

# CONNECTIONS

CAPITOL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## A MESSAGE FROM BILL THORNTON



Last Sunday we began a new series of messages that will help us approach life in a way that Jesus intends for His disciples, "Beyond Me." We began with "Sharing the Truth." Remaining messages in the series are listed below. Please plan now to be in attendance each week as we grow together through this practical teaching from God's Word. How about inviting a friend to be your guest in worship this Sunday?

As a word of encouragement for wherever you find yourself in life right now, I'd like to encourage you to do these five things: Keep moving in the direction God seems to be

leading. Keep obeying the commands that God has clearly given. Keep listening for God's voice in your Bible study and prayer. Keep trusting in the God who remains in control. Keep connecting with God's people. You're not alone!

January 22.....	<i>Helping the Hurting</i> .....	Luke 10:25-37
January 29.....	<i>Serving Like Jesus</i> .....	Philippians 2:5-11
February 5.....	<i>Praying with Jesus</i> .....	John 17
February 12.....	<i>Giving Priority</i> .....	Luke 12:13-21
February 19.....	<i>Love Never Fails</i> .....	I Corinthians 12:31-13:13

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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 an 11:00 Sunday Morning Class!**

D. Edmiston Class | Room 255  
B. Stutzman Class | Room 251

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WINTERJAM (GRADES 4-5)

Winterjam registration packets are available at the Children's Ministry Kiosk. Winterjam is a weekend retreat February 17-19 held at Camp Rivercrest with other 4th and 5th grade students from area churches.

If you are interested in this opportunity for your 4th or 5th grader, stop by and pick up a registration packet or contact Joy Blythe for more information. The registration deadline for this camp is February 1!

**February 17-19**  
**Cost: \$40**  
**Joy Blythe 402.467.4458**

### DISCIPLESHIP CLASS GRADES 3-5

Becoming a Christian and living the Christian life as a disciple of Jesus are very important matters. That is why we are offering a "Children's Discipleship Class" beginning Wednesday, February 22. During this five-week course we will learn what the Bible has to say about salvation and the Christian life. For those who have not yet decided to follow Jesus, this class will answer any questions you might have concerning this subject.

Talk this over with your child and if their desire is to attend this class please call the church office or send Jenny an email to register. This class is taught by Bill Thornton and Joy Blythe.

**February 22, 6:30-7:30p**  
**Room 149**  
**Jenny Arnold 402.467.4458**  
**jarnold@capitolcitychristian.com**

### MEMBERSHIP 101 CLASS

This class is designed to help answer your questions if you've been wondering about taking the next step in discovering more about life in this family of believers, 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.

**March 4, 9:30a-12:00p**  
**Room 250**  
**Jennifer Miller or Suzi Toavs**  
**402.467.4458**

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## VOLUNTEER

Look around you on any given Sunday; our building is filled with people who give of their time by volunteering.

Take a minute to stop and think about where we would be without our volunteers. We'd have classes filled with kids, but no Teachers. We'd have a Worship Service full of people but no chairs to sit on, music, sound, or people to welcome you as you enter. We'd have people left at home with no Van Drivers available. We'd have no coffee, donuts or snacks made for the kids.

We have over 2,000 volunteer positions available at Capitol City Christian Church! There is an opportunity available for anyone who has the desire to help. Put your time and talents to good use, volunteer somewhere...

### We're on the Web!

For a listing of small groups, classes, events, volunteer opportunities and much more. . .  
[www.capitolcitychristianchurch.com](http://www.capitolcitychristianchurch.com)

## ROGER FLETCHER

Joey and I left Lincoln on December 29 and arrived in Mbale on January 1. We have been busy with faculty and staff training and are looking forward to student orientation this week. Our student count right now stands at 37 but we are praying for more. We plan to have students from Rwanda, Congo, Kenya, and Uganda so from the beginning we will be an international university.

I will be in meetings with the executive committee while I am here and we will be doing planning for months ahead. Joey is helping at the mission school where there are 10 children. We are staying with the Northams who have been wonderful hosts.

It is exciting to be here for the opening of Living-Stone International University and see all the planning that we have done start to take shape. As I was helping with enrollment and changing the status of the students from "applied" to "accepted", I could not help but think about what a difference LIU will make in their lives and what God will do through them in the years ahead. We are an extension of your love for Christ around the world. May 2012 be our best yet!

## TODD GROVE

### SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION

**2 Samuel 24:21-25** (David Builds an Altar; he paid a high price for a place to worship the Lord.)

*21 "Why have you come, my lord the king?" Araunah asked. David replied, "I have come to buy your threshing floor and to build an altar to the LORD there, so that he will stop the plague." 22 "Take it, my lord the king, and use it as you wish," Araunah said to David. "Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and you can use the threshing boards and ox yokes for wood to build a fire on the altar. 23 I will give it all to you, Your Majesty, and may the LORD your God accept your sacrifice." 24 But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing."*

As a praising New Testament body of believers, we enter into God's presence through our ministry of worship unto Him.

He has promised to inhabit (dwell) in our praises (Psalms 22:3). Let us continually remember that praise and worship is not something we do only when our flesh feels like it. It's an act of obedience, trust, and sometimes when life is messy, it's costly. I think there are a lot of Christians who go to their grave living as spiritual paupers; never really knowing the

riches they have in Christ, because they didn't understand what it is to worship in times of heartache and confusion. How it must disappoint God when we go through life discouraged and despondent and dragging our tails. Sometimes, we secretly complain that God hasn't been very good to us. God must look down from the heavens and think: What in the world is wrong with you people? Don't you realize that I took this bounty of My goodness, and I have poured it out upon you in ways you can't even imagine.

We're so spiritually wealthy its beyond our ability to comprehend. He says, I chose you! I've adopted you! You're heir to the family fortune! I've redeemed you! I've set you free! I've put My mark on you! I've put down the down payment; I'm bringing everything together! This is as good as it gets! We are so spiritually wealthy! God wants us, then, to celebrate every day in light of what's true.....to celebrate each day as the recipients of God's incredible bounty.