

THE HEARTBEAT

Open Hearts Church

Note from the Pastor:

February/March
2012

Over the past few weeks we have been talking quite a lot about the prophets in the Old Testament. We have learned how they were called by God, and we have heard the message God put on their lips. One thing that set Samuel, Jonah, Elijah, and Elisha apart was their heart. Yes, regardless of his actions, even Jonah had a little soft spot in his heart for God. Within each one of these men was a Servant's Heart.

"Why are we here?" is a question that has been asked repeatedly. We are here to worship God and serve our neighbors, as He directs us. That means we, too, need the heart of a servant. Yes, this does take time to develop, but there are some traits we can all work on, regardless of where we are in the process.

Every now and then we need to check our heart health. The GRITS Bible Study is using the book *Deeper Still* by Edna Ellison and she has a list of specific actions of servants. Read this list. Check off the ones you are already doing – keep doing them, don't stop. But look at the ones you have not checked. Pick one to begin working on. When you have that one in place, pick another.

- ❖ **A servant depends on God's promises.** "Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them." (Psalm 119:140)
- ❖ **A servant meditates.** "Your servant will meditate on your decrees." (Psalm 119:23).
- ❖ **A servant reads scripture.** "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11)
- ❖ **A servant seeks the face of God.** "Make your face shine upon your servant." (Psalm 119:135)
- ❖ **A servant earns God's delight.** "A king delights in a wise servant." (Proverbs 14:35)
- ❖ **A servant is focused on one master.** "No servant can serve two masters." (Luke 16:13)

We have been called to be God's servants in Wright City and beyond. Does your heart need a tune-up?

Blessings,

Pastor Tammy

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Lillian Pauk Circle Meeting

The Lillian Pauk Circle met February 11th with 10 members present.

Dr. Wildhaber, President and Michelle Gausch, Director were our guests from Liberty Christian Academy. The School is located in Wright City, and they serve students from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. Their mission is to partner with families and churches in discipling their students for Christ while providing them with a quality Christian education. A scholarship fund has been established to help those students unable to meet the tuition payment. A donation has been made to the Scholarship Fund at the Academy.

In an effort to reach out to help in our community, we will be paying the electric bill for some needy family. Cuivre River Electric will make a selection and issue the payment. We will have no knowledge of who this is. A note from the Circle representing both churches will be given by the Electric Co.

Our meeting in March will be Saturday, March 24th. We will be participating in the MDA Walk at St. Louis Mills Mall to support Elizabeth Pohl (Liz & Co.). We will be carpooling from Open Hearts at 9:00 a.m. We invite all women from both churches to join us. For more information contact Rachel Witte or Kelly Pohl.

As always we welcome all women from both churches to join us in our effort to support our community.

Pastor Tammy dismissed us in a closing prayer.

Liz & Co is at it again!

Liz Pohl with the help of family and friends is raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Through this effort her Team has raised more than \$15,000 over the last 6 years - proof that one person CAN make a difference!

Please consider supporting Liz Pohl as she helps others afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy.

Need more info? Just ask us! And look for us at www.musclewalkmda.org/stlouis2012 (team captain Kelly Pohl)

Men's Christian Fellowship Meeting

The OHC/WSC Men met on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at Ball's Q Shack. There were 14 in attendance and the opening prayer was given by Don Lockett. Joys and concerns were many. Special prayers go out to the Mark Herman & Family. The treasurer's report was given by Don Linker and membership dues were collected. Pastor Tammy reported that more painting is needed at OH Church. OH New Year project will be to install new roof. Weldon Ball asked for all men to come after the meeting to help take off doors at WSC. The church doors will be taken to Chic Lumber to install glass windows.

Tuck's Tips: Simply watching your kids play will show you what their natural skills and interests are. Does your daughter constantly dance around the living room? Does your son show promise for being in sports? Does he talk about basketball constantly? Once you see where their natural talents and interests lie, suggest classes and programs or try a new sport.

Happy New Year and God bless you all;

Meeting was adjourned.



Ash Wednesday Service

February 22nd – 7:00 pm

At Wesley-Smith Chapel

Finance

To All Members and Friends of Open Hearts Church:

Most of us have heard that it is never a good idea to look too far ahead and we have also heard that we should have a vision for the future.

Last Sunday in church I saw an offering envelope in our pew and someone, probably a child, filled in the envelope saying they were giving two billion dollars to our church. The only problem was that they forgot to include the check and they left their name off the envelope!

With that two billion dollars we could certainly have a glorious vision of the future. However, without it, we should perhaps not look too far ahead and turn our financial thoughts to 2012.

We had a good January, thanks in part to 5 Sundays, but we also encountered some increases in our fixed expenses. Nevertheless, we will keep our eyes on 2012 and keep up our giving in order to meet our goals both in local ministry and in our various outreach ministries.

Thanks for your continued attendance and financial help.

Emmanuel,

Norm Drissell
Chairperson, Finance Committee

P.S. It will also help if each of us would try to invite and bring someone to worship with us either this Sunday or a Sunday in the near future.

To All Members and Friends of Open Hearts Church:

During 2011, several of you asked if there were any special needs of our church in which you could help, which would be over and above your "normal giving". Our Ad Council met this last Saturday and we discussed several projects and/or items that could fit into this "special needs" category. These are as follows:

1. Safe sanctuary doors (windows in every door) on all classrooms – 7 doors at \$50 per door.
2. New thermostats for our heating and cooling units – 3 thermostats at \$75 each.
3. Needed repairs on all three furnaces - \$200 each
4. An upgrade for our burglar alarm - \$350
5. Modifying our present "cry room" into a nursery - \$500

If any of you can help in any one or a portion of any one of these improvements, it would be greatly appreciated. And again, thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Emmanuel,

Norm Drissell
Chairperson, Finance Committee



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scout Sunday
March 11th

Youth News

OH CREW

INSPIRATIONS / INSPIRE 2 INSPIRE

- Mar. 7 Youth Meeting at Church
 Apr. 4 Youth Meeting at Spring into Action
 Apr. 18 Hook up w/other youth groups for Fun Night
 May 2 Youth Meeting at Church
 May 16 Reflections on another Year

Daylight Saving Time begins
 Sunday, March 11th



Calendar of Events

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd
 7:00 pm @ Wesley-Smith

OHC/WSC Men's Meeting
 Saturday, March 3rd – 8 am
 @ Ball's Q Shack

Girl Scout Sunday – March 11th

Church Council Meeting
 Saturday, March 17th – 10:30 am

Lillian Pauk Circle
 Saturday, March 24th
 MDA Walk

The Agape Wright City Food Panty is open each Thursday at Open Hearts Church.
The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex,
age or disability.



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