



the Family Focus

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New Worship Schedule

Starting August 6th our new worship schedule will be:

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Office Hours:
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I really hope you'll take a moment to read this article. It is important to me and to MCC.

As I related in the last Board Meeting on July 25th I have been in a state of frustration and wandering the last few months. And I know that many of you have as well. I described myself as being in a "funk" ... whatever that means, I'm not even sure myself. Going to our denomination's General Assembly in July was a wonderfully uplifting experience for me. There I was able to meet with other Pastors who are or have gone through similar times. Their encouragement and stories have helped me tremendously.

So I write this article to express my apology to you in hopes that we can all be rejuvenated, re-energized and refreshed in the Spirit to carry out the mission and vision God has called us to. The apostle Peter wrote that Satan goes about like a roaring lion seeking to devour us. Feeling frustrated and down is one of Satan's greatest tools. Paul wrote that God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but one of power; and if God is for us, who can be against us.

These are Scripture's words of encouragement and hope. May we all take them to heart once again and be uplifted to work for the glory of God. I'm sorry I've let the church down the last few months; but I also promise to do whatever I can with your help and God's help to return to setting my sights on fulfilling our mission here at MCC. I love being your Pastor and am honored by God's call to be at MCC! And ... I care deeply about our mission together for God.

Blessings,
Pastor Chuck



One of the greatest gifts that churches like Willow Creek and Saddle Back have given the church over the last few decades is the idea that vision matters. ... they have taught the church a great many lessons about the power and necessity of vision in leadership. It is rare to walk into a church in this country and not see, hear, or be given something with the church's

vision statement written on it. With all the progress made in the development of vision statements in our churches... why aren't more of our churches thriving?

I am a fan of the Washington Redskins (stop laughing). Over the last decade and a half, my team has become the laughing stock of the NFL because it has consistently had the flashiest off season of any team in the league, only to under-perform in the regular season. It has gotten so bad that a t-shirt is now being sold in Redskins colors that say "off-season champs". The problem with the Redskins has not been the lack of a clear vision. I am certain that the entire team sees their common purpose is to win the Super Bowl (well, perhaps number 92 is exempted from that). The problem with the Redskins is that there has not been a clear implementer of that vision.

What is an implementer? Basically, an implementer is the person on a team that gets stuff done. They are the people who, armed with a church's vision, take the next step towards achieving that vision by developing the plan. In all the celebration and excitement around the idea of knowing a church's vision and purpose, the need for an implementer is often forgotten.

So what makes a great implementer, here are a few thoughts:

Understanding the Vision. A good implementer understands, and is on board with, a church's vision. They get where the church is headed and what the church is about. The implementer also needs to be able to share the vision of the church with clarity as they develop and lead the teams that bring about the church's vision.

Understanding Context. Every church operates in a unique context. Having a deep understanding of a church's context is key to developing the plan to implement a church's vision. An implementer needs to be a student of the local culture, understand what makes the area in which they minister unique, and then craft a plan to accomplish the vision in a way that fits that context.

Strategic Mindset. The implementer needs to have an understanding of how everything works together to form the bigger picture. They need to have the ability to use a variety of programs, events, and gatherings to bring the vision to fruition.

Kingdom Mindset. This is the most important quality that an implementer has. A heart to see the local church thrive and God's Kingdom expand need to be the central motivation of the implementer as they work to see the Holy Spirit move through the church that they are working with.

By Matt Steen

(source: <http://churchthought.com/implementers-because-vision-isnt-enough>)

Join us for Rock Island's Labor Day Parade



This year we will again have an entry in the Labor Day Parade on September 5th. MCC's van will be running and the Praise Band will be playing on a float wagon. We'll pass out candy to on-lookers; and, flyers inviting folks to Back to Church Sunday on September 18th. Everyone is invited to march with us in the parade and help pass out candy and flyers.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Rodney Millington
- 2 Lyle Ricker
- 3 Lisa Rumler
- 5 Ella Williams
- 6 Caitlin Close
- 7 Linda Clark
- 20 Dorothy Nelson
- 22 Margaret Simmons
- 24 Darlene Lovell
- 25 Nellie Porter (100)
- 29 Laylor Boyd
- 29 Pat Kuehl



05 Bill & Naomi Schlobohm

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Please remember these in your prayers:

Darlene Lovell, Helen Slavens, Darry & Colleen Kannenberg, Dan and Christine Koester, Nanette Walters, Joanne Kline, Harold Baker, Donna Wilkins, Helen Pitcher, Letha Olson, Neal Bunce, Dorothy Cline, Leo Ford, Lynette Cameron, Peggy Walker, Bernice Hovey, Juanita Brown, Loretta Smith, Gordon Milligan, Caryl VanHyfte, Cyndee Browner, Charles Willey, Wade Rogers, Nellie Porter, Andy & Vickie Parker, Michael Worrick, Cecil Dorsey, Matt, Ava, Andy Simmons, Michael Grabbe, Jacque Brandom, Crystal Raun, the Wright family, Al Fortin, Shirley Rudd, Beverley Ducey, Sandy Kilcoin, Kimberly Delaney, Jan Smith, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of your prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit", please contact the Church office.

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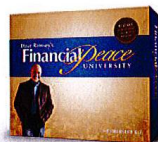
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UNIVERSITY

More Info:

Place: MCC, 1624 Avenue of the Cities, Moline

Dates: Wednesdays starting September 13

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 For more info 309-757-1300



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WEEK OF

SEPTEMBER 12TH

CLASSES WILL BE HELD

MONDAY EVENINGS &

THURSDAY MORNINGS

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...



Nellie Porter will be celebrating her 100th birthday August 25, 2011. Please join us for cake & drinks and help her to celebrate this special birthday!

Date: Saturday, August 27, 2011

Place: MCC, 1624 Avenue of the Cities, Moline

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Please no gifts.

August Serving Schedule

Worship Service

ELDERS

Meditation: Laurie Peters

Back Table: Donna Long

DEACONS

Captain: Scott Clark

Kim Dorsey

Crystal Cutkomp

John Allison

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Pastor Chuck Dorsey

Carol Hancock

COMMUNION PREPARER

Linda Swartz

Nancy Wagner

HOME-BOUND COMMUNION

Bonnie Engelman

Mick Kuehl

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Linda & Nicole Miller & Co.

EVANGELISM CALLER

Pastor Chuck

JOIN US FOR PARTY IN THE PARK



The Saturdays of **AUGUST 20TH AND 27TH** MCC will be having a Party in the Park at Browning Park just behind Whitey's from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will be a mission outreach to people in our community where we will give free hot dogs, cotton candy, soft drinks, popcorn and balloons to any family or kids in the park. It will be our way of introducing ourselves to folks in our community, letting them know about MCC and inviting them to Back to Church Sunday on September 18th. More information will be coming in September's newsletter, but for now please mark these dates on your calendar.



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