brasfield on December 9.

Please congratulate **Mark Hawkins**, our Business Administrator, on January 5, as he celebrates his birthday. Celebrate with **Bud Moginot**, Pastor Emeritus, on January 19.

## GOLDEN OAK SENIORS

Hoping you enjoyed the Blessed Holy Season with family and friends. Thank you all for your prayers, love, and support. Looking forward to another adventurous year filled with fun and fellowship.

In Christ's Love, Golden Oaks Executive Board

## COUNSELING MINISTRY

**DIVORCE CARE** and **SAFE PEOPLE** Wednesdays, 6:30 PM—8:30 PM. Call Dayna Osborne at 636.449.1265 to register. Child care is available.

**Dayna Osborne**, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), employed by Wellspring Christian Counseling, serves individuals, couples, and families in her Twin Oaks office. She has experience working with a wide range of client issues. Some insurance plans will provide reimbursement for clients working with an out of network LPC. Scholarship applications are also available.

Dayna offers day appointments Monday through Thursday and evening appointments on Monday. You can call

her directly to schedule an appointment or ask questions, 636.449.1265 or dosborne@wellspringstl.org.

You can help her spread the word about Wellspring at Twin Oaks by providing Wellspring brochures and her business cards to your family and friends who might have or know of someone who has a counseling need. If you or someone else would like more information about Wellspring or would like to read Dayna’s bio, the website can be found at [www.wellspringstl.org](http://www.wellspringstl.org).

**John Cordray** is a Licensed Professional Counselor specializing in child & adolescent counseling. John has an office at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church and has seen clients for three years. John counsels a wide range of concerns. To inquire about John’s fees or to set up an appointment contact him at 636.226.8536 or cordrayjohn@gmail.com.

**Connie Lemmon, MA** in Counseling, is available for counseling. Connie is a member of Twin Oaks and graduated from Covenant Seminary. Connie also brings signing skills with her and will be able to provide services for the deaf which will enable us to serve a community that is vastly under served in the greater St. Louis area.

## LIBRARY

### ACQUISITIONS

Have you recently checked out the large number of new DVDs that the library has? Be sure to stop by! There are some great movies for the whole family. One of them is *Love Finds a Home*, the eighth video in the video series based on the Janette Oke *Love Comes Softly* fiction series. These tell the story of a pioneer family in the Old West. We also have the movie *Luther* from a few years ago. (This would be good for older children; be advised it is rated PG -13.) This is the powerful story of the reformer Martin Luther and features a stellar cast. Another new movie is *The Ultimate Gift*, which is about a wealthy man given an unusual inheritance from his grandfather. I personally was touched by the movie *The Story of Perpetua*, the latest in the animated *Torchlighters* series which features different Christians from church history. Perpetua was a martyr in Carthage at the time of the Roman Empire. The background information on her life was particularly interesting. For kids, we have *Mandie and the Secret Tunnel*, based on the Lois Leppard series for girls; an animated version of *Ben Hur*; and *God Made You Special*, a Veggie Tales DVD.

Now about new books. If you are enjoying Dr. Peterson’s class on Heaven, be sure to read his latest book, *Our Secure Salvation: Preservation and Apostasy*. Joni Eareckson Tada’s book, *A Lifetime of Wisdom*, is an autobiographical book telling of the lessons she’s learned from her life as a

quadriplegic. *Finding Home* by Jim Daly, the president of Focus on the Family, is his biography of a very dysfunctional childhood. *Worship: Beholding the Beauty of the Lord* is a short book by “Skip” Ryan, a graduate of Covenant Seminary who is now a PCA pastor in Dallas, Texas. For those who are getting married soon, we have a new book, *The Honeymoon of Your Dreams*, as well as *The Complete Book of Wedding Vows*. For those who are particularly interested in reformed authors, we have new books by John Gerstner, Iain Murray, Meredith Kline, Cornelius Van Til, James Boice, Gordon Clark, and others too many to mention, thanks to a large donation!

### LIBRARY HOURS

Sundays:

8:45–9:00 AM, 9:45–10:05 AM, 11:30–Noon

The library will be closed during Sunday School time.

Mondays – Thursdays:

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## LIFE TEAM

### STONEGATE PRAYER VIGILS

The dates for the Stonegate prayer vigils are below, the time is 11 AM to 12 noon.

January 9      February 13      March 13      April 10

## MEN’S MINISTRY

### TOPC MEN’S BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 9, 7:45 AM in the Reception Hall. Join us for the best breakfast in town—best price, too! Cost is \$6 for eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, pancakes, fruit, coffee and juice. Sign up in the link, the pew pad, or contact Keith Schrieber at [keithjoyce@earthlink.net](mailto:keithjoyce@earthlink.net).

### MEN’S FRATERNITY: “QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD”

Men’s Fraternity resumes on Thursdays, January 28, 6:00 AM or 7:00 PM to study “Quest For Authentic Manhood.” This 24 week session focuses on a man’s core identity, with insights and clarifications of the distorted world view of “Biblical Masculinity.” Throughout this study, men will learn the definition of manhood. This captivating journey helps men:

- Resolve wounds from their past;
- Embrace a biblical definition of manhood; and,
- Develop their own personal manhood plan.

This session provides men an opportunity to find a mentor or be a mentor. Contact Jerry Sackberger at [jasack@swbell.net](mailto:jasack@swbell.net) or Steve Brewer at [lakeman1974@gmail.com](mailto:lakeman1974@gmail.com).

## Celebrate Recovery® Every Friday

“Humble yourself before the Lord and He will lift you up.”

—James 4:10

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that can help you overcome your hurts, habits and hang-ups. Based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory, this recovery program is more effective in helping people change than other programs you may have heard about.

The classic 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous or similar groups are often times vague about the person of God, not including the saving power of Jesus Christ and ignoring the ministry of the Holy Spirit, which inhibits the benefits of recovery that Celebrate Recovery brings to the hearts of its participants. It is the prayer of this ministry’s leaders that people will grow toward full Christ-like maturity by taking part in the program.

Join us as we meet to find deep peace and lasting freedom in Jesus Christ, walking together on the road to recovery from our hurts, habits and hang-ups.

6 PM: Dinner – Fellowship Hall

Dinner is \$5 including Solid Rock Café

Solid Rock Café alone is \$2.

7 PM: Large Group – Lecture Hall

Worship and praise accompanied with information, explanations, a testimony, special music and prayer.

8 PM: Small Groups – Assigned Classrooms

WOMEN

MEN

Chemical Dependency

Chemical Dependency

Codependency

Codependency

Abuse Issues

Sexual Issues

Everything else

Everything else

9 PM: Solid Rock Café – Fellowship Hall

We conclude with fellowship, coffee, and dessert.

Learn more at [www.twinoakchurch.org/cr](http://www.twinoakchurch.org/cr)

## ABUNDANT LIFE

Abundant Life is the Adult Single’s ministry of Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church. All adults who are single or “single again” are invited and welcomed. People do not need to be a TOPC member in order to participate in activities. We look for opportunities to share Christ with those outside the church.

Abundant Life’s goal is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever. Fellowship with and support for one another is Abundant Life’s mission. Our attendance continues to grow as we meet frequently to share fellowship, fun, food, and mission.

We have a number of events scheduled in the near future. Call Judi at 314.291.5253 or email [jvstover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvstover@sbcglobal.net) for directions and details.

### Lunch (monthly event):

Please join us for lunch in the Reception Hall to share food, fun, and fellowship. Please sign up on the pew pads to register your planned attendance. Contact Judi Stover at 314.291.5253 for more information.

Sunday, January 17, 12:00–2:00 PM, Reception Hall  
Food Provided, we will be joining the Honored Guest Luncheon.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS THROUGH APRIL 25, 2010, 9AM

### 📌 JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 7–8)

#### *Exploring Biblical Courtship*

BRUCE FARRELL, | YOUTH ROOM (131B)

What does the Bible say about dating? About courtship? This semester the Junior High Sunday School class will be exploring biblical courtship through Joshua Harris’ book *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*. Come join us as we discover what God has revealed in his Word about this very important issue.

### 📌 SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES 9–12)

#### *The Doctrine of God*

REV. M. JAY BENNETT | YOUTH ROOM (131A)

Nothing is more important than what you believe about God. What is God? This semester the Senior High Sunday School class will be exploring the doctrine of God as it is laid out in the chapters 2-5 of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. Come and explore the richness of God as understood in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition with us.

## QUARTERLIFE

### 📌 QUARTERLIFE BIBLE STUDY

The Quarterlife Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Myers home at 905 Dinard Drive, 63021. Chris Barker will lead us in worship and we’ll study the Parables of Jesus together. This Bible Study is a great opportunity to plug into community and get to know others while you study God’s Word. Join us every Tuesday.

**➤ OPEN TO ADULTS OF ALL AGES**

***The Unfolding Story of Heaven Part 2***

ROBERT PETERSON | LECTURE HALL

Revelation 21–22 mirror Genesis 1–2 and bring the biblical story to its conclusion. We will study the remarkable pictures of final salvation of God’s people and of his world that are painted in the Bible’s last two chapters.

***Understanding Men and Women***

TOM JONES | FELLOWSHIP HALL A–C

Did you know that men and women do not always understand each other? Did you know that God created them differently for His own glory and for their mutual good? Did you know that when sin entered the human heart that it affected them differently? Did you know that when God placed His curse on sin that it had different results for men and women? Did you know that our salvation in Christ calls men and women to differing redemptive roles and responsibilities? Do you desire to grow into the man or woman that God has called you to be? Then come and join us in this important and fascinating study.

***Survey of Acts (Continued)***

DWAYNE TER MAAT | ROOM 213

The book of Acts tells us the exciting history of the beginnings of the church in Jerusalem and its rapid spread. There are dramatic scenes and strong personalities at the center of the action. We will look at the message that Acts has for us today.

***Psalms of Ascent***

RANDY KIRKLAND | FELLOWSHIP HALL D–F

The Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120–134) are traditionally known as the hymns sung en route to Jerusalem during pilgrimages for certain major observances. They are rich in application for us as we sojourn through life to our heavenly calling. We will dive deep into what has been called the Psalter with the Psalter and consider how to integrate these Psalms into personal, family and corporate worship.

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## USA MISSIONS

Thank you again for your generous contributions on First & Best Sunday. Funding for the three projects: (1) Sunshine Ministries Youth Center’s Computer Learning Center, (2) Twin Oaks Christian School Special Services Scholarships and (3) Women’s Safe House Security Upgrades was distributed to the respective organizations in December 2009.

Each of the organizations sends their sincere thanks for TOPC’s incredible support during these particularly hard times!! They have all been very blessed by your giving.

## TWIN OAKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**➤ SAVE THE DATE MARCH 5, 2010**

TOCS Trivia Night and Auction – Come for a fun night of fellowship to support our school. If you have any donations you would like to share contact Corinne Lattimer in the church office.

**➤ OPEN HOUSE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**

Come learn more about our Twin Oaks Christian School, a distinctively Christian school offering academic excellence.

**Academically Oriented:**

- Outstanding academics
- Over half of students score in the upper 25th percentile in the Iowa Test of Basic Skills
- Average teacher to student ratio of 1:20
- Experienced, credentialed teachers
- Biblical, reformed teaching perspective
- Students seen as image bearers of God
- Team sports, fine arts, music, and drama available
- Licensed counseling services available on-site
- Beautiful, spacious campus

**Community Oriented:**

- Active parent group offers involvement opportunities
- Over 60 local congregations represented in student body

**Professional Affiliations:**

- Accredited by Christian Schools International
- Member of St. Louis Christian Schools

Brochures and posters are available in the north link to share with your family, friends and neighbors or to post in local venues. Visit [www.twinoakschristianschool.org](http://www.twinoakschristianschool.org) for more information or call 636.861.1901 for a personalized tour.

**➤ VOLUNTEER AND FUND RAISING**

Twin Oaks Christian School is your ministry. You are encouraged to help us move forward through volunteer activities and fund raising.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### ☛ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS JANUARY 19, 2010

The morning session runs from 9:15 AM — 11:30 AM. The evening session runs from 6:45 PM — 8:30 PM with an optional catered dinner at 6:15 PM. A \$15 registration fee covers the study guide of I and II Peter written by John MacArthur. Childcare is available at the morning study only for babies through pre-kindergarten. A one-time semester fee of \$20 is required for the first child and \$15 for each additional child.

Please join us as we study God's Word together in small groups. In addition to growing in faith and knowledge, you will also have the opportunity to fellowship. This study is open to all women, so bring a friend!

Register online or in the link on Sunday mornings before and after worship service. Contact Carol Kappel for more information, 636.230.0449.

☛ **WOMEN'S SAFE HOUSE (WSH)** has sent us several thank you letters for the many ways TOPC has supported them this year, including gift bags and service (in June) during the Women's Hands & Feet of Christ service retreat; gift baskets from the Women's Thanks & Giving Luncheon; an overwhelming amount of items from the clothing drive and subsequent collections; and socks, underwear, slippers and other personal items from the Women's Bible Study Christmas collection. The gift bags and baskets included Bibles and encouraging Scripture references.

An excerpt from one of the thank you letters says, "Please convey our sincerest gratitude to the congregation and church leaders for this tremendous outpouring of generosity and for all they have done to help the women and children who find safety at The House."

The Women's Ministry looks forward to giving you further updates on this wonderful outreach effort, which includes spreading the Gospel in a variety of ways.

## WORLD MISSION

### HOPE OF THE WORLD 2010 TOPC WORLD MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

"...We have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe."  
I Timothy 4:10b

### A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

To volunteer during our upcoming World Ministries Conference, please contact the function leader listed below or Donna Middendorf at 636.861.1870.

### EVENT REGISTRATION: Sunday, February 7

Help with registration for conference events based on your availability at various services and functions throughout the week through Wednesday, February 17. Contact Don or Carol Newkirk at carolnewkirk@centurytel.com.

### ADULT BANQUET: Friday, February 19

Room Set up, cooking, clean up: Contact Donna Middendorf at 636.861.1870.  
Decorations: Contact Patt Tiemeier at 314.645.8639, tiemeiers@gmail.com.

### CHILDREN'S BANQUET: Friday, February 19

Meal and clean up: Tina Mooney at smi4u@sbcglobal.net.  
Program: TBA

### HOUSING OUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF:

February 18 — February 23. Providing housing and breakfast for our visiting International Staff: Contact Tina Mooney at smi4u@sbcglobal.net.

### TRANSPORTATION:

February 18 through February 24. Loan a car to our visiting International Staff: Contact Tina Mooney at 636.225.8144. Pick up our International Staff at the Airport and take them to where they will be staying: Contact Donna Middendorf at 636.861.1870.

### MEXICAN FIESTA LUNCH:

Sunday, February 21st, immediately following the worship service. Contact Dean Kappel, dkappel@charter.net or Don Jacobs, donjacobs30@sbcglobal.net.

### TAKE A MISSIONARY TO BREAKFAST:

Monday or Tuesday morning, February 22 or 23. Contact Leo Mooney or Donna Middendorf in the missions office at 636.861.1870.

### PARADE OF NATIONS FLAG CARRIER:

Sunday, February 21 AM worship service. To be eligible you need to have participated previously on an Adult or Youth TOPC short-term missions trip. Contact Donna Middendorf at 636.861.1870.

### FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY:

Sunday, February 21; Friday, February 19; or Sunday, February 28 (5 minutes maximum). This is an opportunity for you to share how God has blessed your faith promise commitment. Contact Leo Mooney at themissionsguy@twinoakchurch.org, or Donna Middendorf at dmiddendorf@twinoakchurch.org.

### February 19: Friday

6:30 PM: International Banquet with Dr. Eric Larsen

**February 20: Saturday**

7:45 AM: Men's Breakfast

6:30 PM: FLOCK Desserts

HOST A DESSERT AT YOUR HOME from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Contact Cheryl Nichols at bscjn@aol.com or Jan Watson at jan.watson@parentsasteachers.com.

**February 21: Sunday**

9:00 AM: Joint Sunday School

10:10 AM: Keynote Service with Dr. Herb Ward

11:45 AM: Mexican Fiesta with Andres Garza

6:00 PM: Evening Service with Dr. Herb Ward

**February 22: Monday**

TBA: Missionaries visiting TOCS

6:30 PM: Missionaries meeting with the WMC

6:30 PM: FLOCK Desserts

HOST A DESSERT AT YOUR HOME from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Contact Cheryl Nichols at bscjn@aol.com or Jan Watson at jan.watson@parentsasteachers.com.

**February 23: Tuesday**

8:40 AM: TOCS Chapel with Pete &amp; Dagi Smuts

9:15 AM: Women Bible Study

12:00 PM: Staff/Session/Deacons Luncheon

TBA: Missionaries visiting TOCS

6:15 PM: Women &amp; Men's Bible Study.

**February 28: Sunday**

10:10 AM: Faith Promise Sunday with Dr. Michael Milton

11:45 AM: INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL immediately following the worship service. Cook at home and help serve ethnic dishes. Popular FLOCK event! Contact Cheryl Nichols at bscjn@aol.com or Jan Watson at jan.watson@parentsasteachers.com.

**☛ SANCTUARY CHOIR**

All adults who love the Lord and love to sing praises to His name are welcome to join Sanctuary Choir. Rehearsals are **Wednesdays** from 6:30 – 8:30 PM and **Sundays** at 8:15 AM. Even if you've never sung in a choir before, come talk with our Director of Worship & Music, Dale Zarlenga...we'd love to have you be part of our Choir Family!

**☛ EN MASSE CHOIR**

If you love to sing but cannot make a weekly commitment to rehearsals; join us in the En Masse Choir. We provide packets that include music and rehearsal CDs to practice at home or in your car. The En Masse Choir sings approximately one Sunday a month (usually the last Sunday) and special events like the Christmas Festival.

**☛ HAND BELL CHOIR**

If you are high school age and older; can read music; and always wanted to ring those bells...then join the Hand Bell Choir. Mrs. Vickie Loveall directs this choir every **Wednesday** from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in Room 211.

**☛ INSTRUMENTALISTS**

If you play any instrument at all (even the cow bell!), please contact Dale Zarlenga. You can join us in the orchestra which generally plays once a month. Smaller ensembles are also created according to need.

If you'd like to join one of the above musical groups or have questions, please call Dale or Wendy at church: 636.861.1870 **Dale Zarlenga**, Director of Worship & Music, ext 3121 or dzarlenga79@gmail.com **Wendy Myers**, Worship & Music Administrative Assistant, ext 3127 or wmyers@twinoakschurch.org.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY****☛ CHILDREN'S CHOIRS!, WEDNESDAYS**

Come praise the Lord in song and help lead our congregation in worship of Jesus, in one of our Children's Choirs.

**Joymakers** (PreK, K, or 1st grade) Children must turn age 4 by August 1st. Possible new time to be determined.

**Sing! Jr.** (Grades 2–6) will be blended with Nic at Night on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Wendy Myers directs the students in the Lecture Hall.

**☛ YOUTH CHOIR, SUNDAYS 6:00–7:00 PM, CHOIR ROOM** (Grades 7–12) This choir helps lead worship on Sunday mornings and is part of the En Masse Choir which sings for the Christmas Festival. Pastor Zarlenga directs this choir in the choir room.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sundays, 9:00–9:45 AM (SEE PAGE 5)

**MIDWEEK** Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 PM

**SUNDAY D GROUPS** Sundays, 7:00–8:30 PM

**☛ FEMALE MENTORS NEEDED!**

We need a few of our ladies who sense a call to mentor the next generation to volunteer in the youth ministry. If you have a heart to shepherd the next generation, please contact Jay Bennett at jybntt@gmail.com or 314.691.9394.

**☛ SUNDAY NIGHT D GROUPS, RESUMES JANUARY 10**

Don't miss DGroups (Discipleship Groups) Sunday evenings from 7:00–8:30. This semester we are studying the Parables of Jesus. We have four guys groups and two gals groups (we need one or two more female leaders).

**☛ MIDWEEK YOUTH GROUP, RESUMES JANUARY 6**

Wednesday evenings from 6:30—8:30 PM is our Midweek Youth Group, a time of games, music, teaching, and fellowship.

**☛ KINLOCH SERVICE PROJECT**

Twin Oaks has had a long-standing relationship with the city of Kinloch and has been sending groups to Kinloch for over 15 years. Next work day is Saturday, January 9, 9:00 AM.

**☛ MURDER MYSTERY DINNER EVENT, SATURDAY, JAN 23**

Join us for our annual murder mystery event, dinner starts at 5:30 PM.

**STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS**

**TOPC Church Staff**

**Reverend Ronald E. Steel, Senior Pastor**  
Nancy Whitson, Administrative Assistant

**Dwayne Ter Maat, Special Asst. to the Senior Pastor**

Nathan Reddick, Intern, Adult Education  
Robin Mourey, Special Needs Director  
FLOCKS (Randy Kirkland)

**Reverend Tom Jones, Pastor, Counseling/Marriage**

CARES (Bob & Dayna Osborne)  
Celebrate Recovery (Craig & Marsha King)  
Grief Share (Eric Baile)

**Reverend Bill Myers, Assistant Pastor & Interim Children's Pastor**

Gwen Pollex, Administrative Assistant  
Shawnee Hawkins, Food Services  
Mercy Ministry (Bob Heitzman, Deacon)

**Reverend Doug Merkey, President, Churches for Life**

**Reverend Jay Bennett, Pastor to Families with Youth**

Corinne Lattimer, Administrative Assistant, Leaflet  
Bruce Farrell, Intern

**Reverend Dale Zarlenga, Pastor, Worship and Music**

Wendy Myers, Administrative Assistant  
Anne Nagle, Organist  
Brian Lilley, Director of Sound  
Jim Nagle, Video  
Paige Reynolds, Church & Music Librarian

**Leo Mooney, Director World Missions**

Donna Middendorf, Administrative Assistant

**Mark Hawkins, Business Administrator**

Jack LaVergne, Facilities Manager  
Sherry Lewis, Financial Assistant  
Dot Massot, Receptionist, Calendar  
Heidi Trauth, Receptionist, Sermon Tapes

**Scott Kerens, Director, College/Young Adult Ministry**

Danny Simpson, Intern  
Judi Stover, Coordinator, Singles Ministry

**TOPC Ministry Leaders**

**Cathy Jones, Head of School**  
**Dick Taylor, President, Twin Oaks Christian School**  
**Ray Robertson, President, Golden Oaks**  
**Jerry Sackberger, Coordinator, Men's Ministries**  
**Kathy Stinehagen, President, Women's Ministries**  
**Reverend Bud Moginot, Pastoral Emeritus**

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**Seriously Dating?  
Nearly Wed?  
Newly Wed?**

**“PREPARE TO LAST”  
IN YOUR MARRIAGE**



**February 26-April 23, 2010**

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Friday Evenings

Childcare Available

Open to the public—all are welcome.

Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church

Contact Bill Myers

636-861-1870

bmyers@twinoakschurch.org

# CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY

FOR SMALL GROUPS

Crown Financial Ministries  
is an interdenominational  
ministry with a  
**mission**

to teach people  
**God's**  
financial principles

“The principles you will learn in the Crown Financial Ministries small group study are powerful and life changing because they are based on God's Word. My only regret is that I did not take the course 15 years ago. Don't make the same mistake.”

—Joe Gibbs, NFL head coach and  
founder of Joe Gibbs Racing

## Topics include

- Getting out of debt
- Spending
- Saving and Investing
- Budgeting
- Giving
- Earning money
- Training children



## Registration/Event Information

One day course: January 16, 2010, 8:00 AM  
 11-Week Course: Begins January, 27, 2010, 6:00 PM  
 Cost is \$25 per person



# JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 am: Sunday School 9:45 am: Fellowship 10:10 am: Worship 6:00 pm: Youth Choir 7:00 pm: Youth D-Groups 7:00 pm: College Life			<b>Every Wed.</b> 5:00 pm: Hand Bell 5:15 pm: Dinner 6:30 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Youth Group 6:30 pm: Kids 4 Truth 6:30 pm: Nic at Night 6:30 pm Family Life Scott Kerens		<b>1</b> 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>2</b> 7:00 am: Prayer Vigil
<b>3</b> Communion Sunday No youth choirs No D-Groups	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm: Quarterlife	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm: Session Meeting	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>9</b> 7:00 am: Prayer Vigil 7:45 am: Men's Breakfast 9:00 am: Youth to Kinloch 11 am: Pro-Life Prayer Vigil @ Stonegate Plaza
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm: Quarterlife	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>16</b> 7:00 am: Prayer Vigil 8 am—4 pm Crown Ministry Noon: Youth Social
<b>17</b> 12:30 pm: Singles Luncheon Honored Guest Luncheon	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>19</b> Missouri Presbytery 9:30 am: Women Bible Study 7 pm: Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Quarterlife	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>23</b> 7:00 am: Prayer Vigil
<b>24</b> 6:00pm - Joint Presbytery Sanctity Of Life Worship	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9:30 am: Women Bible Study 7 pm: Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Quarterlife 7:00 pm Diaconate Mtg	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm: Crown Financial Ministries	<b>28</b> 6:00 am: Men's Fraternity 7:00 pm: Men's Fraternity	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Inquirer's Class 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>30</b> 7:00 am: Prayer Vigil 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Inquirer's Class
<b>31</b> 4:45pm Inquirer's Class	<b>IMPORTANT DATES:</b> Sunday, January 3 at 5:00 PM, Lecture Hall: Parents and volunteers are requested to attend a Children's Ministry meeting. Sunday, January 10 after Worship Service, Sanctuary: Congregational meeting to approve a corporation By-Law change for a new fiscal year and to elect new corporation officers.					

# TOPC PRAYER CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2010

DAY	DATE	SCRIPTURE	MEMBER(S)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Genesis 3,4</b>	<b>Brian and Anne Marie Ter Maat</b>
Mon.	Jan. 4	Genesis 5,6	Dwayne and Marcella Ter Maat
Tues.	Jan. 5	Genesis 7,8	June Tesson
Wed.	Jan. 6	Genesis 9,10	Dee Throckmorton
Thurs.	Jan. 7	Genesis 11, 12	Don and Patti Tiemeier
Fri.	Jan. 8	Psalms 3,4	Steve and Heidi Trauth
Sat.	Jan. 9	Genesis 13,14	Charlie and Jan Troxell; Carly
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Genesis 15,16</b>	<b>Jerry and Barbara Truax</b>
Mon.	Jan. 11	Genesis 17	Mike Truax
Tues.	Jan. 12	Genesis 18	Vera Tur
Wed.	Jan. 13	Genesis 19	Ray and Connie Utrecht
Thurs.	Jan. 14	Genesis 20, 21	Joan Vagt
Fri.	Jan. 15	Psalms 5,6	Josh and Sheila Van Essen
Sat.	Jan. 16	Genesis 22,23	Gerry and Deborah Vanderheide
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Genesis 24</b>	<b>Karen Vanderschoor; Jon, Kelly</b>
Mon.	Jan. 18	Genesis 25	Rich and Judy VanGilst
Tues.	Jan. 19	Genesis 26	Lincoln and Gwen VerMeer; Sam, Hannah, Abigail, Mikayla
Wed.	Jan. 20	Genesis 27	Genie Wachter
Thurs.	Jan. 21	Genesis 28	Greg and Laura Wagener; Logan, Owen
Fri.	Jan. 22	Psalms 7	Judy Wagner
Sat.	Jan. 23	Genesis 30	Jana Wallace
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Genesis 31</b>	<b>Dave and Lynda Walters; Elvis</b>
Mon.	Jan. 25	Genesis 32,33	Jen-Chyong Wang
Tues.	Jan. 26	Genesis 34,35	Barbara Watson
Wed.	Jan. 27	Genesis 36	Jan Watson
Thurs.	Jan. 28	Genesis 37	Don and Debbie Webber; Forrest, Elysia
Fri.	Jan. 29	Psalms 8,9	Carol Wells
Sat.	Jan. 30	Genesis 38,39	Earl and Emma Wells
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>Genesis 40</b>	<b>James and Jennifer West</b>
Mon.	Feb. 1	Genesis 41	John and Kathy Whaley; Elizabeth
Tues.	Feb. 2	Genesis 42	David and Sue White; Laura
Wed.	Feb. 3	Genesis 43	Scott and Amy White; Rachel, Isabelle
Thurs.	Feb. 4	Genesis 44,45	Roger and Sheri Whitfield; Nathaniel
Fri.	Feb. 5	Psalms 10	Janet Whitley
Sat.	Feb. 6	Genesis 46,47	Paul Whitsell
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Genesis 48</b>	<b>Jack and Nancy Whitson</b>