

# Heritage Family News



**A Community of Faith for the Generations**

## “MAN CAVES” - BY PASTOR MONTY NEWTON

Most men seize every opportunity to go shopping with their wives. What man does not want to spend eternity sifting through stacks of this or that on an extended tour of mall department stores with his wife? Of course most men leap at such opportunities but there are apparently “exceptions.”

I actually kind of enjoyed my first foray through the Ikea at the Mall of America. It is quite the place and the cafeteria has the best Swedish meat balls on the planet. They are good enough that I am willing to take the “death march” if I know there is a plate of Swedish meatballs in the end.

Apparently an Ikea in Sydney, Australia has noticed that there are sufficient “exceptions” to the rule, that being, men love extended shopping sprees in very large retail stores with their girlfriends or wives. So they have decided to build into the floor plan of their Ikea, a man cave. The Ikea man cave will have video games, foosball tables, pinball machines, and free hotdogs! Women may drop off their husbands or boyfriends while they continue to shop. The women are given a buzzer that then goes off after 30 minutes... signaling it is time to stop by the man cave and pick up their man. (I don't know what happens if the woman does not pick up their man... perhaps they call social services or lure the man out of the man cave with a plate of Swedish meatballs?)

The DIY Network (Do It Yourself Network on TV) is currently promoting a new series called “Man Caves.” The premise is that guys need an exclusive space to hang out in their homes. Each man cave is designed to reflect the personality of the man... it may be a soundproof rock 'n roll

lounge, or a golf-lover's paradise, or a media center or whatever. Motifs are limited only by the man's imagination. So DIY has brought in licensed contractor Jason Cameron and former NFL great Tony “The Goose” Siragusa to offer up all kinds of do-it-yourself ideas so men can set to work creating their very own man cave.

So while men were formerly relegated to sitting on a bucket in the garage... they may now mark-off their very own territory in the house. (Good luck on that...) Believe me I understand the idea. Who doesn't need their own space now and then? I don't think it is an “exclusive” need unique for men.

I happened to be reading a wonderful new book by Richard Foster, “Sanctuary of the Soul: Journey into Meditative Prayer” at the same time the Ikea made their announcement and the DIY Network began promoting their new “Man Cave” series. As I read it occurred to me that every man may need a man cave... but every man, i.e., every person may be a “God Cave.” Everyone may indeed carve out a sacred space in his or her life where God may totally be at home. In my devotional reading this morning I read from Psalm 24:7-10 about “lifting the gates... those ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.” The text is reminiscent of the imagery from Revelation 3:20 where we see Jesus standing at the door of our lives... knocking and waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

Interestingly... there is a difference between say, a homeowner welcoming a guest into his or her home or a landlord sprucing up a rental before leasing a

space to a renter. The idea of a “God Cave” is that we carve out a space and let God come in and live in that space... making that space a “God place.” And then we let God renovate that “God Cave” into a place that reflects the kind of life in which God has made into his liking.

I know my tendency is to dive into a major renovation project to make my life a place where God might be comfortable... but the whole purpose of a “God Cave” is to let God renovate the space to his liking. All you and I need to do is let Him in and let him do the renovating.

*There is a door to which you have the key,  
and you are the sole keeper.  
There is a latch no hand can  
lift save yours.  
No ruler, nor warrior, writer, thinker;  
but only you.  
O heart, hurry now and  
welcome your King...  
Become a dwelling in which God  
lives by His Spirit.*

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# For Your Information

## A Pathway to Congregational Vitality in 2012

We have been invited to be a Covenant Navigate Church in 2012. That means we are among three churches chosen from every Covenant Regional Conference in the United States who will participate in Navigate which is a guided pathway toward becoming healthy and missional churches.

Among the criteria for being a Navigate Church are that we be a church that is stable and already moving toward being healthy and missional; a healthy missional pastor and healthy missional leaders in place; and being a church considered by our Covenant denomination and our Midwest Conference to have the potential for a bright future.

Our Council has accepted this invitation and we will be in the next 12 to 14 months working closely with a denominational support team and along with Grace and Applewood Covenant Churches in Lakewood and Golden, who will also be on the Navigate Pathway.

Preliminary to our getting started, we have scheduled a Veritas Sunday on October 16. David Benedict who is our Conference facilitator for Navigate will be with us. Following our worship service, our church family is invited to a potluck dinner in the gym followed by a workshop, being offered to our entire congregation, to get us started on the Navigate Pathway. This is an important first step and critical to our church family being united in the process of working together for spiritual and missional vitality. So mark your calendars. Be present on October 16. Enjoy a potluck dinner. And take in a two-hour workshop that will be helpful in establishing a baseline for getting started.

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Meanwhile, in early November a Vitality Team consisting of Pastor Monty, Bill Everitt, Sandy Schmidt and Tina Stuckey will travel to Minneapolis where our denomination will prepare us for Navigating the coming year.

So please be praying for Heritage as we Navigate the Pathway to being a Healthy and Missional Church. Pray for the October event that it will be a great start with maximum support from our church family. And pray for our Vitality Team as we travel to Minnesota for training.

**Be sure to check out  
our web-site:**

[heritagecommunity.net](http://heritagecommunity.net)

**for current prayer  
concerns,  
ministries and activities.**

***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: Marilyn Ketterling at (303)659-2910 or (303)915-1335 or Dinky Leigh at (303)424-8797.*

## "Christmas Shoppe"

Christmas is coming and so is the Heritage "Christmas Shoppe", aka the Christmas Boutique, December 2 (Friday) and 3 (Saturday). Presently there are 13 artisans committed in participating. If you are interested in being an artisan and selling your items, or know of someone to refer or even willing to help with planning, decorations, being a greeter, help in the kitchen or in any other way, please call Cheryl Bennett at 303-465-0187 or email at:

[jcBennett04@yahoo.com](mailto:jcBennett04@yahoo.com)  
or call Ruby Bauer at 303-985-9592.

## General Budget Income And Attendance

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

**August:  
Average Weekly  
Income:  
\$ 5,793.84  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
193**

**September:  
Average Weekly  
Income:  
\$ 6,041.38  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
186**

# Outreach

## ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes for Women at Heritage

LOVING JESUS BY LOVING STRANGERS

MT 25:35 says "...I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home..."

### An opportunity to serve by volunteering for this program...

ESL classes could start January 10, 2012 and follow the school year, meeting Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-11am (20-minute break included), with a Bible study on Mondays, if Heritage has enough volunteers. The students will be women, who come from different cultures with different levels of understanding, wanting to learn the English language. Classes will be broken down into beginner, intermediate and advanced levels, and have 5-10 students each. This is an opportunity to reach others, welcome them, build relationships and share our lives and faith. You do not have to be a teacher. There will be one teacher and one helper per class. Volunteers will teach or help two mornings or one morning a week. We have the Bible study leader (Mary Chapman) and three additional volunteers (LaVerne Bistline, Judy Meyer and Ruby Bauer). We need 4 to 5 more volunteers (teachers, helpers and nursery care). Stef Morgan will provide training for volunteers, who will receive teacher's manuals. We would like to start advertising for the ESL students in November, however, if we do not have enough volunteers the program will be postponed until Fall of 2012. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

## Secrest and Heritage Partnership

### September News

- ◆ Grant submitted - Again this year Secrest is applying for the LOAS Grant to support various after-school projects. For the second year, Heritage has signed a letter committing to community support for Secrest, which means one of the stipulations of this Grant.  
*Taken from the website: [jeffersonfoundation.org/LOAS](http://jeffersonfoundation.org/LOAS) grant - the Purpose and Mission: LOAS grants are possible through a partnership with Mile High United Way, The Jefferson Foundation and Jeffco Public Schools. Our mission is to support students' academic achievement and social development by engaging students through academic, recreational and enriching extended learning opportunities. We achieve our mission by sustaining and strengthening existing programs and creating new programs through partnerships with the community.*
- ◆ Heritage donated \$250 to Secrest PBIS Program. Positive Behavior Support is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviors with all students. Secrest asks that everyone follow the Firebird Five – Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Your Best, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. In the Spring of 2011, a student seminar was held to promote positive behavior.
- ◆ Cold Stone Ice Cream Fundraiser and PTA meeting – Although it was a rainy night, by 7pm over 100 people attended the ice cream fundraiser. The PTA meeting was not held as it was too noisy.

# Outreach Continued

## October News

- ◆ PTA meeting at 6:30pm in Secrest Library
- ◆ Heritage is partnering with the PTA to purchase the remaining die cuts for the school. This was agreed upon at the last spring PTA meeting and the cost will be approximately \$150. Oct 29 – Secrest is hosting a Trunk & Treat party for their students as well as a chili cook-off in their school parking lot from 6-7pm. If you are interested in participating either by being one of the vehicles or entering your chili, please give me a call.

## November News

- ◆ Book Fair will be held the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. Heritage will support this project by providing \$15 for each teacher to purchase one book for their students. There are approximately 25 teachers, which will be a cost of \$375.

If you would like to contribute to this outreach, please mark your donation Secrest and put it in the offering on any Sunday.

## Christmas Activities

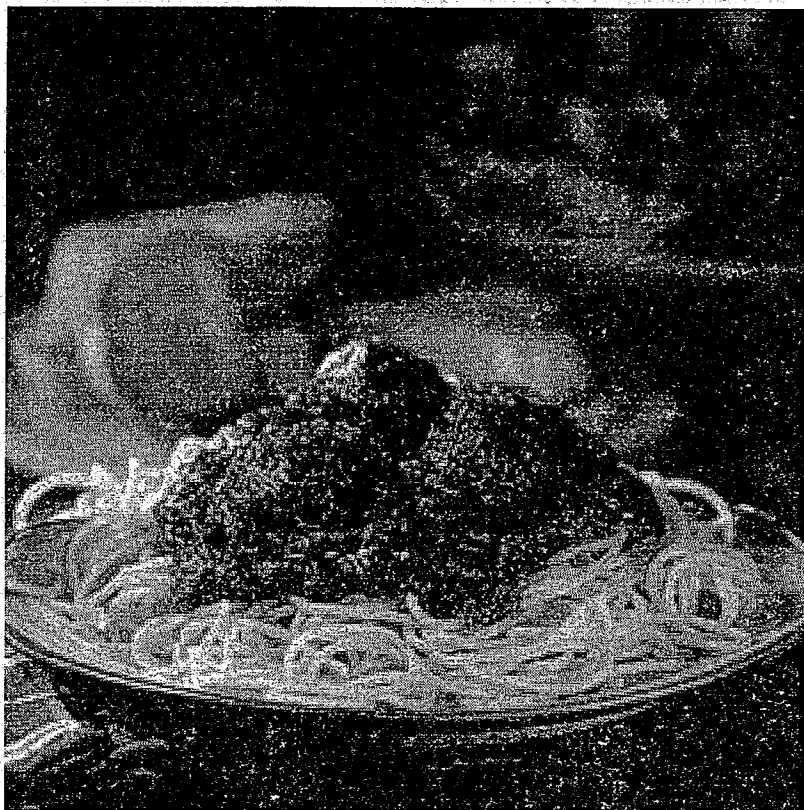
**A Christmas Giving Tree: Welcome to Alaska Christian College in Soldotna, Alaska** ([www.akcc.org](http://www.akcc.org)). ACC specifically targets Alaska's native population. Its passion is to equip students to become all that God has created them to be and accomplishes this through offering a Christ-centered and general studies education, providing a culturally relevant community that cares for the individual needs of each student, and modeling Godly character in everyday living. Each student is encouraged toward a personal plan that promotes holistic lifestyles needed to be engaged citizens in their communities, education toward life goals, and service to God, church and others.

**Why does ACC have to raise financial support?** All staff and faculty raise support to assist the general ministry budget in meeting its obligations due to the limited ability our students have to pay the actual costs of their education. ACC could not exist financially without this 30% of their total budget coming from individuals and churches supporting them.

Heritage will have a **student** giving tree in the Narthex at Christmas. Individuals interested in helping can participate by taking a student's name and information card from the tree. Taking a student card means that you will commit to pray for that student and if willing, donate a dollar amount to ACC in that student's name, this helps the student with their college education.

**Volunteers:** Please contact me to help with Heritage outreach activities. There are a variety of ways to participate and serve our Lord— Christmas events (a giving Tree, the Christmas Shoppe Craft sale), Pumpkin Patch Café at the Halloween Alternative, English as a Second Language classes, to name a few.

Sandy Schmidt, 303-902-6233 (cell)  
Outreach Council Member



# **Annual Explorers Fall Dinner**

**Spaghetti Dinner which includes  
Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert**

**Sunday, October 9th  
following the Worship Service  
in the Gym**

**Tickets are \$ 8.00 for Adults  
\$3.50 for children 4-10  
Children 3 and under Free**

*Make your reservations by calling the  
church office 303-420-6292 or  
purchase tickets on Sunday morning, October 2nd.  
Deadline for phone reservations—Wed. Oct. 5th.*

**Please invite your family and friends!!**

A decorative border of small pumpkin icons surrounds the text.

# THE PUMPKIN PATCH

The church will again sponsor a Halloween Alternative Carnival, an evening of food, free games/prizes and candy on Monday, October 31st, from 5:30-8:30 PM. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to...**MARK THEIR CALENDARS!!!!**

The purpose of this special event is to provide an atmosphere of wholesome **FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD** for our church family/guests, and an outreach to the families of the surrounding community.

The family can even join us for dinner (for a minimal fee).

Burritos \* Nachos  
Sloppy Joes \* Hot Dogs \* Chips  
Cake  
Coffee \* Orange Drink

*Donated candy for this event can be placed in the "Pumpkin Patch" box in the Bell Tower beginning October 2nd until the carnival. If you are willing to help with a booth, please fill out the sign-up slip below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office 303-420-6292.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate during the 1st shift 5-7 PM \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate during the 2nd shift 7-9 PM \_\_\_\_\_

Run a booth \_\_\_\_\_ Be a clown \_\_\_\_\_

Make Balloon Animals \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

## **Mickey Girard - North Carolina**

"With the economy as it is I feel blessed by your faithfulness and the comfort I have in knowing you continue to care and pray for me. I passed my 88th birthday in June and find life is full of changes. Since I am having difficulty walking, I find it is better if I no longer live alone. My daughter and husband have very graciously invited me to move in with them in December of this year. They live only a mile from the JAARS center so I can still stay involved here. My expenses will stay basically the same but I won't be alone. I feel SO BLESSED to have a loving Christian family to care for me. Every new experience can be exciting when we remember to leave it in His hands! My sister and husband have moved from Denver to Cary, NC, only a three hour drive from here. The job of Bible translation continues to move forward through your faithfulness and many are coming to know the Lord through it."

## **Sue Brodish - Florida**

"Thanks to You, many children in Germany have found Jesus and are faithfully sharing Him there with others. Thank you for continuing to uphold them in your prayers. It is a thrill to be here for Mom and for the people here in the community. I help feed those who cannot eat by themselves. It is an opportunity for individual prayer with them and testimony during our conversation. Twice a week I serve at Beyer house setting up tables, serving meals, etc. and spending time with the residents in the sunroom where there is often an opportunity for testimony as well. Twice the church has asked me to share in

the devotional time at intercessory prayer on Fridays. Hearty thanks and praise to Him for connecting us so many years ago and thank YOU for keeping that connection open. May God dearly bless YOU for your loving kindness to Him and to me, enabling me to be obedient to His call."

## **Andrew & Laura Barron - CANADA**

"After establishing the work of Jews for Jesus in South Africa, my family and I moved to Toronto in 1996 to head up Jews for Jesus Canada. Recently we were granted landed immigrant status. This summer in Canada we had our Montreal/Toronto outreach. Not only are these two cities the largest in Canada, they also are home to the majority of Jews in Canada. Laura spent some time in our annual New York summer witnessing campaign. She wrote, 'It was encouraging for me to go out and watch God work. I know many of the seeds planted this summer will germinate in the months to come. Thank you for making our mission possible through your prayer and support.'"

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

"Many new students have arrived at WVU from all over the world. It is our desire to meet them and share the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Our welcome picnic had over 90 students attend. The Niagara Falls trip was most successful; 45 internationals attended. The ESL classes and Hope class have begun. We are excited to be given the privilege to reach out to these students. Thanks so much for praying for this ministry. We need your prayers for us and the students with whom we will be ministering."

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

"Please pray for our planning for meetings in both Sudan and Kenya and for our preparations to teach our Covenant Affirmations in Kenya. Pray for clarity about what we should teach in Sudan. One objective of such visits is just being present with the people to listen and strengthen our relationship. Going there sends a big message that we care and stand with our brothers and sisters. Please pray for wisdom when making the decisions about how to help our employees as costs of basic foods in the market continue to rise. Some prices have doubled in the last year. Overall local prices have gone up over 70% in one year."

## **George & Kathy Schultz - North Carolina**

"We have decided to go to Thailand in January, 2012. Kathy has been invited to work with the missionary families in Asia using her coaching skills for families and children who are dealing with ADD and ADHD. Kathy can offer some very good help to families where their resources are minimal. George has been asked to lead a training workshop. George will attend the North American Mission Leaders Conference. This is an important venue for us to reach decision-makers regarding missionary training. We will be engaging with significant change facing North American missions. Our fall term looks good with missionaries coming from 9 different mission agencies. The folks are headed to 15 different countries in Europe, Asia, South and Central America and Africa."

**Pray the missionary will have  
PEACE, no fear at all.**

*Jeremiah 1: 8-10*

# OCTOBER 2011

## Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30—Bell Choir, 9—10:15 AM—Café, 9:30—Praise Team, 9:45—Children's Choir

### Worship Service & Classes— 10:30 AM

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Worldwide Communion</b> 2 PM—New Member Class 1-4—Baton 4-7—Restoration 6 PM—Youth	3	4 9:30 AM—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilting 1 PM—Ladies Aid	5 <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	6 8:30 AM-H.H.Staff 10:30 AM - Pastor's Prayer	7 Faith High School Community Service Cleaning Day	8 8 AM—"Top Gun" Men's Ministry  Gym and Kitchen in use all day - Explorers
9 <b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> <i>(after Service)</i> 1-4—Baton 4-7—Restoration 6 PM—Youth	10	11 NOODLE DAY 9:30 AM—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilting 4-7 PM - Hope House	12 <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	13 8:30 AM-H.H.Staff	14  <i>Church in use</i>	15  Noon— Evening Church in use
16 <b>Navigate Sunday</b> <i>(Potluck and Seminar)</i> 1-4—Baton 4-7—Restoration 6 PM—Youth	17	18 9:30 AM—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilting	19 <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	20 8:30 AM-H.H.Staff	21	22 8 AM—"Top Gun" Men's Ministry
23 <b>Fall Missions Sunday</b> 1-4—Baton 4-7—Restoration 6 PM—Youth	24	25 9:30 AM—Ladies Bible Study 1 PM—Quilting	26 <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>	27 8:30 AM-H.H.Staff	28	29
30  1-4—Baton 4-7—Restoration 6 PM—Youth	31  Pumpkin Patch 5:30-8:30 PM					

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="margin: 0;"><i>Narrow Italic Type—Birthdays</i>  <b>Bold Type—Anniversaries</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">We list the people that we currently have updated in the computer.                      If you have a Birthday or share an Anniversary in October and we                      did not list you, please call the church office at 303-420-6292.</p>						1
2 <i>Gerry Scheibel</i>	3 <i>Stefanie Howard, Ron Ottercrans</i>	4	5 <i>Shirley Sayre</i>  <b>Stan &amp; Maria Kahler</b>	6	7 <i>Karen Arko</i>  <b>Todd &amp; Kathy Benson</b>	8 <i>Jean Weaver</i>
9 <i>Jim Bishop, Frances Graff</i>	10 <i>Jane Bleyle, Jordan Peterson</i>	11  <b>William &amp; Gere A'hern</b>	12 <i>Scott Steinman</i>	13	14	15 <i>Gere A'hern</i>
16 <i>Sierra Hicks</i>  <b>Gary &amp; Gladys Lauver and Jim &amp; Sue Starr</b>	17	18  <b>Coulter &amp; Eleanor Smith</b>	19	20	21 <i>Lloyd Deckers</i>  <b>Norm &amp; Vivian Harpole</b>	22 <i>Margaret Thomas</i>
23	24 <i>LaVerne Bistline, Bill Caldwell</i>	25 <i>Sean Sebern</i>	26	27	28 <i>April Fritzler</i>  <b>Carl &amp; Ann Nuss</b>	29
30 <i>Jennifer Murdock, Madelaine Schmidt, Mike Thompson</i>	31 <i>Marilyn Bohl</i>					

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### Heritage Café

**Open Sundays  
9—10:15 AM**

Join us each and every  
Sunday morning for  
coffee, goodies and  
fellowship in our  
café area downstairs.  
Everyone is invited!!

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