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LIBRARY NEWS

We're cleaning out our workroom and need space, so we are giving away some more audio cassettes. You will find messages by Steve Hale, R.J. Sproul, as well as self-help programs. Please help yourself. They are located on the shelves just outside the library door.

Also, bring your Guidepost magazines in to share with others. You can put them in the basket outside the library door.

New books:

Shepherding a Child's Heart
Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear
Don't Check Your Brains At the Door
The Sound of Sleigh Bells
The Christian Grandma's Idea Book
Living By the Book
The Lost Books - Vol. 4,5,6
Shades of Blue

Stop by and see what's new!
Brenda Wood, Librarian

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Words from Bro. David

It might seem amazing the millions of dollars that has been given to Haiti in the disaster relief. But as we remember Jesus taught us, it is not the amount that we give but the amount of our sacrifice in giving.

We are reminded of the widow who put one mite in the temple treasury. Jesus complimented her because she gave everything she had into the treasury. It is not how much we give to God that should impress anyone. It is the amount that we retain that should impress.

I found it interesting to read that the Red Cross of Baltimore MD received one gift that

caused all the people that worked there to weep.

Bobbie Jones, the coordinator of the Red Cross said they were receiving monies for Haiti disaster relief when in came a man and gave them \$14.64. I am sure that was not very impressive compared to what many others had given.

This one made them cry. It was given by a group of homeless people who had been staying at the nearby Guilford Avenue Shelter. They had just heard a message by Tim Herty of Grace Fellowship Church who preaches there at times. After his message they took up

an offering of wadded up dollar bills and dirty coins.

Think of this. Here are people without homes giving what little money they had to help people in another country who were also homeless. Remember, it is not how much you give, but how much we keep.

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Reggie's Remarks



Here are some things I am thankful for and that bring real joy to my heart:

I am thankful that within our different musical groups (Choir, Age to Age, Winds of Worship), I often see members encouraging other members. We have members who help look for new prospects and invite others to sing or play music with us. I also see members who genuinely care about each other and are willing to pray for one another.

It is a joy to work with groups like our Worship Choir and Winds of Worship, groups

made up of people of different ages. This is a real strength and I am so thankful that our church encourages this. We have people who have served the Lord faithfully for years and young people who are stepping up to places of responsibility now in the Lord's ministry and they are all a blessing to the church. It is a blessing to have a student choir like Age to Age who have a heart for serving and singing and leading in worship.

I praise the Lord for how He has blessed FSBC and for how He is leading us in His ministry.

Also: On our website you will

find some new pictures of our Choir, Winds of Worship, and Age to Age (singing at church and caroling to our home-bound members.)



Children's Ministry

The other day I was in my car listening to the radio and heard a commentator say something I found very interesting. He said, studies show that typically by Valentine's Day nearly all of the New Year's resolutions that people had made on New Year's Eve / Day, have been given up on completely. There is no doubt that God has created us with the capacity to do great things, seeing how we are created in His image (Gen. 1:26), it is however our sin nature that causes us to fall short of our intended purposes. (Rom. 3:23)

We know from the scriptures that God has given to us as believers a great commission, (Mt. 28:18-20) and it should be something that we resolve to accomplish in and throughout our lives. Nevertheless we each know that no matter how great the mandate, or resolution, we fall short. This is why Jesus outlined for us a way to live as believers in Him, in Luke 9:23 "Then He said to them all, *'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.'*"

God presents us with countless opportunities to serve Him, whether it is in the church (Through the various ministries available), in the community (through opportunities such as GROW or the church wide food drives), or to a neighbor (by sharing the Gospel), we are each given ample opportunities to serve our Lord. So let's resolve daily to live for Him, and be open to the opportunities that He presents us.

Ryan Maglinger
Children's Minister

Youth Connection: Disciple Now Prayer Requests

As you read this article, we will be just days away from Disciple Now 2010. The dates are **Friday, March 5** through **Saturday March 7**. We are really excited to see how God will work through this weekend.

We have been blessed to team up with some great college leaders, host homes, worship leaders, speaker, and a host of other volunteers. We want to invite you to join us in investing in the lives of our students by praying for them now and through the weekend itself.

Please be in prayer for the large number of students who will be attending this event. We hope that this weekend will be a time that students are challenged to either begin a relationship with Jesus Christ or are challenged to grow deeper in their existing relationship. We hope you will join

us in praying for drastic life change as the students examine their lives through the Word of God.

Please be in prayer for our college leaders. God has blessed us with some very godly young adults who will be leading the students through studies throughout the weekend. We hope that as they give of their time, energy, and resources, God will use them in a mighty way through the lives of our students.

Please be in prayer for our speaker and worship leaders as they set the tone for the weekend and lead in worship and messages from God's Word. Again God has provided us with great leaders for this weekend.

Finally, please be in prayer for the host homes and other vol-

unteers for this weekend. God has blessed our youth group with so many people that are willing to invest in the lives of our students. We have families that have opened their homes up to a group of teenagers for this weekend. That is a prayer request in itself, but please be in prayer for them as they serve our church and the student in their homes.

I want to personally thank everyone who has been involved with Disciple Now from planning, providing scholarships, hosting students, leading groups, praying, volunteering, and giving of you time and resources in so many ways. It is so great to be a part of such a faithful supportive church. Thank you all.

Jason Southwell, Youth Minister

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Church Office: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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The Role of Scripture

What a blessing this past month has been. We have experienced some of the harshest weather seen in many years here in Evansville. But, over these very same weeks, as I was moving around from SS class to SS class I was joyfully pleased to see rooms full of folks with cheerful smiles as they came together to study the scripture.

Wow! This is so important that we grow our spiritual maturity together encouraging one another to keep a kingdom focus. We know from reading Hebrews 4:12-13 that God will use scripture to permeate our minds and daily conversations. When we sit down with the Bible and begin to read God's truth, the Holy Spirit may cause us to linger over a verse or two, or perhaps a certain phrase will catch our attention. It could be that something we read will linger in our minds throughout the day and we will begin to wonder, what it is that God wants us to know or act upon.

It is only after we spend time reading the Bible that we are able to bring God's truth into conversation with others at their time of need. God also uses His word as a reminder in times we are tempted to do wrong. Has He been working on your heart lately to become more active with your SS class or to join a SS class? If He has, this is a very good thing and I would love to sit with you and discuss the many roles available to serve His church.

Rick Roop, Sunday School Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5 - 7	Disciple Now
March 7 - 14	Week of Prayer
March 15	Day of Prayer
March 24	Business Mtg
March 29	Keenager Trip
June 6 - 11	Mexico Mission Trip
June 20	Baby Dedication
July 12 - 16	VBS



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