

Covenant Life Link

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Projects in Process: The Trustees will be seeking congregational approval for two major projects: resurfacing of the parking lot and replacement of certain siding and fascia on the church structure. At a special business meeting to be held on October 7, the Trustees will ask approval to spend an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to repair parking lot cracks and to reseal and stripe the parking lot. It is expected that this work will be done in mid-October. We will also seek approval to spend an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to replace certain siding (principally on the multi-purpose room and the west wall of the educational wing) as well as to replace fascia material and certain deteriorating window casings. We expect that this work will begin in November. We will also be stripping and recoating the floor in the multi-purpose room prior to the holiday season.

Janitorial Services: The Trustees are in the process of contracting with a firm to assume responsibility for performing basic janitorial services for the church. We have been fortunate to have been faithfully served by the Mitchell's for many years, but at this point in time have concluded that we need a different supplier of janitorial services. Several of you have asked what the arrangements are in place for having tables and chairs set up and taken down for church functions. At the present time, our janitor is not in a position to perform such services--and it appears unlikely that the replacement firm's scope of work will encompass such assistance. Accordingly, it is the responsibility of each organization holding a function to set-up and take-down furniture and equipment needed for such function. If you cannot perform such functions, the Trustees will attempt to assist you, but we are not in a position to undertake such function on a regular basis. In the exceptional case, we

ask you to call the church office at least 72 hours in advance of your function and request assistance. We will do what we can to assist. In that regard, if there are those in the congregation willing to perform set-up and take-down functions, please notify the church secretary so that we can maintain a list of individuals (in addition to the trustees) that may be in a position to support your function. Bottom line, each organization is primarily responsible for its own functions and for leaving the facility in a clean and orderly condition.

Offering Envelopes: Historically the church has provided offering envelopes to all members. We have observed, however, that a significant number of you do not use your envelopes for your contributions. Accordingly, in 2008 we will be providing offering envelopes only to those members who used their envelopes in 2007. This will reduce our envelope expense and simplify the counting of Sunday offerings. If you did not use your offering envelopes in 2007 but still intend to use them in 2008, please contact the church secretary so that we can nonetheless assign you a set of offering envelopes.

Maintenance Requests: We have received MANY maintenance requests from various church committees and members. The Trustees realize that the church has a significant deferred maintenance backlog and that all of these requests are important. The number of projects identified to date, however, far exceeds the available time of the Trustees to perform such services. Accordingly, we have had to prioritize our response to such requests. Please be assured that while it will take several months for us to address all your requests, we will properly handle them in as timely a manner as we can. Larry Schultz and Bruce Bickner
Trustee Co-Chairs

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Financial Statements

3rd quarter financial statements were produced one week earlier than intended.

If you would like a revised statement, please contact the church office.

Thank you.
Sue Lazowski,
Secretary

Deacon's Corner-by Bob Donaldson

Earlier this year, a church membership survey viewed VISITATIONS as a major consideration for our new pastor. Now that Pastor Steve is here, the time has come to remember that VISITATIONS are a two-way street. He will want to know each of us in a very personal way. Don't wait for a call, but take an active role and invite Pastor Steve and his family to your home. Such an informal setting is the perfect place to acquaint ourselves with each family.

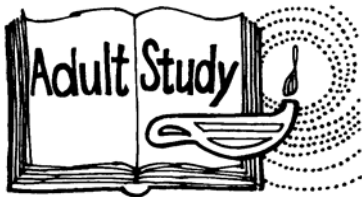
King James version: **1 Thes. 3:6** - *"But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you."* Also, **Romans 1:11 & 12** - *"For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established: that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."*

There will be times of need for each of us. Although the GRAPE-

VINE is one way to inform us of your situation, please remember that a CALL to the church is the **surest** way for Pastor Steve and/or your deacon to address your situation immediately.

"LIFE is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Now is the perfect time for each of us to share our concerns, thoughts and feelings with Pastor Steve - **please** don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for fellowship with our new shepherd.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

*In the Dust of the Rabbi:
Becoming a Disciple*

Discipleship was at the heart of Jesus' ministry and is central to what it means to follow Jesus. In Biblical times to be a disciple meant to follow your rabbi (teacher) so closely that you would be covered by the dust kicked up by the rabbi's feet. Yet we today often fail to appreciate the closeness and commitment that discipleship entails.

This five-week adult class, taught by Lucile Reyren, will explore in-depth what being disciple meant in the context of Christ's ministry and how to apply those insights to our own walk with Christ today. The class will use a dvd series by Ray Vander Laan, taught on location in the Middle East, in which Vander Laan opens up the religious culture of Christ's ministry to help us better understand what it means to be a disciple. Each session will have about 20-25 minutes of dvd teaching, followed by class discussion.

October 7 - Gailee: When the Rabbi says "Come"

October 14 - Special session: Sharing by La Roca Church

October 21 - Gailee: When the Rabbi says "Go"

October 28 - Priene: The Presence of God: A Counter-Culture Community

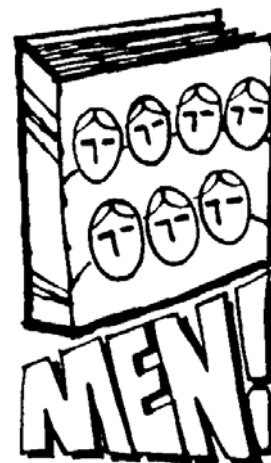
November 4 - Priene: Living Stones

November 11 - Didyma: The Very Words of God

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's Bible study begins again on Saturday, October 6, and will meet every Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. We will study the Sermon on the Mount, using a dvd series from Saddleback Church called "Living Beyond Yourself." The primary focus of the series is on relationships, and it includes Jesus' teachings on anger, faithfulness in marriage, being both truthful and trustworthy, and loving our enemies. Each week will have about 20 minutes of dvd teaching, followed by discussion and prayer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to dig deeper into the Word of God and to spend time with other men in the church. Coffee, juice and unhealthy breakfast food will be available. All men are welcome - please join us!



October Birthdays

Rick Shaff
Ann Carrel
Lexci Kowitz
Sarah Cordes
Beth Ferguson
Wendy Kuryliw
Robert Kauffman
Joel Howells
Joshua Howells
Luke Lee
Dylan Taylor

October Anniversaries

Brian & Tracy Egerman
Mitch & Kathy Hallgren
Rebecca & Scott Sisler

**Upcoming
Events at
Covenant
Harbor****SAVE THE DATE - OCT. 8**

Network of Nations Annual Dinner
"Local Friendships ~ Global Impact"
6:00 p.m. @ Evangelical Free Church, DeKalb
Speaker: Leiton Chinn, Director of
ACMI (Association of Christians Ministering
Among Internationals)

CROP Hunger Walk of North DeKalb County

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

Sunday, October 14 @ First United Methodist Church. Registration is @ 2pm -
Step-Off: 3pm

25% of funds raised will be divided among the DeKalb & Sycamore Food Pantries, Meals on Wheels, Safe Passage & Hope Haven to combat hunger in our area. 75% of funds raised will be use by Church World Service (CWS) & other international agencies for disaster relief and self-help development projects throughout the world.

Hillcrest Covenant Church is the half-way point in the 4 mile walk. Interested in volunteering, walking, donating or even helping at our church site? Contact Becky Sisler @ 815-756-3066 or email her at: scottbeckysisler@hotmail.com

\$\$\$ Paid Position Available: Infant & toddler room lead teacher/co-teachers \$\$\$

Hillcrest Covenant Church is looking for a lead teacher (or co-teachers) for the infant and toddler room. The ideal candidate(s) would:

- have extensive experience with both infants and toddlers
- be personable and cheerful
- maintain a safe, secure, and clean environment
- possess the ability to self-direct and self-motivate
- communicate well with infants, toddlers, parents, volunteers, and supervisors
- thoughtfully guide activities of children in the room
- supervise volunteers

The teacher would report to the Nursery Director and the Christian Education Board. A formal education in early childhood education is not required but would be considered desirable.

Hours: Sundays, approximately 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., September – May (slightly shorter hours in the summer months). Additional hours may be requested for special events. Salary is negotiable.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Robin Bothe @ 815-758-3454.



- **Oct 12-14:** Fall Fest (Emily Egerman, Kayla Kauffman & Kayla's friend Kristen will be going from HCC)
- **Oct 14:** Carpetball tournament for all ages
- **Dec 7 & 8:** Christmas Dinner concerts - 5:30 p.m.
- **Dec 27 & 28:** Winter Day Camp (K-8th grade)
- **Jan 18 - 20:** Sr. high Deep Freeze
- **Feb 8 - 10:** Jr. high Deep Freeze
- **Feb 15 - 17:** Jr. high Deep Freeze
- **Feb 22 - 24:** Jr./Sr. high Deep Freeze
- **Mar 30:** Maple Fest
- **May 2 - 4:** Moms & Daughters Retreat

For more information on any of these events, contact Susan Kauffman at 815-264-7905 or visit Covenant Harbor's website at www.covenantharbor.org

North Park Covenant Church in Machesney Park, IL to Celebrate 50th

North Park Covenant Church of Machesney Park, IL will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 20-21, 2007. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening and Superintendent Jerome Nelson will be preaching at worship on Sunday. For additional information, call the church at 815-633-3882.

Women's Bible Study

On Tuesday, October 2, a women's Bible Study begins on *Sisters in the Bible* by Julie-

Allyson Ieron. Grace's Girlfriends welcomes women of all ages to join us on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Church. During the study we will "meet several

sisters --by blood, by marriage, or by faith --who illustrate the joys and challenges of sisterhood".



Kitchen Clean-up

The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee encourages everyone

who is interested in straightening-up the kitchen and fellowship areas to join us on Saturday, Oct. 6. Come anytime between nine and

noon to lend a hand.



?WHY Upcoming Events

The high school youth group has some important upcoming events:

- **October 5-6** is Acquire the Fire.
- **December 2**, Casting Crowns will be playing at the NIU Convo Center. If we have 10 or more people inter-

ested in going, tickets will be \$17.

- **January 18-20** is Deep Freeze at Covenant Harbor. Details for this will be provided soon.

We started a study of the book of Ephesians on September 23. Bible studies will continue on October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, and De-

ember 2. These are on Sunday afternoons, from 4:00 to 5:30. We'll be spending about 45 minutes on the Bible study and prayer, and about 45 minutes will be fellowship time. Bring snacks! --David



La Roca Family Visiting

Our La Roca Church family is coming to visit us October 12-16. Pastor Flor, Lupita, Isabel & Miriam are coming. Two of them will be staying at Victoria Young & Mark Cordes' house & two will be staying with Greg & Sherri Howells. Victoria & Diane Kevin will be picking them up at 2:45 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Hare Airport. They will be taking them to the Intercultural Cafe that evening for dinner.

Saturday will be a day of getting up late and going shopping locally. We might try to visit Starved Rock State Park also. Saturday evening there will be a potluck at Diane and Pat Kevin's home for any and all who would like to come.

Sunday, Pastor Flor will be sharing the vision of her ministry in adult Sunday school and there will be a lunch put on by the Mission Committee, for the entire church to spend some time with the La Roca group after church.

Monday, Diane and anyone who would like to go, will take the group to Chicago where we will do some outing (to be determined) in the morning and then meet Pastor Jim Erickson for a tour of North Park. After that we will have dinner at Pastor Erickson's home.

Tuesday the group will be picked up by the Moline church. If you would like to join in any of these activities, please contact Diane Kevin at 815-895-0126.

Early Bird Bible Study



There seem to be enough female "early birds" to gather for a morning Bible study.

Join us on Friday morning, October 5, at 6:45 AM at Panera Bread.

We will discuss the best meeting time, place, and day, as well as Bible study options. Bring any ideas, Bible study books, or just yourself! Questions? Contact Lois Miller.



October 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm	3	4	5 Women's Bible study 6:45am @ Panera	6 Men's Bible study 7:30am-8:45am FHC cleaning fellowship area
					Acquire the Fire →	
7 Communion Sunday Choir practice 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:45 Special Congregational mtg. 12:15	8 Network of Nations Annual dinner 6 p.m.	9 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm	10	11 Outreach mtg 7:00pm Deacons mtg 6:30pm @ the Born's	12 Women's Bible study 6:45am @ Panera Fall Fest @ Covenant Harbor (thru Sunday)	13 Men's Bible study 7:30am-8:45am
14 Choir practice 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:45 Missions lunch w/the La Roca family CROP Hunger Walk - 2 p.m. @ FUMC	15	16 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm Trustees mtg 7:00pm	17	18 Executive Committee Mtg 7:00pm	19 Women's Bible study 6:45am @ Panera X4J pizza party @ HCC 6-8:00 pm	20 Men's Bible study 7:30am-8:45am
→ Fall Fest						
21 Choir practice 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:45	22 November newsletter deadline	23 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm	24	25	26 Women's Bible study 6:45am @ Panera	27 Men's Bible study 7:30am-8:45am
28 Reformation Sunday Choir practice 9:30 Sunday school 9:30 Worship 10:45	29	30 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm	31 			

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Sander Family Missionary Letter

September 2007

Dear Covenant Church Family,

We needed to change our son, Skye's, airline ticket that we bought online. Any of you who have made these types of changes know that sometimes it can get messy. It got complicated when we weren't dealing with an e-ticket, but with a paper ticket, because Skye was traveling internationally and was using two different airlines. It got complicated because we were not only changing dates of the trip; we were also changing cities of departure, because Skye changed schools. But, we wanted Skye to be with us at Christmas so we were willing to enter into the world of changing an airline ticket. Perhaps some of you have entered that world.

So we spent an afternoon talking on the phone to various ticket agents and various people trying to find a solution. We also spent an afternoon talking on the phone trying to understand what each other was saying and what each

other meant as we talked with ticket agents and various other people. You see, we were speaking in English, but we are not sure that we were speaking the same English. The accents were different, the intonations of some of the words used were confusing, and the phone connection was not always the best. We are not saying that it was just hard for us to understand the person we were talking with, it was hard for them to understand us as well. The challenges were going both ways because we sometimes pronounce our English words with a Spanish accent, or we occasionally throw in a Spanish word without realizing it. As the afternoon wore on and we were put on hold many times, we finally asked if there wasn't another way to get our ticket changed. That was when we were told that we really couldn't change the ticket over the phone because we had a paper ticket, not an e-ticket. In order to get the paper ticket changed, we needed to

send it back, wait for it to arrive, and then start the process all over. It felt like we had talked all afternoon and got nowhere.

Yet, the next day we did get the ticket changed. We took the option of traveling to the airline office in San Francisco and speaking with an agent in person in order to work everything out. Of course, we took this option because we were able to speak in Spanish with the agent and didn't have any problems in communicating with each other.

We're not saying that knowing Spanish is the answer, although we do think that becoming bilingual or trilingual is a growing necessity here in the U.S. But we are thankful that when asked on the phone, "press one for English, press two for Spanish", we can take the option in Spanish because it sometimes works out better.

Love,
The Sander Family

New Pictorial Directory !!

March 4, 2008 Olan Mills will be at Hillcrest Covenant Church from 3:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. to take photographs for our new pictorial directory.

More details will be announced at a later date!

WANTED: Support staff for our children's ministry here at Hillcrest. Although we have Sunday School teachers assigned to all of our classes for this fall, we are still looking for additional staff. If you feel God is calling you to help with children's ministry here at Hillcrest, please contact Beth Ferguson or Lois Miller or call the church office. We are specifically looking for people to help in the nursery/toddler room on a rotating basis, substitute teachers for all of the classrooms, greeters to welcome visitors to our Sunday School, Children's Church volunteers, and willing hands to assist in classrooms as needed.

We are excited to launch into our Children's ministry for the Fall and welcome you to jump on board with us. Please pray for our students, the teachers, and the families as we journey together on our spiritual walk.

Operation Christmas Child

Just a reminder! Hillcrest Covenant Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritans Purse run by Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son. We will be filling shoe boxes with toys and fun items for distressed children all over the world. There is a display set up in the Narthex opposite the church office. There you will find several brochures, DVD's and VCR tapes for you to borrow to find out more about this Mission Project, and a more detailed explanation sheet.

It is a simple and low cost idea to reach a child not only with some small gifts at Christmas time but also included in each box will be the gospel story of the good news of God's love translated in their own language, (one of 72 translations). Follow up material (a 10 week Bible Study) is also made available to each drop off location.

These children are so delighted to know that someone thinks and cares for them and all of this is done in the name of our Savior and theirs Jesus Christ. They

want to go to church to find out more, they bring their parents and soon new churches are planted!

This unique project of Samaritan's Purse provides people of all ages the opportunity to be involved in a hands-on mission outreach while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus' Christ, God's greatest gift. You may participate as an individual, a family, a Youth Group, Bible Study group or Church board member just to name a few. The occasion to experience this blessing is open to anyone. Last year over 7.6 million shoe boxes were collected and delivered to children worldwide to 95 different countries.

You may drop off your shoe boxes to Debbie in the Pre-K room on Sunday mornings from 9:30-noon.

We will have a dedication service in November at which time all of the shoe boxes will be dedicated before they are delivered to our local distribution center. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Rein-



Upcoming X4J Events

- Oct 5 & 6 Acquire the Fire
- Oct 19 Pizza party at church; bring \$4.00
6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
- Nov 2 Laser tag in Rockford
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 16 X4J at church
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 7 Christmas shopping
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Dec 19 X4J Christmas party
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

?CHRISTMAS CANTATA?

Calling all singers interested in participating in a Christmas cantata this December! We need extra singers in order for this to be successful, so please let Victoria know soon if you'd like to sing. The plan would be for singers to be prepared on their own with CDs during October and to have five rehearsals on Sunday afternoons beginning on Nov. 11. Please contact Victoria soon at vctria66@comcast.net or 815-756-8809.



JUBILATE BELLS WELCOMES NEW RINGER

Jubilate Bells would like to welcome its newest handbell ringer, Tracy Egerman! Thank you, Tracy, for answering the call for a new ringer—and welcome!



The Peterson Post

For InterVarsity our vision is transformation, renewal and the development of world changers. Our Mexico Trip last summer was a wonderful experience for us. Our family learned much together about serving the poor and bringing the gospel of life transformation to a beautiful people. We saw first hand the ministry of Armonia in Mexico and how they worked to be an answer to the prayer “may your Kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

One story of transformation is Betty (that is her next to Kristi, with some of her family). She has become a Christian through the ministry of Armonia and is caring for her three grandchildren. Once an alcoholic, she now is sober and serves in the community center as a cook, takes dancing lessons, and worships there on Sundays. Our team had the opportunity to begin a project to build her family a new house. Concrete footings were dug and poured and a metal pole structure was begun during our time there. Transformation continues for Betty and her family as she will have a home with a roof that does not leak, with walls that are stable and wiring that is not exposed. The countenance of Betty throughout the week changed as we worked on her house. She is being changed by the love of Christ through his people and their acts of kindness and service to her through the building of her home. Trips like this one to Mexico for students (like Ian pictured next to the front door frame of Betty’s new house, with her old house in the background) who are involved in InterVarsity chapters reorient their lives toward Kingdom values. Students come back with vision to see broken things made new, wrongs made right, and that they can make a difference. It changes their thinking and their actions in our campus fellowships and they develop as leaders in our ministry. Pray for Betty and her family to continue to

be transformed by Christ through the ministry of Armonia. Pray for students involved in InterVarsity to be developed into world changers. Pray for our family to learn these same lessons, that we would be agents of God’s Kingdom transformation in the world and in our city. Pray also for InterVarsity students to be developed as ministry leaders on campus, that witnessing communities would be formed and for non-Christian students to be saved by grace through our witness.

International Student Ministry

Our Third annual International Student Conference is October 5-7. Over 100 international students from dozens of countries will gather to hear the truth of God’s word and begin relationships that could become life changing. Brian Rightler, ISM staff at UK wrote “Last year a Chinese man joined us for the conference and he, by his own admission, came for the fun activities. During the course of the weekend he became very interested in the Bible. After returning from the conference he joined a Bible study with some other Chinese people and just about three months ago he became a brother in Christ! Praise God! He told me that the conference was a huge first step for him and it moved him along in his journey to put his faith in Christ.”

Please join us in praying for the International Student Conference. Here are some ways to pray for us:

1. Pray for the leaders as they prepare to share Jesus with the students.
2. Pray for the students that attend. Pray for the believers that they will be encouraged in their walk with Christ. Pray for those that don't know Jesus that they will want to come into a relationship with Him.
3. Pray for God to be glorified and honored throughout the weekend.

How to pray for me in my ministry as KY Area Director...

1. Pray for my source of strength to be

from God through scripture and prayer.

2. Pray for my family and marriage. A big praise is that Kristi is now working from home which adds much simplicity to our life. Pray for my children to grow in stature and faith in God.

3. Pray for our Fund Development work to go well, we need to raise funds for InterVarsity health insurance and to make up for a change in a church’s support. Pray for new donors to join our support team and for God’s provision for our family.

4. Pray for my supervision of 11 people to effectively pastor and challenge them to become the best they can be in ministry. Pray for good communication on the phone and in person.

5. Pray for my new staff to learn quickly ministry skills, to be blessed by much grace, and for my training modules to be helpful and effective.

6. Pray for a new effort in team meetings to be blessed. The Greek IV staff will meet in Louisville to attempt to launch a ministry to Fraternity and Sorority students at U of L. The International Student ministry Staff will meet to learn from an expert on high caste Hindu ministry. India sends more students than any other country to the US. Pray that logistics for these meetings to come together well (dates, housing, location, etc) and for excellent fruit in staff training and team community.

7. Pray for my team by name: Brian Rightler, Anthony Humphress, Art Lewis, Tabitha Crispin, Cindy McArthur, Bryant Owens, Kimberly Blackford, Ginger Throckmorton, Bonnie LeCompte, Greg Wilburn, and Chelsea Yu. Pray that all would be encouraged by sweet fellowship with Jesus, have God’s vision and provision, and be fruitful on campus.

In the Strong Name of Jesus,
Eric, Kristi, Caleb, Daniel, and Rachel

Hillcrest Covenant Church Checking Account Summary, 2007

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Let me begin by saying that Hillcrest is amazing. You have welcomed my family and me in so many ways, from bringing meals to helping clean and set up our house to watching our kids to calling us just to check in and offer any help you can.

Your hospitality has been a blessing to us and we want to thank you for allowing God to comfort and care for us through you.

During the month of October, we will be looking at this theme of hospitality as well as the other major themes of the church. Like a rocket needs 5 engines in order to launch itself out where it belongs (rockets aren't much use sitting in a hangar bay!) so the church needs its five "engines" to all be firing in order to launch it out into the world where God has called us. These five engines are Praising (Worship), Sharing (Evangelism), Growing (Discipleship), Caring (Fellowship) and Serving (Outreach). We will be looking closely at what God has to say about each of these five themes in the weeks to come.

I want to say a special thanks to all who have housed us, fed us and cared for us this past week. May God continue to bless you all in the years to come as He has in years past. ~ Pastor Steve