

MAY 2014



## *HCC Newsletter*

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 5/4 - 9:30am
- 5/11 - 9:30am
- 5/18 - 9:30am
- 5/25 - 9:30am

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26th for the Memorial Day Holiday.



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### MAY SERIES - COMMUNICATION

God is the originator of communication. He created the capacities we possess for communication as a reflection of his own. Communication has two parts, speaking and listening. Our choice of words, the things we talk about, the attitudes we convey, and the emotion behind our words - these things affect our lives and others around us. We "speak" not only verbally but in writing, in actions, and through artistic expression. We can change the environment in our homes, workplaces, teams, ourselves,

even our church, by what we say and how we say it. During this series, we want to learn more about the power behind our words and the dynamics involved in listening. We will pursue the idea that we will be better communicators when we allow God to speak and listen through us.

**May 4th** - The Great Communication Divide

**May 11th** - Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak and Slow to Anger

**May 18th** - The Power of Speech that Breaks Down

**May 25th** - The Power of Speech that Builds Up

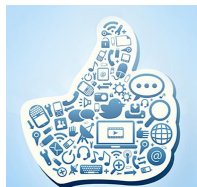
### OTHER UPCOMING TOPICS ON COMMUNICATION

**June 8th** - Passwords, Privacy, POS, and the Digital Challenge

**June 15th** - When Words are Not Enough

**June 22nd** - Spiritual Speech, Unity and Division

**June 29th** - Joint Service with LFCC - Pastor T giving Message



## COFFEE AND CONNECTION



Come out and enjoy a time of coffee, bagels, and fellowship before the service! If you would like to help with Coffee and Connection, please contact Darlene Stutelberg at [dstutelberg@verizon.net](mailto:dstutelberg@verizon.net).

## STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING

As you know, we have been publicizing a gathering for the whole church for May 4<sup>th</sup> following our worship service to go over the State of the Church document and some of the opportunities before us and the challenges we are facing. As your Senior Pastor, I am requesting that we postpone this church-wide gathering to a later date.

Over the past weekend, I have felt the Spirit leading me to gain a fuller discernment with our Staff, and our Shepherd and Steward leaders concerning a possible opportunity for our church about which I have recently become aware. As you know, over the past decade, we have been attempting to learn how to discern God's voice together, particularly when we are issued an invitation to join Him in what He is doing. During the time I have been writing and then sharing the State of the Church document with the congregation, I was asked to come to a meeting in the county where just such an invitation was offered.

I would like to use May 4<sup>th</sup>, to meet with our Leadership *before* having a State of the Church meeting with the entire congregation. I know we desire our future as a church to be even more fruitful for the Kingdom of God. After the Leadership gains clarity about this opportunity, we will be sharing information about this with all of you.

For those of you who sent in cards indicating your interest in attending the church-wide meeting, I am grateful for your passion for this ministry and your investment in God's work at HCC and beyond. Thank you for trusting God and our church leadership. Please pray for this gathering of our leaders as we meet and pray together this Sunday.

## GRADUATION SUNDAY



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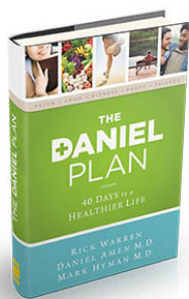
Where is the student graduating from?

If graduating from high school, what are the students plans after graduation (i.e. college, trade school, military, working, etc)?

If graduating from college, what degree?



## MEN AND WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS



**Monday Nights at 6:30pm**  
**Beginning May 5th**  
**at the home of**  
**Lillian Gregory**

**For more information,**  
**stop by the Guest Service Counter**






Men's

Small Group

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Tuesdays - 6:30-8:30pm  
 Saturdays - 7:30-9:30am in the  
 Carriage House



THE GLOBAL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 14-15, 2014 | [willowcreek.com/summit](http://willowcreek.com/summit)

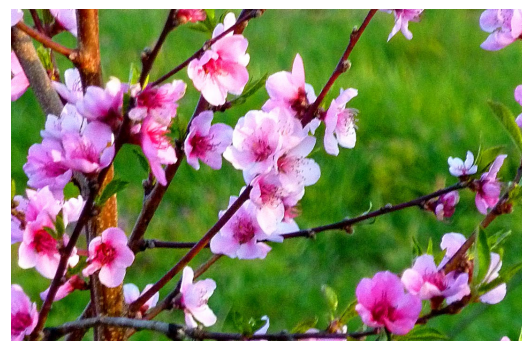
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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

## THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event that is telecast LIVE from Willow's campus near Chicago every August to more than 300 locations in North America. Throughout the fall, Summit events take place in an additional 350+ cities, 105 countries—translated into 50 languages.



Mountain Christian will be a host site this year for the Global Leadership Summit being held on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending or want more information, you can check out Willow Creek's at <https://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/> to register. HCC is a Willow Creek member. If you want to attend, please contact the church office for the membership number. There is an early bird special available until May 20<sup>th</sup>.