

June 2009

# The Monthly Vine

Staying connected on the latest happenings...

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

## Pastor's Corner..... By Ian Prichard

### Way To Go Son!

I sat watching, my eyes fixed on the stage, waiting for my son's name to be called at his high school graduation ceremony. "John Michael..." – the rest of his name was drowned out as I, and other family members and friends, cheered and made noise for John. It has been quite the exciting time as I watched with pride my son graduate from high school.

This season has given me ample cause to reflect. Times are changing in our household. My wife and I find ourselves with mixed emotions. On the one hand sad that our son is passing the stages of youth. It all seems to have gone far too quickly. We want our little boy back! Yet on the other hand we rejoice in a kid that is about to be let loose on the world. He is a man of faith and character and we are his biggest cheer leaders as he

is entering this next chapter of the adventure of life.

I remember what it was like for me at John's age. I was so glad to see the back of school. I was ready for some independence and freedom. That summer I started work in the west end of London at Lloyds TSB – a British financial institution. At the same time I enrolled in college studying law, accounting and banking. My plate was full. I loved finances and was good with numbers. This was my plan for my life for at least the next 5-10 years.

But as the days and weeks went by I quickly grew disillusioned with my work. Troubled by it, I prayed. God made something very clear to me. "I have a plan for your life and you will never be happy or fulfilled until you are in the center of that plan". Within a year I left Lloyds TSB and moved on to God's plan.

Whether you are just graduating high school or did that a while back, God has a plan for your life. He wants to use you. You are important to Him. Take time to discover what that plan is and give time and resources to His purposes. It will bring contentment and fulfillment to your life in a measure that cannot be attained elsewhere.

Today, God is our biggest cheer leader. As our heavenly Father, He is there ready to cheer us on. Throughout the journey of life, He wants us to know He is there for us every step of the way. In Deuteronomy 31:8 the bible tells us, "*The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*"

## Mark your Calendar...

**June 5** - Youth Guy's Game Night at 6:30 in the Youth Room

**June 6** - Women's Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

**June 7** - Church Picnic, 12 noon

**June 11** - Serving Dinner at Denver Rescue Mission, 7:30 p.m.

**June 12** - Chick-fil-A Fundraiser at University & Highlands Ranch Pkwy ALL DAY LONG!!!

**June 13** - Church Garage Sale, 8-4 at 2590 Pemberly Ave, Highlands Ranch

**June 14** - Newcomer's Welcome Lunch, 12 Noon

**June 14** - Crocodile Dock Giving Tree Donations Due

**June 14** - Father's Day & Bake Sale

**June 30** - Middle School Night at Jump Street in Littleton

**July 5** - Boston Market Fundraiser

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

**July 12** - Kids Camp Volunteer Lunch

**July 14-17** - Kids Camp Decor Set-Up

**July 19** - Newcomer's Welcome Lunch

**July 20-23** - Crocodile Dock Summer Kids Camp

**July 12** - Kids Camp Volunteer Lunch

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

*For additional information on these dates, please visit our Website [littletonvineyard.org](http://littletonvineyard.org) or contact the church office at 303.797.0201.*

# THANK faith YOU!

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in ACTION  
BE THE CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to making our **Faith in Action** service day in the community a success! We had over 100 volunteers servicing 7 community agencies and members throughout the Littleton community. It is our hope that as a church community we make serving not just a one-time event on a Sunday, but rather part of our com-

munity groups in serving on a monthly basis.

We want to be the church by serving in our community. To become more involved with the various agencies we partner with, check out the Faith in Action board in the church lobby or contact the church office at 303-797-0201 or e-mail us at [info@littletonvineyard.org](mailto:info@littletonvineyard.org)

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# Church Picnic!

**Sunday, June 7th**

from 12:00 p.m. to **whenever!**

**Grab** your family, neighbors, friends, pets, kids, and...

**Bring** something to **eat** that you'll enjoy AND can be **shared with others!**

Also bring blankets, frisbees, balls, gloves, and volleyball stuff!!

Join us at **Clement Park!!**

Pavilion C (next to Columbine High School)

Burgers, Hotdogs, glasses, plasticware, napkins, and water will be **provided!**



● Register TODAY online at [www.littletonvineyard.org](http://www.littletonvineyard.org)

● Donate items from our Giving Tree - Due Sunday, June 14th

● Volunteer to serve as a camp group leader

**Summer Kids Camp - July 20-23**  
Ages 4-11 ● FREE!

**Time to clean out those garages!**

**Donate items** for the Moms & Tots Sale!  
Contact Kendra at 303-625-3933

**Shop** at the sale on **June 13th!**



**Saturday, June 12th**

2590 Pemberly Ave, Highlands Ranch



**Eat at Chick-fil-A**  
**Friday, June 12th**

(University & Highlands Ranch Parkway. Next to King Soopers)

*Mention you want your food purchase to be donated to the Littleton Vineyard and 20% will be provided to 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
- Summer Kids Camp

Interested? Call the church at **303.797.0201** or e-mail us at [info@littletonvineyard.org](mailto:info@littletonvineyard.org)

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