



A word from God

"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. John 10:3-4 They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice." John 10:1-5 NLT

What amazing hope we find in this story. Jesus has told us of His great love with so many examples. He has made Himself known to us. We can recognize His actions, His words, His character. He cares personally for you and me. I think of the little telltale signs we each develop in our lives by which we recognize someone or we are recognized. Jesus has given us an entire book, The Bible full of telltale signs to show the 'true shepherd' to us, to help us 'know' it is Him and He cares for us. My desire as pastor for each of us in 2009 is that each of us would become so familiar with the character and nature of God that we will always hear His voice and as a result we will always follow in His footsteps. This is called 'Growing Deep'. When people witness our lives they will desire to know what makes us who we are. This is called 'Going Wide'. I know this is your desire also. I look forward to the trip together.

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Prayer & Praises

- **Pray those in our church experiencing financial struggles.**
- **Continue to pray for our expansion! We have met with an architect who is drawing our plans up and will be presenting them to you for your review, comment and the go ahead of the project. Please be in prayer regarding your personal and family involvement. Pray that God receives all the glory for our growth.**
- **Pray for our church to be living like Jesus would live, every member growing deeper in our relationship with Him and others.**
- **Pray for our impact on the community. I am asking for Jesus to bring 1000 people into a new or restored relationship with Him because we have decided to live like Him.**
- **Pray for 5 people you know who need Jesus as savior and Lord. We will have a day of commitment for them soon.**

Happenings



This Week at ASC

- Prayer Encounter. This week we will focus on relationships, especially between husbands and wives. The movie 'Fireproof' will be shown. You do not want to miss this.
- Crossroads-a Gathering Place for those in Pursuit of Jesus. Sunday at 6:00pm. A great place to meet other people, enjoy worship and draw closer to God.

Coming soon

- **Monday morning prayer time** 6:00 am at the church. Don't miss it. Your week will run much more smoothly when you start it off with prayer.

This Week



Sunday message to be brought by Pastor Frank DeLange —
Setting the stage for 2009 with the theme of 'Deeper and Wider'.
Message title; **“Learning to Hear The Voice of God –
Personally Prepared to Listen.”**

Adult Ministries



- **Men's retreat** coming soon. Registration and deposit are needed this Sunday. Check out the details on Sunday at church.
- A new adult Bible study titled **'In The Beginning a study of Genesis'** 10:45am in room 4.
- **Groups:** If you are not in a small group you are missing out on a great way to stay connected. This is a great way to meet people and grow more knowledgeable of the Bible. Check the bulletin for one that suits your schedule and style. If one is not available that meets your needs contact the church office for the possibility of starting a new one.

Students



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

- Five students asked Jesus to be their savior and Lord this past Thursday. Keep these youth in your prayers.
- Wildside can use your help in providing meals once a quarter or once a year. Perhaps you would like to join with another family and take a Thursday night. Contact Gail Hibbs at robbyngail@hotmail.com.

7-0-7 HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

- We Need **STAFF**: 707 is looking for energetic, Christ-like men and women that want to shape students into Jesus' image! If that's you, make sure you contact Eric Joppa! We meet on Sundays at 10:45 (during 2nd service) and Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
- **Pray for a student!**
As a direct result of your prayers God has blessed our church and 7-0-7 with 5 youth accepting Jesus as their personal savior and 6 rededicating their life to Him. Keep on praying that they will now be able to make Him Lord of their lives.

KidZone



2009 Up Coming Events:

- Easter Fun day is April 11th. Many volunteers are needed for this outreach. Look for the info table in entry of church and sign up to serve during this wonderful celebration of Christ victory!
- Crocodile Dock VBS 2009 July 20th -24th. Check out the VBS web page and register to volunteer and pre registration for participants. <http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/asc2009>

AWANA meets each Wednesday 6:30pm—8:30pm for Pre-K and elementary. Monday night for JR High and High school.

“Parent Link” and “Parenting Tips” Free by email! Just contact Lovina Kirkpatrick at KidZone@surewest.net to be added to the distribution list.

May God richly bless each of you as you look to Him for leading and guidance, your church leadership.