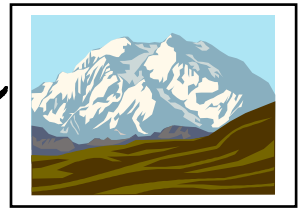


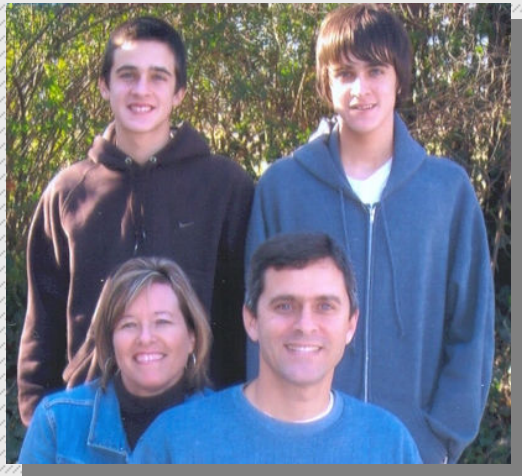
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Michael Lum & Family

(Lori, Jonathan & Kyler)

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Our Church Family

By Mary Stilson

There is a spirit within the church that binds its members together. We have a silent proclamation that we are one in Christ, brothers and sisters all. We are as diverse in our appearance as we are in personality, but we are here with all of our talents, gifts, and failings, our strengths and weaknesses. All the baggage comes along: nothing wasted, nothing lost. We may be diverse in some respects, but we are singular in character for we all share a love of God.

Perhaps the greatest blessing that we receive from our church family is an open mind, one that can listen. It is clear there are wounds that have opened the way to compassion for others. Compassion is the strength and soul of our church family, this is our spiritual inheritance. We have heard stories of love and fear, liberation and constriction, sorrow and happiness, grace and malice that come not only from our experiences but from our family's past. Our spiritual inheritance, our deep heritage in the faith, reflects a time when Christianity was neither Roman nor Orthodox, nor Protestant, but simply *was*. This is our Church family – a faith and understanding in Him *that is*.

Happy is our church family, who give more thought to affection and more attention to persons than to the things amid which they live. Our family is one of mutual responsibility and respect, of encouragement and cooperation and counsel, of integrity, of willingness to work, with the tempering quality of love added to it, with the great sense of always belonging. Our family church home is a shelter for love and a setting for joy and growth, it is a hallowed place to which we return with a lifting heart. Blessed is our church family where the spirit of Christ rules; where each puts the other's happiness first; where all show their love in ways that mean the most of those they love and respect.

Where each seeks to bring out the best in the other and to show his own best self at all times; where we have all learned to face daily problems in a Christian spirit. To live well in a quiet routine of life, to fill a little space because God will it, to go on cheerfully with a petty round of little duties, little avocations, and to smile for the joy of others when the heart might be aching. Who does this? He may not be a hero to the world, but he is one of our family. Fathers, mothers, grandparents, uncles, aunts, students and children, we are all related in His Christian family.

We are grateful to the loyal men who serve as elders, deacons and teachers; our hymn directors guiding us with their beautiful voices; our ministers, pulpit, campus and youth, who tirelessly devote themselves to enrich our lives by teaching that everything is subservient to God's purpose for life, and His omnipresence in our lives. We are grateful for our leaders in the Life Groups and Adult Education Bible classes, who studiously guide us down paths of the Bible that we had not traveled or discerned before. And to the women ministry leaders who enrich our children with the lessons of life that become radiant, insistent and inescapable. We are grateful to campus students, who are valuable, unique and in diminishable as they volunteer to help others less fortunate. And to all others who have helped to beautify our church home, and who graciously satisfy our appetites with culinary delights.

We are English, German, Italian, Oriental, French, Dutch, Norwegian, Hispanic-Latino, Swedish, African, Polish, Irish. All men were created as one species, and by accident of geography became separated into races and creeds, - nationalities do not matter. Are we not all descended from Him? And have the blessed hope one day of ascending to Him, individually and collectively as our Church Family.

Spring Quarter at Meadowlark

Sundays beginning March 1, 2009

Chris Cockrill – “Spiritual Growth”- Room 10

This upcoming class will:

- Define ‘Spiritual Growth’ through a review of scriptures.
- Determine a need for ‘Spiritual Growth’. Is it necessary? Does God expect me to grow ‘spiritually’?
- Identify the stages and developmental process of one’s ‘Spiritual Growth’.
- Discuss ways to measure our ‘Spiritual Growth’.
- Review and discuss ‘Spiritual Maturity’.

Don Kyle – “That the World May Know”- Auditorium

Because God speaks to us through the Scriptures, studying them is a rewarding experience. The inspired human authors of the Bible, as well as those to whom the words were originally given, were primarily Jews living in the Near East. God’s words and actions spoke to them with such power, clarity, and purpose that they wrote them down and carefully preserved them as an authoritative body of literature.

God’s use of human servants in revealing Himself resulted in writings that clearly bear the stamp of time and place. The message of the Scriptures is, of course, eternal and unchanging — but the circumstances and conditions of the people of the Bible are unique to their times. Consequently, we most clearly understand God’s truth when we know the cultural context within which He spoke and acted and the perception of the people with whom He communicated. This does not mean that God’s revelation is unclear if we don’t know the cultural context. Rather, by learning how to think and approach life as Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Esther, and Paul did, modern Christians will deepen their appreciation of God’s Word. To fully apply the message of the Bible, we must enter the world of the Hebrews and familiarize ourselves with their culture.

That is the purpose of this study. The events and characters of the Bible are presented in their original settings. Although the films offer the latest archaeological research, this series is not intended to be a definitive cultural and geographical study of the lands of the Bible. No original scientific discoveries are revealed here. The purpose of this study is to help us better understand God’s revealed mission for our lives by enabling us to hear and see His words in their original context.

Wednesdays beginning March 4, 2009

Michael Lum -“Finding Joy” – Auditorium

In this class we will take a good look at the author Paul and his situation in life. We will follow with a careful study of Paul’s letter to this beloved church family in Philippi. The class will be both discussion based and informational...all ages are welcome.

John Wilson - "What We Believe" – Room 10

This class will include an eight lesson study of “What We Believe”. It will allow us to review and recommit ourselves to those fundamental beliefs which form the foundation of our faith. The intent of these lessons is not to “prove any of these beliefs, only to reaffirm them. Hopefully in doing so, we will rediscover what it means to be a Christian and to live as people of faith – followers of God and His Son, Jesus, the Christ. These lessons will be followed by five lessons from Habakkuk that address one of the major challenges to our faith: “Where is God When Bad Things Happen?”

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 *Looking for a way to serve???*

Bible Hour

See Mike & Meta Van Skiver if you would like to volunteer to teach or co teach Bible Hour

Sunday Bible class 9:00am
Sunday Worship 10:00am
Life Groups 5:30pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

Shepherds:
 Milt Brown, 221-3256
 Tim Brown, 223-1949
 *Chuck Grenier, 482-3984
 Chappy Wells, 493-9746

* Elder chairman

Ministers:
Preaching Minister:
 Michael Lum (417) 438-9824

Teen Minister:
 Derek Walker 266-9119

Campus Minister:
 Russ Whitten 223-3755

Administrative Assistant:
 Charlene Whitten 223-7788

March Service Schedule

Communion Devo	Sound Booth	Song Leader
3/01 Jerry Kiltz	3/01 D. Alexander	3/01 S. Meyer
3/08 Kyle Berry	(ppt) S. Jones	3/08 G. Bolin
3/15 Chris Cockrill	3/08 D. Alexander	3/15 D. Watson
3/22 Jerry Hoffman	(ppt) M. Van Skiver	3/22 Prior & Meyer
3/29 Randy Robinette	3/15 C. Van Kull	3/29 T. Wells
	(ppt) M. Van Skiver	
	3/22 C. Van Kull	Communion Prep
Elder:	(ppt) D. Worrell	The Worrells
Chuck Grenier	3/29 O. Wiggan	
	(ppt) D. Worrell	

<i>Family Record</i>	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22
<i>Worship Attendance</i>	243	254	240	243
<i>Contribution</i>	\$7,569	\$7,374	\$5,654	\$6,006
<i>Budget</i>	\$6,641.00			