

Just Five More Minutes

The radio blaring startled me awake. Just five more minutes, I told myself, as I banged around the headboard and finally found the snooze button. Four times, I said just five more minutes, only my snooze alarm is random, it goes off at intervals everywhere from five to nine minutes. Suddenly, it was 33 minutes later than I was supposed to get up and I was in a panic. The rest of the day was thrown off kilter because of just five more minutes.

I haven't decided if the snooze button is a great invention or a curse. I know it impacts me, because I'll play mind games with it. I'll set my alarm ten minutes early so that I can "sneak" a few extra minutes of sleep that I've managed to "steal". Truth be known, I would have slept better if I had set the alarm for the right time and simply got up with it.

I wondered this morning how often God had been calling me and I hit my internal snooze button instead. Just wait a little longer God, just a little longer. Suddenly I'm running way behind and I missed out on the opportunity to listen or to serve.

God puts someone on my heart and says give them a call or drop them a note. Okay God, just as soon as I...and then it's weeks later. I find out in the interim they had been going through a crisis time and really could have used some encouragement.

We all do it ~ I think I do it less now than I used to earlier in my walk, but I'm far from perfect. I'm so glad He is a loving, patient and merciful God. He's used to people putting other things ahead of time with Him or in obedience to Him.

As Jesus and his

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disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

Martha would have made time after the house was perfect. The disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane would have prayed with Jesus after a little nap. When will you make time to listen and obey? Until next time, may you take the time with Him instead of playing games with life's snooze alarm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ February 13th - Community Care Day
- ◆ February 16th - Ignite
- ◆ February 28th - Who Would Jesus Feed?
- ◆ March 16th - Ignite
- ◆ March 20th - Community Care Day
- ◆ March 25th - Christ in the Passover
- ◆ February 28th - Who Would Jesus Feed?

Visit the calendar at www.clchurch.com for a complete listing of events.

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Above: Items collected for Life-line Christian Mission to use for Haiti relief.



Below: Adam Large participating in the Dirty Diaper Game at the January All Pro Dad's Day event at Terre Town Elementary School.

Christ in the Passover

Jesus' last supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Alan Bond of Jews for Jesus will re-create the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" at Cross Lane on March 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Alan will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. He will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today.

Jews for Jesus has presented "Christ in the Passover" at over 38,000 churches.

It has been enthusiastically received by Christians who appreciate learning more about the Jewish backgrounds of their faith. Moishe Rosen, who founded Jews for Jesus in 1973, has also co-written the book, *Christ in the Passover*, with his wife, Ceil. This seminal work includes a look at Passover in ancient times and how it is practiced today. It will be available after the presentation. Also available will be a DVD of the Christ in the Passover presentation with David Brickner, the Executive Director for Jews for Jesus, officiating.

Brickner, a fifth generation Jewish believer in Jesus, succeeded Rosen as Executive Director in 1996. Brickner has

kept Jews for Jesus on the cutting edge as the ministry has expanded and established branches in eleven countries, including the United States, Brazil, Israel, Russia, France and South Africa. "We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide," Brickner states. "There are still a few that haven't heard of us!"

Alan will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. We hope that you can join us for this presentation.



"KEEP ME SAFE, O
GOD, FOR IN YOU I
TAKE REFUGE."
PSALM 16:1

What is "Walk to Emmaus"?

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all".

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion.

The "Emmaus Community", made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love



and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk begins on a Thursday evening and concludes on a Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up

groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world. Locally, walks are held three times a year ~ during the Winter, Spring and Fall.

To get involved in Emmaus, you need a sponsor who has already attended. If you have a friend or family member that has attended, ask them to share their experience with Emmaus. They can help you decide whether or not you would find an Emmaus experience helpful. If you do not know someone that has attended an Emmaus Walk and would like to know more, contact the church office and we will help you get in touch with someone.

Haiti Relief Efforts

As a response to the earthquake in Haiti, Cross Lane Community Church, with the help of students from Terre Town Elementary School and DeVaney Elementary School, was able to collect several hundred pounds of food and over \$1,600.00 to help Lifeline Christian Mission with the huge task of meeting the immediate needs of the Haitian people.

Preliminary plans are

also underway for Cross Lane to host a Kid's Against Hunger food packing event that when completed will provide a shipping container filled with 300,000 meals to be sent to Haiti. If you would like to help underwrite a portion of the costs associated with this project, please contact Tracy at tracy@clcchurch.com. Additional details and the date of the event will be provided as soon as they become available.

If you would like to help us keep our costs down and start receiving The Voice as a pdf via email, please send an email to:

tracy@clcchurch.com

Volunteer Spotlight - Steve and Cathy Ballock



Our volunteer focus for this edition of The Voice is on Steve and Cathy Ballock. Steve and Cathy have been attending Cross Lane for sev-

eral years and are involved with several ministries.

One of the areas that they serve in is communion preparation. Every third month, Steve and Cathy are responsible for preparing communion for all of the services. Cathy is also involved with the Power Room Prayer Ministry. The Power Room is occupied during each service by someone committed to praying for our church, her leaders, pastors and elders.

Steve and Cathy are also regular participants in our monthly Community Care

Days, always willing to do whatever is necessary. They also volunteer for various service projects throughout the year.

Steve and Cathy are locked into Cross Lane's mission of 'Bringing People to Jesus' and they are a blessing to Cross Lane and everyone that knows them.

The next time that you see them, thank them and give them a pat on the back. We thank Steve and Cathy for all of their hard work and service!

"MY SOUL YEARNS,
EVEN FAINTS, FOR
THE COURTS OF THE
LORD; MY HEART AND
MY FLESH CRY OUT
FOR THE LIVING
GOD." - PSALM 84:2

Food Pantry...year in review

Thanks to your continued support of our food pantry, Cross Lane played an important role in the lives of many families in the Terre Haute area. On the last Sunday of each month, we focus on the food pantry by bringing in non-perishable items. Those items are used to stock the shelves of our pantry which allows us to respond to the

needs of the community.

Almost weekly, we receive calls from single mothers, the elderly and those seeking employment looking for some assistance with food. In 2009, we were able to help 54 unique families.

Another outreach that the pantry provides is during the holidays. Cross Lane provides Thanksgiving and

Christmas baskets to families in need. This year, we were able to provide 15 baskets at Thanksgiving and 15 baskets at Christmas.

We are always amazed at the opportunities that we are given and how God's blessings are not only poured on the families that receive help, but also on those that help.

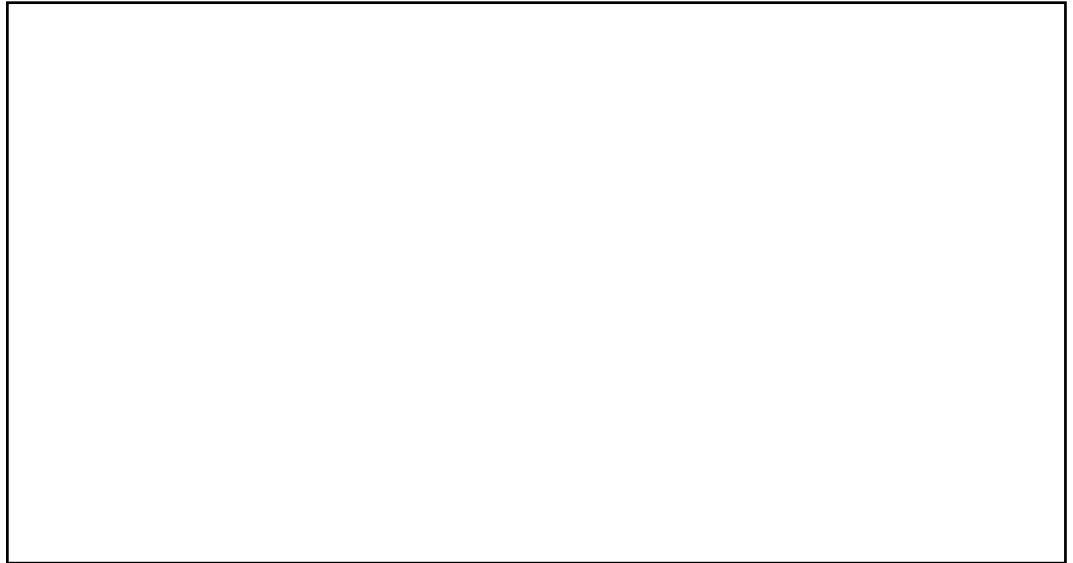
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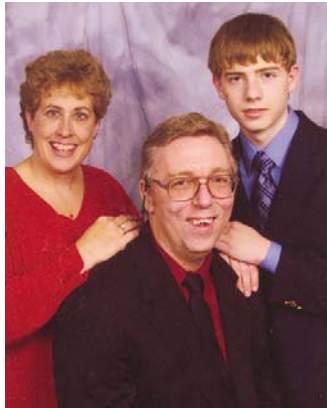


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JESUS SO THAT THEY
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WITH ONE ANOTHER,
AND INFLUENCE NON-
BELIEVERS.

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Meet the Goddards ...



We are happy to feature Lee, Rene' and Jeremy Goddard in this edition of The Voice. Lee and Rene' have been attending Cross Lane "since the Tupperware building" - which is where the first gathering of CLC occurred over 25 years ago and they served as the Treasurers for almost 20 of

those years.

Lee is a Chief Solutions Architect for Fourth Millennium Technologies and Rene' is the Bookkeeper for Community Christian School and a realtor at Jane Rowe Realty. Their son, Jeremy, is a sophomore at Terre Haute North and is involved in the Academic Super Bowl, Science Olympiad and Knowledge Masters. Jeremy also is enjoying his new freedom as a licensed driver.

The Goddards are involved with many ministries at Cross Lane - including Ark Park, Nursery, Host Team, Serving Communion and Community Care Days.

As a family, they are big on traditions and like to take advantage of long weekends or vacations by pulling out the Monopoly game and playing the LONG version. Usually, Rene' and Jeremy let Lee win. ☺ They also host a yearly yard sale that has grown over the years into a mini flea market with over 10 families participating.

The Goddards share their house with Tigger the cat (who runs the house) and their dog Angel. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet them, take a moment the next time that you see them and introduce yourself ~ you'll be glad you did!



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