

## VERSE OF THE YEAR 2008

*“Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”*  
2 Timothy 2:21  
(ESV)

## Financial Update

As of March 31, 2008

YTD Revenues  
\$574,450.41

YTD Expenses  
\$537,322.95

YTD Budget  
\$548,749.98

## Pastor's Article of the Month

**Ephesians 2:19-22** *“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too*

*are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”*

Value for the “we” part of Christianity (the Church) is at an all time low as opposed to value for, and emphasis upon, the “me” part of Christianity (individual

spirituality). It is no surprise therefore that the craving for a sense of belonging is greater now than at any other time in recent memory in the Western world.

But, the good news is that men can be with each other **AS THEY**  
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## Get To Know Your Staff

Gwen Pollex is a part-time assistant who supports many people here at the office. Gwen began attending Twin Oaks when the church was meeting at Parkway South High School in 1990. She had seen the new building being constructed and was looking for a church home so she decided to visit. It just took one visit and Gwen knew that Twin Oaks was where God was calling her. Both the teaching and corporate prayer convinced her this was where she belonged. Prior to calling

St. Louis home in 1985, Gwen had resided in Minneapolis, Houston, and Phoenix. Gwen worked in the financial service industry and has three children and four grandchildren. Gwen has a heart for missions and served on the missions committee at Twin Oaks for 15 years. Gwen is responsible for the printing of the bulletins and newsletter. She also works closely with Pastor Myers in putting together both the Honored Guest Luncheons and the Inquirers Class. She especially enjoys this aspect of

her position as it allows her to get to know the newcomers to our church. Whenever and wherever there is a need, she will gladly lend a hand. Gwen truly has a servant’s heart and is a wonderful asset to our team here at Twin Oaks.



## A Different Look

You will notice we have separated the leaflet from the worship guide. There are several reasons for this change. Primarily we desire to be better stewards of our resources. Much of the information in the leaflet is of an ongoing nature and we print about 700 bulletins each week. Over the course of a month this results in 2,800 printings of the leaflet information. By going to a monthly newsletter for each

family unit we can reduce the printings to 700 or less. This is a significant savings in paper, wear on copiers, and processing time. We also desired to keep the focus on worship with the Sunday bulletin. This format reduces the temptation to read through the leaflet when our hearts and minds would be better served on worshipping our God. The monthly format also gives us more flexibility to add articles

of special interest or of a timely nature. Different ministries will not be as bound by space limitations and will have a better format for highlighting their ministry. We look to add features that will be informative as well as to help bring us as a body closer together. Be patient with us as we move forward with improvements.

## Angel Food Ministries

**Angel Food Ministries** is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. This food ministry is available to **everyone**. You may preview the APRIL menu at their website: [www.angelfoodministries.org](http://www.angelfoodministries.org).

When ordering, please do the following: make checks payable to **TWIN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, then place your check along with the Angel Food menu in the Angel Food Mailbox (in the mailroom) no later than **Monday, April 7th** at 2 PM. Order forms are available in the mailbox and in the link. Distribution Day is

Saturday, April 19th, 8:30-9:15 AM at the school entrance. Phone number to verify delivery time is 636-861-3658, ext 3170. (Note: This number is **not** monitored for messages or orders).

**May Dates:**  
Orders Due—May 5th  
Distribution— May 17th

**Angel Food** will be having a clearing out the freezer event during the Sunday School hour on April 6<sup>th</sup> in the Teachers' Lounge. Please come and take whatever you want. We will be accepting any contributions to help offset the cost. The money will be used towards the purchase of a new freezer for the Angel Food Ministry.

## Children's Ministry

**Bible Memory Awards** Don't forget to pick up your Bible Memory Books from Ms. Claycomb in the church office to be in the running for your awards and prizes. It is not too late to start. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Claycomb in the church office\* or contact her by email.

**Sunday April 13th** there will be a parents' information meeting for those interested having their child or children pursue membership at Twin Oaks. We will meet in the

Children's Chapel at 10:10AM. If you would like to RSVP or if you have any questions, please email Rev. Paul DeYoung at [pdeyoung@twinoakschurch.org](mailto:pdeyoung@twinoakschurch.org) or call him in the church office\*.

**Summer Bible Camp** may be 3 months off, but we need your help now in collecting items for *Power Lab*, our science themed SBC. We need the following items donated by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Pool Noodles, Bike Helmets, Hula-Hoops, Old CD's, Safety Masks, Snorkel Gear,

Lab Coats, Balloons, Rope Lights, 1 Lava Lamp, Test Tubes, Beakers, 4 Bike Horns, 8 Child-sized Wading Pools, Bubble Wands, Buckets (capable of holding a couple gallons of water), Spray Bottles, Shallow Plastic Containers (the kind used to store items under a bed). Please drop your items off at the Children's Ministry Office in the Reception Hall. If you have any questions please contact Caitlin Claycomb\*. And remember the more color and science-like the better! Thanks!!!

## Church Library

**Church Library** More new books in the Twin Oaks library: John Ortberg, **When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box**;

L. Nelson Jennings (Covenant Seminary professor), **God: The Real Superpower: Rethinking Our Role in Missions**; Stormie Omartian, **Praying through the Deeper**

**Issues of Marriage**; Kay Warren (wife of Rick Warren, author of **The Purpose Driven Life**), **Dangerous Surrender**; and two by Charles Colson, **The Faith** and **Chuck**

**Colson Speaks**. Good news—we now have Francis Schaeffer's film series, **How Then Should We Live?** on DVD!!!

## College Life (Ages 18-22)

**Collegelife Bible Study** meets every Sunday night in April at Kaldi's Coffee in Kirkwood at 120 South Kirkwood Road. We are discussing Ravi Zacharias' small study called *What is Truth?*

**Beloved and Destined!** Is the Young Adult Sunday School that meets every Sunday morning at 10AM in room 219. This class is designed to help us discover who we are and what we should do with our lives. April topics include self-image, eating disorders, addiction and abdication, and your God-made design. We have a seat saved for you.

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first team meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM.

**April 6**—Young Adult Sunday School *Beloved and Destined*; Self Image and the Gospel

**April 6**—**Collegelife** Bible Study at Kaldi's Coffee in Kirkwood at 7:30 PM on Ravi Zacharias' "What is Truth?".

**April 12**—**Quarterlife** Kickball Challenge at 2PM in the Twin Oaks Gym.

**April 13**—Young Adult Sunday School *Beloved and Destined*; Anorexia, Bulimia, and the Person

**April 13**—Mexico Mission Team Meeting at 12:30 in the Community Parlor

**April 13**—**Collegelife** Bible Study at Kaldi's Coffee in

Kirkwood at 7:30PM on Ravi Zacharias' "What is Truth?"

**April 20**—Young Adult Sunday School *Beloved and Destined*; Addiction,

Abdication and the person  
**April 20**—**Collegelife** Bible Study at Kaldi's Coffee in Kirkwood at 7:30 PM on Ravi Zacharias' "What is Truth?"

**April 27**—Young Adult Sunday School *Beloved and Destined*; Your Divine Design, part 1 (What Should You Do With Your Life?)

**April 27**—**Collegelife** Bible Study at Kaldi's Coffee in Kirkwood at 7:30 PM on Ravi Zacharias' "What is Truth?"

## Community Ministry

**Single's Lunch, Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>**! Please join us in the Reception Hall downstairs for lunch. We will meet around 12:30 PM to share food, fun, and fellowship. Even if you didn't sign up in advance, please feel free to join us.

**Twin Oaks Church** is pleased to partner with Bott Radio Network and **Dr. John MacArthur** to bring your family an evening of Bible teaching centered on the parable of the prodigal son. Come to Twin Oaks and see John MacArthur on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**Development Coordinator** Sunshine Ministries, a non-

denominational Christian urban outreach center, is seeking a Development Coordinator. This is a unique opportunity for a mature, committed Christian who wants to serve in full-time ministry and whose strengths are primarily administrative in nature. Responsibilities of this position include: donation processing, data analysis, supervision of part-time and temporary staff, donor relations, copy editing and report preparation. Suitable candidates should have at least a Bachelor's Degree and must be trustworthy, self-motivated, detail-oriented, excellent with numbers and extremely computer savvy. Previous

leadership or management experience in either ministry or business is preferred. This is a full-time salaried position with potential for advancement. Salary offered will commensurate with skills and experience. Applicants should submit a cover letter and résumé to Carol Clarkson, Associate Director, by email: cclarkson@sunshinemministries.org, fax: (314) 231-5177, or mail: P.O. Box 66880, St. Louis, MO 63166-6880.

**Kids Across America Kamps** Gateway for Kids in a ministry of South City PCA to inner-city kids living in St. Louis. Every summer they take a group of kids to Kids Across

America which is the 'sister' camp to Kanakuk camps in Branson, Missouri. It's a wonderful opportunity for kids to hear the gospel and also grow in their faith. We depend on donations from the body of Christ in order for the kids to be able to go. If you would like to support a child to go to camp it is \$110.00. We are raising a total of \$2640.00. You can make your check out to South City Church, and put KAA in the memo line. Please send checks to Molly Hammett, 3655 Minnesota, St. Louis, MO 63118. Donations are due by May 1st.

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## Community Ministry (cont.)

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**PCA Family Camp at Hermit Basin, June 22-28, 2008** It is time to make your summer vacation plans! Please consider the PCA Family Camp at Hermit Basin Christian Conference Center, a 2 hour drive from Colorado Springs in Colorado.

This year, Rev. Dave Stain from Spring Hills Presbyterian Church will lead the Bible study each evening after dinner. And Rev. Bill Myers from Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church will lead the morning devotional before breakfast. In between, your days are free for exciting Colorado mountain activities such as Hiking Mountain Trails, White Water Rafting, Fishing, Golf, Horseback Rides, and Target Shooting. (Some activities are at additional cost.) Or you can simply rest and catch up on some reading. One night is set aside as Skit Night. There is also a Swimming Pool and Hot Tub on site.

This is a great time for families with children, but there is plenty to keep you busy even if you don't have children. There is fun for all ages, singles and couples. This is also a great week for fellowship with other PCA families from around the country.

The Conference Center used to be a ski resort. It has modern accommodations: motel-like rooms with private bathrooms, queen-size beds, bunk-beds, telephones, TVs, and all bedding supplied. The food is great, and no cafeteria lines here! You get three square meals per day served at your table by courteous student waiters.

The trip is remarkably affordable. Only \$275.00 per adult. And \$137.50 per child (age 3-11). Children under 3 are Free! There is a \$100 deposit required to hold your reservation.

For more information, please visit the display at the top of the Grand Staircase, or speak to Tom Jones at the church.

To make your reservation, use the printed Reservation Form and mail in your deposit. Visit the Hermit Basin website at: [www.hermitbasin.com](http://www.hermitbasin.com)

### **Happy Passover! Free Passover Greeting Card Outreach**

Beginning **TODAY**, Sunday, April 6th, at the table by the **grand staircase**, you can pick up a **free PASSOVER** card to send to your Jewish friends and neighbors. You can also pick up a F.A.Q. sheet about this important Jewish holiday. The ultimate objective of this ministry project is to introduce our Jewish friends to their Messiah Jesus. Since ministry grows out of relationship, it's always helpful to build bridges with our Jewish friends, co-workers, neighbors, and acquaintances. Passover begins this year for our Jewish friends on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The Food Pantry** is in need of: paper products(towels, tp), snack crackers, graham crackers, fruit snacks, canned

fruit, rice, spaghetti, pasta sauce, pasta, jelly, canned meats, cake mixes, brownie mixes etc...

### **Promise Christian Academy OPEN HOUSE, Tuesday,**

**April 22, 2008 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** Promise Christian Academy is a Christian School that provides a therapeutic approach to academic excellence for children with multiple disabilities. ***Accepting... Celebrating ..Cultivating... Developing...*** Refreshments will be served.

**800 Maryville Centre Dr. #227, Chesterfield, MO 63017. For more information, please call 314 439 9711 or visit [www.promisechristianacademy.org](http://www.promisechristianacademy.org)**

## Counseling Ministry

### **New Staff Counselor**

**Announcement:** We are very excited to announce our newest addition to our counseling staff! The Session recently approved Connie Lemmon to join our

staff as a counselor in training (CIT). Connie is a member of Twin Oaks and graduated with her Masters in Counseling from Covenant Seminary. Connie also brings signing skills with

her and will be able to provide counseling to the deaf which will enable us to serve a community that is vastly under-served in the greater St. Louis area. Please

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## Counseling Ministry (cont.)

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join us as we welcome Connie to our counseling staff!

### Divorce Care

Are you, or have you experienced the pain and upheaval of a divorce? If so, we want to invite you to Divorce Care. Divorce Care is an informational support group and a safe place to connect with other individuals struggling with the effects of a divorce. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Child care is provided. Call Dayna Osborne at 636-861-1870 Ext. 3101 to register.

Safe People Safe People is for

those who have completed Divorce Care and who want to learn to have healthy relationships. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Child care is provided. Call Dayna Osborne at 636-861-1870 Ext. 3101 to register.

### Treasure Island Treasure

Island is a social and coping skills group for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Meeting times are Thursdays after school from 4:00pm – 5:30pm in the TOPC youth room. Call the office for more information.

### Need to Move from Spiritual Illness to Spiritual Wellness?

In physical health, the term

“recovery” refers to the process of moving from illness to wellness. Our hurts, habits and hang-ups are like spiritual illnesses. By using the tools of Celebrate Recovery, we can begin to move from spiritual illness to spiritual wellness. Some might say we move from bondage-to-self to freedom-in-Christ. Others might say we move from self-reliance to faith in Christ. **Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor. Matthew 5:3.** Celebrate Recovery offers the opportunity to participate in a group fellowship where love and hope combine with God’s purpose to mend lives. Ask yourself: Are there things in my life that I do that hurt

me or others? Is there something in my life that I wish I could live without? Is there something I have tried to quit but can’t do on my own? Do I have a painful habit or hang-up from which I need to be freed? Is now the time to break through my denial with the admission that I am out of control? If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these statements, then we urge you to prayerfully consider attending a Celebrate Recovery meeting to see if it is right for you. The meetings are every Friday night beginning with a 6 PM dinner. **Learn more: [www.twinoakschurch.org/cr](http://www.twinoakschurch.org/cr)**

## Diaconate

### TOPC Diaconate

The Deacons are the hands and feet of Christ to the church which they have been called to serve in love. Their principle focus is to the ministry of mercy in Word and deed. It is a ministry defined by the compassion and gospel of Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. With prayer, humble hearts, and wise

counsel, Deacons must prioritize ministries and ascertain the urgency of the needs of mercy. A Deacon serves the body of Christ by assisting and supporting the worship of God, shepherding of the fold, managing and maintaining the gifts given in obedience and praise to God, ministering mercy in Word and deed, and leading the congregation in deeds of mercy

and service. *Based on NIV, BCO ch. 9, PCA Digest Position Papers: 1973 – 1993 “Biblical Guidelines For Mercy Ministry In The PCA”* **TOPC Deacons:** Bill Bassman, Kerry Brown, Tim Broyles, Jim Calkins, Jerry Campbell, Chris Elmore, David Heintz, Bob Heitzman, Andrew Henske, Bob Jurgenson, Dan Kendrick, Dan Lewis, John Menzel, Matt Merrick, Brian Moellenhoff,

Scott Stinehagen, Clark Stout, Brian Ter Maat, Channon Visscher, Greg Wagener

Deacon’s for April are: Week of the 6th, Tim Broyles (636)-256-6964; Week of the 13th, Chris Elmore (314)-423-8595; Week of the 20th, David Heintz (314)-984-9641; Week of the 27th, Andrew Henske (314)-401-3841

## Golden Oaks

**Hello T.O.P.C. Seniors!** Is Everyone Ready for Spring? Come join us for a Spring Indoor Barbecue at T.O.P.C. in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 10th at 12 Noon. We’ll

have barbecue meats with all the trimmings for a cost of \$7.00. Our speaker will be Officer Poncin from the St. Louis County Police Dept. who will speak on senior

citizen safety concerns such as sales scams, identity theft, etc. Bring any questions you may have relating to safety issues. We hope to see all of you there for good food and fellowship!

To R.S.V.P. call Ray Robertson at 636-225-3828 or Jane Hummel at 636-530-6985 by APRIL 7th.

## Harvest Corner

If You Would Like To Minister at Sunshine Ministries homeless shelter, we go every

2nd Thursday of the month. We leave from the church parking lot at 5:45 PM

and return by 8:30 PM. You can come to observe, pray, give testimony, lead in worship, or

in some cases, preach. Contact Bill Myers at 636-861-1870.

## Men's Ministry

### Attention All Softball

Players The StL PCA 8-team league is now planning it's 2008 Softball Season and we are looking for a few good athletes to add to our Roster. If you have interest in playing in our semi-competitive league & want to

fellowship with other Twin Oaks' athletes, please let us know ASAP.

- ☑ Games every Friday evening beginning April 25th through late July
- ☑ Play against 7 other PCA area Churches

- ☑ Games played here with a few away games at area local Churches

- ☑ Season-ending Tournament

- ☑ All ages welcome

Contact Brian Ter Maat at 636-375-1051 for more information.

## Missions Ministry

### USA Missionaries Carey and

Molly Hammett are taking a long overdue sabbatical this summer. They are in need of rest from a very difficult year of ministry through the South City Church plant and their ministry with children. During

this sabbatical, they are looking for a place to stay from June 1 – August 3. They are trusting God for accommodations with minimal expense. A house-sitting arrangement would be ideal. Contact the Hammett's directly or Pastor Bill Myers at 636-861-1870.

### Short Term Mission Trip to

Monterrey, Mexico. An adult short term mission trip to Monterrey, Mexico is planned for July 26-August 2, 2008. This trip is in partnership with the National Presbyterian Church in Mexico and our

MTW missionaries Scott and Kathy Craig. Approximate cost is \$1350. For more information contact Charlie Troxell at troxells@gmail.com or 636-220-6190.

## Nursery

**April 6th Leader: Rhonda Shapiro 636-532-2804**

**8:30 Service:** Peggy Stewart, Steve Stewart and Sherry Buis

**Sunday School:** Martha Willy

**11:00 Service:** Stephanie Bennet, Carri Reddick, Kendall Brewer

**6:00 Service:** David White

**April 13th Leader: Tammy Merrick 636-220-6280**

**8:30 Service:** Judy Calkins, Schaffer Griffin, Tia Calkins

**Sunday School:** Chris Moellenhoff

**11:00 Service:**

Jennifer Henske

**April 20th Leader: Jana**

**Lavergne 636-458-7644**

**8:30 Service:** Janet Adcock, Les Prout, Lavinia Adcock

**Sunday School:** Clark Stout, Tina Mooney

**11:00 Service:** Amy Kendrick, Jodi Brasfield, Quinne Hibbler

**6:00 Service:** Amber Scholz

**April 27th Leader:**

**Stephanie Rose 636-225-5419**

**8:30 Service:** Allison Molbach, Darla Griffin,

Lauren Molbach

**Sunday School:** Amy Edwards

**11:00 Service:** Stacy Cole, Becky Stinehagen, Ashley Dakich

**6:00 Service:** Stephanie Reynolds

**May 4th Leader: Laura Losch 636-861-1941**

**8:30 Service:** Lisa Ruckman, Chandra Fessler, Evan Griffin

**Sunday School:** Lisa Schulz

**11:00 Service:** Jessica Brown, Julie Brown

**6:00 Service:** Gwen Vermeer

## Outreach Ministry

**Mercy Partners** We've heard how important it is that we take the love our Lord has poured into our lives and begin to pour that love into the community around us. Well, an opportunity to do just that is now before us: There is a growing need for what we are calling "mercy partners". Mercy partners is best described as individuals or couples here at Twin Oaks who will become engaged in the lives of people who are being served by the various

ministries (Angel Food, tutoring, home maintenance, etc.). We are looking for people who are willing to pour part of their life into the life of another to minister to them at this time in their life. You would be connected to an individual or a family that is being served. You would not be asked to join the particular ministry that connects you to this person. Your role would consist of being a friend first and meeting them where they are at while

seeking opportunities to witness, disciple, and to steer them (where possible) to healing ministries at TOPC. We've set aside the date of Sunday, 4/13 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall D-F to get you the information you need. Let us know if you feel led to be involved.

Contact Bob Heitzman at (636) 256-1377 or [Bob\\_Heitzman@yahoo.com](mailto:Bob_Heitzman@yahoo.com).

**Angel Food Ministry Has Two Needs** We are seeking an

individual to minister from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. one Saturday each month. Your role would be to work the table inside the church as people come in to pick up their angel food order. We are also seeking someone with a CDL (commercial driver's license) to drive the truck once a month. The driver will start early on Saturday. For more info, or to volunteer, contact Karen Dahl [kldahl@charter.net](mailto:kldahl@charter.net) or 636-391-9417.

## ProLife Ministry

**Cures without Cloning**, a coalition of concerned Missouri citizens, doctors, and academics have launched an initiative petition effort to close a loophole in Missouri law. The initiative, if passed in Missouri, would prohibit the practice of human cloning and would also prohibit taxpayer funding of human cloning experiments. This campaign will be collecting signatures very soon to place this important initiative on the ballot in 2008. **However, they need your help!** Volunteers are needed to circulate petitions and collect signatures. TOPC will be hosting a training session on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:45 pm. The training session will be in Room 215 and last less than one hour. Please contact the church office to register for this training. You may also

contact Susan Calhoun (314) 965-2011, or Kerry Brown, (314) 314-9400. For more information visit [www.Mocureswithoutcloning.com](http://www.Mocureswithoutcloning.com).

**PRC Newborn Needs** "Seems there never are enough" says June Tesson of the Pro-Life Committee. **Right now we need size 1/newborn diapers, strollers for newborns, car seats, Pac-N-Plays, and undershirts for newborns** so that we can take them to the Pregnancy Resource Center for mothers choosing to keep their babies, rather than killing them by means of abortion. Please put them in the giant Pro-Life box located under the grand staircase. Thanks!! Questions? Call June at 636-733-0426.

**Helpline Volunteers Needed for PRC/Thrive St. Louis**

(Women Only) If you have a desire to make a difference in the cause for life of the unborn, helpline volunteers are needed to answer the phone lines when the client centers are closed on evenings and weekends. If you have one or two days a month where you can answer calls from your own home, PRC needs you. Duties include answering questions, providing information and scheduling appointments for callers who are interested in PRC services. An 8 hour training class is required. Currently, Helpline Volunteers are needed on the first and second Sundays (afternoons and nights) of the month, and the first Friday night of the month, although needs change periodically. Please contact Lynn Creason at (636) 458-6453.

**Pro-Life Prayer Vigil** Twin Oaks will host our monthly Prayer Vigil from **11:00AM to 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 3rd**. Meet on the sidewalk at Stonegate Plaza, just east of Twin Oaks at Meramec Station Rd. and Big Bend. Join our STAND FOR LIFE! Please contact Kerry Brown at (314) 966-3631.

**Men of Twin Oaks** we are in great need of help on Saturday mornings. The Pro-Life committee videotapes the prayer vigils each Saturday morning, from 6:30-8:30 AM, at Planned Parenthood. Please let us know if you can join us and help out once a month. Contact Kerry Brown at [kerryb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kerryb@sbcglobal.net) or at (314) 966-3631.

## Special Needs Ministry

**Special Needs Resources in TOPC Library** There is a Special Needs Resource cart in the church library with books for all ages on various disability-related topics. Our goal is to provide useful information for families, teachers, church staff, volunteers and our children and youth. All books may be

checked out. I am trying to obtain key texts for each major disability area and you will find some of those currently on the cart.

**Sign Choir** This is an event-based choir which helps to lead in worship periodically. You do not need to know how to read music and no prior

signing experience is needed. Contact Jackie Hibbler with any questions at 314-974-7413 or email her at [jmhibb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmhibb@sbcglobal.net).

**For All Men of TOPC** Several men are needed to be second helpers for Jack's team (non-driving helper) for either Sunday School/11:00 service,

Sun. evening service, or special events. I would like to add some men to our teams in the Oaks Too classroom on Sunday mornings. Commitment is once per month for 45 min. Please ask Robin Mourey about these opportunities-- 636-861-1945 or [robinmourey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robinmourey@sbcglobal.net).

## Twin Oaks Christian School

**Recruiting Teachers** for the 2008-09 school year. We will have openings in 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We are also in need of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher and a Learning Center teacher. Current resumes should be emailed to [tocsoffice@twinoaksschool.org](mailto:tocsoffice@twinoaksschool.org) or sent to Cathy Jones at Twin Oaks Christian School 1230-A Big Bend Road Ballwin, MO 63021

Contact the school office at 636.861.1901 for more information.

**Now Accepting Student Applications** from members of PCA churches, other reformed churches, and the broader Christian Community. Please call the school office at 636-861-1901 or visit our website at [www.twinoakschristianschool.org](http://www.twinoakschristianschool.org) for enrollment

information.

**Twin Oaks Christian School** has a desire to replace our PCs in the Library. We understand there are companies willing to donate computers. If any of you work at a company that is willing to do this, please contact the school office at 636-861-1901 or email [tocsoffice@twinoaksschool.org](mailto:tocsoffice@twinoaksschool.org).

## Women's Ministry

**"Good Samaritan" Ministry**  
There are lots of meals prepared and just waiting to be

delivered to a family or individual in need! But do use this wonderful service available

to you! Should you have any questions, please contact Helen Prouty (636-230-0022) or

Charo Roach (314-477-1068).

## Young Adult (20s-Mid 30s)

**QuarterLife Small Group** meets April 11 and 25 at 7PM at Jared and Becky's House at 9172 Willow Ridge Lane in Chesterfield (63017). This group of

twenty-something married and single folks are studying 1 John over coffee and expertly made desserts. This dynamic community is fun and growing!

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**Mexico Mission Trip to Armonia** Ministries is June 20-29. The team would appreciate prayer. There are a couple spots left for any brave individuals interested in an intense, high-impact missions experience in Mexico City. Sign up is closed, but spots are available if airline tickets are available. Check the website or

contact Scott. The first team meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM.

**April 11—Quarterlife** Small Group at Jared and Becky's (9172 Willow Ridge, 63017) at 7PM.

**April 12—Quarterlife** Kickball Challenge at 2PM in the Twin Oaks Gym

**April 13—Young Adult** Sunday School *Beloved and Destined*; Anorexia, Bulimia, and the Person.

**April 13—Mexico Mission**

Team Meeting at 12:30 in the Community Parlor

**April 20—Young Adult** Sunday School *Beloved and Destined*; Addiction,

Abdication and the person

**April 25—Quarterlife** Small Group at Jared and Becky's (9172 Willow Ridge, 63017) at 7PM.

**April 27—Young Adult** Sunday School *Beloved and Destined*; Your Divine Design, part 1 (What Should You Do With Your Life?)

## Youth Ministry

### Regular Activities

**Wednesdays:** April 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd, 30th:

Youth Group CAST Meeting. Junior/Senior High meet in Youth Room from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come discuss current topics at our "Hot Topic Café"

**Sundays:** April 6th: Cornerstone Sunday: 7:15 – 8:45pm. Bring \$3 to cover cost of the meal. Enjoy fun, fellowship & prayer with other youth. Sydney and Alexander from Oaks Too will be here this Sunday—come meet them and get to know them!

**April 13th, 20th, 27th:**

**\*Junior High Youth:** 7:15 – 8:45pm. Meet in the Youth Room. Please bring \$3 to cover cost of the meal. Enjoy fun, fellowship and prayer with other youth, and listen to adults as they share how their faith has impacted their life.

\*Discipleship Groups for **Senior High School youth continue**, from 7:30 to 8:45pm. Meet at your designated small group home after the evening service. If you are not involved in a small group, call or e-mail Wes or the youth office to find out where your group is meeting. **Friday April 11th, 6—9pm!** Murder Mystery/Dinner. Cost: \$5 per person. You won't want to miss this exciting drama: Each person will become a character in the mystery and will know his role ahead of time so he can dress for his/her part. Clues will be revealed as the play unfolds to help solve the drama. Sign up in the Youth Room or call the Youth Office.

The **Youth Auction/Dinner** to benefit this summer's youth missions' trips will be Saturday, April 26th from 5-8 PM. A sign-up to attend the event is

in the church lobby. Come and enjoy dinner and help our youth share the gospel and help others through mercy ministries. We still need donations for the silent and live auction. Anyone willing to donate vacation spots, purchased items, baskets, services, etc. can contact Lindsey Wilkins at [lindseyawilkins@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyawilkins@gmail.com) or you can reach her on her cell at (719) 271-1713. Youth will also be auctioned off for babysitting or yard work.

### Youth Administrative

**Assistant Position**—20 hours per week, beginning early May. Looking for self-motivated, organized individual to provide timely and creative communication to the youth and their families through weekly e-mails, phone calls, church bulletin announcements and postings. Responsibilities

will also include creating calendars and other creative presentations, updating directories and attendance records, compiling retreat and mission packets and other clerical and bookkeeping tasks, and supporting the Youth Pastor and staff as requested. If interested, please contact Wes Vander Lugt, Director of Youth Ministry, through the church office at (636) 861-1870 or by e-mail to [wesley.vanderlugt@gmail.com](mailto:wesley.vanderlugt@gmail.com).

### Help fund Mission

**trips!!** Use the link <http://www.ministrydeals.com/stores.aspx?org=442>, if you make purchases through the internet. It does not cost you extra and it provides funds for our youth

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## Youth Ministry (cont.)

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missions! For additional information, call Adriana Wilson at the Youth Office or Amy Roebke at (404)683-0603.

### Panama City Beach, FL

**Summer Retreat** (June 8th – 13th) Registration is now open to current 6th through 12th graders. Pick up and return forms to the Youth Office with a \$50 deposit before May 4th to qualify for the "early

bird special" of \$375.  
**Kinloch Mission Trip** (July 8th-July 12th), Cost: \$75  
Registration is now open for current 6th through 12th graders for this inner city mission. Youth will do project

work in the city during the week and plan/run a festival in the park for the neighborhood kids on Saturday.

## Pastor's Article of the Month (cont.)

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**ARE RECONCILED TO GOD.** When we are truly reconciled to God and gripped by that reconciliation we will be reconciled to others. So when abusive railing, condemnation, revenge, angry intolerance takes place between Christians we are demonstrating by our actions that we are not reconciled to God. God has so welded us with Himself, and therefore with each other (body imagery) that he will evaluate how much we know him, love him and have received the benefits of reconciliation by how much we love, care for and are practically reconciled with our fellow Christians, and even with others outside the faith as far as it depends on us.

President Lincoln was once taken to task for his attitude toward his enemies. "Why do you try to make friends of them?" asked an associate. "You should try to destroy them." "Am I not destroying my enemies," Lincoln gently replied, "when I make them my friends?" We cannot abstract the personal salvation implications of union with Christ from the social and interpersonal implications. To profess personal salvation and

to practice interpersonal hostility is a contradiction in terms. In saving us, God never intended the benefits of salvation would extend merely to the perimeter of our personal need, but that it would also radiate out in expressions of redeemed community. It is a mutated and defective Christianity that does not give practical value to the corporate implications of the saving work of Christ.

There are aspects of Christian living and experience of God that are known only as we are functioning, committed members of a local assembly. It's not enough to have some vague, theoretical connection. Without this communal connection we are living truncated and mutated Christian lives. In the New Testament church this connection was formalized, otherwise Paul could not have formally excluded a man from the church in 1 Corinthians 5. The man must have been formally included at one point to have been formally excluded due to his sin. Formal membership must have existed. If the early church kept a list of widows (1 Tim. 5:9). How else would they have known who was on the list

and who was not? The mutual accountability repeatedly referenced in the New Testament church implies some formal acceptance of that accountability.

All of this means that being a deeply committed member of a local church is not a piece of excess Christian baggage. It is not just one possible way to get you're your fellowship needs met. Local church membership is not a piece of spiritual scaffolding temporarily erected to meet a few personal needs or just one among a number of legitimate routes to personal discipleship. Christ is Head of the Church. He is not head of individual Christians operating in isolation from one another nor is he the head of just any and every voluntary association of Christians. Therefore, there are aspects of Christ's rule and reign in the life of an individual Christian that can be lived out only in the context of the local church. Therefore, a Christian who does not enjoy and reach out for fellowship with the people of God (the Church of God) is a contradiction in terms.

**Do you love the church, or is it for you just a responsibility, a routine or a ritual?**

## Articles for Monthly Newsletter

Articles for May's newsletter must be approved by the ministry leader. Please e-mail by 5 PM on the last Monday, of the month to: [leaflet@twinoakschurch.org](mailto:leaflet@twinoakschurch.org)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 4:45 PM - Youth Choir Sing! Jr. Joymakers 6:00 PM Evening Worship</p>		<p>1 9:15 AM Women Bible Study Bible Study 7 PM - WBS Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM - Dinner 6:30 PM - Disciple Land 6:30 PM - Jr./Sr. High 6:30 PM - Choir 6:30 PM - Prayer Bible Study 6:30 PM - Crown Ministry</p>		<p>4 Men's Retreat @ Lake Williamson 3 PM - Friday to 5 PM Satur- day 6 PM - Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>5 Men's Retreat</p>
<p>6 8:30 and 11 AM - Worship Communion 12:30 PM - Singles Lunch</p>	<p>7 7 PM - Community Bible Study</p>	<p>8 9:15 AM Women Bible Study Bible Study 7 PM - WBS Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>9 Family Night</p>	<p>10 12 PM - Golden Oaks BBQ 6:30 PM - Session Mtg. 7 PM - Men's Fraternity</p>	<p>11 6 PM - Celebrate Recovery 7 PM - Prepare to Last</p>	<p>12 7 AM - Prayer Vigil 7:45 - 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast 11 AM - Noon Pro-Life Prayer Vigil @ Stonegate</p>
<p>13 8:30 and 11 AM - Worship 6 PM - Evening Worship Reception Hall</p>	<p>14 7 PM - Community Bible Study</p>	<p>15 9:15 AM Women Bible Study Bible Study PRESBYTERY 7 PM - WBS Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16 Family Night</p>	<p>17 7 PM - JOHN MACARTHUR</p>	<p>18 6 PM - Celebrate Recovery 7 PM - Prepare to Last</p>	<p>19 7:30 AM - 11 AM World Missions Presbytery Mtg.</p>
<p>20 8:30 and 11 AM - Worship</p>	<p>21 7 PM - Community Bible Study</p>	<p>22 9:15 AM Women Bible Study Bible Study Diaconate Mtg. 7 PM - WBS Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23 Family Night</p>	<p>24 7 PM - Men's Fraternity</p>	<p>25 6 PM - Celebrate Recovery 7 PM - Prepare to Last</p>	<p>26 7 AM - Prayer Vigil 5 PM - Youth Dinner and Auction</p>
<p>27 8:30 and 11 AM - Worship 12:30 PM - Honored Guest Lunch 6 PM - Evening Worship Reception Hall</p>	<p>28 7 PM - Community Bible Study</p>	<p>29 9:15 AM Women Bible Study Bible Study 7 PM - WBS Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>30 Family Night</p>			

## Prayer Calendar for April 2008

Tues.	April 1	Leviticus 13,14	Rich and Donna Dakich; Ashley, Justin
Wed.	April 2	Psalms 20,21	Nick and Bonnie Dattoli
Thurs.	April 3	Leviticus 15,16	Ed and Chris Davis
Fri.	April 4	Leviticus 17,18	Steve and Vera Dawkins
Sat.	April 5	Leviticus 19,20	Lisa Decker; Matthew
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>Leviticus 21,22</b>	Darren and Rachel Degroot
Mon.	April 7	Leviticus 23,24	Paul and Joanna DeYoung; Simeon, Reuben
Tues.	April 8	Leviticus 25,26	Rick and Emily Dimisa
Wed.	April 9	Psalm 22	Shirley Dodson
Thurs.	April 10	Leviticus 27	Doug and Shirley Dorsey; Taylor, Troy
Fri.	April 11	Romans 1,2	Jennie Drapalik
Sat.	April 12	Romans 3,4	Andrew and Sandra Dunn; Christie, Andrea
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Romans 5,6</b>	Terry and Linda Dunn; Andrew, Elizabeth
Mon.	April 14	Romans 7	Connie Duvall; Sidney
Tues.	April 15	Romans 8	Arlen and Nancy Dykstra
Wed.	April 16	Psalm 23	Bob and Sally Edmiston; Bob
Thurs.	April 17	Romans 9,10	Dana and Nancy Edmondson; John, Sarah, David
Fri.	April 18	Romans 11,12	Jeff and Amy Edwards; Olivia, Cole, Jack
Sat.	April 19	Romans 13,14	Jim and Kathy Edwards
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Romans 15,16</b>	Julie Eggleston
Mon.	April 21	Numbers 1,2	Nick and Arla Eicher; Kristen, Nicholas, Benjamin,, Harrison
Tues.	April 22	Numbers 3	Chris Elmore
Wed.	April 23	Psalms 24,25	Berny and Nancy Engel
Thurs.	April 24	Numbers 4	Lee and Joy Engert
Fri.	April 25	Numbers 5,6	Bruce and Sandra Ernst; Melanie, Mary
Sat.	April 26	Numbers 7	Darwin Estep; Katherine, Jessica
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>Numbers 8,9</b>	Bob and Gini Fanter; Bart, Harry, Nell, Ford
Mon.	April 28	Numbers 10,11	Marge Ferris
Tues.	April 29	Numbers 12,13	George and Chris Ferguson
Wed.	April 30	Psalms 26,27	Timothy and Chandra Fessler

### Pray for Service Men/Women

**US Army**-John Addleman, Bradley Hahn, Ginny Harness, Matt Hutchinson, Adam Kessler, CH Steve Prost, Jonathan Wilson, Brett McMillan, Jonathan Vander Schoor,\* Jason Steimel,\* Tim Smith,\* Jonah Woods,\* David Robertson.\*

**US Military Academy, West Point**-Nathaniel Claycomb.

**US Navy**- Hannah Hammond Bellenbaum, Nick Bellenbaum,\* Rachel Hammond, Scott Keller, Richard Pemberton, Chris Seifert, Todd Steinbrenner.

**US Naval Academy, Annapolis**- Ezra Akin, Drew Ruchte.

**US Marine Corps**- Micah Akin, Perry Akin, Gerry Kearney, Tyler De La Porte\*, David Dodd (USMCR), Patrick Owens.

**US Air Force**- Scott Craig, Jr., Mike Glass, Matthew McKeegan, Marcus Porwoll.

**USFA, Civil Air Patrol**- Brian Biggar, Rick Fiser and Jim, Charlie and Peter Unger, Bud and Vivian Moginot, Bob and Tim Schiller.

\* = Iraq, Kosovo, Afghanistan, or Korea.

### Pray for Continuing Needs

**Cerebral Palsy**- Jack Bellagamba.

**Cancer**- Maureen Gish, Sharon Wheeler, Brenda Jorgensen, Liz Langerak, Nancy Haines, Nancy Spain, Debbie Webber, Melvin Huenefeld, Dr. Stephen Combs, Jim Ruckman, Tim Murphy, Frank Polson, Andrew Benecke.

**Remission**- Becky Hall, Diane Miller, David Zeger, Ray Robertson, Angie Davis, Shirley Cordray, Jo Ann Wilson.

**Alzheimer**- Ray Wibbenmeyer, 80 – by Mary Keese. Gene, 81, mother of Doug Keese.

**Dialysis**- Don Clay, Linda Clay's father.

**Special Needs**- Daniel Fiser, Elise Miserocchi, David Edmondson, Sydney Duvall, Gracie Brooks, Andrew Province.

**Retirement or Care Center**- Frieda Wagstaff (Delmar Gardens), Agnes Stewart (Sunrise Assisted Living), Henry and Doris Giese, Vern Trueblood, Ralph Watzig (Friendship Village West), Howard McCamey (FV South), Ginny White (Price Memorial Home, Eureka, MO), Cliff Ivery (Laclede Groves), Marge Farris (Meramec Bluffs).

**Shut-ins at Home**- Bob Ruth, Lyla Klinge.