

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Friend Day  
April 18th
- KidsQuest  
needs your  
help
- Monthly cal-  
endar

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## Friend Day

### Who Will You Invite?

**Who will you invite to our upcoming Friend Day on April 18th?** This is a great opportunity for us as a congregation to reach out to our friends and family. Have them join us at the North Campus for a performance by Therefore Ministries, a wonderful sermon by Pastor Ken Brown and lunch will be served after 2nd service.

Therefore Ministries is a traveling drama team that travels to many churches, youth groups, church

organizations and public youth events. They perform all types of drama, ranging from comedy to serious, even melodramas. On April 18th, come and enjoy a series of skits that are going to change your life. The skits will range from serious to funny. You will never know what to expect. So come join us for an event that will have you asking your self, "Where are you now with God, and what keeps you from following him?"

Please be thinking and praying for those whom God lays on your heart that they may be drawn to worship with us. What a wonderful opportunity to share with those around **YOU!**



## New to the North Campus?

### Dessert's on US!

If you are new to Fairfield Christian Church and would like to meet the staff, elders, and pastors. We will be hosting a New to the North Dessert Buffet on March 29th at 7pm in the Gathering Place.

This is a perfect opportunity to have all your questions answered in a fun casual atmosphere. We will share our hearts and our favorite desserts.



Please call the church office at 740-862-6245 and let them know you will be attending so we can get a count on how many people to prepare for.

If you would like to invite a friend or neighbor please feel free to do so!

## Fairfield Christian Church 2010 Men's Retreat & The Blessing 3G's on the Lords Teaching

### Good Men

### Growing Into

### Godly Men



All men please join us at Round Lake Christian Assembly Friday, March 5 5:00pm - Saturday March 6, 12:00 pm. for what is sure to be a very blessed time with other brothers of Christ.

**“Good Men Growing into Godly Men”** is the focus of this years men's retreat.

**Guest Speaker  
David Roadcup  
From Cincinnati  
Christian University**

David is bringing a powerful message of encouragement to all men.

Registration cost is \$40.00 which includes: Steak Dinner, Accommodations and Breakfast. (Supply your own bedding and towels)

Register online now at [www.fairfieldcc.com](http://www.fairfieldcc.com)

For additional information, please contact Teresa Sullivan at 740-654-3866 ext. 243 or [tsullivan@fairfieldcc.org](mailto:tsullivan@fairfieldcc.org).



### Young Adults

The young adult small group known as, The Young Adult Revolution, has finally begun! Under the leadership of David Artrip and Joel Guinen this group is meeting a tremendous need by creating a group for young adults to be able to fellowship and

grow together. They will also be going out to meet the real needs of the community.

The group had a great start on it's opening Thursday night and is foreseeing tremendous growth ahead. They are looking at this as a great start to a great future.

If you are a young adult between the ages 18-28 or know someone who is looking for a group to get plugged-in to, then please see David or Joel, or feel free to stop by on any given Thursday Night at 7:07pm



If you haven't noticed, there are some tremendous things going on in the youth group as of lately.

First off, the youth ministry has been blessed with some great new volunteers. If you haven't met Trisha Hays, David Artrip, or Brad Jeffers, then please make it a point to get to know them. These three are a wonderful addition to a great team that has already been in

place for some time now. Over the last months, the youth worship team has grown by leaps and bounds. They are now starting to achieve that "It-factor!" It has been amazing to watch them grow as a team, as well as watching them lead their peers in a fun and powerful worship experience. This team really helps to create an amazing atmosphere in the youth group during and outside of worship!

Recently we have created a Wednesday Night small group for the Sr. High teens. This is a relaxing time where teens can

come with their questions and feel comfortable to talk about whatever topic that comes to the table. With great opening night success, I foresee this as being a great time for the youth to grow and become deeply rooted in their faith. Also, with this being a more relaxed Bible-based group, this is a great event to invite teens to, whether they are strong-Christians, struggling-Christians, or people with a lot of good questions. This group welcomes all who want to get together and discuss God!

# KidsQuest Needs Your Help



**Sunday evening coordinator**—Is God calling you to get involved at church? We have a way to get you plugged in and be blessed at the same time! KQ would love to offer an evening program for our KQ children on

Sundays. We are looking for someone to lead this valuable program. All materials would be provided and you would be supported and guided through the KidsQuest ministries—we just need YOU! Please prayerfully consider this need. Ask a friend to join you in serving!

**Assistant** —would you be willing to assist during the 10:45 service in the school age class? We need a team member twice a month to assist our teachers. No preparation necessary. . . and,

you'll be blessed when you get to know these kids!

**KQ Reception desk attendants**—We want your smile and your warm personality to greet our guests! Consider working our reception desk in the gathering place. We need you!



## VBS is Coming to North Campus

Vacation Bible School will be held at the North Campus on July 6 - 9, which means we only have 20 weeks before we set sail! We will be doing Group's High Seas Expedition in which the kids will learn that God's Word is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing and for everyone. I hope you will join us for the wonderful adventure we will be having with the kids at VBS.

We will need all hands on deck for our crew to pull this off, in-

cluding help with registration, crafts, snacks, skits for the bible stories, games, guides to be with each age group, security, and planning our family night at the last night of VBS.

Please prayerfully consider which area you would love to help with.

If interested, our first planning meeting will be held on March 10, at 7:00 pm, in Room 154. We hope to see you there and look forward to working with you

so that we can show these kids that God loves them and nothing is impossible with Him on our side.



When the snow started falling on Friday, February 5th, it quickly became evident that the Extreme Teens trip to Winter Jam wasn't going to happen. By noon, many parents and students decided against a road trip to Columbus.

Instead, we opened up the church and 14 people decided to come down for a party. Food, games, movies, and plenty of warm hearts made the best of a cold winter's night. While we didn't make it to the concert, we still had a

great time together.

Extreme Teens is a ministry that continues to grow and we look forward to watching our pre-teens in their walk with the Lord.

## A Timely Insight into .

Do you remember Bethany Hamilton? Don't think so? Oh, I think you do, but it might take a few moments to jog your memory.

Bethany grew up surfing on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. When she was only 13, a 14 foot tiger shark attacked her, severing one of her arms. Now do you remember?

Maybe you didn't know that Bethany climbed back on her surf board just one month later. One year later, despite her disability, she won her first national surfing title.

Bethany insists, "It was Jesus Christ who gave me peace when I got attacked by the shark. . . . And it was what God had taught me growing up that helped me overcome my fears . . . to get back into the water to keep surfing."

Get this though. Bethany was actually thrilled that God chose to use her as she chose to press on despite the loss of her arm. "My mom and I were praying before the shark attack that God would use me. Well, to me, 1 Timothy 1:12 kind of tells me that God considered me faithful enough to appoint me to his service. I just want to say that no matter who you are, God can use you even if you think you're not the kind of person that can be used.

You might think:

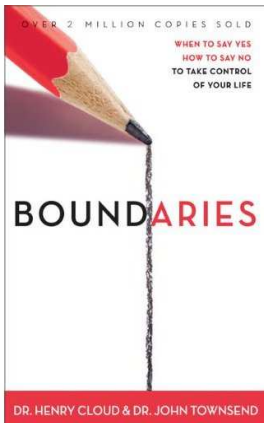
Why would God use me? That's what I thought. . . . I was like thirteen and there God goes using me!"

Don't you think that if God could use a 13-year-old girl with just one arm, that He can use you too, despite your limitations?

### Timeless Truth

*I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service*

1 Timothy 1:12



## CARECORPS UPCOMING CLASS

### BOUNDARIES

By Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend

Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible and those which we are not. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries impact all areas of

our lives: Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

Two day class: March 13 and March 27 9am-5pm

Participant's will need to purchase the book (revised version with the red pencil on it) and read chapters 1-6 before class.

Participants may also purchase the Participant's Guide before class or purchase at

class for \$10.00

A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of lunch and gift to the instructor.

## Special Announcements

We are pleased to announce the baptisms, births and new members (at the time of print).

We want to welcome the VanArsdale family and Joel and Dani Guinen who through confession of faith have placed their memberships at the North Campus.

There were four baptisms in February:

Erica Lawyer, Robbie Lawyer, Nancy Shell and Sierra Hawkins all became immersed believers. Congratulations to them.

Births:

Sarah and Chad Smith welcomed a baby girl, Lexi, into their lovely family on Tues, February 9th.

*Peter replied  
"repent and be  
baptized, every  
one of you, in  
the name of Je-  
sus Christ for  
the forgiveness  
of your sins"  
And you will re-  
ceive the gift of  
the Holy Spirit.*

**Acts 2:38**

Dear Brothers and Sister;

I know that looking out your window it does not seem like Easter is approaching. But it is on April 4th, which is only a little more than 4 weeks away. Again this year we are doing our "30 Pieces of Silver Love Offering". We turn the offering of betrayal into an offering of LOVE. This offering helps us throughout the year with buying things for the church that is not

In the budget or there is no other money to pay for it. You have been so generous with this special offering in the past. Please pick up your baggies in the Church Office. This is for those nickels, dimes, quarters, etc.. Yes we do except the green paper money with pictures of the Presidents on them, as well as checks. We will collect the money on Easter Sunday April 4th.

Thank you so much for your help and in your faithfulness in giving.

Pastor Leonard

## Easter Flower Order Form

### Order Deadline is Sunday, March 21, 2010

Please enclose your payment with order form and place in the offering plate or turn into the Church Office

This year we are offering a choice of the  
Easter Lily, Tulip, or Hyacinths

**In Memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**I am ordering:**

**Type of flower** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of flower** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MY FLOWER TO THE  
CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION EFFORT.**

**YES**

**NO**

# LIFE IN A FISH TANK

*By Pastor Dan Crawford*

Sitting at my desk in my office, I have a direct view of my five gallon fish aquarium and its inhabitants. Purposely, I positioned the aquarium adjacent to my desk, on a shelf next to the wall, so I can enjoy an intentional distracting moment as I'm mesmerized by the fish's graceful movements. Swimming and swirling without a care in their controlled environment, the fish are totally unaware of who I am and nonchalant of who feeds them and takes care of their needs. As the fish aimlessly whisk around in their confined surroundings, sometimes, I feel sorry for them. It's a diminutive sadness as I imagine their entire lives being lived out in that fish tank, never to experience freedom, love or a satisfied and fulfilled life.

Embarrassed after my brief lapse of aquatic empathy, I am quickly reminded that they are simply fish who have a memory length of 3 to 7 seconds long and they don't know or even have the intellectual capability to realize they are in a fish tank! Fish function by instinct and responsive impulse. They are not aware of cognitive thought or reason.

Justifying their artificial home of water, I think to myself, *"They should be thankful that they have a nice, clean home to live in, with three square meals of fish flakes a day. They should appreciate the fact that they are safe from any fish eating predator that may want to have them for dinner."*, only to go through the whole process again when I need a brain break and I return to gaze at my fish in my fish tank.

Consider with me, if you will, that we as human beings are like those fish in my aquarium. Picture in your mind the aquarium is life on this planet and the differences are, we don't live in water and we have a soul. We have a memory that lasts longer than seven seconds, (Well, most people anyway!- the memory part!), and we live our entire lives in a confined glass box, aimlessly whisking about like we have no purpose, repeating the same routines over and over again. We live like we have no purpose. *"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."* (Is. 22:13, I Cor. 15:32) Survival is the only thing we have to live for, only to make it to the next day or to live from one experience to the other. Food, clothing, shelter and the necessities of life are taken for granted, and the One who supplies for us is not given any thought or acknowledgment of thanks. The simple fact that we have air to breathe and a mind to use is simply not considered.

Like my fish, oblivious to my presence and my relentless dedication in feeding and caring for them, most people live their entire lives totally unaware and ignorant of the One, true and living God. They never experience life to its fullest. It's sad, very, very sad; to not know God! To not know the One who feeds us and cares for us and supplies all our needs. Even the air we breathe is a gift from Him. To not know the One who gives us life and life eternal is sad! It's sad, indeed!

The Good News is we can know God (Jer. 31:34)! We can know God through His Son, Jesus (Phil. 3:8-10). To know God is eternal life (Jn. 17:3). We can know God and have a vibrant relationship with Him (the Book of John, New Testament). To know God is to know His unconditional love (Eph. 3:19). To know God is to have hope, assurance and peace. To know God through His Son is to have His favor, His blessings, His promises and His gifts, especially, the free gift of eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

I have to ask you, "Do you know the One who feeds you?" In this fish tank we call 'life', "Are you aware of the Hand that takes care of you and supplies all your needs?" "Do you know He sees you and observes your life?" He has known you, even before you were conceived in your mother's womb. He knows every integral and microscopic fiber of your life. "Do you know *God loves you?*"

The next time you eat a satisfying dinner or you enjoy your nice warm home, remember from whom it came from. God loves and cares for you! Put your trust in Him!

## The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



GOD IS NOT FORGETFUL, BUT... If we confess our sins, he will forgive us. **1 Jo 1:19**, will remember them no more. **Is 43:25**, and as far as the east is from the west, God will REMOVE these sins. **Ps 103:12**

# “Hell is Real”

*Submitted by Pastor Leonard*

Going to hell, is like ringing a bell, Anyone can do it with ease.  
It requires no work, you can even be a jerk,  
Hey you can even be a sleaze and do anything you please.

There are no tests to cram, and no entrance exam,  
You can get in even if you don't try.  
Why you can cheat and steal, and even maim and kill,  
And still be welcome to hell's by-and by.

Satan wants every soul, to drag to his dark hole,  
Satan walks to and fro seeking whom he can devour.  
He's like a mighty lion, he'll catch you if You're lyin'.  
He's here, looking for me and you, this very hour.

What do you know, of where you're gonna go,  
And how do you know you're gonna get there? If you die in sin, then Satan and hell will win,  
But with death in JESUS, you'll meet HIM in the air!

It's your decision to make, which path your gonna take,  
NO ONE can decide it, for you!  
When you breathe your very last, the time to choose is past,  
Your deciding time, is now through!  
Are you gonna be good, like you know you should,  
Are you gonna follow GOD? Well prove it!  
Accept JESUS today, and from sin turn away,  
A Mountain in your path? With GOD, YOU CAN MOVE IT!

Will your friends stay away? They'll Be back again someday!  
To tell you, “You did right,” and that they, “Blew it!”  
If you want what, GOD has in store, and long for Heaven's Door,  
When you leave this life you can, walk thru it.

If you wait until tomorrow, you may be filled with sorrow.  
For you, tomorrow on this Earth, may never come.  
For those this poem read, and those this poem heed,  
And you never know, there may be some.

GOD will fill their heart with joy, and their heart will bouy,  
And their happiness, will flow and flow.  
With GOD as their guide, and JESUS by their side,  
Knowing, that to heaven they will go!

Which way will it be? Stop and look and see,  
Which direction, your life is leading!  
Don't be proud! Be Humble! Or in this life you'll stumble!  
For your salvation, the HOLY SPIRIT is pleading!

Remember HELL IS REAL, and many will its misery feel,  
And the fire burns forever, in that place!  
There is only one way, for you from hell to stay,  
And that is thru, JESUS' saving grace!

I beg you to hear my plea! From your sinful way do flee!  
Do it NOW, this very day!  
IF FROM SIN YOU DO NOT TURN, IN HELL YOU WILL BURN!  
SEEK NOW, GOD'S SAVING WAY!

TO: You FROM: GOD THRU: Wayne

# MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bible in a Year 7pm	3 Sr. High Small Group 6:30pm	4 Young Adult Group 7:07-8:37pm	5 Men's Retreat 5pm	6 Men's Retreat Till 12pm
7 Jr. High Game Night 6:30pm  Youth Drama Team 6:30pm	8	9 Bible in a Year 7pm	10 Sr. High Small Group 6:30pm	11 Young Adult Group 7:07-8:37pm	12	13 Boundaries Class 9am-5pm
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21 Flower order deadline  Jr. High Game Night 6:30pm  Youth Drama Team 6:30pm	22	23 Bible in a Year 7pm	24 Sr. High Small Group 6:30pm	25 Young Adult Group 7:07-8:37pm	26	27 Boundaries Class 9am-5pm  Dress Rehearsal Easter Program
28 This Man Easter Program 7pm  Jr. High Game Night 6:30pm  Youth Drama Team 6:30pm	29 New to North Dessert	30 Bible in a Year 7pm	31 Sr. High Small Group 6:30pm			