

JANUARY 2012



People around the world need to know about Jesus. They desperately need the hope that a relationship with Christ can bring. South Daytona Christian Church supports missionaries and sends teams to local and foreign missions for just this purpose. But, it takes more than just our mission ministry team to make this happen. It takes all of us pledging our support and following through! That commitment lets God use us to reach out with his love and care here at home and around the world!



Come hear **Jeff Riedel** from **Haiti Christian Ministries** as he awakens your mission heart. And, during both worship hours, in the Starting Point room, Jeff's wife, Rita and Jeremy Smith will share mission stories and inspiration. Please stay for a great **mission banquet** immediately following the 10:30 worship! **Leanh's Chinese Restaurant** will cater our meal! ***Please bring a dessert to share.***

**AND, ALWAYS REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES
HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD,
AS WELL AS OUR FAITH PROMISE GIVING FOR 2012!**

not a fan.

COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A MINUTE OF THIS AWESOME 6 WEEK CHURCH WIDE STUDY - INCLUDING SERMONS & GROUPS that begin the week of January 15th!

Not a Fan arm bands (\$1.50) & Follower's Journals (\$8) for sale at Welcome Center.

NEW GROUPS in January for the Church Wide study "NOT A FAN." If you are willing to host or facilitate a group, or want to be in one - please contact Ann at 212-5516. We'll be letting you know about new groups starting and openings in current groups. Doing a congregation wide study is an inspiring experience that leads to amazing growth and unity within the body of Christ. Participate in a Small Group!

*Jim Morton will lead a new Men's group for this study (time to be announced - on a Tues. or Thurs.)

*Ann Palmieri will also lead a new group for "Not a Fan" Monday @ 7pm at her home in Bryan Cave. This group is open to anyone.

*Vic & Roxy Callahan are facilitating a group in their home at 72 Regency Drive in Port Orange. The day and time will soon be announced.

*More openings in current groups, too! Keep watching!

Pastor's Page

By: Bobby Smith

No Limits - this is the theme for our Faith Promise Rally this Sunday. Yes, Faith Promise is early this year because our guest speakers, Jeff & Rita Riedel from Haiti Christian Ministries, only had this weekend available. Jeff and Rita have served in Haiti for a number of years and they come filled with stories that will show you we serve a *No Limits* God. Their words and actions they have taken in life will fuel you with hope and encouragement for this new year.

As I think about living a life of *No Limits* I must confess that I often find myself limited. I know God is able. I know he is my savior. I know I should do more,

give more, and love more. But I have limits and life is filled with people who are only too happy to point out my shortcomings. It makes me want to find that place spoken of in the old song, *Home on the Range*. It goes like this: *Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam, Where the deer and the antelope play, Where seldom is heard a discouraging word, And the skies are not cloudy all day.* -Brewster Higley Yes, wouldn't it be great to find that place in life where all the discouraging words are gone?

Discouragement is a terrible hindrance to *No Limits* living. It's Satan's most effective tool because it causes us to throw up our hands and quit. Although it's impossible to totally isolate yourself from discouragement, there are a few things you can do to rise above the discouragement of this world. So here's a formula for conquering discouragement and living a *No Limits* life:

1) Add up all the successes of the past. We used to sing the song, *Count Your Blessings*. That's good theology and good thinking. Stop dwelling on the negative and remember the victories of the past. 2) Subtract all of your discouraging influences. We tend to become like those with whom we hang out with. Job was hindered by his friends negative words. *If your friends are tearing you down, it's better to find new ones or walk alone with God.* 3) Multiply all of God's promises to you. The Bible is filled with promises that will lift you up. Learn them! For example Isa. 43:1-3 says, *"But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..."* 4) Divide up all of God's blessings to you, and give them out to others. There is no better way of overcoming discouragement than by sharing something good with someone else. This is where this Sunday can be the source of great encouragement for you and others around the world. You will be given the opportunity to bless others through your Faith Promise giving. As you participate in Faith Promise you are declaring to God and the world that you refuse to be a reservoir of God's blessing and instead will be a river of God's blessing. And, if the love and blessing of God is flowing through us, I bet you will find people will want to be around us. Why? Because they are blessed, their lives are better when they are with us, and there *"seldom is heard a discouraging word."*

Clothing Drive



Bridge of Hope Help ~ one of our teen corps groups is collecting clothes for the needy to deliver on January 28th. There will be a drop box in the Fellowship Hall for these men's or women's items. See Eugene Edmonds or Wayne Murray with questions. We don't accept clothing at the church all the time - so please only bring items during this drive.

Marriage Seminar ~ 6:30pm Wednesdays in January at Crossroads Christian Church

Want to know how to keep your spouse? Is communication in your marriage a problem? Is it easier to talk to a friend than to your spouse? Has the joy of being with your spouse turned into drudgery? Do you feel lonely sitting right next to your spouse? Are unresolved issues causing tension at home? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come join us for a very informal, informative, fun seminar put on by Dr. Ralph Marciano, a licensed Christian Counselor with 16 years of marriage counseling experience and 45 years of real marriage experience. You don't have to have a troubled marriage to attend. Join us and learn how to "live well, laugh often and love much with the person with whom you chose to spend the rest of your life!

Middle & High Schoolers - IT'S NOT TOO LATE - YOU CAN STILL GO TO WINTER RETREAT Jan 13 - 15!

We'll spend our weekend with Christians from around our area at North Florida Christian Camp (www.nfsc.com). This will be a weekend filled with growth and fun. We will be focusing on Christian Fellowship. Leaving the church Friday at 6:30pm. Please have already eaten dinner. We will be getting back on Sunday between noon and 1pm. Please bring extra \$ if you want snacks or want to play paintball at their facility. More info on what to bring to come. Register Online but give Money to TW.

SENIOR MINISTRY The holidays are past and the SDCC Senior Ministry is ramping up! We'll begin again with our SENIOR WORSHIP ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT 10:30AM. Bring a friend and join us for great old hymns and a wonderful message followed by a FREE luncheon following the service. If you have any questions, contact Jim Goodwin at 761-5829.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Caydon Bell	1 st
Brandon Stenton	1 st
Jason Vann	1 st
Madonna Cook	3 rd
Tom Sayre	3 rd
Deanna Ford	9 th

Jody Semon	11 th
Diane Goden	13 th
Davie Vanhorn	13 th
Itoia Johnson	16 th
Sada Bradshaw	17 th
Dan Cox	17 th
Candy Newcomb	18 th
Jenny Davis	21 st
Nikki Ellison	22 nd
Alison Maleski	22 nd
Jonathan Quinn	24 th
Sheena Silvis	24 th
Susie Avery	25 th
Don Minnick	25 th
Steve Newcomb	25 th

Anniversaries

Dave & Jean Hakojarvi	January 8 th
Larry & Vickie Allen	January 9 th
Steve & Candy Newcomb	January 13 th
Rodney & Cissy George	January 16 th
Carl & Tami Fricke	January 21 st
Bob & Penny Scott	January 22 nd

ENOCH -THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Remember your 24 hour prayer time and then join us at 6:30pm for community prayer and praise! Let's get serious about seeking God's blessing & guidance for our churches & community!

December Stats for SDCC

Average Weekly Giving \$5420

Per Cap - \$20.15

Average Weekly Attendance - 269

Needed to Meet Budget - \$5818

Christmas Eve included