

In the **KNOW**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND FIRST?

- **PRAYER TIME 15 minutes before the morning service in the Pastor's Study.** These prayer times help create an atmosphere of expectancy.
- **Circles are better than rows. GET in COMMUNITY!** Small group discipleship takes place on-site each Sunday at 9:45 AM. These life-sharing and learning environments are Bible based and explore topics for personal and spiritual growth each week.
- **TO DATE** we have received **\$3,280.48** in order to have nearly three water wells drilled in Haiti. Thank you for your generosity and commitment that will provide clean drinking water for a third world country where clean water is vital to the health and well being of children and those less fortunate.
- **Night of Worship with special guest, Brian Hanson.** On Sunday evening, January 29 we will be blessed by the musical talents of Brian once again. He was with us two years ago for a piano concert in his unique and engaging style. Invite your family and friends for this evening of song and celebration. A love offering will be received for his ministry.
- **Mark your calendar now for these upcoming services:** Revival with Billy Huddleston, February 26-29 at Ashland First. Tri-State Nazarene Awakening Joint Services with Dan Bohi, June 10-13 at Ironton High School Auditorium. Take advantage of these spiritual opportunities to draw encouragement from and dig deep into the things of God.

Generosity Gauge for December 30– January 1

Tithe Giving	\$4,931.00
Faith Promise (Missions)	596.00
Building Fund	70.00
Sunday School	35.00
Water Wells	1,239.48

PRAYER is a priority

OUR WORLD

Local, state, national and world leaders including the President, his advisors, and others in authority
Those serving in the military, including chaplains
Jay & Teanna Sunberg, LINKS missionaries serving in Hungary
Prayer for the Persecuted Church!
Those affected by political unrest and natural disasters here and around the world.
Missionaries Phil & Ruthie Webb in Thailand

OUR CHURCH

The Pastoral Staff, Leadership Team & Sunday School Teachers
Outreach and discipling efforts to reach the needy and develop Christlike followers
12 new families, 25 conversions to Christ, 5 more tithers this year
Dr. Eugenio Duarte, G.S.; Rev. Harold Berrian, D.S.; and Zone churches and pastors.

OUR PEOPLE

Health Concerns:

Mike Gonzalez, Doug Stevens, Delores Ashley, Kenley Paige Maynard, Sally Sexton

Shut-ins: Corrine Bullock, Ruby Burton, Rena Davidson, Virgil & Nelle Dickison, Pauline Fannin, Verna Felty, Edith Gray, Cecil Lilly, Arnold Litteral, Mary Metz, Candice Rice, Myra Speaks, Lucille Tackett

Extended Family: The Leon Shults family of Duncan, Oklahoma and the Peter Sieber family of Arp, Texas in bereavement. These two families were members of churches where our Lead Pastor served. They were precious friends and faithful servants. The Webb family in loss of belongings in a fire. This is Katrina Hamilton's sister and family.

OUR PASTORS

Dr. Steve Ruby—Lead Pastor
Andrea Covert—Worship Arts
Jerrold Covert—Youth & Families
Denver Prater—Visitation
Paula Sergent—Discipleship & Assimilation

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The Program

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FIRST

time here? OR SECOND, OR THIRD OR TENTH.....

Welcome

We are really glad you came today! We know everyone is at different places in their spiritual journey and do not automatically assume you know who God is, but this is one place where we think you can come to understand Him better and get to know the real Jesus, who wants you to experience His love. We won't ask you to wear a nametag or make a speech, but we are so happy you are here!!

HILLS we die on... We are committed to **DOING LIFE TOGETHER** like a family. Connections and community are important if we are to move beyond casual, arm's distance kinds of relationships. We are in process of forming an Acts 2.42-47 kind of church experience. You are invited along!!

We are kid and family friendly

Your kids will **LOVE** this...

kids' first ministries is designed for ALL kids regardless of personality, energy level or special needs. We are anxious to have your child in a place where they can meet learn about GOD, and we are sure you are as well. Our children's ministry area is safe and secure, too. We care about what you care about.

Evening Service @ 6! 2012 will be a year of examining life lessons and lasting principles learned from the lives of some of the Bible's greatest people; patriarchs, prophets, kings and common folk like most of us. Lest I forget, we will also take an extended look at the greatest person to ever live during the second half of the year. Can you guess who?

grow up * each Wednesday...

An exhaustive study of the book of First Corinthians begins this week. Join us each week as we dive deep into this letter that speaks to our current culture and church context.

Talk Notes

“Creating a Vertical Church”
Luke 18.1-8

Honi, the Circle Maker

The prayer that saved a generation!

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_____ has to be a _____ developed through a discipline _____.

My declaration:

Luke 18.1-8

This parable is the picture of _____.

God is looking for some Honi's

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The viability of our prayers has far less to do with our vocabulary and far more to do with our intensity!

James 5.16b-18

Most of our prayers are prayed _____.

God is trying to teach us to pray _____ kind of prayers.

My challenge:

There is a groundswell growing!