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## 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)

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of October 31, 2008

YTD Revenues	\$1,736,015
YTD Expenses	\$1,829,166
YTD Budget	\$1,924,999

# Family News

Compiled by Pastor Bud Moginot

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

➤ **Marge Jurgenson:** “To the Congregation and our many friends at Twin Oaks: words cannot express my feelings, thankfulness, for all your prayers and concerns, cards, calls, flowers, food that you have bestowed on me and our sons, Greg and Brad and others in our family. Thanks for the gifts to TOCS. Bob had a concern for the School. The Lord is my comfort, way over what I could ever have imagined. Gratefully yours, Marge Jurgenson”

➤ **Robert Huey** of Homosassa, FL: “Thanks for being my refuge in the storm of my daughter's terminal illness and aftermath of her death these past 8 months.”

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

➤ Tragedy struck the home of Virginia Wear, **Jay Nichols'** aunt, in Lynchburg, Virginia. On Sunday the 12th of October, Virginia lost her life in a house fire. Jay's cousin Nick and his wife Lee also sustained burns in the fire. They were hospitalized with their injuries, however, the next day (October 13) Lee passed away.

➤ We sorrow with **Jim** and **Barbara Benecke**, and with **Bill** and **Wendy Myers**. Jim Benecke lost his brother Tom in October, and on the 22nd of September his father James E. Benecke, Sr. passed away. On the 29th of September, their son Andrew was taken safe into the arms of Jesus after a six-year battle with cancer. Bill and Wendy lost their nephew, Chris Klassen on Saturday the 25th of October. Wendy's sister Amy and her daughter Jenny survive. Chris was in the United States Army.

➤ Midshipman 1st Class **Ezra Akin** is in his last year in the United States Naval Academy. The index finger of his left hand has improved. He has many studies and papers required and leads “The Truth Project.” Pray for him as he completes this final year.

## ANSWERED PRAYER

➤ **Wayne** and **Dorothy Farrar** together praise the Lord, and give thanks to Him for prayers answered in regard to Dottie's two back surgeries. The prayers answered were offered up to God by the people of Twin Oaks, her Pastors, and Elder.

➤ Grandfather **Steve Brewer** was greatly concerned that his daughter-in-law Jill might not bring her child to term, and asked us for months to pray for her. We received an e-mail with a picture of a smiling grandfather holding **Caroline Mae Brewer**. Caroline (10 lbs., 9 ozs. and 20 inches long) was born at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, October 7. Grandmother, **Susan Brewer**, says that she already has a 12 year old brother Curtis, and a nine year old sister Addalee. **Joey Acevez** is a proud uncle. Caroline's daddy is Jeffrey Brewer, a Recruiter for the Army National Guard in St. Ann, MO. Jeffrey, Jill and their family live in Union, MO.

## ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

➤ Craig and Marsha King celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on the 24th of October at a bed and breakfast in Hannibal, Missouri.

➤ **Maureen Gish** had a blessed birthday celebration on October 9. Her daughter Dana Sturgis came from Sidney, Montana. She was joined by her sisters Adrienne Myers and Michele Schlegel. Michele says that her mother is doing well in her fight with cancer.

➤ Please wish a happy birthday the following Staff Members and helpers who have birthdays in November. **Kitty Strong** maintains our Office (November 8). **Jack LaVergne** is our Maintenance Supervisor (November 23). **Nancy Whitson**, Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor, has her birthday this year on November 27—Thanksgiving Day! We are grateful indeed for Kitty, Jack and Nancy, and the part they play in serving the Lord at Twin Oaks.

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## Family News *(continued)*

### ENTERTAINMENT

➤ Golden Oaks had an excellent tour guided by **Jane Hummel** and **Ray Robertson**. There were 49 on the tour bus and two followed after for half of the tour. Jane had all things in order. Ray showed us the good eats and shows on the Good Shepherd Expressway in the revitalized downtown Branson.

John Calvin (**Bill Myers**) told his story of the Reformation in French to the Twin Oaks School assembly on the 30th of October. Madame Calvin (**Wendy Myers**) was his interpreter!

In Him, Bud

## 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 November 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 form in the Angel Food Mailbox (in the mailroom) no later than Monday, November 10th by 2 PM. Order forms are available in the mailbox and in the link. Distribution Day is Saturday, November 22th, 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).

### NOVEMBER DATES:

Orders Due: November 10, 2 PM  
Distribution: November 22

### DECEMBER DATES:

Orders Due: December 8, 2 PM  
Distribution: December 20

### ANGEL FOOD NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Food Pantry is in need of: breakfast cereal (Cheerios, etc.), canned or jarred fruits (applesauce, etc.), rice and rice meals, and hamburger helper type meals, cleaning products (laundry detergent, all purpose cleaners, and disinfectant spray), and paper products (Kleenex and TP).

## CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

☛ Does our church database have *your* family membership record correct? It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are all of your children still at home? **If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book and Directory is correct.** Call Nancy at 636.861.1870 for any and all updates. Thank you for your help!

### CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

For those who were unable to get their pictures done during September, please call Tom Donovan at 314.517.3522 to schedule Thanksgiving Break appointments for our pictorial directory. We need your smile!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

☛ **Truth4Kids will conclude on Wednesday, November 19, for 2008. We will resume in January. More details to come.**

## CHURCH LIBRARY

We've got a number of exciting new DVDs for you and your family to enjoy! First, we have a copy of *Expelled* in the library now; this was a recent theatrical release about how the teaching of Intelligent Design is suppressed in schools and universities around the country. Also, we have the new *Veggie Tales* full-length film on DVD, also a recent theatrical release: *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything*. Another family film, *Saving Sarah Cain*, is based on a book by Beverly Lewis and tells the story of how a young city woman finds out that she is the legal guardian of her five Amish nieces and nephews. In addition, we will be getting the Disney version of *Prince Caspian* as soon as it is available, in early December. Don't miss this one!

The library also has a copy of a gripping new biography, *Once an Arafat Man: The True Story of How a PLO Sniper Found a New Life*. The author, a former Muslim, points the way to true reconciliation in the Middle East. More new titles: *Cast of Characters* by Max Lucado; *Love as a Way of Life* by Gary Chapman; *Walking with God* by John Eldredge; *Is Believing in God Irrational?* by Amy Orr-Ewing; *Giving Your Child the Excellence Edge* by Vicki Caruana. Three new books by Covenant Seminary professors: *The Heart of Prayer* by Jerram Barrs; *What Is Your Church's Personality?* by Philip Douglass; and *James (Reformed Expository Commentary series)* by Daniel Doriani.

In the area of fiction, we have Karen Kingsbury's latest book *Sunset* and another book coming in a month or so in a different series. If you enjoyed *Daughter of China* by C. Hope Flinchbaugh, there are now two more in that series. We also have all five books in Lynn Austin's *Chronicles of the Kings* series and all three books in Andrea Boeshaar's *Broken Things* series. So much fiction is coming in that interested readers need to stop by the library to see these books for themselves, or peruse the fiction table right outside the library door. We enjoy taking requests too!

If you are taking the seminar *Family Life in an XXX Culture* with Dr. Splinter, please take a look at the books in the library display window. These books may give you more information on this topic. There are several to help you teach your children to be chaste, and several about the problems of kids on the Internet. One in particular, *Family Survival in an X-Rated World*, gives a practical program for guarding your heart and your home. And don't forget Dr. Dobson's course *Preparing for Adolescence*, which is an eight-part tape series to be shared with your child.

## COLLEGE LIFE

### ☛ COLLEGE LIFE BIBLE STUDY

meets Sunday nights at Kaldi's Coffee in Kirkwood at 7:30 PM.

### PAINTBALL AT WACKY WARRIORS Saturday, November 15

We'll shoot each other with paint, and tromp around in the woods at Wacky Warriors in Wentzville. The cost is \$25 for the gun, gear, 250 paintballs, and a free t-shirt! This event is for both guys and girls. You must sign up with Scott.

## COMMUNITY MINISTRY

### ☛ FAMILY FRIENDLY COOKBOOK

#### RECIPES DUE NOVEMBER 20

On October 5th we began receiving recipes for a cookbook which will be set up in five sections: breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner and dessert. The deadline for entry is November 20. The recipes used in this cookbook will have easy to make meals for the parents and meals for the children to make alongside parents. Recipes will be contributed by congregation members. We will make every effort to include back stories as appropriate. Additionally, Scripture meditations will be sprinkled throughout the book. This will be an in-house publication using our own printer and binder, selling for \$5.00. *The Family Friendly Cookbook* will be published on December 7.

Your help is needed. Please submit recipes and reserve your cookbook. Your commitment will allow us to:

#### 1. CONNECT FAMILY AND CHURCH

With our renewed focus on a family ministry structure, this cookbook will allow our children's ministry to connect church to home in one of the most important times in a family's life, meal time. This cookbook will allow opportunity for families to come together at a meal and read a devotional from the book or give thanks for the church family that shared the recipe for the dish they're sharing. It will afford a connection between church and weekly home life in a way that is new.

#### 2. UPGRADE CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SOUND SYSTEM

Our children's chapel sound system needs an upgrade in quality. We use the sound system for welcome videos, power point transitions, teaching times and various other ministry needs. We would like to use the cookbook proceeds to purchase four new speakers for our children's chapel.

#### 3. IMPROVE CHILDREN'S CHAPEL LIGHTING

Our Children's Chapel lighting looks very industrial and not very child friendly. A company called Sky-Scapes ([www.instantskylights.com](http://www.instantskylights.com)) produces light covers that diffuse the harsh fluorescent lights into something soothing and inviting to the children. This company produces one cover called Fluffy Clouds that would change the look of the chapel dramatically.

#### 4. REPLACE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VIDEO CAMERA

Our children's ministry video camera went missing last year and we are in need of a replacement. Our children's ministry uses this camera to shoot training videos and seminars for our teachers and volunteers. Without this tool at our disposal, we are forced to use grainy video recorders. Our children's ministry would like to purchase a new High Definition video camera. **Total Funds Needing to Be Raised:** between \$1560-\$1660.

#### 5. SUPPORT SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Finally, all additional funds raised will be given to the Special Needs Ministry at our church to be used with children from birth through 6th grade. Please submit your recipes to Reverend Paul DeYoung at [pauldeyoung@gmail.com](mailto:pauldeyoung@gmail.com), or call 314.614.0890.

#### TWIN OAKS 5TH ANNUAL ART SHOW CHANGES DATES!

The TOPC 5th Annual Art Show will run from November 22 to December 28 and will have the same theme as the Advent Season: "Desire of the Nations", coordinating with the Annual Christmas Music Festival and other Advent Season activities.

This year's Art Show will also use a different manner in which to showcase the art work. It will be an invitational Show, not an open juried show as in the past. The art of 12-15 artists will be featured, each one showing 4-6 works. Some of the "invitees" are professional artists and others are award winners from previous shows at TOPC. All of the invited artists are known for the excellence of their art as "unto the Lord."

Yes, Art Show could use some **volunteer** help! We need people to help with:

1. hanging the art during the week of November 17th;
2. setting up and serving at the Opening Reception on November 22nd;
3. preparing the Show Booklet and other printed materials; and
4. taking down the show the week of December 29th. If you could help with any of these “opportunities,” please contact Patt Tiemeier by phone: 314.645.8639 or email: [tiemeiers@gmail.com](mailto:tiemeiers@gmail.com).

## COUNSELING MINISTRY

### 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 6:30 PM–8:30 PM. Child care is provided. Call Dayna Osborne at 636.861.1870 ext. 3117 to register.

**SAFE PEOPLE** is for those who have completed Divorce Care and who want to learn to have healthy relationships. We will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM–8:30 PM. Child care is provided. Call Dayna Osborne to register.

**GRIEF SHARE** is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM–8:30 PM. Child care is provided. Call Dayna Osborne to register.

**TREASURE ISLAND** is a social and coping skills group for children in 3rd–6th grades. Meeting times are Thursdays after school from 4:00 PM–5:30 PM in the TOPC youth room. Call the office for more information.

**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.

Perhaps you are familiar with the classic 12-Step program of Alcoholics Anonymous or other groups. It has been said that the other programs’ vagueness about the nature of God, not including the saving power of Jesus Christ and the ignoring of the ministry of the Holy Spirit inhibits the successful recovery benefits 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.

You may have heard the saying: “time heals all wounds”. Unfortunately, that just isn’t true. The truth is, time often makes things worse. Wounds come from a variety of life’s experiences and when left untended, they fester and build to a full blown infection. Time only extends the pain if the problem isn’t dealt with.

Whether you have identified your hurt, habit or hang-up and want to have fellow believers come along side you for encouragement—or you just want to see what Celebrate Recovery is all about—we hope you will earnestly and prayerfully consider joining us Friday nights at 6 PM for dinner and the meeting that follows. Dinner cost is \$5 and includes dessert during the Solid Rock Café; the Solid Rock Café cost is \$2 if not having dinner. See you Friday. Learn more: [www.twinoakschurch.org/cr](http://www.twinoakschurch.org/cr)

**REV. TOM JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** is the Pastoral Counselor of Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church and the Executive Director of Twin Oaks Counseling Services.

**DAYNA OSBORNE, LPC, NCC** holds a Masters degree in counseling as well as two years of post-graduate training in marriage and family counseling. She is a Licensed Professional/National Certified Counselor and a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. Dayna has 17 years of counseling experience and 14 years of experience as a middle school and high school teacher. She works with individuals, couples, and families in a wide range of areas, and has led divorce recovery groups at Twin Oaks for nine years.

**JOHN CORDRAY, M.A., PLPC** holds a Masters degree in Professional Counseling and is currently a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor, with Dayna Osborne as his supervisor. John is pursuing his second Masters at Covenant Theological Seminary, and is also a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors. John has worked with children and youth since 1991 in a variety of churches and ministries and offers a unique ability to relate to children and youth in counseling situations.

**CONNIE LEMMON, CIT** joins 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.

## DIACONATE

### ☛ DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER

11/09/2008	Elmore	314.518.7266
11/16/2008	Heitzman	636.256.1377
11/23/2008	Henske	314.616.7187
11/30/2008	Kendrick	314.892.9182
12/07/2008	Lewis	636.536.6917
12/13/2008	Menzel	636.227.3843

Prayer vigils are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The last vigil of 2008 will be December 13.

## GOLDEN OAKS

### ☛ CHRISTMAS DECORATING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 / 9:00 AM

It's a tradition that the Golden Oaks help decorate our church for Christmas on the day after Thanksgiving. There will be plenty of younger people to do the heavier work. We also provide a light lunch for all the workers. Join us in the fun and fellowship of seeing the Christmas beautification process. At noon we'll eat lunch together.

If you are able to provide a pot of soup or chili, a salad or a simple dessert of cookies or brownies for our lunch, please call Ray Robertson at 636.225.3828. It is greatly appreciated.

### LAST EVENT OF THE YEAR: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Our last event of the year is a catered luncheon followed by entertainment provided by The Key Tones, an area barbershop quartet. More details on this to come. Contact Jane Hummel for more details.

## LIFE MATTERS

### ☛ PRC NEWBORN NEEDS

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. 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.

### LOOKING AHEAD

There will be a Prayer Vigil at Stone Gate on the December 13th.

**MEN OF TWIN OAKS:** we are in great need of help on Saturday mornings. The Life Matters 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.

**Defenders of the Unborn** is a local organization whose members are instrumental in many of the events that result in a white rose on our pulpit when we celebrate that a baby has been saved from the Planned Parenthood abortionist's hand. Saturday mornings are when a number of us gather outside the abortion mill in the Central West End to minister to parents heading into the place. We're hoping to literally surround the facility with prayers. See flyers on the Life display in the front link, or contact any member of the Life Team: Marty Bennet, Andrew Henske, Kerry Brown, Dan Kendrick, Susan Calhoun, Kathy Kothe, Arne Molbach, Charlie Troxell and Pam and Rod Cunningham.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### ☛ TOPC MEN'S BREAKFAST: SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:45 AM

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."  
—Proverbs 27:17

Come join us for the best breakfast in town—best price, too! For \$6 you get eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, pancakes, fruit, coffee and juice. Sign up in the link; in a pew pad; or contact Keith Schreiber: [keithjoyce@earthlink.net](mailto:keithjoyce@earthlink.net), or Steve Brewer: [lakeman1974@gmail.com](mailto:lakeman1974@gmail.com) / 314.713.3957.

We are starting another exciting year of Men's Fraternity. This year we are introducing *The Great Adventure* with Robert Lewis. This 20-week study will be running through March 19th, 2009. We will explore man and his world beyond the every day. This study will help find your niche in life: one that is realistic, thrilling, and deeply satisfying.

#### **THE GREAT ADVENTURE**

- Every Thursday morning at 6 AM, TOPC Reception Hall, September 11 through March 19.
- Every Thursday evening at 7 PM, TOPC Fellowship Hall, September 11 through March 19.

The primary goal of Men's Fraternity is to create a strong network of brothers in Christ—who will mentor one another, bear each other's burdens and hold each other accountable.

We hope you will find this 20 week study a blessing in your life and that it will emphasize the importance of men's role in the family, at work and in the church. There is no organization that can be successful in the eyes of the Lord without Godly Men leading the way.

You can register via email by sending either Steve Brewer ([lakeman1974@gmail.com](mailto:lakeman1974@gmail.com)) or Jerry Sackberger, ([jasack@swbell.net](mailto:jasack@swbell.net)) your information. Information and Registration will be available at the Men's Fraternity tables in the Front Link, and at the top of the Grand Staircase, or by contacting the Church Office at 636.861.1870.

**TOPC Men's Bible Studies** have begun and will run through December 9th. The evening Bible study begins each Tuesday at 7:00 PM and ends at 8:30 PM. There is an optional dinner at 6:15 PM. Studying the book of Ephesians will "open the eyes of your heart" so you can see the glorious riches of God's inheritance. (Ephesians 1:18). Please join us to study, pray and fellowship together. The fee for the study materials for the fall semester is \$15.00. Please call Randy Kirkland at 636.394.3307 for the PM class.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

#### **LEAF RAKING DAY**

On Saturday, November 22nd, from 8 AM till noon the TOPC Diaconate will sponsor its annual leaf raking day. Once again we will serve members of TOPC and those of our local community. If you need help with your leaves let us know what your situation is.

Contact Marty Bennet ([mbennet01@earthlink.net](mailto:mbennet01@earthlink.net) / 314.422.0393) for questions, to put in your name as a helper, or to request help.

## QUARTERLIFE

#### **SINGLE'S LUNCH: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 09**

Please join us for lunch today in the Reception Hall. We will meet around 12.30 to share food, fun, and fellowship. You are welcome to attend, even if you didn't sign up in advance. Cost \$5. We'd love to see you! The next single's luncheon is scheduled for December 14.

#### **GET TOGETHER: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Late afternoon, please call Judi at 314.291.5253 for more details.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

#### **MEN: WE NEED YOUR HELP**

There are several men ready to come to the evening service with Jack Bellagamba, but they need a buddy to assist them once per month. The men currently helping are Tim Andersen, Bill Bassman, Lincoln VerMeer, and Terry Jones. This is a fun opportunity and I invite you to try it out! No experience needed. Call Robin at 636.861.1945 or mention it to one of these men.

We need three adults to join the team in Oaks Too during the 11:00 service once per month. If you have never visited this classroom, you have missed meeting a wonderful group of teens! Men with woodworking interest especially needed. Call Robin at 636.861.1945.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **COLLEGE LIFE AND QUARTERLIFE (AGES 18-EARLY 30S)**

#### ***Romans for Real***

SCOTT KERENS | ROOM 219

An In-depth Study of a Thick Letter to Christians. Paul's letter to the Romans is one of the most inclusive summaries of our great doctrines, while also containing the heart-penetrating simplicity of God's gracious love for us, sinners. Paul's systematic explanation of the Gospel in Romans reveals our grace-reality, which compels us through Christ to gracious living. Join us as we dive in to the deep end (sometimes with floaties).

#### **OPEN TO ADULTS OF ALL AGES**

#### ***Second Corinthians Continued***

RANDY KIRKLAND | HALL D-F

We will continue our study of II Corinthians picking up in chapter 5. This is one of Paul's most personal letters, but a letter which regrettably is not often taught, having been overshadowed by other epistles like Romans and Ephesians. In the words of one commentator: "Second Corinthians is a letter stained with Paul's

blood, sweat and tears. To know this letter is to be moved by Paul's life. What is most striking, however, is not what this letter reveals about Paul, but what it says about God... This 'Godward' orientation remains true whether he is speaking about his intense suffering or his change in travel plans...the collection of money for Jerusalem or the future of his own ministry." As we continue our walk through this wonderful letter together, we will periodically pause to dwell on theological matters which deserve extra attention.

## TWIN OAKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### 🏀 BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

TOCS is accepting basketball registrations for boy and girl players (3rd-8th grade), coaches and referees. Registration forms are available at [www.twinoakschristianschool.org](http://www.twinoakschristianschool.org). Please contact Jeannine Shikles at [jshikles@twinoaksschool.org](mailto:jshikles@twinoaksschool.org) or 314.496.1765 to obtain dates for referee and coaching clinics. Games begin on Saturday, January 3, 2009.

### CYC PHOTO ID CARD NIGHTS IN THE TOCS RECEPTION HALL/CAFETERIA

- Thursday, December 4, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 6, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 PM

### UNIFORM NIGHT

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 from 5:00-8:00 PM in the TOCS Reception Hall/Cafeteria. This date has been set to collect volleyball and soccer uniforms and team equipment, and to distribute basketball uniforms. If you can not make uniform night, please arrange with another parent/coach to return/pick-up your child's uniform on this night.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### 🏠 CHRISTMAS EVENT HOSTED IN LINDA MERRICK'S HOME: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH | 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

*Save the date* for a special Christmas event for TOPC women. You will not want to miss the wonderful fellowship, delicious finger foods, Christmas cooking demonstrations, simple holiday floral arranging and an easy-to-make hostess gift. Plan to come and bring a friend. Registration will begin November 16th at the Armoire in the link.

## WORLD MISSIONS

### 🏠 MTW MISSOURI PRESBYTERY WORLD MISSIONS FORUM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

The second bi-annual MTW Missouri Presbytery World Missions Forum is set for Saturday, November 8, at Memorial Presbyterian Church on 201 South Skinker Boulevard, across from Forest Park. The Forum will begin at 9:00 AM and will run to approximately 11:00 AM. Parking is available on the streets surrounding the church. The meeting will be held in the Chapel. Entrance to the Chapel is on the Alexander Street side of the building.

This forum will feature a panel of World Missions Directors/Pastors, one each from a large, medium and small PCA church discussing the nuts and bolts of how to administer a World Missions ministry. The previous forum, held at Twin Oaks Church this past spring, was a huge success with attendance from PCA churches across the metro area.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST—SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

The Men's Breakfast ministry continues to grow as men and their sons gather together the second Saturday of each month from 7:45 AM to 9:00 AM for a great time of food, fellowship and testimony. As Keith Schrieber, the Coordinator of the Men's Breakfast likes to point out, you will not find a better \$6.00 breakfast anywhere!

Over the next two months this time of fellowship will have a decidedly world missions flavor, with speakers coming in from India and Brazil. These are can't-miss events so put them on your calendar now:



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
**REV. PHIL (MISSION TO THE WORLD), DIRECTOR OF**  
**NORTHERN INDIA**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**LUCIANO PIRES (PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL)**  
**FOUNDER/DIRECTOR OF COLLOQUIUM IN BRAZIL**

Below are some exciting short-term Missions trips coming up in 2009. If you have never been on a missions trip, it's never too late to start! These are excellent opportunities to further our Lord's kingdom cause abroad.

**NORTH INDIA**

*Vision Trip* March 22–April 3. Contact the Missions Office for more information at 636.861.1870 or [dmiddendorf@twinoakschurch.org](mailto:dmiddendorf@twinoakschurch.org).

**NAIROBI, KENYA**

*Medical Mission* This is a medical and non-medical adult trip from July 17–26. Contact Tina Mooney at 636.225.8144 or [smi4u@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smi4u@sbcglobal.net).

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

*Adult Evangelistic Trip* July 31–August 9. Contact Jim Calkins at 636.861.1009 or [jim.calkins@sial.com](mailto:jim.calkins@sial.com).

**MONTERREY, MEXICO**

*Adult Mixed Skill Trip* Dates TBA. Contact Don Jacobs at 314.842.5759 or [donjacobs30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donjacobs30@sbcglobal.net).

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL REHEARSALS**

*for Sanctuary, Youth, En Masse Choirs and Orchestra:*

Tues., November 11	Orchestra Only	6:30 PM
Sun., November 16	Choirs Only	4:30 PM
Sun., November 23	Choirs Only	4:30 PM
Sun., November 30	Choirs Only	4:30 PM
Mon., December 1	Orchestra Only	6:30 PM
Wed., December 3	Choirs & Orchestra	6:30 PM
Sat., December 6	Christmas Festival	5:45 PM Call Time
Sun., December 7	Christmas Festival	5:45 PM Call Time

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**YOUTH AUCTION, MARCH 7 2009**

**Save the Date!** The 2008 auction was a great success and through the generosity and involvement of parents, church membership, family and friends, many youth were able to serve another community in Armonia, Mexico while growing in their own faith during the summer of 2008. Please start thinking about how you might be involved in the upcoming auction and any items that might be donated to benefit this worthy ministry.

**LASER TAG LOCK-IN**

Friday, November 14-15 | 5:30 PM Friday–Saturday 9:00 AM  
 Youth enjoy a night of laser tag and overnight lock-in. Looking for parents to serve breakfast Saturday morning, please contact the youth office if you are available: [youth@twinoakschurch.org](mailto:youth@twinoakschurch.org).

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**

Sunday, November 30 | 7:15–9:30 PM  
 Back by popular demand. No talent too big or too small. If you are not performing then be sure to come enjoy the show.

**KINLOCH SERVICE PROJECT**

Saturday, December 6 | 9:00 AM–noon

**YOUTH GROUP**

Wednesdays, November 12, 19, and December 3 | 6:30–8:30 PM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

November 16, 23, 30, and December 7 | 10:00–10:55 AM

**D-GROUPS**

Sunday, November 9, 16, 23 | 7:15–9:30 pm  
 D-Groups are the Twin Oaks Youth Ministry discipleship groups. They are divided by age and gender, and meet at different locations as decided by each group.

# CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY

FOR SMALL GROUPS

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

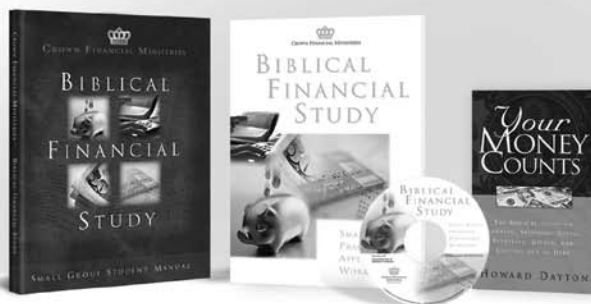
to teach people  
**God's**  
financial principles

“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

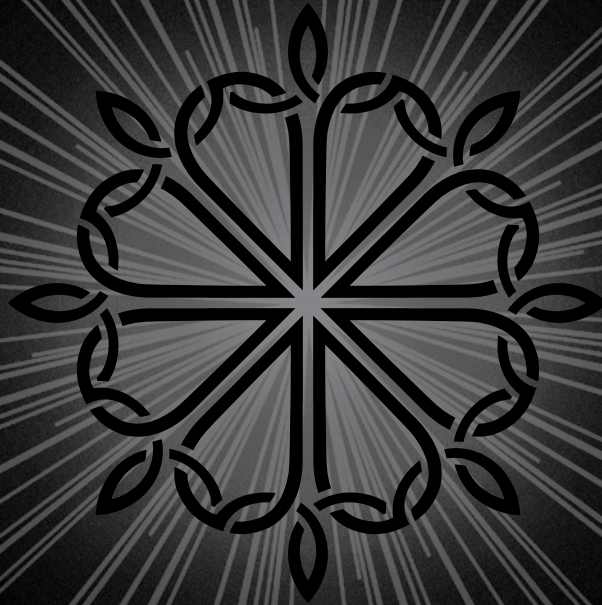
- Getting out of debt
- Spending
- Saving and Investing
- Budgeting
- Giving
- Earning money
- Training children



### REGISTRATION/EVENT INFORMATION

**One-Day Seminar:** Saturday, January 17  
**11-Week Course:** Begins Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 PM





THE 11TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL

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TWIN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DECEMBER 6-7, 2008 • 7 PM

Come join us for an evening of elegant Christmas music including classical and contemporary selections—featuring the Twin Oaks Orchestra and our Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs. Call 636 861 1870 or visit [www.twinoakschurch.org](http://www.twinoakschurch.org) to find out more.

Nursery provided for ages three and under. Disability and hearing-impaired accessible.

ALSO COMING UP AT TWIN OAKS:

*The 5th Annual Art Show*

Opening Reception: November 22, 2008 | 7-9 PM

Artwork will be displayed from November 22-December 28.



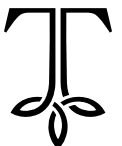
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# NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Every Sunday:</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship 10:00 am: Sunday School 6:15 pm: Youth Choir, Sing! Jr. Joymakers 6:00 pm: Evening Worship			<b>Every Wednesday</b> 5:30 pm: Dinner 6:30 pm: Kids 4 Truth 6:30 pm: Jr./Sr. High 6:30 pm: Choir 6:30 pm: Prayer, Bible Study 6:30 pm: Divorce Care/Safe People			<b>1</b> <b>Last day for Daylight            Savings Time</b> 7:00 am: Prayer Vigil 1:00 pm: Children's Inquirer's Class
<b>2</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship & Communion 6:00 pm: Evening Worship	<b>3</b> 7 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9:15 am: Women Bible Study Bible Study 6 pm: Crown Money 7 pm: WBS Men's Bible Study	<b>5</b> Family Night Splinter Series	<b>6</b> 6 am: Men's Fraternity 6 pm: Apples of Gold Celebration Dinner 6:30 pm: Session Meeting 7 pm: Men's Fraternity	<b>7</b> 6 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>8</b> 7 am: Prayer Vigil 7:45-9:00 am: Men's Breakfast 11 am-Noon: Pro-Life Prayer Vigil
<b>9</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship 12:30 pm: Single's Lunch 6:00 pm: Evening Worship	<b>10</b> 7 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9:15 am: Women Bible Study 6 pm: Crown Money 7 pm: WBS Men's Bible Study	<b>12</b> Family Night Splinter Series	<b>13</b> 6 am: Men's Fraternity 7 pm: Men's Fraternity	<b>14</b> 6 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>15</b> 7 am: Prayer Vigil
<b>16</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship 6:00 pm: Evening Worship	<b>17</b> 7 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>18</b> 9:15 am: Women Bible Study 6 pm: Crown Money 7 pm: WBS Men's Bible Study	<b>19</b> Family Night	<b>20</b> 6 am: Men's Fraternity 7 pm: Men's Fraternity	<b>21</b> 6 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>22</b> 7 am: Prayer Vigil 4-10 pm: Art Show Reception
<b>23</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship 6:00 pm: Joint Reformation Worship Service at Memorial Presbyterian Church	<b>24</b> 7 pm: Community Bible Study	<b>25</b> 9:15 am: Women Bible Study 6 pm: Crown Money 7 pm: Diaconate Meeting 7 pm: WBS Men's Bible Study	<b>26</b> Family Night Splinter Series (Choir will not meet)	<b>27</b> 9 am: Thanksgiving Worship Service	<b>28</b> Office Closed Hanging of the Greens 6 pm: Celebrate Recovery	<b>29</b> 7 am: Prayer Vigil
<b>30</b> <b>First Sunday in            Advent</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship 6:00 pm: Evening Worship						

# TOPC PRAYER CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2008

DAY	DATE	SCRIPTURE FOR PRAYER	MEMBER(S)
Saturday	November 1	II Kings 1-2	Scott Schuler; Jazmyn, Amalia, Autumn
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 2</b>	<b>II Kings 3-4</b>	Kurt and Lisa Schulz
Monday	November 3	II Kings 5-6	Dean and Rosemary Scoular; David, Rosalind, Wes
Tuesday	November 4	II Kings 7-8	Pavel and Lenka Sebek
Wednesday	November 5	Psalms 63-64	John and Charlotte Segrave; Ashley, Katharine
Thursday	November 6	II Kings 9-10	Steven and Ronda Shapiro; Meghan
Friday	November 7	II Kings 11-12	Terry and Maggie Shields
Saturday	November 8	II Kings 13-14	Tom and Sandy Siedhoff
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 9</b>	<b>II Kings 15-17</b>	Cathy Simmons
Monday	November 10	Hosea 1-2	Danny and Lizzie Simpson
Tuesday	November 11	Hosea 3-4	Gary and Karen Skelton
Wednesday	November 12	Psalms 65	Ed Smith
Thursday	November 13	Hosea 5-6	Greg and Liz Smith; Ashley, Andrea
Friday	November 14	Hosea 7-8	Jerry and Debbie Smith
Saturday	November 15	Hosea 9-10	Steve and Ursula Smith; Heather, Emily, Harrison, Karlton, Abigail
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 16</b>	<b>Hosea 11-12</b>	Tim and Cindy Smith; Jonathan, Kathryn
Monday	November 17	Hosea 13-14	Tim and Kathy Smith
Tuesday	November 18	Joel 1-3	Mike and Karen Smugala; Kaitlyn, Kelsey
Wednesday	November 19	Psalms 66-67	David and Dot Soldavini
Thursday	November 20	Amos 1-2	James and Sherry Spindel
Friday	November 21	Amos 3-4	Jeffrey and Ashley Spitler
Saturday	November 22	Amos 5-6	Jack and Barbara Spitzer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>Amos 7-8</b>	Ruth Sprague
Monday	November 24	Amos 9, Obadiah	Barbara Sprick
Tuesday	November 25	Jonah 1-2	Gene and Gladis Stanislaus
Wednesday	November 26	Psalms 68-69	Matt and Leslie Steel; Graham
Thursday	November 27	Jonah 3-4	Ron and Jenny Steel; Jonathan
Friday	November 28	Micah 1-3	Steve and Peggy Stewart; Maggie, Mathew
Saturday	November 29	Micah 4-5	Jared and Becky Stinehagen; Bailey, Jordan, Carter
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 30</b>	<b>Micah 6-7</b>	Scott and Kathy Stinehagen; Zachary
Monday	December 1	John 1	Clark and Rachel Stout; Hunter, Ariana, Kailah, Cole
Tuesday	December 2	John 2	Judy Stover
Wednesday	December 3	Psalms 70-71	Robert and Mary Street
Thursday	December 4	John 3	Timothy Streib
Friday	December 5	John 4	David Suttle
Saturday	December 6	John 5	Ernst and Susan Taeger



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