

SONLIFE NEWS

SonLife Community Church

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New community relationships starting

In an outreach to the community, SonLife is starting a program based on establishing relationships as was discussed at the September church chat last Sunday.

The four parts of the program are building community relationships, personalized mail, event sponsorships, and personal testimonials.

Starting immediately is involvement with the Chamber of Commerce in building community relationships. SonLife is now a chamber member and as such we will be represented at chamber regular monthly luncheons by Pastor Marshall and Gilda Wise where typically there are 75 to 100 people in attendance. In addition, members of SonLife, who are interested in helping establish personal relationships with the larger community, are encouraged to join us at Business-After-Hours events sponsored by the Chamber. There are typically 3 to 6 of these a month at area businesses from 5 to 7 p.m. They are open houses with food and drink where 75 to 125 people will mingle. You will have the opportunity to have a good time, establish relationships with new people, display your SonLife badge, have a snack, and have some fun.

All SonLife persons who would like to volunteer for this, please see Ann or Jan Wiseman.



Eight-year-old Drew Duck made his debut at the piano during a SonLife Sunday morning service as Gilda Wise watches. Drew played "Step By Step".

Starting in October, the personalized mail program will send invitations to visit SonLife to about 30 families a week. The invitation folded-card will include a photo of SonLife members on the front, an invitation message on the right-hand inside page, space on the left side for a personal handwritten message from a SonLife member. We will be asking for five volunteers a week to write a message and sign six cards. If you would like to volunteer for this, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Starting later this fall or early next year will be a series of event sponsorships which will bring the community to the

YOU are wanted!!

SonLife is striving to serve others and to build our church. Please pray about your part in the program and volunteer. You are needed to sign-up for:

1. Multiple two-hour time slots for Chamberfest in the Centre at Salisbury on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18.
2. Business-After Hours open house/receptions as you can participate. There will be some opportunities each month.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or contact Ann or Jan Wiseman!

church, similar to the Horse Whisperers last May. These events will also provide the opportunity to get information in the local media.

Next spring, the fourth phase of the plan will start with yard signs saying something similar to "We attend SonLife Community Church. Please join us at 10 a.m. Sunday at 6875 Grenada Drive, near Winterpark Place."

Here's your opportunity...sign up for SonLife's table and hand out popcorn at Chamberfest

One of the first events for SonLife's new relationship program with our community is having a display table at Salisbury's Chamberfest in the Centre at Salisbury Mall on Oct. 17-18. We will be joining many other businesses at display tables down the central corridors at the Centre. Between 18,000 and 25,000 people visit the Mall on an average weekend day.

SonLife plans to have its popcorn popper on the table and hand out the popcorn in the special bags that advertise the church as well as to have some flyers/brochures, free admission cards to the church and other items on display.

The Chamberfest will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on both Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18, and we plan to "man" our table

with two church volunteers at a time in two-hour segments. We are a small church and we need everyone's help that weekend.

A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church over the next few weeks and we ask you to consider signing up for more than one time slot to help out. It will be fun handing out the popcorn!!

New SHINE program for youngsters in community coming to SonLife

A new program for youngsters which will help them to stay healthy in nutrition and exercise will be starting later this fall at SonLife through a special grant.

Estrella Knudson, a specialist in exercise and nutrition and the physical education teacher at Salisbury Christian School, is heading up the program which will welcome volunteers also.

The mission of the program is to build a foundation so that children can set an example by honoring God in body, mind and spirit. The program will be training children to maintain good health by respecting their unique God-given body and to build community relationships based on Christian values.

Although the planning for this has not yet been finished, it is expected that the program will be offered in two-hour segments on two weeknights and then on Saturday in the area of the church containing the Sunday school rooms.

HomeBuilders meet; next Friday, Sept. 19th

In August, the HomeBuilders' group studied how God commands us to give respect to others (1 Peter 2:17).

Today's world is focused on being respected instead of respecting others. For Christians it is an obligation to respect everyone. This includes giving respect to our spouse. As we become more familiar with our spouse's weaknesses, the giving of respect becomes more difficult. However, author Gary Thomas points out that "the failure to show respect is a sign of spiritual immaturity". Gary uses the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians as an example of giving respect.

When he wrote the letter, Paul was well aware of their faults but he still honored them by saying "I always thank God for you..." The key to why Paul thanked God for the Corinthians is found in the same verse (1:4): "I always thank God for you BECAUSE of his grace given to you in Christ Jesus."

We are called by God to do the same. "Giving respect is an obligation, not a favor; it is an act of maturity, birthed in a profound understanding of God's good grace."

The HomeBuilders' meeting schedule for the remainder of this year is Friday, Sept. 19; Friday, Oct. 24; Friday, Nov. 14; and Friday, Dec. 12.

Couples interested in joining HomeBuilders, contact Pete and Inge Frost at 410-860-2411.

Ladies' Team

Regular Ladies' Team meetings will resume on Sept. 23rd (every 4th Tuesday of the month). We'll meet from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the church and start with a covered dish dinner. Bring a friend!

Our next study, beginning on Sept. 23, will be *Journey to the Well* by Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie. In her book, Bishop McKenzie shares her insights about the story of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at the well. Through the use of her personal stories, Bible quotations, and reflection, she'll inspire you to spend more time with God so that your faith will grow and your life be transformed.

Ladies, you don't want to miss this opportunity for growth!

Men's Team

Next Tuesday, Sept. 16th, the Men's Team will meet at 6:30 p.m., at Sally Choquette's home to work on gutters and then go to the church to complete their evening of helping others. At the church, they will also be working on the gutters, according to Pastor Wise.

Twila Paris, Danae Dobson in Salisbury on Oct. 18th

Get your tickets fast for a unique event in Salisbury featuring Christian recording star Twila



Members of the Mattson team enjoying their weekly meeting are (front) Lee Still, George "Wookie" Kreiner, Bob Still, (back) Tom and Rose Merryweather, Christine Mattson, Phil and Louise Luft, and Rachel Alexander. They meet on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. You can join their team or just visit by contacting Christine at (410) 548-7557 or Lee at (410) 742-0675.

Paris and Danae Dobson, daughter of Dr. James Dobson at the Fountains in Salisbury. The "Come to the Table" Luncheon to celebrate the publication of a stunning and extraordinarily unique collection of magnificent photography, inspiring scripture and exquisite Southern recipes, is sponsored by Steve Wingfield and Friends. To purchase your ticket, call The Fountains in Salisbury, or contact Terry Wyant at (800) 729-2239.

Weekly team meetings

One of the strengths of our church is the opportunity to build relationships with each other and the first place that can be done is through the weekly team meetings in a member's home.

Monday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Mattson Team. Contact Christine Mattson at (410) 548-7557 or Lee Still at (410) 742-0675.

Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Wise Team. Contact Pastor Marshall or Gilda Wise at (410) 548-5688.

Thursday evening, 7-9 p.m., The Larson Team. Contact Craig or Linda Larson at (410) 742-5134.

Report from the Peipon's in the Ukraine

Dear Partners and Friends,

"Lights! Camera! Action! Never before on the silver screen has a film been seen of such epic proportions!"

These are familiar words to those who attend movies in theaters around the world. And so the curtain rose on an adventure which promised to provide an unending number of sequels. On Aug. 14th, 15th, and 16th, the first meeting of Christian medical students and young doctors from all over the Ukraine was held. The star of this film was our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. An eternity in the making, God has been mobilizing an international cast of actors over the past three years from three different countries, nine different locations within the Ukraine and seven of the 17 different medical schools.

As the production team assembled for the final shoot, we looked back at the challenges during production which were overcome by the mercy and faithfulness of our God. From the securing of initial financial backing to the threat of being over budget, from the loss of vital support staff to the major speakers cancelling, one by one these circumstances provided us with opportunities to grow in faith. The prayers of the faithful assisted us and kept us on track.

The main theme of this epic was transformation. The Gospel transforms us individually to be used as instruments of God to bring about change in every aspect of medical care. UMO wants to encourage young Christian doctors that they are not alone, to strengthen them in their faith and challenge them to reach their medical schools, hospitals, patients, and the Ukraine for Christ.

As physicians, we have the opportunity to bring relief from pain and suffering, but more importantly, the eternal healing that comes only from knowing Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your financial support and join with us in prayer.

Jim and Marianna Peipon

You may contact the Peipons through International Faith Initiatives, Inc., 5592 Pinecrest Circle, Noblesville, IN 46062.

This is your newsletter... item deadline Oct. 3rd

This is your chance to tell the rest of the church about others in the church and yourself. Your own spiritual insights are welcome also. E-mail info and photos to Ann Wiseman at Bdenver234@comcast.net or by giving her the information at church.