



Lincoln Heights Highlights

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VISION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2010

JANUARY 31

During our regular 10:30am Service

- Review Ministry Activities for 2009
- Look ahead at 2010

Following the Service

- Elder selection by members
- Church wide Barbeque-Picnic
- Sports Competitions
- Dedication of East Side Property
- Fun Activities for the kids



Women's Ministry: Ladies, you're invited to
"Soup's On"
January 13 at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a delicious soup to share and invite
 a friend or neighbor.
 This will be a time of warm food, fellowship
 and laughter.

*"they devoted themselves to
 teaching, fellowship and
 breaking of bread and prayer" Acts 2:42*



honor the Father

follow the Son

welcome the Spirit

Last month we spent a few Sunday nights around the campfire for GodZown. We had s'mores and discussed Christmas themed lesson ideas. Before that, we took a trip up north to "the Burk Cabin" for the weekend. There we also burned a campfire, we had a fire burning all night in the fireplace for heat, and we chopped wood to keep a fire burning in the stove to cook.

In a world of electricity, we forget how powerful fire is. Fire drives our cars, but we hardly think about spark plugs igniting gas fumes to push the pistons. Scripture does not take the power of flame lightly, however. A refiner's fire will purify precious materials like gold & silver. God spoke to Moses through a burning bush that was not consumed by the flames. God lead Israel by smoke in the day and a pillar of fire at night.

Recently I looked at John 18 for a staff devotion. I noticed something that hadn't stuck out to me before. Peter, a disciple of Jesus, who would go on to be essential in the birth of the Christian church denied knowing his Teacher, Lord, and Friend three times. John 18:15-18 provides the story of his first denial:

"Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in. 'You are not one of his disciples, are you?' the girl at the door asked Peter. He replied, 'I am not.'

It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself."

A warming fire to Peter is probably different than the fires we experience. To us, in the day of modern heating options and draft-free-energy-efficient-tax-reducing-window-replacements, fire's are special events. A fire burning for the family during the Christmas season. A winter evening party that spills into the backyard around the fire pit or chiminea. Hunting with the guys, camping with a youth group, these are social activities around the campfire. Those fires capture some of our greatest conversations, memories, and reflective thoughts.

We stare into a fire, we reminisce around a fire, we watch as the flames lick up the chopped wood. Although for Peter a fire was probably much more everyday, I can't imagine, *this* time, Peter standing around the fire and not feeling convicted.

The heat on his hands would be physical expression of the fire in his heart. Can you imagine denying the Christ while standing around the fire? Now what do you talk about with the strangers you're sharing those flames with? Would Peter not have to turn his gaze away from the flames that seemingly peer into his soul?

Skip with me to chapter 21 (figuratively-lets not hold hands and whistle). Jesus after His resurrection from the dead, goes to his disciples where they are fishing and calls them to the shore for breakfast:

"When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread...Jesus said to them, 'Come have breakfast.'"

This is where Jesus asks Peter three times, if he loves Jesus. Three times Peter confirms that he loves his Savior. After denying Jesus three times, the first time while warming himself at the fire, Peter affirms his love for the Christ.

I wonder if Peter's eyes danced from the coals to Jesus' eyes. I wonder if the first time Jesus asked Peter, if he avoided eye contact. I imagine that Peter had to stare Jesus dead in the eye by the third time he heard the words, "Do you love me?" But I wonder, if Peter's mind flashed back to a time when he first denied Christ, standing around a campfire with strangers instead of friends. I wonder if Peter's mind would forever trigger those two memories, first a denial, then a confirmation, when he stared at the flames of a fire. I wonder if late at night, Peter could sit and stare at the raising flames and blur out his surroundings and praise God for His patience, for His forgiveness, and for never giving up on his weak soul.

Our God is a consuming fire, but my soul often feels far from consumed by God. Instead of being completely engulfed in the flames of God's passion, I feel conflicted, distracted, pulled in a hundred different directions. This winter, when the temperatures fall before 70% in the evening, I will take the chance to watch the flames consume the logs and ask God to pull me in.

May each of us surrender to God, to confirm our love for him, to give up our denials and finally discover the true warmth that never flickers and will always be fueled by God's love.



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*A Prayer
for the
New Year*

Holy Father, God of our yesterdays, our today and our tomorrows. We praise you for your unequalled greatness. We thank you for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less, laugh more and to teach our children to do the same. Thank you for another year and for new chances every day. We rejoice in the name of your son, Jesus.
Amen

GREETERS

THE BRUNO
FAMILY



January 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 8a Women of God Bible Study	4 6:30p Potluck Prayer	5 6p Women's Bible Study	6 6:30pm Divorce Recovery	7 6:45p Choir Practice	8	9
10 Baby Dedication Sunday 12p Align & Design Lunch 12p Solos! Lunch 5p GodZown	11 6:30p Potluck Prayer	12 6p Women's Bible Study	13 6:30p Women's Soups On	14 6:45p Choir Practice	15	16
17 5p GodZown	18 6:30p Potluck Prayer	19 12:00p Saints Alive Lunch 6p Women's Bible Study	20	21 6:45p Choir Practice	22	23 Davis Reception
24 5p GodZown	25 6:30p Potluck Prayer	26 6p Women's Bible Study	27	28 6:45p Choir Practice	29	30
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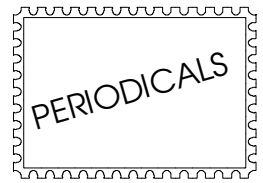
JANUARY



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|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Mark Messner | 15 - Ariel Arceneaux | 26 - Carter Perry |
| 1 - Michael Slider | 14 - Stan Cox | 26 - Jackie Wullkotte |
| 5 - Jessica Slider | 16 - Leah Garred | 27 - Carlee Byfield |
| 5 - Sheena Criss | 18 - Joanna Perry | 29 - Julee Bruno |
| 8 - Ruth Noland | 19 - Joe Moore | |
| 8 - Robby Fulghum | 22 - Franklin Long | |
| 10 - Cindy Wilson | 22 - Ron Wullkotte | |
| 14 - Aubrey Frear | 23 - Dwight Knowlton | |
| 14 - Mike Moore | 23 - Jason Romero | |

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10:30am

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reflections



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Beason Family on the passing of Mark Beason on November 25.

Services for Mark were held at Lincoln Heights on December 5. Our prayers will continue for this grieving family throughout the new year. God bless each one!

Congratulations to **Tyler Brookey** on his 1st new home...Congratulations to proud mom & dad and grandpa **Cyndi & Jim Rossenbach** and **Chuck Rossenbach** as their daughter/granddaughter, **Heather Rossenbach** announced her engagement to **Tyler Duhamé**. **Heather & Tyler** will be married in Phoenix in February...Congratulations to **Dr. Kelly Hughes** on her successful completion of her pediatric board exams...**Barbara Brown** spent a lovely Christmas holiday with her son's family in Kansas and **Kurt Coffman** headed to Kansas also to enjoy his family for the New Year...**Dan & Melanie Brookey** are the proud owners of a goat. They purchased "rights" to a African goat as part of a CMF missionary fund (see Dan for details)... Families with babies born in 2009 are invited to participate in our **Baby Recognition & Parent Dedication** on Sunday, January 10. Contact **Jane Brown** to participate...



Congratulations to the **Booth Family** on their newest addition. Son, **Philip Graham** was born on December 20.

Did you notice something "sparkly" on **Peggy Ciurca's** hand... Congratulations to Peggy and her fiancé, **Jim Cline** on their engagement...It's always good to hear from proud mom & grandma **Betty Tucker**. She was recently surprised by a visit from her Air Force son from Germany...still looking for a great anniversary or birthday gift idea, why not pre-purchase a ticket to the October Women of Faith Conference. See **Tracy Knowlton** for details...Special thanks to **Tim Okamura** for his help in the sound booth...**Debbie** and **Hayden Morrison** spent a lovely time on the beach at Newport after Christmas...**Fran Rapacz** surprised husband, **John** with a ticket to Minnesota to spend a great "cold" weekend with his family. He will be sporting his new found necktie collection soon...**The Rapacz** spent Christmas in CA with **the Hamilton Family**...**Taylor Nolan** continues to cheer on the sports teams for Camelback High School...**Aaron & Laurie Hadley** made a quick trip to CA where Aaron attended the graduation of a friend from CA Highway Patrol and Laurie attended the funeral of Aaron's great-grandmother...Mark your calendars for January 23 as we meet together in prayer for the **Davis Family** (more info to follow)



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the Brookey Family in the passing of Dan's father, Bob Brookey on December 22. Services were held in Ohio. Please keep this family in your prayers during this time.