

The Messenger

Living Hope Baptist Church

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From Pastor Dave's Heart . . .

The Unseen Things

It occurred to me recently that the business of the Jesus-follower is the "unseen things." Our life focus and service are in the realm of spiritual stuff. We make decisions and act daily based on "promises not yet fulfilled." You immediately recognize that I am thinking of the great faith chapter—Hebrews 11.

We are told that many believers who went before us were allowed to experience great works of God because they had faith. They "conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again." **Wow! They had faith and all this happened!**

But then the passage continues in a way that is not all that positive: "Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated..." **What were these people thinking?**

They simply believed God's promises—promises that for the great part were not realized in their lifetime. They went to their graves trusting that God would do what He said. **That is Faith!**

Isn't the faith-life amazing? We build our lives on the unseen things. We offer our money, time, energy, service, and worship because we believe that God is real and made some promises that He



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will one day (even in the next life) fulfill. Has your life been dramatically marked by God's gift of faith to you? It doesn't surprise me that people who are not Jesus-followers think we are foolish. They just don't know. They are not in on the inside secret of a fulfilling relationship with Jesus Christ. **Do you think we should let them know what they're missing out on?**



*THE POWER OF
A SIMPLE GIFT*


JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.." IT IS TIME ONCE AGAIN, TO FILL THE SHOE BOXES.


LAST YEAR 8.2 MILLION SHOE BOXES WERE GIVEN TO CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD. EACH BOX IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH A CHILD. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US IN SPREADING THE "GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY" (LUKE 2:10) TO CHILDREN AROUND THE GLOBE!

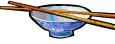



Taiwanese Tidbit: The most important patriotic holiday is Double Ten Day (the tenth day of the tenth month), which commemorates the Chinese revolution of Oct. 10, 1911, when the Qing dynasty was overthrown and replaced with a republic. People celebrate with fireworks, parades, and folk dancing and martial arts demonstrations.

Heffner Requests and Praises:

 Pray in the months ahead LHBC will continue to learn about Taiwan and the Taiwanese people so we can better partner with the Heffners. Praise that Mark was able to share on Sunday and Wednesday.

 Pray for Laura as Daniel and Anna Li are being home-schooled while on furlough through December. Pray for the World Vision ministry in Shin She.

 Pray for safety and open hearts as Mark and Randy travel to churches to speak and share the wonderful work in Taiwan.

 Pray for the Taiwanese people that are being grounded in God's Word as new believers, and those that are being challenged to mature in their faith.

YOUTH

Look Who's Praying

Teaching our children and youth how to pray has got to be something that we are actively doing. Last month I told you about a challenge I gave our youth to fill out a prayer journal. This month what has really been on my heart is a youth/children's prayer time. At many churches there are prayer circles for the adults, but never for the children or youth. It is my goal that by the time the next newsletter comes out to have had at least one prayer time for our youth and children, an opportunity for them to come to the church and pray for the activities that they are involved in. While this idea is still in the beginning stages, you can get started on it now by encouraging our young ones here at LHBC in their prayers. Maybe ask them what they need prayer for, and maybe share a prayer request with them. Praying for each other and the ministry of Christ's church is very important, so let's get started on it now, and let's teach our next generation the importance of prayer so that as our children grow, they will stay focused on Christ as well!



**Pastor Andrew
Miller**



Women Connecting to the Vine

Fall is here!!! Kids are back in school. Awana and Sunday School are back in action. The weather is cooling down some. The leaves are starting to change colors. Starting to anticipate the days when the weather is colder and everyone is inside together enjoying being together.

October is also the month for our Ladies Retreat to Seaside. What a fun time we had last year. Good fellowship, food, fun and relaxation. If you didn't sign up to come this year think about it for next year.

Be sure to watch upcoming Messenger articles and the Sunday bulletins for further Women's activities. This last month we enjoyed a dinner together and then watched the movie Soul Surfer. An inspiring movie encouraging us to trust God to bring good things out of the bad circumstances or things that we go through in our lives.

TAIWAN VISION TEAM

It has been the desire of the Heffner/Taiwan Focus Team to send a team to Taiwan to see and interact with the Heffners in the field, to get a first hand look at the ministries and participate in them, and to come back ready to advocate opportunities to integrate their mission with the DNA of LHBC. We prayed, we invited, we asked you to pray and now a team has been formed and a date has been set. This is only the beginning of what we desire – a long term relationship with the Heffners and Taiwan with more trips to follow opened to all to apply.

Our trip dates are March 9-19, 2012, with planning/training meetings throughout the months leading up to that time. There are 5 members on the team with a variety in ages and ministry who are committed to this task – Jessica Ferguson, Jan Johansen, Andrew Miller, Kay Padilla, and Heike Work.

We cannot emphasize enough how important your involvement is to this ministry. Ask anyone who was on the Mexico team or ask Jessica as she went to Bulgaria what it meant to be supported by Living Hope, and you will get an understanding of how valuable you all are! We were better because of you. Praise God for a great church family. Opportunities to help will be coming as we begin our training. We pray that you will have an open heart and mind to what you can do.

One ministry that was a BIG help to the Mexico team and Jessica was the Home Team. They worked on connecting the congregation with the team. For example: signs were put up around the church in Spanish, bake sales raised money, posters were made to show the progress, items were collected to give to the children ministered to. Those who have done it before are ready to talk with you and answer any questions. Maybe you are unable to travel to Taiwan, but you can do this. As we begin it is important to have this ministry beginning with us. Contact Kay Padilla (503-663-0983) with any questions or to volunteer ASAP.

Another opportunity already available is a prayer meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (6-7 pm before the Men's and Women's Bible Studies) for this ministry and the Bridge Ministry.

It is a joy to serve with all of you!

The Heffner/Taiwan Focus Team – Roxanna Miller,
Kay Padilla, Barb Pierce, Heike Work



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BAPTIST CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS @ LIVING HOPE

Harvest
Potluck
&
SnowCap
food Drive

Sunday,
November 6

@
5:00PM

Oct .1 – Men’s Breakfast,
Wayne Palmiter speaking
Oct. 13 – Overseer Board meets
Oct. 14 – 16 – Ladies Fall Retreat @
Seaside, “Standing On His Promises”
Nov. 3 – Bible Fellowship Potluck
Nov. 6 – Time changes “Fall back”
Nov. 6 – 5:00pm Harvest Potluck
Nov. 19 – “Ladies Time Out”
Breakfast

Nov. 22 – No AWANA
Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day
“Turkey Bowl” football
Dec. 10 – Angel Tree Breakfast
Dec. 18 – Youth &
Children’s Christmas party
Dec. 21 – AWANA Christmas
Program
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
Dec. 28 – No AWANA

*When we get tangled up in our problems, be still;
God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knots.*