



# February 2012



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### February 5

Dorothy's Kitchen  
Chili & Pie Cook-off

### February 9-15

Haiti Trip

### February 10

Senior Saints Luncheon

### February 12

Skype - Chris from Haiti  
High School Youth Group

### February 14

Valentine's Day

### February 18

Valentine's Dinner

### February 20

Office closed

### February 24

Girls Night In

### February 26

Interrante's Party



## **What's Your Plan?**

What do you have planned for 2012? Anything really BIG? Maybe nothing at all! What does your calendar look like? Lots of blank space or maybe pencil scratches all over the place or somewhere in between. You can sign up for calendars out on the web that track all of your appointments, repeat your regular meetings automatically for years, send you a 15 minute reminder that you have a meeting coming up (via text or email), and send you a reminder the day before you have a birthday or anniversary coming up. Too much for you?

Plan, plan, plan!

I saw a bumper sticker: WE PLAN AND GOD LAUGHS!

What if you are in the middle of your Saturday morning errands with kids and soccer and meals and your aunt calls and says she needs to talk about some family matters?

What if you're heading out the door for a meeting and your elderly father calls and says he has been thinking about you and just wanted to call and talk for a while?

What if you're on the way to work (running 5 minutes late as usual) and your car dies and you have no idea what is wrong with it?

Do you go with the flow or do you tense up and snap at anyone close?

We've all probably had any number of those situations happen to us.

But what if you're at church Sunday morning and the invitation time comes after the sermon and you feel prompted to walk forward and share a story of how God has wonderfully worked out a potentially disastrous event in your life? What do you do then?

Or what if you are in your prayer time on Saturday night and you feel God is prompting you to research short-term mission trips to Guatemala City to minister to the children who live in huts at the city dump and scavenge through the garbage to eke out a living? Now what do you do?

Well, none of these may have happened to you but the point is... do we know when God is prompting us and if so, do we know what to do?

God speaks to us through His word. You can't hear what He has to say through the Bible if you don't read it.

God speaks to us through other Christians. Listen to more than one brother or sister and see if what you feel is being confirmed. You will feel a peace about it.

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***Our Vision: GLORIFY GOD***

***Our Mission: Grow in Christ, Serve in Love, Bring Others to Jesus***

## My Child

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. I know when you sit down and when you rise up. I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:1-3  
Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27  
In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28  
I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12  
You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. You are fearfully and wonderfully made.  
I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13-16  
And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6  
I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44  
I am not distant and angry but am the complete expression of love. I John 4:16  
And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. I John 3:1  
I offer you more than your earthly father could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48  
Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:7  
For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33  
My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11  
Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3  
My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18  
And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40  
For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5  
I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41  
And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3  
If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29  
Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

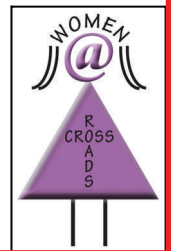


For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13  
I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20  
For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 16-17  
I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4  
When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18  
As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11  
One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4  
And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4  
I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23  
For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3  
He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31  
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19  
His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. I John 4:10  
I gave up everything that I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32  
If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. I John 2:23  
And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39  
Come home and I'll throw the biggest heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7  
I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is . . . Will you be my Child? John 1: 12-13  
I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32  
ALL MY LOVE . . . DAD, Almighty God

Submitted by Rhonda De Loe

P.S. Keep an eye out for more details... "Girls Night In" on Friday, February 24th! woohoo!



# Missions Matters

## "Hardy Hammerin' Hunks for Haiti" January 1- February 19

"Take off time" is approaching! We would like to make the congregation aware of a change in staffing for the trip. Lee Interrante was unable to go, due to work constraints, but God has provided Gary DeCarli, of DeCarli Construction, to go and help Chris with the building project.

Gary is a general contractor, born and raised in Soledad, who has become familiar with our congregation through our "Born Again to Be Wild" motorcycle rides. Gary is a general contractor so he will be a big help in many different areas.

Plane tickets have been purchased! Thank you to customers and crew for participating in the "Plane Ticket Potato Bar." We raised **\$1508.00!**

Please be in prayer for Chris and Gary as they leave February 9 and return on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Ask God for protection for their health, for strength and efficiency, and that they would have the materials they need to complete the house. Also, be in prayer for Gary, that God would use this experience to bring Gary to know Him.

Thank you to all who chopped, mixed, BBQ'd, dished up, drove, sold tickets, or helped in any way to help make the "Haiti Home BBQ" for materials a success. Chris, Gary, and the Fedja mission will be thinking of you all week!

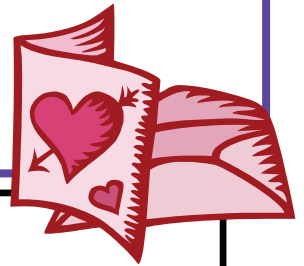
Next Up: **Korea Christian Gospel Mission**

**Mark Your Calendars on April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Dr. Yoon Kwon Chae will be here from Seoul, Korea.**

Join us for a **Rice Potluck** following the service.

Sent to Serve,



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God speaks to us through prayer. Is it an audible voice? Maybe, maybe not. God promises that He will answer our prayers. We have to be listening.

God tries to speak to us through the noise but sometimes our lives are too loud.

...a mighty windstorm hit the mountain.

It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose,  
but the Lord was not in the wind.

After the wind there was an earthquake,  
but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake there was a fire,  
but the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper...

-1 Kings 19:11b-12 (NLT)

Don't miss the whisper.

by Alan Stark

## Chili / Pie Cook-Off – Feb. 5, 2012

It's time for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili and Pie Cook-off! Come and enjoy yourself at Crossroads by fellowshiping with friends and family with football, games, laughter, and great food.

The Game is being shown on the big screen, Sunday, February 5th. Doors open at 3pm and kick off begins around 3:30pm. Pie judging will occur after the church service so that the judges do not miss out on the fun. The judging for the "best" Chili will begin once the doors open by all of you and will end after 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The winners will be announced during half-time with dinner to follow.

I am on the look out for entries for the "best" chili and pie so it's time to pull out those old family recipes or search the internet for that special recipe. Everyone will be invited to cast ONE vote toward their favorite Chili, whereas the pies will be tasted by a small group of judges. Please sign-up to bring salads, desserts, drinks and football munchies. Contestants' Chili and hot dogs provided by MBC will also be available.

If you would like to volunteer as a "Chili Pepper" assistant, enter in the cook off, or become a pie judge, please sign up in the foyer or contact Becky Cromer, [bcromer1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcromer1@sbcglobal.net), 831-320-2098. Contestants will need to complete an entry form – **deadline is Friday, February 3rd.**

The Elders did want me to let you know that CrossRoads is not liable for any "spicy-hot" reactions to these creative pots of fire; however, Tums will be available!



## Valentine's Dinner Saturday, February 18



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### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

PETE GALVAN	2/01/1980
GYNNY REYES	2/03/1976
RAMONA MARTINEZ	2/05/0000
VALERIE CAMBUNGA	2/06/2008
RAYMOND DELOE	2/08/1952
DAVE HENSON	2/10/1962
RACHEL HALL	2/14/1992
TINA HALL	2/27/1969

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

SCOTT & DIANE LAWSON	2/26/2000
STEVE & DORIS LANDIS	2/29/1992

### CURRENT GROWTH GROUPS/CLASSES

#### Sunday Morning Classes

Nursery thru Adult (9am)  
Nursery/Toddlers (10am)  
Pre-K (10am)  
Kindergarten-5th (10:30am); no class 1st Sunday

#### Sunday

5:30pm Growth Group, CCC  
5:30pm Growth Group, Stark Home

#### Tuesday

6pm Gospel of John, Palacios Home

#### Wednesday

9:30am Ladies Growth Group, CCC

#### Friday

7pm Growth Group, Lemmon Home

#### Youth Groups

Junior High Youth Group, Second Sunday  
High School Youth Group, Second Sunday

