

October 2008

The Monthly Vine

Staying connected on the latest happenings...

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

Putting Your Faith in Action.....

This month we as a church community, are participating in Faith in Action, a focus on biblical compassion, service and Christ's heart for those in need in our community. We're particularly excited for our Faith in Action day on **Sunday, October 19th**, where in place of our morning services we will serve our community. We have some great service projects lined up for that day and are excited to see the work of God as

we touch others' lives. Our hope with this day is that we can build lasting relationships with the organizations and people we will be serving for not only this one day, but for weeks and months to come.

Join with us for **Faith in Action** on Sunday, October 19th and then celebrate with us at our **Celebration Service at 6:00 p.m.**

Mark your Calendar....

October 4 - Juarez Meeting

October 5 - Faith in Action series continues

October 5 - Board Meeting

October 9 - Denver Rescue Mission

October 12 - Faith in Action series continues

October 14 - Student LIFE Philippines Missions Meeting

October 19 - Faith in Action Service Day with celebration service at 6:00 p.m.

October 21-25 - Juarez Trip

October 26 - Plug into Life

October 28 - Student LIFE Missions Trip Meeting

October 29 - Community Group Leaders' Meeting

November 2 - Plug into Life

November 7 & 8 - Leadership Training

November 9 - Plug into Life

November 14 - Prayer & Worship Night

November 16 - Plug into Life

December 5 - A Night in Bethlehem

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

Pastor's Corner.....

By Ian Prichard

After I graduated from Seminary I was an assistant pastor in a Baptist Church in Wimbledon (where the tennis is played!). I thought that I had the Christian thing down. That is, until my whole world was shaken up shortly after I journeyed to California to join the Vineyard Church. I never knew following Jesus could be so much fun and so rewarding. (That's not the right word but it will have to do). What happened? Glad you asked!

I was taken into a back room in the church in which there was row upon row of boxes full of food and clothing. I'd never seen so much in a church. I asked what it was for and was told it was for the poor. And, in my pastoral wisdom, I ventured on to suggest that it looked like there was enough there for six months. "Oh no!"

came the prompt response. "This lasts one week!" I was stunned. You see my 'Christian' experience had no parameters for actually going out and helping the poor, or the needy, or the hurting. It was pretty much self contained within, what we called, the church. Over the next few years I got to go help in the prisons, among the street people, in the orphanages, and travel overseas to parts of the world where people needed to know the tangible love of Jesus.

Jesus said 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father... For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to

visit me.' 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me.' Matthew 25:34-40 You know I found that it really is more blessed to give than to receive. Now that's a surprise isn't it? Something has happened in me over the years as I have involved myself in helping others and it has been wonderful, rewarding, life-changing, exciting... It is the essence of what it means to be a follower of Jesus... to be the church. That is what Faith In Action is all about. And it is why we invite you to join us in being the face of Jesus to people in our community. Jackie Pullinger-To once said to me, "When it comes to helping the needy you think it costs you everything and you gain nothing. When you have done it you find it costs you nothing and you gain everything."

Faith in Action

Don't Go To Church, BE The Church



October 19th

Service Projects begin at 10:00 a.m.

Celebration Service at 6:00 p.m.

E-Donate.....

Our church is delighted to announce that we are now offering a way in which you can set aside your weekly or monthly donation to the church – your tithes and offerings – through our Web site.

Why? First, because many people today use ‘bill pay’ or paperless transactions to pay for many of their bills – from utilities to mortgage or rent payments. It saves paper and work. Thus, we also wanted to provide this service as an option to you. Second, it affords you a way of giving regularly that is easy to set up.

If you would like to use the new web donation option, please go to www.littletonvineyard.org and navigate to the “**Online Giving – Now Available**” tab in the right hand column under the

Goodsearch link. Once you click on this tab you will be directed as to how you can E-Donate. (This is a secure service).

If you do not have Web access, but would like to participate in regular, paperless, direct donations from your bank account, you can complete an ‘Authorization Form’ available in the church office. We can then set up your payment directly with our banking services.

This is just one option to consider when setting aside your financial gifts to the church. If you prefer to use cash or checks we will always have that option available each week through our regular ‘offering’ when we thank God for His provision in our lives and we obey God in our giving to His work.

Connection Point.....

■ **Items in Need for Juarez Missions Trip**

We are collecting a bunch of household and school supplies to bring with us to Juarez, Mexico. Can you help us purchase a few items? Items are due

Sunday, October 19th.

We are in great need of the following items:

- Blankets (6 total)
- Area Rugs (8' x 10')
- 2 Boxes of canned food
- 3 Trash cans, rakes, brooms
- Coats & Clothing
- Hygiene Items
- School Supplies
- Soccer balls, toys

■ **Plug Into LIFE at the Vineyard - Join a Community Group!**

These groups meet every week and help you connect with one another and grow together in Christ! It's especially important to plug into a group during our **Faith in Action** series happening throughout October.

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