

August 2009

The Monthly Vine

Staying connected on the latest happenings...

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

Pastor's Corner..... By Jan Prichard

Bandimere Speedway

A few years ago I got to fulfill a dream that I had that frankly I did not see any way of accomplishing. I had always wanted to get behind the wheels of a car and drag race! Well I was afforded the opportunity at Bandimere speedway. I arrived enthusiastic and ready to race. Of course, I was hoping to race a 200+ mph rocket car! I must say I was a little disappointed in the vehicle that was provided – a Chevrolet Camaro! However I did manage to get it to go over 97mph and won my race.

On July 22nd 2009, I had a very unusual reason to return to Bandimere. I was there to build a house for the homeless of Juarez! Yes, you read it right! Jesus the bus driver, and the Missions Ministries team were there building a house!

At the top of the main stand, overlooking the speedway,

a pallet house had been constructed next to the Missions Ministries home we were building. It afforded the racing families, and the evening audiences, the chance to see the types of homes people live in in Mexico together with the homes Missions Ministries construct. John Bandimere, the raceway owner, had invited us to build a home with the participation of the car racing families and then divide it into 10ft sections for transport to Juarez where it would be reconstructed.

At times the noise emanating from the track made it tough to talk. In between pounding nails and cutting dry wall I went out to watch. There, kids – 13 year old kids – were racing much cooler cars than I raced and were going down the track almost as fast as I had! I was amazed at their enthusiasm. In fact when I looked around at the campers, trailers, cars and engines it struck me just how passionate this crowd of

drag racers were in their sport. They spent lots of money on their kit. They lovingly polished their vehicles and took pride in their set-up.

It was a poignant moment as I reflected on their obvious passion for what they valued and considered how much enthusiasm I have for what I value. And then there was the stark contrast between what they were doing and what we were doing building the house for a homeless family in Juarez.

Jesus once talked about building houses. He spoke of having good foundations. That's very important for life. But the related question is what type of house are we building? And, will it last?

"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me?" says the Lord". Acts 7:49

Mark your Calendar....

August 1 - Women's Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. and Bible Study from 10-12

August 13 - Serving Dinner at Denver Rescue Mission, 7:30 p.m.

August 16 - Last Chance to Register for Financial Peace

August 23 - All-Church Picnic, 12 Noon, Clement Park Pavilion C

August 26 - All-Ministry Leaders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

August 31 - Financial Peace Small-Group Begins and runs for 13-weeks each Monday, 7-9pm

September 5 - Women's Bible Study, 10-12

September 6 - Baptism & Pool Party 3:30 p.m. at the Leigh's Pool

September 9 - Serving Dinner at Denver Rescue Mission, 7:30 p.m.

September 11-12 - Leadership Seminar

September 12 - Church Garage Sale

September 17 - Moms & Tots Fall Semester Begins, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

September 20 - Newcomers' Welcome Lunch

September 20 - Community Group Leaders' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

Faith in Action Spotlight.....

Shiloh House Community Open House August 4th 6-9 p.m.



Over the course of the last year, our church has partnered with Shiloh House, a non-profit agency providing residential treatment to young boys who have been abused and neglected.

During our Faith in Action service days we had the opportunity to serve Shiloh House with various tasks. It is our intent to further our relationship with Shiloh House in connecting and developing relationships with the boys

that live in the homes.

Come to the Community Open House on **Tuesday, August 4th from 6-9 p.m.** to meet the staff and the boys living in the home. The community Open House will be hosted at the Pavilion by the Pool (7046 S. Webster, Littleton). Hot dogs, chips, and ice cream will be provided.

Have questions or want further information? Call the church office at 303-797-0201.

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Moms & **Tots** Begins
Sept. 17th
9:30-11:30

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of each month



Leadership
that **Builds**
People

Friday, September 11th

Session 1 - 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 12th

Sessions 2 & 3 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pre-Register or Find More Information Online at www.littletonvineyard.org



Saturday, 8am-3pm
September 12th

Hosted at
782 W. Euclid Ave, Littleton

benefits the
Moms & Tots Group

Helping Hands.....

Looking to put your God-given talents to good use? Sign up to serve in one of our ministries. It's a great way to meet others and to bless others with your serving. Below are a few areas where you could serve:

- Vineyard Kids
- Office Volunteer
- Greeting/Ushering
- Prayer Team
- Faith in Action Ministry
- Student LIFE Youth Leader

Interested? Call the church at **303.797.0201**
or e-mail us at info@littletonvineyard.org

Learn what God says about Money...

FINANCIAL
Peace

13-week series begins
Monday, August 31st

Mondays, 7-9 p.m.

Register by August 16th!

\$99/Family* scholarships available

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