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*From the  
Pastor*

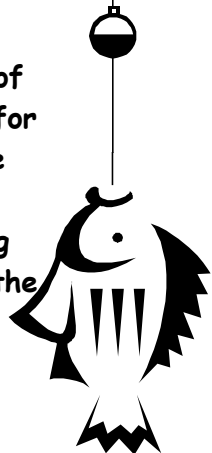


These are exciting days in the life of the Troy Christian Church. We are in the middle of our "One Month To Live" campaign. We are confronting ourselves with the question, "How would I live my life differently if I knew that I had one month to live? What would I do differently? How would I act, speak and think if I knew that I only had one more month on this earth?" It's life-changing. I encourage you to give it a try.

Many of our people have been faithful in inviting their friends and family members, and our God has been drawing people into this place for worship, fellowship and study. As our body grows, it means that space starts to get a little tight. I want to say thank you to those who have been making an effort to "wash feet," (you can listen to the message concerning this by going to the churches website [www.troychristianchurch.com](http://www.troychristianchurch.com)), by dropping our families off and parking away from the building, and choosing seats forward and to the sides of the auditorium during the worship service, leaving space for visitors and late-comers in easily accessible spots. I really believe that those of us who are privileged to be a part of this church at this time are extremely blessed. Will there have to be changes? Yes. Will I like all of them? Probably not. But it is a time that we will all be able to pull together for the glory of God as we seek to reach this area for Christ. This is a time that we will be able to look back on in years to come and say, "Those were good days, we were crowded, we didn't always do things the way I thought we should, but we pulled together, and we were close." That's the way it can be, and that's the way it will be if we all keep our eyes on the main thing. It's not about me. It's about Christ and His Church. It's about fulfilling the great commission. Reaching, teaching and sending people for Jesus. I'm excited about the future should Jesus tarry, I hope you are too.

Inside this newsletter, we have printed the dates for church camp for grades 3-12. I want to take this opportunity to plead with parents to make this a non-negotiable part of your child's summer. All of the camps take place during June, leaving July and August for vacations and other family activities. There is nothing that I know of that can be more beneficial to your child's spiritual development (short of your personal example), than church camp. I believe in it. I have seen its benefits in the lives of hundreds of young people. We will be taking young people every week. Please don't let anything stand in the way of your child's participation.

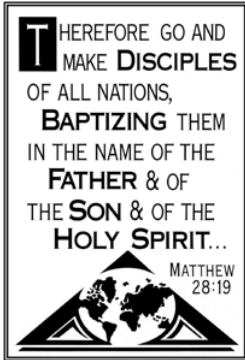
Thanks for letting me and my family be a part of this great work...Dave





## Board Nominations

If you would like to make nominations for the Board, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Larry Handley, Gene Speaks, Robyn Johnson, Charlotte Thomas. There is a list of Board members whose terms are expiring on the bulletin board in the church foyer.



### Reasons to REJOICE

Bruce and Sandy Whetstine were baptized on March 16. Welcome Bruce and Sandy to our church family!

### Weekly Statistics

	Our Giving	Attendance
Feb. 17:	no services due to snowstorm	
Feb. 24:	\$3224.25	148
March 2:	\$2713.00	144
March 9:	\$3302.30	189
March 16:	\$3872.00	169
Church Budget for 2008: \$139,964.00		
Needed per Sunday: \$2691.00		

### Serving in April

**April 6:** Greeters: John & Patty Wiedmer; Children's Church: Traci & Hannah Adams; Time of Prayer: Jim Pickerell; Elder: Wayne Rush; Nursery: Joel & Stacy Kahnt, Hana Speaks; Stewards: Wanda Jenkins, Larry Handley; Bus Driver: Bill Simmons; Communion for April: Kathie Elkins, Pam Kostman.

**April 13:** Greeters: Gene & Barb Speaks; Children's Church: Jennifer & Jason Whetstine; Time of Prayer: Wayne Rush; Elder: Rick Simmons; Nursery: Peg & J.D. Euler, Daniel Dominguez; Stewards: J.D. Dominguez, Tom Speaks; Bus Driver: Bill Simmons; Communion for April: Kathie Elkins, Pam Kostman; Shut-in Communion: April 13: John & Patty Wiedmer.

**April 20:** Greeters: Neil & Mlle Caudle; Children's Church: Derek & Lacey Jasper; Time of Prayer: Tom Speaks; Elder: Larry Handley; Nursery: Craig & Robyn Johnson, Brittany Wetmore; Stewards: Wayne Rush, Tim Snead; Bus Driver: Bill Simmons; Communion for April: Kathie Elkins, Pam Kostman.

**April 27:** Greeters: Craig & Robyn Johnson; Children's Church: Kelsey Thomas & Megan Jeschke; Time of Prayer: Rick Simmons; Elder: Tom Speaks; Nursery: Abra Rush, Danae Jenkins, Kodie Wetmore; Stewards: Peg Euler, Patty Wiedmer; Bus Driver: Bill Simmons; Communion for April: Kathie Elkins, Pam Kostman; Shut-in Communion: April 27: Jim & Pam Pickerell.

### The 10 - Foot rule

Some churches follow the 10 - foot rule: When anyone is within 10 feet of another person on church grounds, he or she offers a warm welcome and cheerful greeting.

This rule originated with Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, who encouraged store employees to look customers in the eye, greet them and ask if they needed help.

As an ambitious college student in Missouri, Walton discovered that "one of the secrets to campus leadership was the simplest thing of all: Speak to people coming down the sidewalk before they speak to you."

Walton used the person's name if he knew it. "But even if I didn't, I would still speak to them," he said. "Before long, I probably knew more students than anybody in the university, and they recognized me and considered me their friend."

No sincere welcome is unimportant, even if necessity requires brevity.

## 7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group

Sundays - 5:30—7:00 p.m.

### Christian Campus Fellowship

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland  
Community College Wellness Center



Prayer Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Calendar of Events:

**April 10:** CWF will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Center

**April 21:** Elders meeting 6:00 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

**April 27:** We will combine our monthly potluck dinner with Family Night. We'll have a picnic at the Troy city park at 4:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a dish to share. In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at the church.

## April



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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Josh Smith             | 15 Barb Speaks          |
| 4 Madison Kahnt          | Laura Jeschke           |
| 5 Corey Kostman          | 17 Mary Ruth Ruddy      |
| Hayden Thomsen           | 19 Dustin Jenkins       |
| 7 Judy & Francis Hubbard | Kevin McConnaughey      |
| 8 Dustin Ferris          | Donna Simpson           |
| 9 Rick Jeschke           | Leslie Cox              |
| Pam McConnaughey         | 21 Bob Smith            |
| 12 Evelyn O'Neal         | 22 David Speaks         |
| 13 Kathie Elkins         | 24 John & Patty Wiedmer |
| Kipp Jasper              | Jarred Whitsell         |
| Natalie Tharp            | 25 Marcia Baird         |
| 14 Craig Johnson         |                         |

### Flaming Spirit Camp Dates

- June 8 - 13 High School (9th - 12th)
- June 15 - 20 Junior High (7th & 8th grades)
- June 22 - 27 Junior Camp (5th & 6th grades)
- June 28 One Day Camp (1st & 2nd grades)
- June 29 - July 1 1st Chance Camp (3rd & 4th grades)



### We Have Tomorrow

During the Korean conflict, Marguerite Higgins, an award winning reporter covering the war, asked a young soldier, "If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?"

It was a freezing day. The soldier was eating out of a tin can. His face was a bit muddied. He thought about Miss Higgins' question for a few seconds, and then replied, "Give me tomorrow."

Christians are people who not only have today, but also have tomorrow. That is, because we are people who believe in the resurrected Christ, we believe that whatever comes, whatever happens to us in this life, we will be victorious. The Bible proclaims that "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54 NRSV).

Paul put it this way: "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57 NRSV). We who trust in the God who raised Jesus from the dead have tomorrow already assured.



"So basically he took two loaves of bread and supersized 'em."

## Building a Church

Computer programmer Amy Hughes found a unique way to express her faith. The Lego enthusiast built a church out of 75,000 Lego pieces.

The church is about 7' by 5 1/2' and seats 1,372 little Lego people. The building has almost 4,000 windows, mosaics, an altar, a pulpit, a detailed pipe organ, a narthex, bathrooms, stairs and a balcony that seats an 80 member choir. Photos are posted at [www.amyhughes.org/lego/church](http://www.amyhughes.org/lego/church).

Hughes, who once dreamed of being an architect, spent a year and a half on her project, dubbed the Abston Church of Christ. ("Abston" is a fictional name derived from ABS, the type of plastic used to make Legos.)

She also used the Lego church as an exercise in sermon-writing. Pondering why people seek refuge in a house of God, Hughes writes, "The Lord is here because we are here, not because we built a beautiful building."

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20, NRSV).

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