

October 2009

The Monthly Vine

Staying connected on the latest happenings...

Loving God, Investing in Community, Following Jesus, Engaging Our World

Pastor's Corner..... Jack Fairweather

This is YOUR Church

As I sit and write to you, I am astounded that October is upon us. September has been a great month filled with baptisms, outreach, retreats, and conferences. The list could go on and on. All this was done with out any help from the Senior Pastor or his wife who is the co-pastor of the church. Thank you all for your help, understanding, and cooperation over the last couple of months.

I say this to encourage each and every person in the Littleton Vineyard Church. The sabbatical period for Ian, our beloved Senior Pastor, is coming to an end. I hope it is clear now that his absence, although he was missed, was not a big deal. I know Ian was refreshed and rejuvenated and at the same time the impact of his absence on the church was minimal. During his absence over the last two months the church has not only survived, but it has thrived. This success wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of so many caring people in the church.

I hope that this time of refreshing for Ian has been eye opening and a good all around experience for each and every person in the church. The Littleton Vineyard Church isn't only the Senior Pastor's church, Ian would be the first to tell people this. It is first Christ's church and second the church of each person who calls the Littleton Vineyard their home. I hope that the last few months have demonstrated this truth.

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:4-8)

The church is your church. What ever part of the body we might be, we are important. I encourage you to take hold of the responsibility to build the church and to help the Littleton Vineyard Church to impact the world. Ian's return does not mean that the hard work is over. If things go back to how they were in July, we will have accomplished little as a church body. Instead, now is the most important time for us as a church to press forward and persevere. Let's press on and build the Kingdom of God together in unity of the vision that Christ has given us: Loving God, Investing in Community, Following Jesus, and Engaging our World (LIFE).

You as a part of this church are vitally important. I again encourage each of us to do what we can within our limits. These are exciting times and I look forward to moving ahead with each and every one of you.

Spotlight on Community Connections.....

Thank you to everyone who came out to help on Saturday the 26th of September. We had over 30 volunteers to stuff and hand deliver over 3300 Littleton Vineyard packets to our local community. We were able to meet and connect with several people, and the response to our program seemed positive. We have already seen several visitors this past Sunday, and are looking forward meeting more newcomers. Please be watching for them, and take some time on Sunday mornings to share a cup of Joe with 'em. We are hoping that people will discover a genuinely welcoming community

here at The Littleton Vineyard, a place where they can discover LIFE.

As we draw closer to the Christmas season, we will again do another community outreach to invite our neighbors to A Night In Bethlehem. Watch for sign ups coming in November. The next scheduled date for Community Connections will be November 21st. Thanks again for all your efforts last weekend, and remember to enjoy the fruits of your labor...get to know someone new!!

Mark your Calendar....

October 1 - Moms & Tots Meeting 9:30-11:30 a.m.

October 2 - Vineyard Kids Game and Movie Night, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

October 3 - Women's Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

October 8 - Serving Dinner at Denver Rescue Mission, 7:30 p.m.

October 10 - Faith in Action Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

October 13 - Plug into Life @Vineyard begins, hosted by the Ackersons 6:00-8:30 p.m.

October 15 - Moms & Tots Meeting 9:30-11:30 a.m.

October 17 - Spirit Led Prayer Workshop 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

October 20 - Plug into Life @Vineyard 6:00-8:30 p.m.

October 25 - Newcomer's Welcome Lunch 12:00 noon & Baby Dedication

October 27 - Plug into Life @ Vineyard 6:00-8:30

October 28 - Community Group leaders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November 3 - Plug into Life @ Vineyard 6:00-8:30 p.m.

November 13- Prayer & Worship Night

For additional information on these dates, please visit our Website littletonvineyard.org or contact the church office at 303.797.0201.

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Don't Miss Out On...

Spirit-led Prayer Workshop

**Come learn how to
meet God In a
deeper way.**

**\$ 5.00 fee includes
dinner and materials
register today!**

October 17th, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.



Faith in Action. **BE** the Church Saturday, October 10th

Saturday, October 10th, as a church community, we will serve in places of great need in our community. *We are seeking to truly be the church to the people around us by being God's hands and feet in our world.* We ask you to join us in this significant step we are taking. Join hands with us and help us move forward together ... with the goal of touching and transforming lives with the lifechanging love of God! **Sign up for a Service Project today!**

Sign Up For A Service Project:

- **HIV Care Link** - Paint hallways at an apartment complex where persons with HIV live
- **Shiloh House** - Fix a residential boys' home, & make decorations for an upcoming celebration
- **Columbine High School** - Paint & Clean
- **Open Arms Food Bank** - Paint, clean and stock food pantry
- **Moving a Church Family** - Move the Lakra Family into their new home.

Sign-Up Today or Register Online!
Questions? Call us at 303-797-0201 or Email us at
info@litletonvineyard.org

Join Us for a **Celebration Service**
Sunday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m.

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Plug into LIFE

Join us and
plug into LIFE
at the Vineyard!

If you are considering making the Littleton Vineyard your home church and want to get more involved ... we invite you to Plug into LIFE! We offer this course to help you understand more fully what the church is about, what we believe, our values, and how you can join us in our mission of calling our generation to LIFE with Jesus.

Tuesdays October 13, 20, 27 & Nov. 3
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Dinner Provided
At the Ackerson's home (map on back)
Questions? Call 303-346-0269



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