

March 2011

# Heritage Family News



A Community of Faith for the Generations

## “GRAVITY AND GRACE!” - BY PASTOR MONTY NEWTON

On the plains we can see the rising of the sun from a long way off. I had a similar experience this summer when I spent a week in a cabin on Kego Lake in north central Minnesota. The cabin faced the east and though nestled in the woods I could see the sun rising from a long way off. The sky would begin to shift as the pre-dawn darkness lightened and hinted that the darkness would give way to day... and then the sun seemed to pop up across the lake to transform the night into day.

Darkness and Light. Night and Day. Gravity and Grace.

The Season of Lent is a 40 day period that extends from Ash Wednesday, March 9 through Holy Saturday, April 23. It represents the time Jesus spent in the desert overcoming his struggle with temptation by Satan. You may have noticed that there are actually 46 days between March 9 and April 23 so how do we arrive at 40 days? Sundays are not counted in that they are considered “mini-Easters.” The idea is that

during the week, we mark the death of Christ, but on Sunday we celebrate his resurrection.

One way to understand Lent is to think of the week days as days of spiritual gravity in which we humbly acknowledge the depths of our sinfulness and the extent of God’s mercy in Christ, turning from our self-sufficiency and sinfulness in the spirit of repentance, to God, for forgiveness. But in Lent we also celebrate the grace of God, the joy of Christ’s resurrection and our hope of eternal life in Christ. So we experience the downward pull of the gravity of our sinfulness, but we also experience and celebrate with joy, God’s grace.

Let me share a paragraph from Bobby Gross’ book, Living the Christian Year. She wrote, “The great Orthodox theologian Alexander Schmemmann speaks of a ‘bright sadness’ that is the true message of the gift of Lent. Yes, during these weeks we become especially mindful of the sinfulness that alienates us from God, indeed, of the human

evil that nailed Jesus to those rough beams. And this we lament with sadness. At the same time, we understand that by his death Jesus secured for us forgiveness and eternal life. We are like prisoners whose release draws near or refugees on our way back home or patients for whom the cure is working. Lent is sobering, but it leads to Easter!”

So for the next few weeks let’s journey together through the dark valley toward that moment when the Son will rise and the light and life of Christ dawns upon us anew.

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## WYOS?

**WYOS? is the new face of the Covenants annual "Bringing My World to Christ" evangelistic emphasis.**

**"What's Your One Step" is designed to help us understand that reaching out to others who do not know Christ is not as hard as you might think. When you cooperate with the Holy Spirit and others, anything you say or do that helps bring someone one step closer to Christ is evangelism!**

**During our "WYOS?" emphasis this year we will simply be making ourselves available to people around us and asking that God use each of us and our unique personalities and gifts to participate in His work in the world. This year we ask that you pray for, care for and share the love of God in Christ with others as God gives you opportunity.**

**Our emphasis begins on February 20 and concludes on March 20 when you will be asked to return a "What's Your One Step?" card indicating who and how you will be praying and caring for and sharing with others. You will also retain a card to be placed in your bible as a reminder of your commitment to pray, care and share this year.**

### Sunday Morning Messages for March

**March 6: - Transfiguration Sunday**

Title: Jesus is Big!

Text: Matthew 17:1-9 and Colossians 1:15-23

Thesis: We must never underestimate the power and the pull of Christ.

**March 13: - The First Sunday of Lent**

Title: Free to Fall

Text: Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7

Thesis: God has given us the freedom to fall and grace to catch us.

**March 20: - The Second Sunday of Lent**

Title: Blinded by Pride

Text: Psalm 32 and James 1:2-13

Thesis: Pride keeps us from recognizing our weaknesses, confessing our need and receiving God's blessing.

**March 27: - The Third Sunday of Lent**

Title: Grumbling Before a Gracious God

Text: Exodus 17:1-7

Thesis: Our impatience stands in stark contrast to the patience of God who gently woos us to live in anticipation of his grace.

# Outreach

Hebrews 6:10—"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." A statement of encouragement to live our lives the way God asks us to. God has great blessings for us if we let our faith guide us in ways that show his love and help others.

**SECRET NEWS:** Heritage received a Mickey Mouse Thank You card from Timmy Harvey for the Thanksgiving Food Basket. It will be in the Narthex if you would like to see it.

- Christmas at Secrest: Heritage doesn't participate in Christmas activities for Secrest; however, they are supported very well by other organizations.
  - a. 10 food boxes were provided for families
  - b. 3 food baskets from Elks Club
  - c. 53 families received gift cards donated by two different organizations
  - d. 15 families received \$30 gift cards
  - e. \$800 anonymously donated and used to cover outstanding school lunch bills and pay for some students to the end of the year.
  
- Secrest Spelling BEE—This year's competition was won by a 5th grader and the runner-up was a 6th grader. The competition went to the 9th round and the children were spelling 8th grade words. The two Secrest students competed at North Arvada in the next level of the Spelling Bee.
  
- Secrest qualifies for a part-time ELL (English Language Learners) teacher. Megan Hosty divides her work week between Secrest and Fitzmorris Elementary Schools. In 2009/2010, Secrest had 19 students and this school year there are 40, eight of those students are fluent in English and 32 have limited English skills. There are seven languages represented among these 40 students: Spanish, Russian, Hmong, AKAN, Ghana, Africa, Vietnamese, Laotian and Turkish/Arabic.
  
- Fundraisers: Heritage can participate in these fundraisers.
  - Schwan's Food**—any item ordered from Schwan's, put Secrest's name/ID number 32748 on the order, and Secrest receives a percentage of the sale.
  - CiCi's Pizza**—88th & Harlan by Westminster Mall—1st Thursday of every month, all day long, if you eat there, put your receipt in a basket with Secrest's name on it and Secrest gets a percentage of the sale. January, Secrest received approximately \$150.
  
- Grants: The LOAS Grant required community support to be awarded and Heritage was able to provide that affirmation for Secrest.
  - Empty Bowls:** LOAS Grant previously mentioned in the November 2010 newsletter, supported the pottery class, where the children made bowls for "Empty Bowls", joined with Arvada High School and sold them as a fundraiser for the Arvada Food Bank, the sale raise \$5000 for AFB.
  - The second half of the school year** provides an opportunity for after school sports on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as choir on Thursdays. Honor band/orchestra will be on Mondays from 3:15-4:15p. Each child receives a T-shirt provided with grant dollars and Heritage will be listed as one of the sponsors. A concert will be held April 13th at 6 PM at Secrest just before the PTA meeting.
  
- Meetings:
  - PTA meetings in January and February provided much of the information given above.
  - Secrest meeting with Amy Hickman and Principal Chiles. On the back is the result of this meeting.
  - Covenant Village—Deena—communicated by e-mail and working out a time to meet. Covenant does want to continue the partnership between Heritage and Secrest.

# Outreach Continued

## Heritage and Secrest partnership from January to June 2011:

- Snacks for CSAP testing/ principal, after school activities and 1st grade. Snacks have been purchased twice this year.
- Box tops for education/printer cartridges, etc. (all year long) - expiration dates on these are not a problem according to Sheri, Secrest secretary. A lunch-sack full of box tops has been turned into Secrest already this year.
- **EASTER FOOD BASKETS**—18 Easter food baskets (with these food baskets, Heritage has provided 58 food baskets since 2008. This year the Easter baskets will contain the same food as last year: a 6 pound ham, scallop potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls, fruit cocktail and jello, lemonade and a loaf of bread, as well as the Resurrection plastic eggs, a stuffed animal and Kids Klub craft. Each basket will cost approximately \$55 this year. If you would like to donate to this project, please put your donation in the offering plate and mark it Secrest Easter. Thank you once again for your support.
- **MAY 7th CAR RALLY/ 10K walk/run**— Principal Chiles is asking for Heritage help. He needs 12 volunteers to direct walkers/runners on the route, so they do not get lost. Only a two-hour commitment. Secrest is planning on filling their parking lot with vintage cars, a yard sale on the grass, BBQ, Silent Auction and Bike Rodeo. They are partnering with Apex Rec. Center, Sportline and the Community Center, just north of Secrest. This is the second year Heritage has participated in this event. In 2010, Gina Coye and I helped with the run/walk and passed out VBS flyers. This is a very good opportunity to connect with the Secrest families and neighborhood. Please consider helping and spending a part of the day looking at the cars and enjoying our community.
- Outdoor Lab—May 9-13. If assistance is needed, this will be the second year Heritage has supported this activity.
- Spring Book Fair—Third time Heritage will participate in this activity by purchasing books for the teachers to use in their classrooms.
- Explorer's Yard Sale—May 13 & 14. Fifteen letters to families for \$20 credit at the yard sale. This is the second year Explorers have offered this opportunity, last year 5 of the letters were used.
- BASH Party—end of the year party by invitation only, for students who have turned in all their homework, had good attendance and behavior in class. Heritage buys the pop.
- Kindergarten graduation—May—Heritage hosts the reception after the graduation and furnishes the cake, punch, etc. This will be the fourth year Heritage has hosted this party.
- Summer School scholarships for 7 students—June—Heritage has sponsored 15 students for summer school and 1 student to Writer's Camp at CU.
- School Supply Drive—July

# CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT

Kevin  
Sorbo

Kristy  
Swanson

Devin  
Ryan

and Julia  
Ratzenberger

## What if...

God gave you a second chance



Heritage Community Bible Church  
Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - 6 PM  
(refreshments following)



[www.PureFlix.com/WhatIf](http://www.PureFlix.com/WhatIf)



## **What If... The Wager... The Imposter**

**All three movies will be available for purchase at a cost of \$20.00 for the set.**

**Reserve your copies now...**

**Movies will be available Sunday March 20, 2011**

What If..." tells the story of Ben Walker (Kevin Sorbo), who fifteen years ago left his college sweetheart Wendy (Kristy Swanson), and his calling to be a preacher, in order to pursue a business opportunity. Now with a high-paying executive gig, a trophy fiance, and a new Mercedes, he hasn't considered a family nor felt the need to set foot in a church in fifteen years. But God has other plans. While on a thrill ride outside the city, his new car mysteriously breaks down, and he's visited by a tow truck driver named Mike (John Ratzenberger) who claims to be an angel sent to show Ben what his life would look like had he followed his true calling. Suddenly Ben wakes up in the middle of domestic chaos as his "wife" Wendy and daughters (including Disney Channel's Debby Ryan) are getting ready for church, where Ben is the new pastor. Before he can get back to his old life, Ben must first embrace this reality and discover the value of faith and family, and perhaps restore his love for those who were heartbroken fifteen years ago: Wendy...and God. In the tradition of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "The Family Man," What If... is a story of finding your true purpose in life



Michael Steel (Randy Travis) is ten days from the biggest night of his life, walking the red carpet as a Best Actor nominee. Just when it seems that he has overcome industry blacklisting and persecution for his beliefs, Michael finds himself fighting for his life in a supernatural wager between God and Satan.



THE WAGER unfolds as Satan tests Michael's faith by destroying his reputation, marriage and career. Michael seeks refuge with his sister Annie (Nancy Stafford, "Matlock") while his manager Kenny (Jude Ciccolella, "24") fights to save the falling star. Confronted with temptations by his seductive co-star, Cassandra (Candace Cameron Bure, "Full House") and scandalous deceptions by reporter Peter Barrett (Doug Jones, "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer"), Michael is faced with the most important choice of his life.

Is Michael strong enough to live the truth no matter the consequences?

Christian rock's hottest band, "Grand Design" is heading to the top! Unfortunately, lead singer Johnny C (Kevin Max of dcTalk) is personally spiraling down. His nightly concert performances about Jesus are a stark contrast to the selfish lifestyle in which he finds himself each morning.



At the height of his fame Johnny's world comes to a crashing halt and thus begins a turbulent journey back home to find out if his shattered marriage can be restored. Now at odds with his long time band leader and friend James (Jeff Deyo former lead singer Sonic Flood) over his lifestyle Johnny is removed from the band.

Coached by his mentor, Proff (played by Kerry Livgren of the band Kansas) and an eccentric homeless man, Popeye (Tom Wright of World Trade Center, Barbershop). Will Johnny find his way back?

# For Your Information

## General Budget Income And Attendance

**Our Weekly  
Requirement for the  
2011 Budget is:  
\$ 6,153.85**

**January  
Average Weekly  
Income was:  
\$ 5,062.23  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
162**

**February  
Average Weekly  
Income as of Feb. 20th:  
\$ 6,034.39  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
164**

## Book Review "The Tender Years" By Janette Oke

Winter is here and what better way to spend the day than curled up reading a good book and this is one of them. This is the story of Virginia, a young pioneer girl who is caught between childhood and adulthood, and her adventures as she meets a friend who challenges the ways and values that Virginia is brought up with. This is the first book in the Prairie Legacy. Come to the church library and read all the books in this series.

## *Stephen Ministers are Here to Serve*

*Are you in need...of a caring Christian who will listen, empathize, encourage, pray, provide confidential care, and patiently support you as you work through a crisis or difficult time? OR...do you know someone, perhaps a friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague, or relative who could benefit from this type of care? To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Dinky Leigh at (303)424-8797, or Marilyn Ketterling at (303)659-2910 or (303)915-1335.*

**On March 1st,  
Explorers will again  
have a storage  
unit available for  
donations for the  
May Yard Sale.  
The lock and key is  
in the church office.  
Thank You!**

## New Member Class:

A New Member Class will be held on Sunday, April 3rd at 2 PM for those interested in becoming members of Heritage Community Bible Church. Please call the church office—303-420-6292 if you plan to attend.

## **Covenant App Available for iPhone, Android Phones**

CHICAGO, IL (February 11, 2011) – The Evangelical Covenant Church mobile application for smart phones has been redesigned and expanded to support not only iPhones, but also the popular Android devices.

Called CovLink, the free application currently includes the daily online Covenant news report – stories appear as they are added throughout the day. It also includes information on four major Covenant events – Annual Meeting, Midwinter, the Feast and CHIC 2012.

A third feature contains several Covenant videos, including the Feast 2011 promo, several video segments from the just-completed Midwinter Conference, and the five theme videos that premiered during last year's 125th Annual Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota: *We Are a Caring Church, We Are a Calling Church, We Are a Sending Church, We Are a Discipling Church, and We Are an Immigrant Church.* Additional videos will be added on a regular basis in ensuing months.



We still collect food for the **ON-GOING FOOD DRIVE.** At this time we are giving to the Arvada Food Bank. We thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in your response to this ministry each month.

# NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

## **Bill & Diane Jerdan - Traveling Missionaries**

"We are grateful for your prayer help as we embark on new kinds of ministries. As we venture further and further into "unfamiliar territory", we are reassured by the Lord's call and your partnership. Thank you. The middle of February we will be heading to Southeast Asia for 7 weeks. This truly is unfamiliar territory for us. The purpose is to become better acquainted with the work of national churches in Southeast Asia and see how U. S. churches can partner with them. After meeting with church leaders in Singapore, we will go to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, where Bill will be filling the pulpit for the English-language services of an international church for four Sundays. He will accompany a Singaporean leader to Nepal for a one-week visit to the work developing in that country with the support of Singaporean Christians. Then they will both return to Singapore for a meeting of international partners of an outreach being carried out in 7 different Southeast Asian countries. While he is away, Diane will remain in Phnom Penh helping as possible with various literacy and humanitarian projects. In addition to your usual prayers for our health and safety while traveling in a new and unfamiliar environment, we ask for your prayers that we will have the necessary alertness to understand these new situations and adapt to what the national Christians need. We want to be bridges for sharing understanding and the wealth of experience that exists within the Body of Christ so that all parts of it may be strengthened and encouraged."

## **Herman & Lois Buehler - Arizona**

"We learned to pray Psalm 23 as a young family in the late 60's in Micronesia. It has been an expression of our faith and an experience of our lives through the past 45 years. Our family life and ministry among Micronesians has been guided by the great Shepherd. The early days of the New Year brought very cold weather and even snow in the higher elevations of Arizona. At the end of January we celebrated the 70th birthday party for Lois with family and friends. We remembered that the Shepherd was "...guarding, guiding all the way..." in Lois' 70 years. We look into the future and know that His "...goodness and unfailing kindness..." shall be with us all of our lives and afterwards we will live with Him forever in His home. We have been very active in introducing the Shepherd to struggling islanders. Breakdowns in families have touched many here in various places like Guam, Hawaii, Texas, Washington, etc. When they hear of the Good Shepherd, they are receptive to His wonderful care. May He guard and guide you through the coming weeks and months of local and global challenges that touch all of our lives."

## **Chuck & Ginny Lewis - West Virginia**

"The Lord blessed our Chinese dumpling party. There were around 45-50 internationals there. We had a good time getting to know students better as we made over 700 dumplings. Be praying the Holy Spirit will work in their lives and cause them to come to our regular program and that those who don't know the Lord will come to know Him. Pray for those who know the Lord that they will grow deeply rooted in Him and the

leaders will be filled with the Spirit and follow His leading being controlled and empowered by the Holy Spirit and speaking forth in His power."

## **Pete & Cindy Ekstrand - AFRICA**

"As we were leading devotions with the workers, we commented on the storm and Bofio reminded us it was God answering our prayers. The previous week we had prayed for rain to clear the air and nourish the very dry soil. Six days later it rained. God answers prayer. Cindy and I translated for the Pastors' Conference Monday through Thursday. Neither of us had done this kind of translating before and we felt inadequate. The Conference went very well and translating was OK, even fun at times. The messages for the pastors were excellent, just what was needed. On January 30, a terrible wind and rain storm hit our area of Gemena and tore off part of the roof of the large Bokonzo church. Over 40 sheets of roofing including the wood they were nailed to were ripped off and scattered exposing the front of the sanctuary to the elements. February 7 was workday at the church. They worked hard and safely completed the repairs. Others worked inside to clean out cobwebs and dirt from the walls. It looks much nicer now. And there were women cooking. It reminded Pete of the workdays at our home church in Iowa, only there were no casseroles, bars or lemonade! The repair project is now complete."

**PRAY FOR TIME.** "Lord, help that missionary not to get too busy." Missionaries, as all Christians, need time for prayer and family. Ephesians 5: 15-17

# MARCH 2011

## Sunday Morning Schedule

9—10:15 AM—Coffee and Fellowship in Heritage Cafe

**Worship Service & Classes— 10:30**

Nursery provided downstairs. Combined Service part of the hour then  
Preschool thru 6th grade go downstairs for classes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Ladies Aid 1 PM—Quilt	2  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	3 8:30—H. H. Staff	4  (Gym in use)	5 8 AM—Men's Ministry  (at Noon—Sanctuary, Gym and Kitchen in use)
6  6 PM—Youth	7	8 NOODLE DAY 9:30—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilt  7 PM—Council Meeting	9  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	10 8:30—H. H. Staff 9 AM—Book Club	11	12  5:30—Explorers
13 (Daylight Savings Time begins)	14	15 9:30—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilt	16  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	17 8:30—H. H. Staff	18	19 8 AM—Men's Ministry  (Assembly Room In use)
20 <b>Spring Missions Sunday</b>  "WHAT IF..." Movie Night 6 PM	21	22 9:30—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilt	23  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	24 8:30—H. H. Staff	25	26
27  6 PM—Youth	28	29 9:30—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilt	30  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	31 8:30—H. H. Staff	<b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:</b> 6 PM—Supper-Lite 6:45 PM—Choir 7 PM— Kids Klub, Confirmation, Video Series	

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Narrow Italic Type—Birthdays</i>  <b>Bold Type—Anniversaries</b>                      We list the people that we currently have updated in the computer. If you have a Birthday or share an Anniversary in March and we did not list you, please call the church office at 303-420-6292.</p>		1 <i>Jim Bennett,                      Jeff Schick</i>	2	3 <i>Barbara                      Burnham</i>	4  Dick & Jane Bleyle	5
6 <i>Maria Kahler</i>  Jim & Cheryl Bennett	7 <i>Al Kincaid,                      Norma Rourke</i>	8	9 <i>Gerald Fritzler,                      Hilda Wade</i>	10 <i>Harold Fraser,                      Terry                      Kindsvater,                      Sol Schafer</i>	11 <i>Mary Jane                      Jugert,                      Else Kithau</i>	12 <i>Gordon Bohl</i>
13 <i>Kathy Benson,                      Jeff Chapman,                      Katelynn                      Dressel,                      Al Guenther</i>	14 <i>Nadir Hass,                      Cindy Scheich,                      Myrna Sunberg</i>	15 <i>Al Luka</i>	16 <i>Adam Scheich</i>  Bob & Dinky Leigh	17 <i>Matthew                      Hergenreder,                      Shon Murphy,                      Loran                      Thompson,                      Pauline                      Wiederkehr</i>	18 <i>Naomi Daniels,                      Flo Kitashima,                      Martha Luka</i>	19 <i>Taylor Helt,                      Ann Nuss,                      Justin Wedow</i>  Bill & Trish Chandler
20 <i>Don Debus</i>	21	22	23 <i>Carol Hadley</i>	24	25	26 <i>Roberta Gray</i>
27 <i>Serena Walker</i>	28 <i>Kay                      Hemingway,                      Eric Stenzel</i>	29 <i>Nicholas                      Schmidt</i>	30	31 <i>Jim Gray,                      Terri                      Hergenreder</i>  Jim & Roberta Gray		

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### STORM ALERT:

In the event that church services or activities must be cancelled because of inclement weather notices will be posted on 9News, our Web Site and the Heritage e-Update.

1. Check 9News Business and School Closings
2. Check our church web site @ heritagecommunity.net
3. Check your e-Update. Subscribers to our Heritage e-Update will receive notification by email.

## HERITAGE STAFF

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