

Reaching **UP** in our **LOVE** for God!  
 Reaching **IN** in our **LOVE** for one another!  
 Reaching **OUT** in our **LOVE** for the world!



### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Several things are planned to help you focus your eyes on Jesus this year during Holy Week.

#### Sunday, March 28

##### Palm Sunday

8:15 am Conventional Service &  
 10:45 am Contemporary Service  
 9:30 Sunday School &  
 Adult Bible Fellowship hour

#### Thursday, April 1

*Death By Love*  
 @ Geneseo Theater

6:00 pm &

8:00 pm

#### Friday, April 2 -

Good Friday Communion service  
 7:00 pm

#### Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Service @  
 Oakwood Cemetery 7:00 am

#### Easter Worship Services

8:15 am &

10:00 am

(These will both be blended  
 worship style services)

There will not be any Sunday school or Adult Bible Fellowship classes on Easter.

## Have you been baptized?

by Pastor Greg Chenoweth

One of the most significant effects of having trusted Christ is being identified with His death and resurrection (Romans 6:1-6). Baptism is the physical representation of being forgiven and given new life in Christ. Baptism was so important that Jesus instructed His disciples to baptize new believers in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Scriptures indicate that baptism is a significant event in a

believer's life. Baptism does not contribute to our salvation; instead, it publicly confesses our salvation: "I am identified and belong to Jesus." If you have not followed Jesus in baptism, please talk to Pastors Greg or Michael. We will have a baptism service April 25.



## It's that time of year

by Rick Mills, Trustee Coordinator

It is that time of year, once again, to do our church spring-cleaning. This year will be a little different than last year in that we are going to meet at the church on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm and all work together to get the church cleaned. Psalm 134:1 says, Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. The Levites, who served the Lord as watchmen, did their work as an act of praise to the Lord, which they did reverently and responsibly. Make your job in the church an act of praise by doing it with reverence to God. Honor him by the quality of your work and the attitude of service you bring to it.

as many hands make light work. There will be a sign up at the information center in the foyer so be sure to sign up early to get the jobs that will work best for your group.



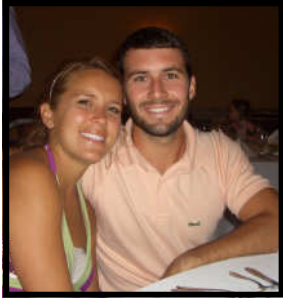
Consider making this a service project for your family, Sunday school class or small group. Many of the jobs are not hard and I have specific directions to help

get you started. Most jobs are divided up by rooms or tasks and will only take an hour or two. Once your task is completed you are free to go, you won't get roped into being at the church all day, just for the room or task you signed up to do. We will serve donuts to help get started and pizza for lunch if you want to stick around. Hope to see you there!

We are hoping to have a big turnout

## Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower for  
Courtney Taets,



daughter of  
Chuck & Theresa Taets  
& future bride of  
Wesley Zobrist, at 10:00 am  
Saturday, April 10

Ladies, please join us for a bridal shower to honor Courtney Taets, on Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 am at the church. Contributions toward a group gift are being collected in designated envelopes in each ABF and the information center. Checks should be made out to Lynn Bos. The couple will be married on June 26 (by invitation). Wesley & Courtney are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bergners/Youngers and Crate & Barrel.



*Jeanette Carlson and  
Jodie Claus and their  
families as they mourn  
the loss of  
Shirley Dunlap  
(Jeanette's mother and  
Jodie's grandmother)  
who passed away on  
Tuesday, March 9.*

## A fresh clear vision of the Almighty God that loves you... by Rita Ford, Adult Ministries Co-Coordinator



In January our Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) teacher challenged the class to ask God to make the class meaningful as he taught us from the book of Isaiah. We were to ask God to reveal Himself to us so that we would see Him more clearly than ever before. I kept the challenge in my Bible and prayed it each time we gathered in class.

During the weeks following the challenge I would watch and there were times, I would see an act of kindness or see a grandchild and think God that is you loving me. I would be calling the church and Catherine would so graciously answer my questions, Chris Kuster would be working so hard on setting up small groups getting the job done. ABF teachers coming in the door each Sunday prepared and ready to guide their classes in study of God's word. De Kosman would be looking for trees and white lights for the Father Daughter Dance, Craig Anderson is forever excited about what God is doing in the men's ministry. All of these things helped me to complete our assignment of seeing God more clearly. His servants all working at what they do best did it for me.

However, God had one more clear vision to share with me of the Mighty God that loves me. We had the opportunity to fly to San Francisco in January for a week get-away. Leaving a snow storm for 60 degrees was grand. We had "our" place 3 hours north on Rt. 1 called Albion Inn right

on the ocean for 3 nights. We kept our eyes on the ocean as much as we could, listening to the roar, and then watching it again the next day and the next. The third day I was sitting on the deck and knew it was almost time to leave. God gave me a clear vision of His love for me. There were two rocks way out and the tips would just come into view, when another huge wave would cover them, again and again and again the wave would wash over them, same place, same timing. God said, "Rita that is so like my love for you, it just keeps washing over you. My banner over you is love". Lots of times I peek my head out and wonder where God is, so like the rock, here comes my wave of love. Psalm 26:3 says "Your steadfast love is before my eyes. I will walk in your faithfulness. I took a picture and keep it in my Bible and will forever remember my clear vision of the Almighty God that loves me and you too. Thanks Jim.



All items borrowed from the church are to be properly checked out through the office in advance of the need. Some items are in high demand and will be loaned on a first come first call basis. PLAN AHEAD!

## What's happening with Clyde & Rebecca Porter?

by Teri Walters, Mission Team

**D**uring the month of February Rebecca was in the Dominican Republic where she led a training seminar for Coranzones Abiertos (grace groups - intense counseling sessions in which people are encouraged to express the hurts that have touched their lives, and allow God to do surgery and then heal them) and then was overseer for the groups as they met for 7 weeks. As she settled in to begin, she sent some prayer requests - 1) her two front teeth cracked and then fell out 2) they would be near the Haitian border so the people were divided in their focus 3) where they were staying they had a rooster right outside their window 4) Clyde was to arrive in a few days from Mexico. Clyde sent additional requests - 1) pray they could get trucks into Haiti quickly 2) wisdom as they worked with contacts in Dominican Republic 3) safety 4) for the Haitian people.

As the days went by, Rebecca's teeth were in and out (sometimes held in by super glue), she became deaf to the rooster crowing every morning, printed materials that had been missing were taken care of, they experienced spiritual warfare but The

Warrior fought for them and triumphed, Clyde was able to buy a Toyota pickup truck that he loaded and drove to Haiti and back safely. The groups went well and people were open to share, walls were broken down and people experienced a touch of freedom. Clyde has experienced some strong leg pain so asks for prayer that this situation be resolved. He has been asked to be the contact for Cap Haitian so is looking for water tanks and is setting up transportation for a group coming from some Brazilian churches.

On March 9 Clyde and Rebecca were to meet back in San Antonio. Who ever said a missionary's life wasn't exciting?

"I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it." Isa. 43:6-8

## Ladies 'Time-Out'



**L**adies, join us for **Scarf Night and Jewelry Exchange** on Tuesday, April 27, 6:30-8:30 pm!

Are you wishing you could learn a new, fun way to tie a scarf? Come and practice how to tie different kinds of scarves from the pros. Beyond that, we are also having a costume jewelry exchange! Sort through that jewelry box and bring one or more items that just have been "sitting around" and swap them out for someone else's "treasure" that they have brought from their home. Earrings, necklaces, and bracelets are welcome! Bring something and take something home!

See you at Teri Walter's home @ 940 Mulberry Drive, Geneseo. Phone: 944-8116. Come join the fun but leave your diamonds at home!

## CPC

### Pregnancy Resources Training

by Judy Iwinski

**T**he Executive Director of The CPC Pregnancy Resources plans several volunteer trainings throughout the year. In June we will have the last evening training of 2010. The training takes you through a variety of topics, such as how to communicate with someone in crisis, how to talk about abortion, abstinence and God's plan for our lives. After taking the training I was amazed at how often I found myself

using something I had learned, not just at the center, but in my conversations with my family and others. Have you ever thought about taking the training? Have you ever thought "that training sounds interesting"? Maybe that is God in His still small voice saying He has something for you to learn, a way that He wants to use you. Pray about it, consider signing up. The training will be held in our Moline Center June 9,

10, 11, 14, 15, and 16 from 5:30-9:30 each evening. There is a \$30.00 fee, however, if you cannot afford it there are scholarships available. Just to entice you a little more, there's always a light meal and great snacks!

One of the comments we often hear is "I thought 6 segments was a large time commitment but once I took the training I enjoyed it so much I was sorry it wasn't longer" Hope to see you there.

## Do you know Jesus?

by Jim Bos, Elder

Our ABF has been meeting at Woodridge across from the church and we have been studying some end times prophecies. It is amazing how many prophecies have already happened and how many more are clearly in the process of being fulfilled. Some of the prophecies are to happen before the rapture and some will be after the rapture. I can tell you things are happening fast.

With this in mind, when will Jesus return to rapture "His church" (namely we who have received Jesus Christ as our savior and have committed ourselves to him). To answer this we need to go to scripture. One of the clearest writings on Christ's arrival is Matt. 24:36-44. Verse 36 says "no one knows about the day or the hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the son", (Get that, Jesus himself

doesn't know) " but only the father". In verses 37 and 38 Jesus refers to the rapture as being like it was in Noah's day, when the flood came and wiped out everyone unexpectedly, except for those in the



ark. Verse 42 says " keep watch because we don't know which day the Lord will come", (we do know it could be anytime). Then verse 44 states "so you must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him".

Are you ready? Are your loved ones ready? How about your neighbors or the people you work with, are they

ready?

The other day my 4 year old grandson, Nathan, asked me "Grampa do you know Jesus"? I assured him that I did. Then I asked myself how hard was that? To plainly ask, Do you know Jesus?

We just read in scripture the Lord is coming back, ready or not the Lord is coming, no one knows when, but it could be today. In Revelation 22:20

Jesus states "yes, I am coming quickly". We need to be ready and we need to ask anyone we care about Nathan's simple question, "Do you know Jesus"? If they do know Him that's great, however if they don't why not introduce them to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You will both be glad you did.

## Check out the new books in the library!

We have added lots of new items in the library since the first of the year. Please stop by and see what we have that may interest you. PLEASE remember when checking books out from the library that you must write the 'due date' on the check out card and place it in the front of the file box.

Books may be checked out for 3 weeks at a time and DVD's are 1 week circulation. Please be courteous and return your books on time so that others may take advantage of what we have to loan.

There is a suggestion box available on the desk for you to make requests of titles that you'd like the library to carry. We pay very close attention to your suggestions.

Here are just a few of our new titles:

### NON-FICTION

- ***Counterfeit Gods*** by Timothy Keller
- ***Finally Alive*** by John Piper
- ***If God Is Good*** by Randy Alcorn
- ***L.O.V.E.*** by Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott
- ***Living on the Edge*** by Chip Ingram
- ***Love & War*** by John & Stasi Eldredge
- ***ME: The Me I Want to Be*** by John Ortberg
- ***So Long Insecurity*** by Beth Moore
- ***When Life is Hard*** by James MacDonald

### FICTION

- ***A Scent of Water*** by Linda Nichols
- ***The Sweet By & By*** by Sara Evans
- ***A Taste of Fame*** by Linda Evans Shepherd & Eva Marie Everson
- ***Beguiled*** by Deeanne Gist & Mark Bertrand
- ***The Familiar Stranger*** by Christina Barry
- ***White Picket Fences*** by Susan Meissner

In addition there have been several books added to the children and youth section as well as Family DVD's.

# The Most Spectacular Sin Saved You

by Pastor Greg Chenoweth

The Lord recently used Pastor John Piper's devotional book, *Spectacular Sins and their Global Purpose in the Glory of Christ* to help me see how God designs good from the evil acts of Satan and people. Pastor Piper states, "Sin and evil, no matter how spectacular, never nullify the decisive, Christ-exalting purposes of God....These spectacular sins do not just fail to nullify God's purpose to glorify Christ, they succeed, by God's unfathomable providence, in making his gracious purpose come to pass."

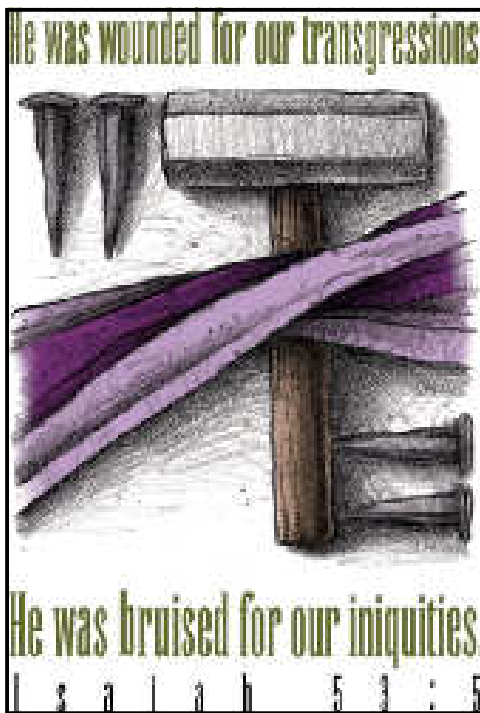
The book highlights eight "spectacular sins" identified in the Bible and demonstrates how God's hand guided and governed them to fulfill His purposes. The most spectacular of sins is of

course the betrayal, abandonment, injustice, torture and murder of the infinitely worthy and morally perfect Son of God.

The supreme providence of God over this most heinous of sins is seen in Acts 4:27-28. "For truly in this city [Jerusalem] there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed [the Messiah], both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place."

Notice that Herod, Pilate, the

Gentiles (Roman soldiers) and the Jews did whatever **God's** hand (power) and plan had predestined (decided before hand) to occur. But wasn't Judas responsible for his betrayal of Jesus? Wasn't Peter responsible for his denial of Jesus? Weren't the disciples responsible for abandoning Jesus in His time of need? Wasn't the Jewish Sanhedrin responsible for their unjust court



proceedings with Jesus? Weren't the Jewish leaders responsible for turning him over to Pilate? Weren't Pilate and the Roman guards responsible for Jesus' beatings, scourging and ultimately his torturous crucifixion? YES...!!

And yet, the Lord planned beforehand that all this would take place. Jesus knew all that would happen

to Him because He read God's pre-ordained plan in the Old Testament. He wasn't surprised by His abuse. He frequently foretold of his suffering and death (Mark 8:31; 9:12; 10:33-34). He would be hated without cause (Ps. 35:19; 69:4; John 15:25). He would be abandoned by His disciples (Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31, 34). He would be stabbed (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34-37); He would be betrayed by a close friend for 30 pieces of silver (John 13:18; Matthew 27:9-10; Ps. 41:9; Zech. 11:12-13); Jesus knew that he would be scourged (Isaiah 53:5). He knew that the Lord would be pleased to crush Him (Isaiah 53:10).

Who pierced, crushed, chastened and scourged Jesus (Isaiah 53:5)? When we consider that God providentially governs all events, we conclude that **God** pierced, crushed, chastened and scourged His Messiah **through** the sins of His enemies. **Why?** So that He would providentially with pleasure cause those very sins that abused Him and our sins that rebel against Him to fall on Him (Isaiah 53:6); so that He would make Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21); so that we might become forgiven, adopted, glory destined children of God.

Though the providence of God baffles my mind, yet it rejoices my heart! What a God!

## Everybody, Somebody, Anybody & Nobody

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

# KID'S PAGE

## A colorful CROSS


Create a beautiful decoration for your window this Easter. It will remind you that Jesus rose from the dead to save you from your sins.

**What you need:**

- 8½" x 11" sheet of paper
- Pencil
- Clear transparency sheet (or clear report cover)
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colored tissue paper
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Scotch tape

**What you do:**

1. Draw a large cross that takes up most of the paper.
2. Put the transparency over the paper and trace the cross onto it with a permanent marker.
3. Cut the colored tissue paper into 1" x 1" squares.
4. Using a paintbrush, spread glue onto the tissue paper squares and then place them on the cross. (Add a few drops of water to the white glue to make it more spreadable.)
5. After the glue is dry, cut out the cross. Then tape it in a window and enjoy the beautiful colors.



### SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us – and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NV.

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Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>APRIL</h1>				1 Death By Love @ Geneseo Theater 6 & 8 pm	2 Good Friday Service 7 pm	3
4 Sunrise Service @ Oakwood Cemetery 7 am Easter Services 8:15 & 10 am	5 Missions Team meeting 7 pm	6 Women's Book Club 10 am FPU 6pm	7 Awana 6:25 pm Jr. High 6:30 pm	8	9 Homeschool Group 1 pm	10 Taets/Zobrist Bridal Shower 10 am
11 ** PIP 7:45 am Sr. High Youth Group 6:30 pm	12	13 FPU 6 pm Elders Meeting 7 pm	14 MOPS 9 am Awana 6:25 pm Jr. High 6:30 pm	15 Craft Night 6 pm	16 Homeschool Group 1 pm	17
18 ** PIP 7:45 am Sr. High Youth Group 6:30 pm	19 Administrative Council Meeting 7 pm	20 FPU 6 pm	21 Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Awana 6:25 pm Jr. High 6:30 pm	22	23	24 SPRING CLEANING 8 am - ?
25 ** PIP 7:45 am Sr. High Youth Group 6:30 pm	26	27 FPU 6 pm MOPS 6:30 pm Time Out @ Teri Walters 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 7 pm	28 Quad City Ministerial 9 am	29	30 Homeschool Group 1 pm	

## A Christian Duty to Speak - part 3

by Jim Mason

**W**e've addressed the duty to speak, and what needs to be behind that speech that make it distinctly Christian.

Here are a couple of quotes from very different sources that will get you up to speed.

*So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.*

James 4:17 ESV

*Sentiment without action is the ruin of the soul.*

Edward Abbey,  
radical environmentalist

Topics this time: What to be involved in, good sources of information, what to expect and how to maintain unity.

As James 4:17 indicates you should be involved in all the issues that God puts on your heart. Be sure those views are actually scriptural, start praying, and then let your voice be heard with gentleness, respect and strength. Act only as an ambassador of the King of Kings. Do nothing He would not smile on.

For instance, God may put it on your heart that taxpayer funded abortion is wrong - speak up because it's in the current health bill! Another example: I feel that it is morally wrong to have huge amounts of deficit spending that forces our children to pay for things WE want - I need to speak up. The

common thread is that these really are moral issues. We use the words right and wrong for a reason. When a matter is simply your opinion, remember that you are still an ambassador, but don't use God to justify your opinion.

The notion that "you can't legislate morality" is only true in a limited sense. It is true that laws don't change people's hearts - look at the Pharisees. There are also certain behaviors that are immoral but shouldn't be legislated. Eating the Thanksgiving dinner I had last year was probably immoral. It was not good for me to eat that much. However it is not a behavior that should be legislated for a number of reasons. On the other hand, drinking and driving is a moral and a legal issue because it endangers others.

Regarding sources of information, I suggest you check out websites run by organizations you trust. Focus on the Family Action's, CitizenLink.org is a good one on many issues, and you'll find others. Don't rely on websites run by people you've never heard of, or broadcast emails.

You should expect that some people, including other Christians, will disagree with you. That is their right and 100% OK. Unity is maintained when we accept other people's right to have opinions that are different than ours and don't expect everyone else to be moved at the same time

and in the same direction as we are. Unity can be improved when we listen and really try to understand their opinions. Most of us have some friends who have opinions that we think are incorrect, but they are still our friends. We should be willing to show even more grace to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are first and foremost followers of Christ. If we continue to pray and show love we will be the salt and light Jesus put us here to be.



**July 26-30**

**5:30-8:00 pm**

VBS 2010 will be held July 26-30 from 5:30-8pm. The theme is "Backstage with the Bible" from the Go Fish guys (see [gofishguys.com](http://gofishguys.com)). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Christy Sancken at [csancken@dist228.org](mailto:csancken@dist228.org) or 944-0239. Don't miss this opportunity to minister to God's children!

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### Sunday Worship Services

- Conventional Service - 8:15 am
- Contemporary Service - 10:45 am

Education - 9:30-10:30 am

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