

# The Cedar Chips



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### Reflecting with Kent . . .

Daily I hear stories of new ways that God impacts lives. One very exciting new story comes from the Church Multiplication Team. They envision that in 2010 CHCC will embark on a journey toward birthing a new church. Here is a part of this multiplication story.

Our story begins 50 years ago in the DNA of a congregation started to reach the neighborhood of Cedar Hills. The multiplication vision is born out of a legacy of proclaiming the Gospel to reach those who do not know Christ.

Church planting raises memories of New Song which was our first taste of church planting. CHCC grew through many challenges and now recognizes lessons learned from New Song:

- Starting from health and from strength is very important.
- Gaining widespread congregational support is vital.
- Reaching lost people is messy but rewarding.
- Partnering with the mother church offers a better path for planting.

In recent years the RCA has been casting the vision of church planting being accomplished by healthy congregations engaged in multiplying themselves. In 2005, the RCA's Multiplication Team began to identify "Bright Light" congregations within the RCA as those churches best suited to multiply themselves. CHCC was identified as one of the "Bright Light" congregations in the RCA.

After years of prayerful consideration, some in our congregation now feel called to church planting. In 2008

our Church Multiplication Team convened for the first time with this charter from the consistory: **Discern if God is calling us to plant a new church.** More than a dozen leaders began this journey. After months of prayer, discernment, meetings, study, interviews, and conversation it was determined that **we are being called to plant a new church.** Several defining moments came in these months of study:

1. New churches are the most effective way to reach lost people in our culture. This is the main reason why we would pursue a church plant.
2. We are called not just to plant a church but to begin a movement of church multiplication. This is a journey that could birth many churches.
3. This is a spiritual mission. We are in a battle for the hearts and souls of people, engaging an enemy hell bent on destroying people. This is about bringing spiritual resources into a battle to reach people.

By early 2009 the team identified a target area for this church plant as being south of Highway 30 and East of I-380. Of the many models of planting studied, it was determined that the satellite-to-plant model fit best. (What is initially one church in two locations becomes two churches in two locations.) Shortly after that the message came loud and clear that the target for the first satellite service should be 10/10/10 @10:00AM.

Since that time the work of this team has escalated and the pace is quickening as the team follows God is leading on this multiplication journey. These are just the highlights of what has already been an amazing story. More is yet to come.

~Pastor Kent

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# This Month's Vision

## The Jesus Creed

Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is a time for reflection of the life and work of Jesus. This year we are trying to walk closely with Jesus. Come be transformed as we go deep into the Jesus Creed.

### March 7 – **At the Table with Jesus**

Participating in the Last Supper

### March 14 – **In the Wilderness with Jesus**

Tested with Jesus.

### March 21 – **On the Mountain with Jesus**

Changed with Jesus.

### March 28 – **At the Cross with Jesus**

Suffering with Jesus

### April 4 – **At the Tomb with Jesus**

Easter – Raised with Jesus.

**Worship Times: 8:30 and 11:00**

## Thursdays in Lent

Each Thursday in Lent we will be reflecting on who is Christ as described by Paul in his Letter to the Colossians. Join us at 7pm for singing, prayer and reflection.

On Thursday April 1 we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday which is a very meaningful experience of the Last Supper.

## Growing Deeper

We believe God is calling us as a congregation to Go Deep. This focus will shape our ministry for the next season of our congregations' life. We are **GROWING DISCIPLES DEEPLY ROOTED IN JESUS**. We see growth in at least three steps:

Movement 1 is new believers and they grow best in corporate worship that highlights our fundamental beliefs in God.

Movement 2 consists of growing Christians who are deepened by personal Scriptural reflection.

Movement 3 is people who live Christ-centered lives and are deepened through service.

We are now seeking ways to measure this growth.

## Consistory News and Notes

Our February consistory meeting started with meditation on God's providence. We recognized God's hand upon us and upon our congregation and offered prayers of celebration for God's wonderful guidance and his faithful provision.

We talked about measurements and assessment tools as we move to implementing strategies to go deep as a congregation. We are attempting to answer the question "How will we know if disciples at CHCC are deeply rooted in Jesus?" The Consistory, staff, and adult discipleship team are all working to explore possible tools to help in this assessment.

We approved the HR Team recommendation to pursue a full-time Office Administrator. This is a position that will combine selected duties from the former Office Coordinator and Director of Ministry Development positions. A job description is available in the office upon request. We also approved the job description and the hiring plan. We hope to have this new position filled as quickly as possible. We further authorized the hiring of temporary staff to help with custodial duties in the weeks while Paul Donnan recovers from surgery.

We approved updates and cleared up language in the by-laws of CHCC to allow for a single slate in our election of elders and deacons and to update the definition of a quorum.

We also approved the Church Multiplication Team's recommendation to begin a satellite service on 10/10/10 with the ultimate goal of planting a new church on the south side of Cedar Rapids. We are excited about the opportunity for outreach and thrilled with their passion and plan. We will be seeking additional information as it becomes available about the use of RCA Church Planting money and a more detailed outlook for 2011. 2010 funding is already in place in the mission's budget. The Multiplication Team is empowered to move forward with this mission.

As you can see it was a full but exciting meeting—thanks for the prayers. (And keep praying.)

# What is Church Multiplication?

## *What is Church Multiplication?*

Church multiplication is not just about planting a new church so that one church becomes two. It is about congregations following the call to reproduce themselves over and over again so that churches are multiplied. Here are some of the thoughts driving CHCC's Multiplication Team:

1. New churches are the most effective way to reach those who do not know Christ. Multiplication is about reaching lost people.
2. Multiplication is a spiritual mission requiring spiritual resources. We are in a battle for the hearts and souls of people, engaging an enemy hell bent on our destruction. God calls us to engage in this battle.
3. God wants us to step out in faith by launching a satellite location in the fall of 2010. (10/10/10). And we believe that if this succeeds our only explanation will be that we were riding the wave of God's calling and blessing.
4. Our mission is to reach unchurched people. Our expectation is to reach out so that 25% of those who participate will be coming from an unchurched background.
5. The success of this as an outreach depends on two things:
  - a. God is mighty to save and will work through this effort.
  - b. We are connecting relationally to people in that community.
6. The following spiritual resources will be essential to carry out this mission:
  - a. God
  - b. People
  - c. Prayer Warriors
  - d. Knowledge
  - e. Purpose
  - f. Courage
  - g. Wisdom
  - h. Revelation/Vision
  - i. Faith
  - j. Support
  - k. Discernment/guidance
  - l. Righteousness
  - m. Gospel
  - n. Patience
  - o. Hope
  - p. Unity

- q. Glory to God
- r. Testimony
- s. Love—both within our group and toward others

7. Church multiplication comes with costs and risks that will need to be addressed. Here are some of the risks involved:
  - a. Spiritual warfare
  - b. Messy lives – lots of need
  - c. A lot of work – burnout
  - d. Finances
  - e. Congregational support/ownership
  - f. Unknown risks
  - g. Communication
  - h. Inexperience
  - i. Pressure
  - j. Community may not accept a new church
8. Church multiplication is a unique opportunity to impact our community in new ways so that people are introduced to Christ.

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the power of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

*Ephesians 6:10-12*

## Ministry Management Team

Each winter for the last decade I have picked out one of the 1000+ piece puzzles that I was given as a gift and spread it out on our dining room table. I usually spend about a month putting it together, an hour here and there. This year I have yet to do this, since as a new elder I'm not finding that extra time.

But it occurred to me the other day that being more of a part of what goes on at CHCC can be a little like putting all the pieces of a puzzle together. Right now I'm still in the process of turning over all the pieces before I start to fit them all together.

When I volunteered to be the consistory representative on the Ministry Management Team, it was also suggested that I be the new CMC person, which I found out stands for Consistory Member in-Charge. I could hardly wait to find out – in charge of what? I later was told that the CMC was “in charge” of gathering the great stories of the many CHCC ministries and communicating them to the consistory and the congregation.

At the Ministry Management meeting in January, I listened to the Core Leaders share about the Teams they are responsible for. I realized the immensity of the CHCC puzzle and the amount of hours of ministry that take place in our church. Here are a few of the stories:

I found out that I am not the only one excited about “Going Deep”, our overall church theme for 2010. Already there is evidence for this in the Sunday church services, specifically in Kent's preaching which is challenging us to new depths in our faith adventure. Also, perhaps you have also noticed that the song leading groups are seeking more depth in their Sunday presentation with the inclusion of more prayer, scripture references, instruments, and pure heart.

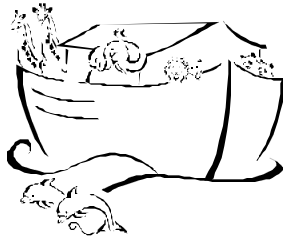
Another great story shared in the meeting was about our Open Hands Food Pantry. In a phone call to Jodi Joslin, I found out more about this increased excitement. She gave me some numbers for 2009 that were amazing: \$10,000 in financial support above and beyond the budgeted amount, tons of food donated, 2500 visits to the pantry, and a total of 75 volunteers. And something new – a refrigerator/freezer that is making it possible to handle perishables such as frozen meats, fruit and dairy products. Lisa Boldt says, “I love the Open Hands ministry primarily because it is a way of directly reaching out and serving others. I love the chance to meet the clients, hear their stories, and then provide them some assistance.”

Bruce Boldt, Core Leader of the resource team says, “I had been praying for some guidance on how to help the Resource team become more connected to the ministries of the church and less of a ‘business-oriented’ team. Prior to talking to anyone in the church about this, Doc gave me some information he had been reading about the church facilities being an enabler to ministries. The information was very helpful and I truly believe this was God's way of answering my prayers.” How great is that?

I do believe that all the pieces of the great CHCC puzzle do come together easier and give glory to God when the teams responsible for carrying out the mission of CHCC have the prayer support of the congregation. You can be a part of that at the next church prayer time sponsored by the prayer team on March 7 at 2pm.

*“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these.*

Mark 12: 29 -31



February was full of fun activities! Everyone learned about the mail and what happens to your letter after you put it in the mailbox. We all enjoyed giving and receiving valentines! Our testing is all done for our 4 and 5 year olds and report cards have been sent out. The 3 year old classes had fun learning about snowmen and winter birds. We also learned about mixing colors and gingerbread boys! Second report cards for our younger classes will be sent out before spring break.

Our 2010-2011 registration is going very well. Our 4-year old morning class is full and we have only a couple afternoon spots available. The last 3-year old morning class is almost full and we have plenty available spots in the afternoon. If you know someone who would like information, have them call us at 396-3125 or email [noahsark@chccrca.org](mailto:noahsark@chccrca.org). Morning classes meet from 9-11:30 and afternoon classes meet from 1-3:30.

Noah's Ark students will be singing on Sunday March 14 at the 11:00 service. Our spring break will be March 22-26, same as the CR schools.

I can't believe there's only 3 more months of school left! I'm ready for spring and we can't wait to see all those flowers come up in front of our windows again!! I want to remind everyone that we will be offering a 6-week (two 3-week 'sessions) summer school program in June and July. I will give more details next month. Have a great MARCH!

In Christ,  
Leslie Clauson  
Director



The Children's Ministry Teams have adopted a new acronym to help in their walk with our children. If anybody asks what we are doing with our students, we will respond with, "Training them."

"**TRAIN**", based from the Proverbs 22:6 passage that states, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." is helpful for teachers to:

- T**=*teach* from the Bible
- R**=assist children to build a strong *relationship* with God and other believers
- A**=bring children to *accept* Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- I**=direct students to *invest* their time in service to God because they believe
- N**=help children come *nearer* to God in worship

Our job is to walk alongside parents to lead their children to develop a habit of "loving God" through prayer, Bible study, service, and various other disciplines. "Children's Ministers" use common-experiences and "everyday" happenings as a TRAINing ground to grow our children.

Are you on board?

*"You are the light of the world.  
A city on a hill cannot be hidden.  
Neither do people light a lamp and  
put it under a bowl. Instead they put  
it on its stand, and it gives light to  
everyone in the house. In the same  
way, let your light shine before men,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and praise your Father in heaven.*

~Matthew 5: 14-16

## Discipleship Ministries

*“Be Joyful always.”*  
–1Thessalonians 5:16

Joy – what an interesting word. It is short, but its meaning is deep. It is a word that can have immense impact on our day, week, month, year, and I don't think that is being overdramatic. Think about the word Joy. Have you felt it today, this week, this month? In the midst of our everyday life our days can be void of Joy. The grind of a busy, complicated life at times seems to be full of joylessness, not Joy.

It seems that God knew our lives at times would be far from joyful. When you begin to look through scripture you see that God is concerned about our joy. John 15:11 says, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” 1Thessalonians 5:16 says, “Be joyful always.” God is so concerned that we have joy in our lives that he actually commands us to be joyful. It is a good reminder of how we should strive to live our lives. Having joy at times is a matter of choosing to have a different attitude about a situation we are in. Other times we need to share our concerns with others so that they can help us bring joy into our day.

Each month the Youth Ministries of SUMMIT and LINK have an event with the purpose to bring joy to the lives of students. We do it in a variety of ways: going bowling, playing water games, having Murder Mystery parties, concerts, or game nights just to name a few. On the outside looking in, it might look like we are just messing around with students, but it is so much deeper and important than that. Students today live lives at such a demanding pace that there is little time for them just to have a time of joy.

Study after study keeps coming out about how high-strung, high-stressed, and busy students are today and the trend continues to increase. Students have little time to just be kids. The next time you see us clowning around, playing games, having all sorts of fun hopefully you will think—oh, they must be having a **Joy** night at youth group tonight.

Blessings,  
Pastor Todd  
Pastor of Discipleship

## Worship Ministries

A few of the worship teams have taken on the practice of discussing the weekly sermon outline before they lead the rest of the congregation in worship. We're finding that when our hearts and minds are focused together on God, He moves powerfully among the teams while they lead and His Spirit stirs greatly among the church.

I don't think it is a big mystery or secret that God moves when His people are focused on the things of His heart. The greatest revivals of history were sparked by believers regularly coming together in prayer, focusing on asking God for revival. There is strength in asking for the things that are already on God's heart. There is strength in being focused together on God. God's heart is to save lost people, so prayers for lost people are something God delights to answer because they are *already* on his heart.

I am moved by the Scripture that describes David as “a man after God's own heart.” I've often thought that meant David was a great pursuer of the love of God. But maybe it was more than that. Maybe David was a pursuer of the things that God had *on His heart*. And if something is on God's heart, I want it on my heart, too. If God cares about something, I want it to be top priority in my life. If He doesn't care for something, I don't want to waste my time with it. I want to *be* and *do* what's on God's heart.

Lent is a season of preparation, to seek after the things of God's heart, and to cleanse us of the things that aren't on His heart. Sin is not on God's heart. Worldly principles aren't on God's heart. Storing up treasures on Earth is not on God's heart. Scripture shows us a great multitude about the heart of God. The principles of His Kingdom reveal His heart, the greatest being the Sermon on the Mount. I'm amazed how different the principles of my life can be from the principles of my God.

As we seek the Lord in this season, let's seek the things that are on His heart. Let's set our hearts and minds on Him, because it is His desire that we do just that!

Worshiping Him is on His heart. And if it's on His heart, it is good.

Leah Van Maaren  
Director of Worship

## The Caring Corner

### *What's The Return On YOUR Investment?*

A business term that many of you recognize is ROI. That means what a person receives on their investment. In the past few years that has been a term that generally caused a frown and the wringing of hands. The results on our investments have been bad to poor.

Suppose I were to tell you that I know where there is a tremendous return on your investments? Would you be interested? Would you ask me "where can I get a good return on my investment?"

Assuming you want to know about this investment, and since caring is my passion, I am going to suggest some actions that will be a wonderful return on your investment.

1. Invest some time every day praying for people. Use the Bulletin Insert. Use the *Go Deep* Section of the Bulletin. Use the Church's Picture Directory. Jot down people you read about in the newspaper or see on television. Whatever the resources you use...invest some time every day praying for people.
2. Invest some time each week reading the weekly bulletin and praying for activities that are scheduled for that week. The Youth Groups, the worship teams, the Church School teachers and the Small Groups all need your prayers. You might also pray for the outside groups that use our facilities such as the Scouts and Alcohol Anonymous.
3. Invest some time asking God to show you where you might serve others in ways you are not presently serving. Each of us has gifts and those gifts are needed by some group or individual in the church.

So much about the investment...  
How about the RETURN?

I like these words of Mother Teresa: "I pray that you will understand the words of Jesus, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Ask yourself 'How has He loved me? Do I really love others in the same way?' She added: 'Unless this love is among us, we can kill ourselves with work and it will only be work, not love. Work without love is slavery.'"

What's our ROI? In one sentence, it is to know the love of Jesus Christ. That is the greatest RETURN ON INVESTMENT in this life.

Let me know how you would like to invest...

~Doc

## Compassion Update



### ***The Hands and Feet of Jesus***

As Child Advocate volunteers, we thank the CHCC Deacons for their generosity selecting Compassion as recipient of their \$750 donation to assist in Haiti relief efforts. The Deacons also encouraged you — our church family — to be part of this effort. As a result, we are thrilled to share that Compassion will receive a check totaling \$2,359! *You* have made a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Information is slowly being gathered about children sponsored in Haiti; Compassion will confirm each child's status as soon as possible. Currently, Haiti staff is unable to process letters or gifts to children or their families.

Prayer warriors, we ask for continued prayers for the Haiti staff as they persist in their recovery work while dealing with their own losses from this disaster. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and concerned church family. ***Thank you!***

Craig and Debbie Mrkvicka  
cr4compassion@mchsi.com  
Child Advocates for Compassion

www.compassion.com or 1.800.336.7676

# ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH

## Welcome Center:

|          |       |                   |
|----------|-------|-------------------|
| March 7  | 8:30  | Leanne Moen       |
|          | 11:00 | Dianne Martens    |
| March 14 | 8:30  | The Ulmers        |
|          | 11:00 | Mark/Amber Matson |
| March 21 | 8:30  | Carol Ruedy       |
|          | 11:00 | David/Susan Wise  |
| March 28 | 8:30  | Karen Bronkhorst  |
|          | 11:00 | The Sankots       |

## Name Tags:

|          |       |                       |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|
| March 7  | 8:30  | Jean Strausser        |
|          | 11:00 | Joan Koele            |
| March 14 | 8:30  | Carol Ruedy           |
|          | 11:00 | Dianne Martens        |
| March 21 | 8:30  | Jean Vandivier        |
|          | 11:00 | Darlene Irish         |
| March 28 | 8:30  | Doug and Mary Jo Elam |
|          | 11:00 | Annette Sankot        |

## Coffee Hosts:

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|----------|-------------------------|
| March 7  | Ken/Karen Bronkhorst    |
| March 14 | Theresa Listebarger     |
| March 21 | Wayne/Joan Koele        |
| March 28 | George/Marlene Milligan |

## Nursery:

|        |       |                           |
|--------|-------|---------------------------|
| Mar 7  | 8:20  | Emily Thuerauf/Kleinmeyer |
|        | 10:15 | Browns                    |
| Mar 14 | 8:20  | Hendersons                |
|        | 10:15 | Lympus/Jessica Wise       |
| Mar 21 | 8:20  | TeBockhorsts              |
|        | 10:15 | Knaubs                    |
| Mar 28 | 8:20  | Lees                      |
|        | 10:15 | Mullans                   |

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

*~Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)*



## **Co-ed Softball is coming soon!!!**

I realize it is only the beginning of March and there will probably still be snow on the ground when you read this, but it is time for me to start making plans for the softball season. For many years CHCC has had a Co-ed team that played on Tuesday evenings from the beginning of May through the first week of August. The past couple years, however, it has become increasingly difficult to find the required four females needed to compete each week. Because of this problem, I am debating about whether we should even have a team or maybe look into switching to a Men's league. If you are interested (Men and Women) in playing this coming season, please send an email to Nathan Schnell at [nathanschnell@hotmail.com](mailto:nathanschnell@hotmail.com) or call me at 849-9221 and let me know your intentions. You must be 15 or older to play.

## **YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL DATA (through January)**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Budget                         | \$70,014 |
| Total Contributions            | \$67,379 |
| Actual Expenses                | \$60,842 |
| Net Income (Loss)              | \$ 6,587 |
| General Budget Reserve Balance | \$63,441 |

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|---|----------|
| February Contributions<br>(through February 14) | \$28,216 |
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The Cedar Chips is available online and can be found there by following the *Members* link on the church website, [www.chccrca.org](http://www.chccrca.org)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Sundays**

|         |                             |     |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 8:00am  | Prayer Time                 | 138 |
| 8:30am  | Sanctuary Service           | MPR |
| 9:30am  | Coffee & Fellowship         | GS  |
| 9:45am  | Sunday Classes for All Ages |     |
| 11:00am | Celebrate Service           | MPR |
| 6:00pm  | Summit                      | 132 |

### **Mondays**

|        |                        |     |
|--------|------------------------|-----|
| 5:00pm | Open Hands Food Pantry | 112 |
| 6:00pm | Anchor WT              | MPR |
| 7:00pm | Sovereign Sound        | MPR |

### **Tuesdays**

|        |                       |         |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| 9:00am | Spare Timers          | GS      |
| 6:00pm | Boy Scouts of America | GS, 135 |
| 6:45pm | Prism                 | 117     |

### **Wednesdays**

|         |                        |     |
|---------|------------------------|-----|
| 9:00am  | Women's Bible Study    | 117 |
| 10:00am | Open Hands Food Pantry | 112 |
| 5:00pm  | Grey Worship Team      | MPR |
| 6:00pm  | Sanctuary Worship Team | MPR |
| 6:00pm  | LINK                   | GS  |
| 6:30pm  | Choir                  | MPR |

### **Thursdays**

|        |                        |     |
|--------|------------------------|-----|
| 5:30pm | Lenten Meal            | GS  |
| 5:45pm | Lenten Worship Team    | MPR |
| 7:00pm | Lenten Worship Service | MPR |

### **Fridays**

|         |                        |     |
|---------|------------------------|-----|
| 10:00am | Open Hands Food Pantry | 112 |
| 7:00pm  | Alcoholics Anonymous   | GS  |

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Sat Mar 6**

|        |                       |         |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| 9:00am | Pre-Marriage Workshop | 134/135 |
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### **Sun Mar 7**

|        |                    |     |
|--------|--------------------|-----|
|        | Communion Sunday   |     |
| 3:00pm | "Go Deeper" Prayer | MPR |

### **Sat Mar 13**

|         |                   |    |
|---------|-------------------|----|
| All Day | Haiti Garage Sale | GS |
|---------|-------------------|----|

### **Sun Mar 14**

|        |                    |    |
|--------|--------------------|----|
|        | Noah's Ark Sunday  |    |
| 2:00pm | Wedding Open House | GS |

### **Sat Mar 20**

|        |                          |    |
|--------|--------------------------|----|
| 9:30am | Women's Lenten Breakfast | GS |
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### **Sat Mar 27**

|        |                       |         |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| 9:00am | Pre-Marriage Workshop | 134/135 |
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## MARCH TEAMS & OTHER EVENTS

|                   |         |                       |           |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|
| <b>Mon Mar 1</b>  | 7:15pm  | Summit Leadership     | 117       |
| <b>Tue Mar 2</b>  | 10:00am | Ministry Staff        | 117       |
| <b>Wed Mar 3</b>  | 6:30pm  | Deacons Meeting       | 138       |
| <b>Thu Mar 4</b>  | 9:15am  | MOPS                  | GS        |
|                   | 4:00pm  | PK Bible Study        | PK Office |
| <b>Sat Mar 6</b>  | 8:30am  | Stephen Ministers'    |           |
|                   |         | Cont. Ed              | 114       |
|                   | 8:30am  | Seniors' Breakfast    | Tommy's   |
| <b>Sun Mar 7</b>  | 3:00pm  | Worship Core Team     | 117       |
|                   | 6:30pm  | Church Multiplication | 117       |
| <b>Mon Mar 8</b>  | 6:00pm  | LINK Leadership       |           |
| <b>Wed Mar 10</b> | 8:00pm  | Kids' Choir           | MPR       |
| <b>Sat Mar 13</b> | 8:30am  | Stephen Ministry      |           |
|                   |         | Cont. Ed.             | 134/135   |
| <b>Sun Mar 14</b> | 4:00pm  | Consistory            | 137       |
|                   | 4:00pm  | Boy Scouts - PLC      | 135       |
| <b>Mon Mar 15</b> | 6:30pm  | Life Group Team       | 117       |
| <b>Tue Mar 16</b> | 11:45am | All Staff             | 117       |
|                   | 6:00pm  | OHFP Presentation     | 114       |
| <b>Wed Mar 17</b> | 6:00pm  | OHFP Team             | 112       |
| <b>Thu Mar 18</b> | 9:15am  | MOPS                  | GS        |
|                   | 4:00pm  | PK Bible Study        | PK Office |
| <b>Mon Mar 22</b> | 5:30pm  | PMB Sewing Guild      | 137       |
|                   | 6:00pm  | Sunday School Team    | 114       |
| <b>Tue Mar 23</b> | 4:30pm  | Adult Discipleship    | 117       |
|                   | 6:30pm  | Resource Team         |           |
|                   |         | Land-Use Brainstorm   | 114       |
|                   | 6:30pm  | Exec Team Meeting     | PK Office |
| <b>Wed Mar 24</b> | 5:15pm  | Connectors            | 138       |
|                   | 6:00pm  | Welcome Team          | 138       |
|                   | 8:00pm  | Youth Choir           | MPR       |
| <b>Thu Mar 25</b> | 6:00pm  | Doc's Bible Study     | 138       |
|                   | 6:30pm  | Ministry Management   | 117       |
| <b>Sun Mar 28</b> | 3:30pm  | Elders                | 137       |
| <b>Wed Mar 31</b> | 8:00pm  | Youth Choir           | MPR       |

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## WOMEN'S SEMINARS

Mark your calendars for two exciting Women's Christian Seminars coming to Cedar Rapids soon!

First, the 25th annual "His Women" Seminar is coming Saturday, April 17 to the Crowne Plaza Hotel from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

Performing at the seminar will be Tammy Trent, a popular Christian recording artist with several #1 hits on the contemporary Christian charts and also many on the Top 10 charts. Also speaking will be Rhonda Funk, a passionate singer and songwriter. Both have inspiring stories to tell of their journeys through tragedy and heartache and how they were able to connect with God's enduring love and strength. Contact Linda Fisher at 319-361-0540 for ticket information, or if you have questions. Cost is \$30 for the day and includes lunch. (See poster on bulletin board.)

Second, Beth Moore's "So Long, Insecurity" simulcasts on Saturday, April 24. This event will be held at both First Assembly of God and St. Mark's Lutheran Church from 9 am to 2 pm. Beth speaks regarding how insecurities have plagued the female gender since Eve ripped the first leaf from the tree in the Garden. She says "Today's women—young and old, churched and unchurched, rich and poor—are suffering from such deeply embedded wounds that most don't even know how to identify them and beyond that they can't imagine living without them." Join Beth for a day that will transform and liberate you! Contact Linda Fisher (319-361-0540) or Paul Blessman (319-560-7623) for ticket information or if you have questions. Cost is \$20.00 and lunch is optional. (See poster on bulletin board.)

Please join us for one or both of these exciting and life changing events!



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### LENTEN BREAKFAST . . .

will be held Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 AM. Our speaker will be Karen Schumacher. The title of her presentation is "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things." You won't want to miss it. Be sure to mark your calendar.

Karen Schumacher is a motivational speaker and coach focused on leadership and personal development. She has 17 years in the learning and development field in Cedar Rapids and has a side business called People Development Strategies. She is a certified trainer in: DDI; John Maxwell's The 360 Degree Leader; Wilson Learning's Working Styles and Keys to Customer Satisfaction; and Real Colors Personality Instrument. Karen is an avid reader, likes the outdoors, and is very active with her family. She volunteers for PTA, United Way, co-chairs the National Council on Youth Leadership, is the 2010 President of the local chapter for the American Society for Training and Development, and has been attending Cedar Hills Community Church for the past five years. Both of her children are graduates of Noah's Ark preschool.

### ***Making Mindset Shifts to Impact Your Outlook***

*"We have a lot thrown at us – schedules, family responsibilities, bills, work, grocery shopping, etc. – that it is easy for us to just throw our hands up and say we are done! 'Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.' (Psalm 31:24) This session will give you a chance to examine your outlook and learn some tips on how to make mindset shifts on how you view things and how to be FREE."*

~Karen Schumacher

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## **CHURCH PROPERTY BRAINSTORMING SESSION**

Have you ever had a discussion with someone about ideas on uses for the farm ground around our church property? Well, I have and there are some really fascinating ideas that have floated around over the past few years. Usually, the conversation ends with the familiar “well maybe someday when we have more money.” While someday may still be several years away, it is never too soon to talk about ideas and dreams. In that spirit, the Resource Core team will be hosting a land use brainstorming session at 6:30 on Tuesday, March 23 in Room 114.

The intent of this session is to gather as many ideas as possible (no idea will be rejected). We plan to discuss and document each idea. This information will then be made available to anyone who is interested to encourage continued discussions. So if you have ideas or would just like to be a part of these discussions, please mark your calendar or feel free to contact me to discuss this more.

Thanks,  
Bruce Boldt  
Resource Core Team Leader



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST COMING SOON!**

Boy Scout Troop 85 is planning another delicious pancake breakfast. Watch your mailbox for an announcement of the date and time.



## **UPCOMING PRAYER GROUP MEETING**

A group of 12 met for prayer for our church. It was a great time of praying God’s word. We also lifted up many needs of the church. We would love to see this group grow. It is open to anyone who wants to see what God will do as we pray for our church. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 7 from 2:00-3:00. Please join us!



## **CEDAR CHIPS DELIVERY OPTIONS**

If you would like a reminder when the Cedar Chips is available online, please contact the Church Office (396-6608, [office@chccrca.org](mailto:office@chccrca.org)) and ask to have your email address added to the church-wide distribution list.

In addition, please let the office know if you prefer to view the *Cedar Chips Online Edition* and no longer wish to receive a paper copy in your mailbox.