

The Messenger

Living Hope Baptist Church

February 2012

From Pastor Dave's Heart . . .

It's Time to Pray!

Of course, it always time to pray, but **we are going to have a special prayer emphasis from February 22 to April 1** (Palm Sunday). To get us thinking about prayer and hopefully encouraged to pray, I will focus my sermons in February on prayer themes:

February 5, John 14-16 *The Purposes of Prayer*
 February 12, John 15:7 *The Conditions of Answered Prayer*
 February 19, Romans 10:17 *How to Pray About Your Problems*
 February 26, Luke 1: 5-23 *How to Receive an Answer from God*

The other tool that I want us to focus on is Seek God for the City 2012. A few years ago we used a similar booklet that was designed for that year. The booklets provide several things that not only help us in daily prayer for the 40 days that I listed above, but by using it we are taught to pray.

- (1) It has a theme for each week and each day
- (2)

It focuses on different classes of people each day (i.e. international visitors, phys-ically disabled, prisoners and their families, laborers, etc.)

- (3) It is filled with Scripture and gives examples of how to pray God's Word
- (4) It emphasizes different sections of our world and lists the nations we can prayer for each day
- (5) It is concise—each day's emphasis in put on a single page
- (6) It even gives guidelines for prayer walking

What's in it for you? I am convinced that using this guide on a daily basis will lift your prayer language, get you more excited about the discipline of prayer, and help you develop the habit of prayer. Only God knows how eternity will be touched by our prayer time and how we will be personally blessed! I believe God will use this to touch our city for His purposes.

Okay Dave, what's the bottom line? We purchased the booklets in bulk so one is available for everybody. They



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cost about \$2.00 each. We would appreciate a contribution of that amount to make up the cost! **Most importantly: we want to honor God better in our prayer lives!**

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**your passion ... God's purpose ... your call**

Sharing ... being Jesus to those He came to save.



**Taiwanese Tidbit:** Chinese New Year (also known as the Lunar New Year) begins on Jan. 23 and will be welcomed in Asian communities with 15 days of food, firecrackers, and fanfare designed to ensure that the Year of the Dragon is full of good fortune.

200 million people, mostly migrant workers, will return to their homeland to celebrate and see their families.

Pray for the increased evangelism that will take place during this time.

### ***Heffner Requests and Praises***



Praise the Lord for the safe trip back to Taiwan. Mark's teaching at Wen Hua High School – conversations, counseling, teaching, and creativity.



Pray for Taiwanese Bible students preparing to be missionaries in Puli and preparation for the teams that will be coming out to minister.



Praise that Laura was protected when a couple thousand pound light pole landed on their car and totaled it. Safety and protection are always a prayer request.



Pray for Shin She Church – growth, outreach, unity, encouragement, counseling, and Mark's work on the community housing committee. Pray for the children as they get back into school in Taiwan.

### **Vacation Bible School is set for July 16 – 20 and this year's theme is Knowing Christ**

Five of the "I am's" in the book of John are taught through corresponding Bible Lessons

"The Good Shepherd" (the lost sheep)

"The Bread of Life" (feeding of the 5,000)

"The Resurrection" (raising of Lazarus)

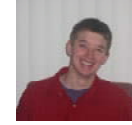
"The Light of the World" (blind Bartimaeus)

"The Way" (the Disciples with Jesus in the Upper Room)

Teachings include thanking the Lord for His care, knowing Him through daily fellowship, relying on Him no matter what, witnessing and assurance of salvation

Crafts, memory verses and songs plus an exciting missionary story about Missionary John Paton.

Julie Olson is heading it up and she is already recruiting workers – if you are eager to be apart of this, give her a call or catch her on Sunday in the Children's Church/ Sunday School room # 107 in the CE Wing.



**Pastor  
Andrew  
Miller**

The other day I was walking through Barnes and Nobles looking at some books, just killing time. Often times I look at things for the kids, or try to find a neat little thing for Erin to give her at a later point in time, after all, it's never too early to start Christmas shopping. But this time I went to the religion section to see if there were anything new that came out that I had not heard about yet. Low and behold, a book called "Speaking Christianity." Now I have not purchased the book yet, so I can not tell you how good it is, but I checked out the table of contents and thought about the title, and wondered, "how much does our youth really know about some of the words in the Bible?"

Words like; Holy, Grace, Mercy, Righteousness, Justification, Reconciliation, Intercessor, the three omni's, and many more. That is what we will be discussing over the next few weeks Sunday mornings. What do the words mean? When we call God holy, what are we actually saying? Now, I am not saying that when we are done studying these words we will be experts, but after we discuss them my hopes are that our students will have a better understanding of what the scriptures have to say when they read them. I want them to be able to tell their friends all about how God's grace made a difference in their lives! Will they be speaking Christian? I do not know, but I thought it was pretty cool how just a book title can spark an idea to help the youth better understand what the Bible says and means.



## *Women Connecting to the Vine*

On Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> a new women's Bible study will start! ***Women of the Bible*** is the book we will use to learn about 24 different women (2 each week for a 12 week study). Beginning with a short description of the woman, then continuing with her story from Scripture and something about her life and times, each woman's story ends with a study that asks the hard questions. How does her life mirror yours? What did she learn or experience that you as a child of God need to learn or experience? What event or relationship or crisis in her life reveals something about your life? The study will be a fun journey of discovery...discovering things about the women of the Bible, about your God, and about yourself. Register at the Information Desk or email [ll.palmiter@comcast.net](mailto:ll.palmiter@comcast.net)





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BAPTIST CHURCH

**Women’s Ministries  
invites you to**

**“A ♥ For Others”**  
All-Church  
Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 12,  
@ 5:00pm

The purpose is to  
encourage these  
ministries of Living Hope

Pregnancy Resource  
Centers  
Prison Fellowship,  
Samaritan’s Purse  
&  
Our Taiwan Team

**UPCOMING EVENTS @ LIVING HOPE**

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|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 4 – 8:00am Men’s Breakfast                            | Mar. 23 - Youth Tadmor Spring                                 |
| Feb. 12 – 5:00pm “ A Heart for<br>Others” Spaghetti Dinner | Clean                                                         |
| Feb. 25 – Youth to Globetrotters<br>game                   | Mar. 26 – 30 – Spring Break                                   |
| Mar. 3 – 8:00am Men’s Breakfast                            | Apr. 1 – Palm Sunday                                          |
| Mar. 3 – AWANA Car Build<br>Day                            | Apr. 8 – Easter Sunday                                        |
| Mar. 9 – 19 – Taiwan trip                                  | Apr. 14 – “Ladies Time Out”<br>Breakfast @ Heidi’s restaurant |
| Mar. 11 – Time Springs Forward                             | Apr. 27 – 28 – Youth 30 Hour<br>Famine                        |
| Mar. 17 – AWANA Grand Prix                                 | May 9 – AWANA Closing                                         |

*Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.*