

What does your newsletter article look like?

I am assuming you read the cover article of this newsletter each time you receive it. If not, give us a call and we will take you off the mailing list—we need to save money any way we can! If you do read the article, why? Curiosity, compassion, interest, too much time on your hands? What do you gain from the words penned here—hope, motivation, faith? I trust something good comes from the 3 minutes you spend looking over the thoughts conveyed.

But I have a question for you. If you were to write the cover article for the newsletter of your life each month, what would it look like? Would it stir people and cause them to rejoice with the victories you have been involved with the past month? Would it cause folks to stop and consider the implications of benevolent ministry? Do you think it might start conversations among family and friends about the poor, the needy, the disenfranchised, the last, the lost and the least?

Or would your newsletter tell the story of success in the world's eye? Would it share of houses and land and larger bank accounts? Perhaps you would tell of the promotion at work or the increase in the investment account. Maybe you could talk about the new vacation home or the latest ski adventure, it's the last good couple of weeks out west you know!

If the guy living under the bridge read your article would he be able to relate to anything you write? Would his heart and emotion connect with some expression of the heart of God you were involved in during the month? Would hope be birthed within him as he read of you giving of your time, talent and treasure to assist some weary soul, some wayward traveler, find their way again?

I don't expect you are going to write a newsletter article each month. However, the fact is, we are all writing the story of our life each day we live. We are revealing to those around us, by our actions and attitudes, what is really important to us. We are telling our family, our church, our world what is of the greatest priority by the way we speak, the places we spend our time, and the lives we invest our treasure in. I hope somebody likes reading your story every month. — Pastor Bruce



Wanted: 10 Good Men

Our next trip to Nicaragua is scheduled for May 8-15. While there we will build an addition to the home belonging to the national overseer for churches in Nicaragua. The cost of the trip is \$1,000.00 per person. A deposit of \$500.00 is due April 1 and the balance due May 1. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Don Harris for additional information or to reserve your place.

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Midweek Service Schedule Change

Beginning the 1st week of April, Bible Study for adults and children will move to Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The middle and high school ministry will continue on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

A small group discipleship class will be available for the teens that choose to participate on Wednesday nights in addition to their worship service on Tuesday. The adult class on Wednesday will move back to the sanctuary and will include a time of worship at the beginning of the teaching time.

In addition to this change, the last Wednesday night of each month will be a fellowship dinner and devotion with the pastor in the coffeehouse. This will take the place of the regular teaching time and will begin at 7:00 pm as usual. Additional details will be forthcoming.

****Summer Camp 2004****

Three weeks of overnight summer camp are planned for the kids of the city as well as two weeks of day camp.

We are looking for Sponsorships of \$50.00 per child. This will assist with the cost of camp transportation, staffing, meals, toiletries, etc.

School of Urban Mission: Fall Semester

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of the Word, but want more than an academic experience? Do you feel a call to a deeper relationship with God, one that will inspire you both spiritually and academically? Join us in the School of Urban Mission for collegiate courses that challenge the heart as well as the mind while giving practical steps for living out God's Word.

Classes for the Fall semester 2004 will begin on Tuesday, August 24. Applications are available in the School office or by contacting Tony Johns at 404/874-2241, ext. 7. Cost per course is \$450 (tuition, books and fees), and each course is worth 3 semester hours credit through Lee University (Cleveland, TN). Courses are fully accredited and taught on-site by a qualified faculty. The following courses will be offered this Fall:

Old Testament Survey

Tuesday, 9:00am – 12:00noon

Introduction to Urban Ministry

Wednesday, 9:00am – 12:00noon

Introduction to Missions

Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00noon

Christian Ministry Practicum

Wednesday, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Application and fee deadline is August 1, 2004.

