

January 2010

“WHEREFORE ALSO WE PRAY ALWAYS FOR YOU, THAT OUR GOD WOULD COUNT YOU WORTHY OF THIS CALLING...”
II THESSALONIANS 1:11

The Vandover Call

Stories for Life: A Four Week Study of Parables in Matthew

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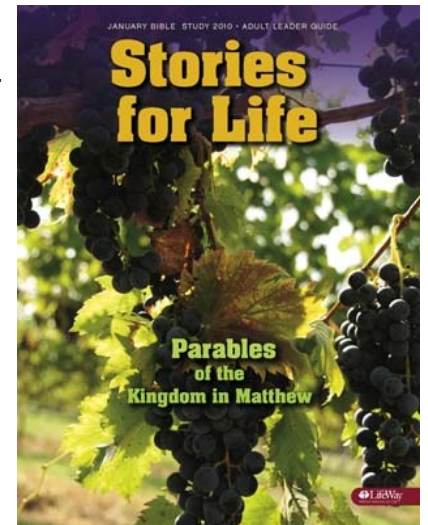
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Parables for Life: Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew, study begins on January 10 at 6:00 pm. Because we are a church that is involved in building God’s Kingdom this will provide a unique opportunity to discover more about the Kingdom we are called to build.

The four topics are:

- Understanding the Kingdom (January 10),
- Entering the Kingdom (January 17),
- Living in the Kingdom (January 24)
- Awaiting the Kingdom (January 31).

Bring a Bible and some snacks. Let’s gather together and discover how Vandover can partner with God to build the Kingdom.



Sunday Services:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. AM Worship

6:00 p.m. PM Worship

Wednesday Services:

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Connecting with the Community

Join with us on Tuesday afternoon, January 19th to let the our members and the community know that we are here to be their partner on their spiritual pathway. There are opportunities to be involved in

all aspects of caring. Making cards, gifts, phone calls, sending cards, prayer, and visiting in homes are just some of the way people can care.

Women's Bible Study- Facing Your Giants

January 11 the Women's Bible Study will resume. The Study for the 11th is *Slump Guns*. It will be based on 1 Samuel 27:1-4, 30:1-6.

January 25 will be the next Bible Study— *Popping points*—based on 1 Samuel 30:7-25.

Hope you can join us!



Lottie Moon Goal was Reached

Southern Baptist Missionaries are at work around the world. During each worship service in the month of December we heard from our missionaries. They told us how the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helped proclaim Christ throughout the world. The members at Vandover went beyond their goal of giving to help our missionaries have money for their ministries and their livelihood.

We gave a special gift of offering this Christmas season. We give regularly each month through offering to the Cooperative Program. Let us be this faithful in our personal prayer support for our missionaries.

Thank you for giving to the Lord!

We received \$643!

Now is the Time

We live in troubling times, with wars, poverty, hunger, economic woes, health scares and more. So what now?

Believe this: We Christians will survive the test! Faith, prayer and discipline will bring us victory. Our love for God and the need for worship, Christian education and joyous fellowship will ultimately prevail.

A pastor who worked in a city's poverty-stricken area was asked how his work was going. He answered: "It is a hand-to-mouth existence: God's hand providing for our mouths." So it may be for many churches and people today. But God promises to see us through.

A Statement of Faith

A half century ago, Milward Simpson was the governor of Wyoming. He was a Christian who trusted God without question. He and his wife often shared this statement of faith, written by James Dillet Freeman:

The light of God surrounds us,
The love of God enfolds us,
The power of God protects us,
And the presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is.

Governor Simpson once told of flying in an airplane that developed engine trouble. Instead of giving in to fear, he and his wife held hands and together recited the words they tried to live by. The plane landed safely.

Having a positive statement of faith can be helpful in many situations. Why not create one for yourself and your family — or use the prayerful statement the Simpsons recited.

A Prayer for the New Year

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions,

day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



A Big Thanks

I thank my Vandover brothers and sisters for their Merry wishes and gifts. The fruit basket was most welcome and enjoyed!!! I count it a privilege to worship with you and I am

blessed with the opportunity to bring music to praise God with you. Ted and I wish each of you a wonderful New Year!

- Mary Welborn

A Winning Pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

"You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for

thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all."



Sermon Series: Simply Walking with Christ

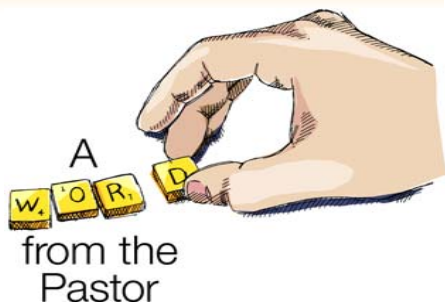
We're here for God – January 10
 Becoming like Christ – January 17
 Enjoy Each Other – January 24
 Be a Servant – January 31
 Be on Mission – February 5

From the pastor

Discipleship and spreading the Good News are commands for the Church straight from Jesus' mouth to our ears. One cannot be said without the other. A dynamic church is one that accomplishes these tasks in all that they do.

Jesus said to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." The command is very clear; the methodology is not as specific. We have had some fun in the past few months with the ways that we have been going and telling the Good News. We are not finished with the task.

We will continue to be purposeful as we seek to share God's love with the community, as we equip believers for a daily walk with Christ and as we find needs that God can meet through us. Here is what we are doing



from the Pastor

for the next several months.

My next sermon series, Simply Walking with Christ, will encourage and equip believers to live lives with this same purpose.

Stories for Life: Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew, is a book study that will give us a better understanding of what being a part of God's Kingdom is all about.

Plans are coming together for a Winter Vacation Bible School for children.

We are making plans to use the Prayer and Meditation Pathway this Easter to proclaim the Risen Christ.

Let's grow, serve and care together in 2010!

Growing with You,
Steve



The week of:

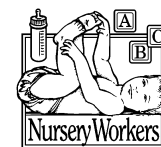
- Jan. 4 Marvin Toothaker, Larry Shaw
- Jan. 11 Geri Warren, Frances Scheller
- Jan. 18 Nick & Valerie Ems
- Jan. 25 Maurice Williams, Jim Mangnall

- Jan. 3 Volunteer needed
- Jan. 10 Lynn Miller
- Jan. 17 Roy and Norma Scott
- Jan. 24 May Mangnall
- Jan. 31 Volunteer needed



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- Jan. 31

Cultivating Good Habits

Entering a new year is a good time to inventory our habits — the bad ones as well as the good. Greek philosopher Aristotle once opined on this subject: "Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts. We become temperate by doing temperate acts. We become brave by doing brave acts." Just so, we will become faithful

lovers of God by seriously worshipping and faithfully following the Christian way of life. Attending corporate worship, learning more about Christianity, doing good deeds for others and participating in fellowship events are all good habits. They enhance your life and bring joy to people around you.