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FOCAL Point

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Jesus revealed in Revelation! Starting April 13th



Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us.

—John Scott



Previously during Soup for You, we've read books about suffering like *The Shack* illuminating the way God looks at the battle between good and evil. We've learned that God wants us to live like crazy because we are loved like crazy in *The Ragamuffin Gospel*. Because *Hurt People Hurt People*, we better understand the small and large ways we hurt and how God can mend our broken hearts. We still have a few copies of Lee Venden's book *It's All About Him* skillfully explaining why Christianity is primarily about Who you know not what you do. If you didn't get one yet, there's still time to do so and join us!

But starting Wednesday April 13, 2011 @ 6pm during Soup for You, *Reading Revelation* is the name of the next class we're offering to church members and the community.

For years our church has been fascinated by the strange symbols and ominous forebodings contained within its pages. But if it's really a book revealing [what "revelation" means] Jesus, don't you think we should be able to learn more about Jesus from it? That has always been my favorite teacher Jon Paulien's assertion I heard over and over fifteen years ago as I sat in the New Testament classes he taught while I was in seminary. Recently, the Australian Division of Seventh-day Adventists courageously printed Paulien's new chapter by chapter presentations of Revelation which we'll be reading as well [Costs \$10 see www.revelationhope.com for more info]. Won't it be wonderful to know that the victory has already been won and that we have absolutely nothing to fear as long as we cling to Jesus? Join us! —Pastor Mike ##



Sprung is wonderful. It makes you feel young enough to do all the things that you are old enough to know you can't — F. R. Jones.

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Fellowship & fun marked Jan & Feb

The picture at extreme left shows some of the fun at the Winter Olympic Games planned by Pastor Anna. In photo 2 she posed with some of the kids at International Food Fest -

showing her face painting skills. Photo 3, also taken at IFF shows Shelly with one of the international students at UT which she and Jeff are befriending. Mary Grace gave a stunning per-

formance for Valentines for Haiti (photo 4), and on February 19, we were most happy to welcome Maxwell Nkrumah-Obrokwha into membership at Toledo First. In the final photo, Nolan

Richard Hood is held by Pastor Mike during the baby dedication portion of the service as his parents, Natalie & John, look on. Thank you, Jeff, for the photos. ##

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 5 & APRIL 16
Fellowship Potlucks

MARCH 12 & APRIL 2
Friendship Dinners

APRIL 23
Communion / No Dinner

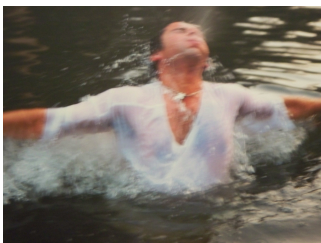
APRIL 30
Baptism / Eat 'n Greet 'n Art

New sermon series begins March 5

“What I Want My Kids to Know About. . .” is Pastor Mike’s new sermon series beginning March 5 and continuing through April. Topics include Sabbath, the Second Coming, State of the Dead, and more! ##

Baptism interest?

Baptism Sabbath is set for April 30. In the meantime, Pastors Mike and



Anna are available for Bible study. Please contact either of them to work out a time convenient for you. Current class times are Sabbath (Saturdays), 10 AM & 1:30 PM. ##

Thank you for giving

We collected \$3,274.63 for Eden Garden Orphanage in Haiti. Thank you to all who came to the wonderful Valentines for Haiti concert featuring Mary Grace at the piano and David Putano on guitar. Afterglow refreshments were outstanding, too! ##

Give online!

For all of those who like to do banking and shopping online, we will

soon have online giving available so returning tithe and giving offerings can be easy and simple, too! Plans are going forward. Stay tuned! ##

TJA Open Houses

Know someone who might want to check out our school for possible enrollment? There will be two Sundays set aside as open houses for this very purpose—March 20 and May 22, 2 - 4 PM. Encourage prospective students and parents to attend. ##

Come to Business Meeting April 25

The next church business meeting is Monday, April 25, 7 PM. Come and

be a part of the decision-making and planning. ##

Order citrus

Order fruit before March 11 and April 8. Pickup dates are March 27 and April 24. For more information or to order, call 419.841-0082. ##

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Calendar Events - March & April 2011

March

Birthdays

March 1 Leonard Jessop
March 3 Craig Horvath
March 4 Lucille Seagert
March 11 Teresa Brown
March 12 Ideshia Fincher
March 13 Carolyn Cole, Cathy Rumsey & Larry Godie
March 15 Charlotte Herman & Marilyn Marsh
March 16 Allan Wolfson
March 17 Glen Good
March 20 Julie Jessop
March 21 Gloria Lee
March 23 Ted Nonoy
March 25 Sam Lee
March 26 Leisha Armistead
March 29 Sheila Case

Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11 AM each week
Kid Connect @ 11 AM each week

Mar 5 Pastor Mike "What I Want My Kids to Know About the Sabbath." Fellowship potluck follows

Mar 12 Pastor Mike "What I Want My Kids to Know About the Second Coming.;" Ray & Judy Riley Friendship Dinner; Talent Show @ 7 PM

Mar 19 Pastor Mike "What I Want My Kids to Know About the State of the Dead.;" No dinner.

Mar 26 Dave Case speaks @ Worship; Eat n Greet 'n Art

Sundays

Christ the Word rents morning & evening the 1st & 3rd Sundays

Mar 13 Spring Forward! (& March 18 Spring arrives!!)

Mar 27 Fruit pickup

Mondays

Mar 21 TJA students serve lunch @ Cherry St. Mission

Mar 28 TJA Spring Break all week

Tuesdays - Church office is open 9 AM - 4 PM

Wednesdays

Soup for You @ 6 PM each week

Adventurers & Pathfinders @ 6:30 PM each week

Book discussion @ 6:30 PM each week

Thursdays - Church office is open 9 AM - 4 PM

Fridays

Worship Practice @ 5:30 PM

Mar 11 Order your fruit by this date



April

Birthdays

April 2 Mary Ann Bagoisan
April 3 Tom Sandy
April 8 Robert Ostrander
April 9 Kimiko Kawakami
April 22 Arden Brion
April 25 Loni Orlet
April 26 Ray Riley
April 28 Don Marsh

Sabbath Events

Sabbath School @ 9:30 & Worship @ 11 AM each week
Kid Connect @ 11 AM each week

Apr 2 Pastor Anna speaks; Carla & team host Friendship Dinner

Apr 9 Pastor Mike "What I Want My Kids to Know About Standards," TJA kids are at Elementary Music Fest

Apr 16 Pastor Mike "What I Want My Kids to Know About Spiritual Gifts;" Fellowship potluck; Parenting seminar

Apr 23 Easter Sabbath; Pastor Mike speaks; communion. No dinner.

Apr 30 Pastor Mike speaks; Baptism; Eat 'n Greet 'n Art

Sundays

Christ the Word Church rents our church morning & evening on the 1st & 3rd Sundays; Morning only the other Sundays

Apr 24 Easter; Fruit pickup

Mondays

Apr 18 TJA students serve lunch @ Cherry St. Mission

Apr 25 Everyone invited to Church Business Meeting at 7 PM

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Apr 13 New study on Revelation begins @ Soup for You

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Fridays

Apr 8 Order your fruit by this date

Apr 22 No school - Good Friday

Apr 29 Pathfinder Fair begins

Worship Practice @ 5:30 PM





On March 25th we're packing up the cars and headed down to Columbus for a weekend our teen girls won't ever forget. The Revolve Tour is a special weekend for thousands of girls to come together to laugh, sing, and gain a new perspective on the things that matter most. Top Christian musicians and speakers will help us discover our dreams and encourage us to go after them. Girls, this is a weekend you don't want to miss,

CALENDAR

MAR 12
Talent Show

MAR 25-26
Revolve Tour

APRIL 10
Boy's Day Out
with Pastor Anna

APRIL 15-16
Parenting
Seminar

Girl's Spiritual Retreat

and parents - please don't hesitate to encourage your teen to join us! Ages 11-16.

Pastor Anna is looking for a few chaperones to come along, please talk to her as soon as possible if you are interested.

If you don't have a teen, but still want to be a part of this awesome event and helping our teen girls within Toledo First and TJA develop a deeper relationship with God, we're also looking for individuals to help sponsor the girls to be able to go and to cover the cost of the ticket.



Held at the Nationwide Arena, this event runs from 7:00-10:00pm Friday, March 25 and 9:00am-4:00pm Saturday, March 26. Our friends at the Worthington SDA Church have graciously allowed us to have an overnight sleepover at their facility. So girls, get your sleeping bags and pillows and start gearing up for a totally awesome weekend! ##

TOLEDO FIRST'S GOT TALENT

Yeah, you can try to hide it all you want but I know it's there...you've got talent! And we want to see it shine!

Saturday evening, March 12th at 7pm plan on coming out for an evening of fun, rolling laughs, and lots of amazing talent from all ages.



Surprise us, wow us, make us laugh and cry - start practicing today! If you're

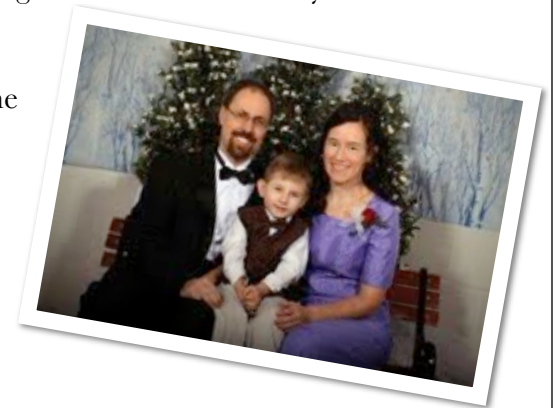
interested, let us know...Otherwise, watch out for Pastor Anna as she lurks in quiet places to discover your hidden talents! ##

Parenting Seminar - Family Togetherness

Have your kids reached the age where you just don't know what to do with them? Are there days when you reach the end of your rope and just don't know what to do to bring the family together and make it all work? We want to help you, to equip you with some tools and Biblical advice that may help you do just that. Mark your calendars for April 15-16 where we will have three separate seminar sessions on "Parenting as a Team," "Building Trust," and "Making the Home a Safe Place." The seminar is being brought to us by an extended family member of the Toledo First family, a woman with much experience and knowledge on this topic - Laurella Case.

Laurella Case comes from Columbus, WI where her husband of 11 years is a pastor of 2 churches. They have a 5 year old son, Joshua who has enough energy for the whole family. They enjoy camping, biking, traveling and spending time with their family. Laurella's desire to help families started when she was a Student Missionary on the island of Saipan. During that year she felt God calling her to minister especially to parents. Following that desire she completed her B.S. Degree in Family Studies from Southern Adventist University. A few years later, she completed the Certificate Program in Family Life Education from Andrews University. During this same time she also completed the curriculum for Family Ministries offered through the North American Division. It is her desire to encourage and inspire parents to let God be their partner in raising their children.

Our parenting seminar is open to the community - please invite your friends. Keep your eyes and ears open for more specific details coming soon! ##



Youth Choir

When you hear a beat do you move your feet? Do you like to sing and make the anthems ring? Starting this March, we'll have a youth choir for anyone ages 8-18. From 11:00-11:30am each week, we'll all get together with our very experienced choir director Sharon VanWyk to practice music we'll later perform in the Worship Service! Afterwards, kids ages 11+ will join the regular service while ages 5-10 enjoy KidConnect.##



What about us!?!

Boys, I haven't forgotten about you. Get ready, get set, we're going Laser Tagging! Have your parents mark their calendars for April 10 when it's our day out. That's all I can give away now; the rest is a surprise!

Little girls, my princesses, keep an eye out for May and springtime! We're going to spend our day out in the sun! ##

-Pastor Anna

