

A MESSAGE FROM BILL THORNTON

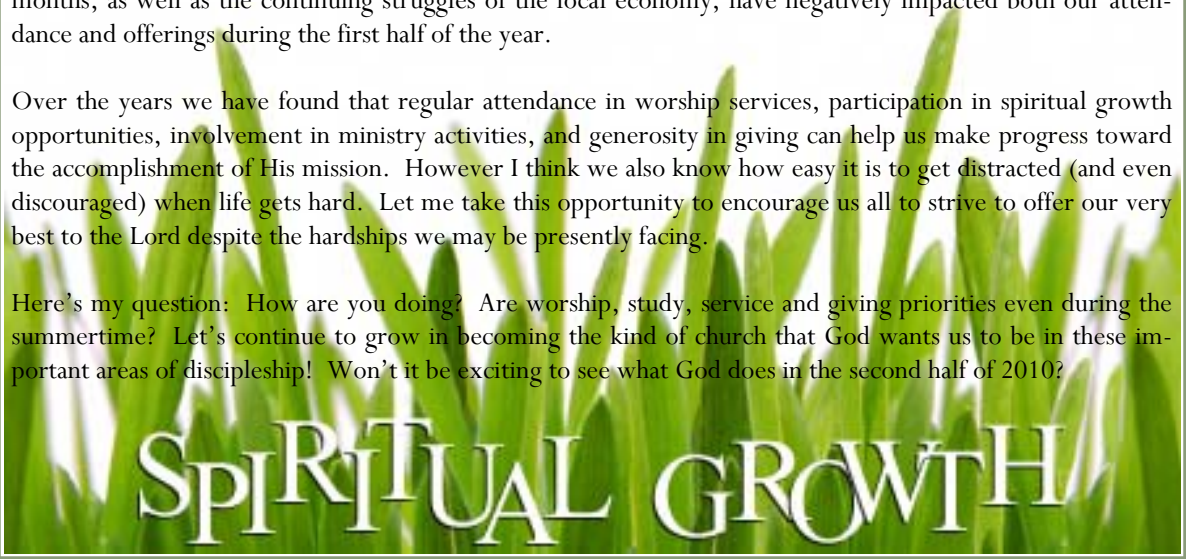
With the year 2010 half over this is a good time to review how things are going in the life of our church family over the past six months.

Average Weekend Attendance—1,098
General Fund Giving—\$575,268

Compared with last year it seems that the severe weather conditions we experienced during the winter months, as well as the continuing struggles of the local economy, have negatively impacted both our attendance and offerings during the first half of the year.

Over the years we have found that regular attendance in worship services, participation in spiritual growth opportunities, involvement in ministry activities, and generosity in giving can help us make progress toward the accomplishment of His mission. However I think we also know how easy it is to get distracted (and even discouraged) when life gets hard. Let me take this opportunity to encourage us all to strive to offer our very best to the Lord despite the hardships we may be presently facing.

Here's my question: How are you doing? Are worship, study, service and giving priorities even during the summertime? Let's continue to grow in becoming the kind of church that God wants us to be in these important areas of discipleship! Won't it be exciting to see what God does in the second half of 2010?



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It is our desire...

... to INTRODUCE people to Jesus;
 to ENCOURAGE them to follow Him;
 to INVOLVE them with other believers;
 to PREPARE them to minister;

So that God will be praised!

Join us for a 9:30 Sunday Morning Class!

P. Rihanek Class | Room 113
 G. Arnold Class | Room 251
 R. Wehling Class | Room 123
 R. Miller Class | Room 250
 Hearing Impaired Class | Room 263
 International Class | Room 112

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women's Ministry team has reserved a large block of tickets for the Women Of Faith Conference in Omaha at the Qwest Center August 13 & 14. Cost for this 2-day event is \$75.

Registration is available at the Women's Ministry kiosk July 25 and August 1.

Date: August 13 & 14
 Location: Quest Center, Omaha
 Cost: \$75
 Contact: Peggy Miller 467.4458

MEMBERSHIP 101

This class is designed to answer your questions if you've been wondering how to become involved (or a member), or desire to know more about what it means to be a Christian. A brunch will be served; all materials and childcare will be provided. All we need to know is that you plan to attend; please contact Jennifer or Suzi to RSVP.

Date: August 29, 9:30a-12:00p
 Location: Room 250
 Contact: Jennifer Miller or Suzi Toavs 467.4458

SPOTLIGHT CLASS

B. Stutzman Sunday School class has members ranging in age from 14 to 90 years old! Any person of any age or stage of life would "fit" in this class! They are currently studying the Gospel of John. Join them at 11:00a in Room 251 every Sunday.

Sundays, 11:00a
 Location: Room 251
 Contact: Buzz Stutzman 466.7600

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MEET THE INTERNS

Recently we've been blessed with the addition of three Ministry Interns to our staff. While they are here we want to extend hospitality and show them the love that makes Capitol City Christian Church a family. Would you be willing to invite one or more of them into your home for a meal and some friendly conversation? You can contact them by calling the church office or by email...

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Children's Ministry Intern
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Tyler Conrad
Young Adults & College Outreach Intern
adults@capitolcitychristian.com

Evan Stone (and his wife, Becky)
Youth Ministry Intern
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We're on the Web!

For a listing of small groups, classes, events, volunteer opportunities and much more. . .
www.capitolcitychristianchurch.com

JOY BLYTHE

What a great summer in Children's Ministry! In June, Camp Timberlake was fantastic with 37 kids and 11 sponsors. Our theme was Wake Up and kids learned they need to Wake Up and follow Jesus. It was a fun week of activities, team challenges, Bible study and memory work.

Kids' Live Camp was another great week. A huge thank you to Todd and Karen Grove for the leadership they provide with this music camp. I appreciate all the volunteers who worked so hard—especially Nic Colgrove and Cody Nichols for coordinating the BBQ and family fun night.

VBS "*The High Seas Adventure*" is July 19-23. I am thankful for the generous gift we received so we can offer VBS as a free event. I also appreciate Carrie Erks, Suzanne Borovich, and Clint Bowles and the leadership they provide to make this incredible week of ministry happen. Be praying for the leadership team and volunteers during this week of ministry and especially for all of the kids who will attend. We want to impact kids as we share that *God's Word is True, God's Word is comforting, God's Word is surprising, God's Word is life-changing, and God's Word is for everyone!*

MARY BENES

Facing the Finish Line

Being a teacher of young children, one of the best lessons we can teach them is a sense of accomplishment—being able to finish a task we set or reaching a goal we make for ourselves. The teachers at Fingerprints are honest and forthright with the children when they set goals. When we work toward something, it may not be easy or simple—it may take hard work and time—but when we reach that goal, it will be worth the work.

I began working at Fingerprints 5 years ago next month. When I started, there was a big goal that needed to be accomplished. The center had a debt owed to the church that needed to be paid back. This was a big task to complete and we knew it was going to be a struggle at times and was definitely going to take hard work to complete. We were all honest about what was going to happen but knew, in the end, it would be well worth it.

As of July 12, 2010 we have completed our task! I presented the Board of Elders our final payment on the debt Fingerprints owed the church. It was a wonderful feeling to be able to say, "our task is done, our goal was met." The entire staff and all of our families worked toward this accomplishment and are thrilled to have reached that goal.

Now comes the time for us to think of new goals for the center. What goal can this group work toward now? I think the answers to that are limitless! But I do know one thing, whatever goal we set, I have no doubt we will reach the finish line together.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

—II Timothy 4:7