

# The Messenger

Living Hope Baptist Church

November 2011

*From Pastor Dave's Heart . . .*

## **You Can't Witness Without the Holy Spirit**

Remember how the disciples waited in the upper room? They were waiting because they were told to wait. Jesus said in Acts 1:8 *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses...* Great damage has been done in the church throughout the years by people who tried to witness in the energy of the flesh without the Holy Spirit. We literally drive people away from God by our self-effort no matter how well intentioned. We may have a pleasant voice and flawless presentation, but unless we move and speak in the power of the H.S., our words will ring hollow.

We need to intentionally share our faith with those God has placed in our lives, but attempting to win people to Jesus Christ without the empowering of God's Spirit is an impossible task.

There is the account of two young Chinese ladies in their early 20's who came to faith in the underground church in China. Just a week of so later, the pair

reported that God had called them to minister on an island off the southern coast of China—thousands of miles away. Other believers cautioned them to get some training before they went, but they felt compelled by the Spirit to go right away and just trust God to lead them. The elders of the house church finally agreed to give them their blessing and sent them out.

Two years later the young women came home and reported to the church. They reluctantly got up and apologized for their "unfruitful work." It seemed they had won only three thousand people to Christ and started only 30 house churches. The astonished leaders asked them what method they had used. All the women could reply was, "Every morning we just read God's Word and prayed, asking the Holy Spirit what to do. Whatever God's Word spoke to us, that is what we did. We only 'obeyed.'"

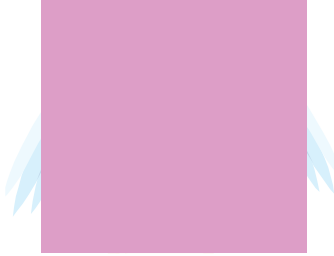
**The Holy Spirit is the very center and energy of all witnessing!**



*Pastor David Schutjer*

## **JERUSALEM**

To the Holy City, has come no  
lasting peace,  
For centuries an ancient race  
Has wept, and fought,  
and dreamed  
Of peace with the gates! ...  
Jerusalem, city of David...  
Loved by Christians,  
Moslems, Jews  
Each in accordance with  
their creed  
Have worshiped by their shrines.  
The crumbling Wailing Wall  
If it could speak and tell  
Of the long centuries filled  
with grief!  
O Jerusalem, sad and wrinkled  
by age...  
Here where once the Prince  
of Peace  
Walked the crooked streets  
and spoke  
His message of goodwill  
To all mankind.  
~ Clara S. Hoff  
(Mother of Thelma McClure)

**Angel Tree**

It's Christmas in November as the "angels" arrive and decorate the tree in the foyer. Tags will appear on November 13 representing two gifts per child - one for clothes and one for toys. Angel Tree is a ministry of Prison Fellowship, and these gifts are given to precious children on behalf of their parents in prison. Just snatch an angel tag or two from the tree and record your name on the sheet provided. Then have fun shopping, wrapping, praying, and returning your gift by Sunday, December 4.


We are planning a Christmas breakfast again this year on December 10 where we will meet the children and caregivers and hand out gifts there. Because we don't want to outnumber our guests and overwhelm them, the party will not be opened to the whole church. However, we do promise to make a DVD for you to enjoy. 😊 What an amazing time we had last year, and what an opportunity to share the Christmas story. Smiles abounded. Thank you in advance, Living Hope, for making a difference!





**Taiwanese Tidbit:** Rice is eaten with nearly every meal. Soup, seafood, pork, chicken, vegetables, and fruit are common foods, as are noodles and bread. Sauces are an important part of each meal. Most foods, including vegetables, are stir-fried.

**Heffner Requests and Praises:**

 Pray for the pastor of the Shin She Covenant Church – vision, integrity in leadership, good “shepherd” of his people.

 Pray for Mark as he continues his schooling while in the U.S. – enough time and energy to complete the work needed.

 Pray as Mark and Laura communicate through e-mails to former students and Taiwanese friends that hearts will be receptive to God's love and salvation.

 Pray that the LHBC Taiwan Vision Team and the Heffners will have good connections as we prepare to go to Taiwan.

## YOUTH

We have been having a great time this last month in the youth group. We had 14 students with us as we went to the Family Fun Center and all of them had a blast! We got to play laser tag, mini-golf, bumper boats, and go-karts all night! It was really an exciting time as we were hanging out and getting to know each other. Some of the kids are new to the Trek group, so it was fun to have them along and get to know more things about them that you wouldn't find out as quick on Wednesday nights. I don't think I will ever forget getting to race around the go-kart track with Nataniel Lopez right next to me, what fun it was to talk to him as we were speeding around the corners!

The prayer time went really well too. We had about 8 children/youth come for our first "youth and children's" prayer time. It was fun to see them pray for the different ministries in the church, and believe it or not, many of them knew more about it than just what was written on the sheet. I am very excited to do this event again in November. I know that the more praying that our young ones are doing, the more involved and knowledgeable they will become about all the ministry opportunities here at LHBC. I can see all our new prayer warriors growing already, so I know that this will not only benefit them, but also the Kingdom as we are teaching our students to be strong prayer warriors!



**Pastor Andrew  
Miller**



### *Women Connecting to the Vine*

*"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16*

We move into fall, the time of Harvest and preparation for the holidays, and the coming winter. We have planned some special events to bring us together to have some fun and fellowship.

Harvest Potluck- November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

Ladies Time -out Breakfast- November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am (location to be announced)

Angel Tree Breakfast- December 10<sup>th</sup>. Be looking for the Angel tree to be going up in the lobby with its Angel Gift tags.

Remember to get your Operation Shoe Boxes filled and returned!

All of the above will have messages in greater detail in the bulletin, so look forward to that information. If you have any questions about our church's functions of fellowship please seek out a Women's Ministry Team member.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO GOD

You see, God it's like this...We could attend church more faithfully if Your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, when we are all tired out. NOT only that, but it is the day following Saturday night, when we have a party or attend some other social/recreational activity, and usually it is after mid-night before we get home. In fact, the children are often late for Sunday School because it is difficult for us to get up early enough to be on time. It is usually after 9:00 o'clock before we get the breakfast dishes washed, and then it is time to think about Sunday dinner.

You have picked out the very day on which the morning paper takes the longest to read and the day which we have the biggest dinner. Then, too, we must think of Dad. He is cooped up in the office all week and Sunday morning is the only time to clean the car and for doing odd jobs around the house. And you know how he enjoys fishing, and You can't blame him for going when he can. The whole family enjoys a picnic, and Sunday is the only time the family can have some recreation together.

I am telling You all these things, God, because I want You to see our viewpoint and that it is not our fault we are not able to go to church. We would like to go and we know we should, but the real reason we cannot go is that You have chosen the wrong day. If You will select another day, we shall give it further consideration.

Sincerely,  
I. M. Delinquent



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BAPTIST CHURCH

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ LIVING HOPE

Harvest Potluck  
&  
SnowCap  
Canned Food  
Drive

Sunday,  
November 6

@  
5:00PM



Nov. 3 – Bible Fellowship  
Nov. 5 – Men’s Breakfast, Gene Fadel speaks  
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  
Jan. 4, 2012 – AWANA resumes

*A little man who looks up sees more  
than the big man who looks down.*