

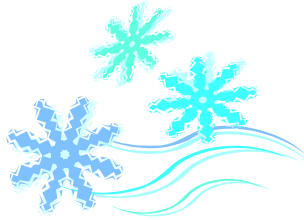


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January Events

New Year's Eve Family Fun Night

Friday, Dec. 31st @ 7:00 PM—Midnight

- come for a few minutes or stay through midnight!
- bring a snack to share and join in the fun!
- Contact Jill Guidry Barnard for more details



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Vision Statement

Vineyard of Faith's soul purpose for being is to fulfill God's loving mission; *sharing* His saving message of Christ, *caring* as Jesus cares, we partner together *preparing* for changed lives, offering His comfort, His hope, and fulfilling God's promises for this life and life eternal.

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"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit..."

- John 15:5



From Pastor Lonnie's Desk...

From Lonnie, an apostle—called to you not from men, nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead, To the believers in Windsor: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who was born in a stable, so that He might give Himself as payment for our sins, to rescue us according to God's will.

As we venture into the New Year, I am thankful that we have such a great and powerful God, a God who leads us through the joyous times, and carries us through the times of sorrow. I give thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness as He moves mightily through Vineyard of Faith, bringing more and more souls to Himself.

With the fond memories of Advent and Christmas tucked warmly into our hearts we once again return, with enthusiasm, to our Wednesday evening schedule of **Sondays** and Confirmation class / Junior High Youth Group. If you are new to our family here at Vineyard of Faith, and have children K through 4th grade, I invite you to join us Wednesday evenings starting January 5th at 6:30 pm for **Sondays**, our Youth Group style experience for younger children. And if you have children preschool or younger, you are also welcome to bring your children and join in the fun. Also, for all you Junior Highers, you're invited to join us for confirmation class on Wednesdays (also starting back up January 5th) from 7pm to 8pm followed by Youth Group from 8pm to 9pm.

As for all of you big kids, I invite you to join my Bible class Sunday mornings after snack time, as we, together, wrestle with God's Word, and what it means for our lives.



As another learning opportunity, Vineyard of Faith will be hosting a one day stewardship workshop on January 15th called "Faith Aflame 360 degrees". Now, what's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word stewardship? Well, this workshop has been created to teach the broadest scope of Biblical Christian stewardship: as all of our skills and abilities, all of our time, all that we are, is from God. He doesn't want or need our money, He just wants a relationship with you. He wants that relationship so much that He gave up His one and only Son to make it possible.

It is my prayer that in the days and weeks and years to come that God will work through each of you to share His love and forgiveness with those around you. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.

God's richest blessings to you in this new year.

Pastor Lonnie

(Portions of greeting and conclusion are based on Paul's letter to the Galatians.)

Bible Scramble

Rearrange the letters to complete the passage.



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Hint: Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)

Solution on page 4.

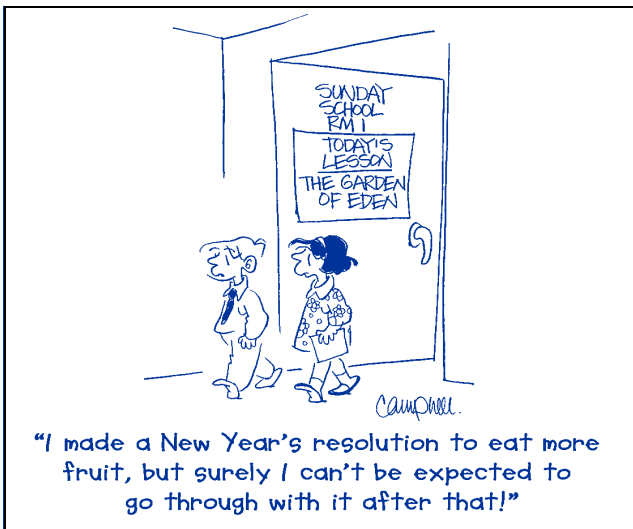


A Note of Praise

Well it's almost time to usher in a New Year. Can you believe it? Where did 2010 go? That means many will begin thinking about their New Year's resolution. As for myself, I stopped making New Year's Resolutions years ago. I can remember all too many resolutions I have made and let slip away. But, after giving it more thought, I believe New Year's resolutions just might be worth making. Let me tell you why.

When I think of New Year's resolutions, some of the common resolutions that come to mind are: to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage time and money better, and spend more time with the family. The most popular New Year's resolution is, yes, you guessed it, to lose weight, to exercise more and eating healthier. I have to raise my hand on that one!

However, in terms of resolutions, I like what Paul shares in 1 Timothy 4:8, *"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."* Having good health is important. We should never overlook the value of taking care of ourselves. In fact, John writes, *"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well"* (3 John 2). Note that he says, *"..even as your soul is getting along well."*



I believe God has something special planned for each and every one of us. Not only as individuals, but, corporately for the VOF family! So I think it is okay to ask, how did last year go? What do I want to do differently this year? And more importantly, "Lord, what would You have me do differently?"

So, as I am writing this, I'm thinking, "Lord, I've done that before and sometimes failed to meet my end of the commitment." But what about one of my heroes in the Bible, the Apostle Paul? Talk about failure! Throughout his life he was opposed, persecuted, shipwrecked, stoned and left for dead. As many obstacles that he was confronted with, and looking at the times when things just didn't quite work for him, I think I may have given up. But during one of Paul's stints in prison, we can see from one of his letters an unwillingness to quit.

"Forgetting what is behind," he wrote, "and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13-14, NIV). No wonder he made a mark on his world. He stopped looking back, and looked forward instead. He didn't let the fear of failure keep him from trying again.

Please know that I am not saying that this year has been a year of failure by any means, because, it's quite the contrary. God has blessed VOF enormously!! What I am saying is that we have a loving God, who sent His son Jesus so that we would have life more abundantly and that we, *"..can do everything through Him who gives me (us) strength."* And God's strength will see us through a lot: through pain, through joy, and through accomplishment.

I like what Pastor Lonnie had recently shared, when he said, something like, "Life is not intended to be a life of a Luxury Cruise liner. Most often, it's more like that of a "Battleship." (Ken's interpretation). That being the case, we are well equipped with God's Word and His sufficient grace!

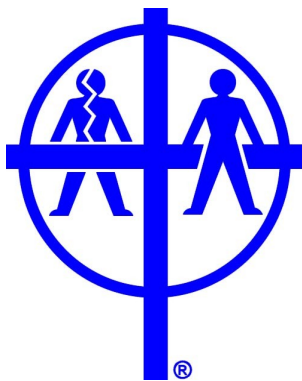
Blessings to each of you in 2011!

Ken

Solution to Bible Scramble (on page 3):

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the blind. - Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)





“Are You Gellin?”

“I sought the Lord and He answered me; He delivered me from my fears.” - Psalm 34:4

Have you seen that TV commercial where bad things happen to people, but they just smile and shrug it off because they are wearing special shoe inserts? It is like their gel inserts pad them from the pain of the world. Which made me wonder: do they have nothing else to pad them from worldly pains? Do they not know that Jesus is the one true buffer against all the suffering of this world?

Let’s face it: sometimes accidents happen, sometimes people make poor choices, and sometimes people we love get hurt. Then, before we realize it, we are in crisis. During these times, I try to remember to give a little prayer of hope and thanks to our loving Lord first thing. In Colossians 3:15, the Apostle Paul says, *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”*

God wants us to trust in Him completely, despite the many ways this world may try to shake our faith. And oh, how the world tries. The world knows we are both sinners and saints. It is like we have a gel insert in one shoe and not the other. While the saint in us is “gellin” in the comfort and peace we have in Christ, the other foot is feeling every little pebble in our path. And we, as sinners, tend to dwell on the aches and pains. That is why God gave us the best “inserts” we need to cushion us in this world filled with rocky and pitted paths: His Son, Christ Jesus, and His Word, the Holy Bible. We can turn to both and find the relief and comfort we need. We just need a reminder every now and then to look to Him and His word first.

Sometimes, the hurts in this life can feel like boulders in our path, blocking us in our journey of faith and spirituality. As we start another new year, I pray that God may make your path clear; and that when it cannot be clear, that you may be lifted up in Him and be comforted and at peace. If you feel like you’re not “gellin”, give Sharie Lefor a call and she will connect you with a Stephen Minister who will walk with you as you traverse the bumps in the road. *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”* (Numbers 6:24-26)

May God bless each of you abundantly in this new year!

:) Angel (filling in for Sharie)



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Bring some munchies and a fun game to play! Everyone welcome!

Drop in any time and stay as long as you can!

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Good and Faithful Servants

January 2011 Volunteer Schedule

Date	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Greeters	Linda Bracey Val Holbrook	Dorothy Adkins Jane Martin-Leach	Jayna Missner Katie Frische	Denise Sanders Joyce Wycoff	Linda Bracey Val Holbrook
Ushers	Alan Westergard Bob Lefor Gerald Schallon	John Young Dana Finger Denny Ripple	Dave Anderson Jane Anderson Pat Heagerty	Alan Westergard Bob Lefor Gerald Schallon	John Young Dana Finger Denny Ripple
Acolytes	Alondra Sanchez Sarahi Sanchez	Simone Barnard Jackson Barnard	Annie Frische Rachel Hall	Madeline Ortiz	Alondra Sanchez Sarahi Sanchez
Prayer Partners	Jeanice Holtzer Shari Lefor Larry Lefor Steve Missner	Jeanice Holtzer Monica Missner Steve Missner Ray Roe	Angel Frische Shari Lefor Larry Lefor Steve Missner	Jeanice Holtzer Monica Missner Dave Anderson Ray Roe	Delores Hampton Jeanice Holtzer Larry Lefor Steve Missner
Communion Servers	Rob Cordis Steve Missner Joe Stapp	No Communion	Bob Lefor Larry Lefor Gerald Schallon	No Communion	No Communion
Children's Church	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>
Sound Board	Dan Frische	Austin Missner	Megan Wycoff	Dan Frische	Austin Missner
Janitorial Cleaning	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer's Needed</i>



MST Minutes for December 2010



MST Meeting minutes are always available on the bulletin board or in the church office.

- There was no MST meeting on December 10th. An MST retreat is scheduled for the end of January.

Financial Report				
	<u>Checking Account</u>			<u>Budget Needs & Deposits</u>
	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses Paid</u>	<u>Difference <Shortfall></u>
November 2010: (4 Sundays)	\$ 13,415.08	\$ 12,385.19	\$ 12,526.67	< \$ - 141.48 >
Year To Date: (7/1/10-11/30/10)	\$ 73,782.94	\$ 68,991.94	\$ 69,704.29	< \$ - 4,791.01 >

VOF Ministries: Wish List

Due to the budget, the MST has put together a "wish list" of things that are needed and/or need to be done to continue the ministries here at Vineyard of Faith. You can fully or partially fund any of these items.

- Copies of Luther's Catechism, with Explanation
- Repair Cross light on front of Church
- Adopt a room: paint, lights, etc.
- 3-4 yards of gravel for youth shed area
- Yard lights for back lawn area
- Remove diseased oak tree by garage
- Replacement of exit signs
- Advertisement of fliers with Windsor Chamber
- Repair chairs
- Remove/move Cabana and tree
- Repair/replace broken windows
- Repair pavement cracks

Are you involved in a fundraiser or event here at Vineyard of Faith?

Do you want to advertise but can't find the time? Joanne Hutchins is willing to help you out. Vineyard of Faith is currently a member of the Windsor Chamber. As a member, we are allowed to use their electronic "News Letter to Members" to advertise our upcoming events.

The Chamber has deadlines for this information to get into their Newsletters, so here are the guidelines for us to use;

1. For a Full Page **flyer** with **one or more** events mentioned it can go into the Chamber's **Monthly** Newsletter for a fee of \$25. The Newsletter is sent electronically to ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS. What a great way to advertise! **For a flyer to run in the Monthly Newsletter, information needs to be to Joanne three weeks prior to the month it will run.**

2. For a "Text" (a few lines mentioned) advertisement, the Chamber will allow us to have something in their **WEEKLY** Newsletter; which goes out every Thursday **and is FREE.** **For a "Text" announcement, the information needs to be to Joanne by the Tuesday prior to the Thursday newsletter!**

Joanne will need to know what it is that we/you want to advertise and will follow their deadlines to insure it gets in the Newsletters.

Our Vineyard of Faith Family has been keeping busy lately with many events; pot lucks, fundraisers, and the DIVE Team which is always working on special projects. If you want the word to get out into the Windsor Chamber Newsletters, please see Joanne Hutchins or call her at 838-8785. All Joanne asks is that you submit this information to her in a timely manner to ensure she can get it to the Chamber by their deadlines.



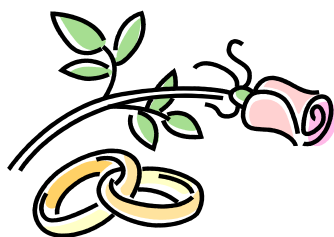
Happy Birthday!



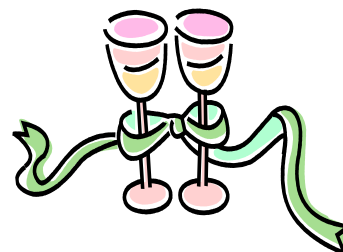
Monica Missner	- January	5
Emmaleigh Doughty	- January	6
Jerine Bott	- January	9
David Hutchins	- January	10
Austin Missner	- January	12
Sharie Lefor	- January	15
Tanna Felcher	- January	16
Delores Hampton	- January	20
Jane Anderson	- January	28
Joyce Wycoff	- January	28



Happy Anniversary!



Denny & Cathy Ripple	- January	7
David & Joanne Hutchins	- January	16



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Birth Announcements

Emma Louellen DeDominicis
Born to Katie & Matt DeDominicis
12/5/10 @ 7:21 PM
7 lbs. 10 oz. 20" long



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>2 8:30 AM Praise Practice 10:00 AM Praise Service & Communion</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM Souffire Sr.High</p>	<p>4 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry 11 12:00 PM JOY Club 7:00 PM God's Iron Men Bible Study</p>	<p>5 6:30 PM Sundays Youth Group 7:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6 9:30 AM Just As I Am Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Praise Practice</p>	<p>7 7:00 PM 20-Somethings Bible Study</p>	<p>8 7:30 AM Reel Men's Bible Study</p>
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