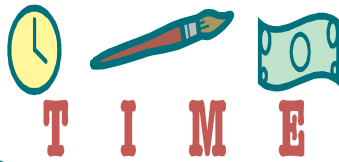




# January

## E-Vangel

### TIME . . . by Pastor Larry



The New Year, 2011, has begun. This segment of time-12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, and 31,536,000 seconds-is already passing into history. You have it or some portion of it. What will you do with this medium in which your earthly life is lived?



Duncan Road Church is using the first month of this New Year to emphasize Christian Stewardship. That is the term we use to describe the privilege and responsibility God gives us in the form of time, talent, and treasure. These are God's gifts to us. It is our plan to focus on encouraging one another to make the most of these gifts to the glory of God.

So we begin with Time. To say that it is priceless would be trite. To say that it is limited would be obvious. To say that,

"The Moving Finger writes, and having writ,  
Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,  
Nor all they Tears wash out a Word of it."  
*The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam* (trans. Edward Fitzgerald)

would be poetic. But to say that we should be, "making the best use of the time," Colossians 4:5b is Biblical.

You have time. Ask God to help you make the most of it. He will.



PASTOR'S  
ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Larry has served this body at Duncan Road Church for 30 years!

Please join with the Elders in writing your memories, giving a card, giving a gift, or doing whatever the Lord leads you to do in order to honor PL for his years of faithful service and leadership. A special table and gift basket are located in the foyer for your honorarium.

On Sunday, January 30, 2011, we will all honor him by serving a congregational dinner of his "favorite things". More details are to come.

Congratulations PL & Betty! We Love You!



*Our Pastor's  
Anniversary*

**\$10** per person

# **Friday Nite Gym**

**7:00-10:00 p.m.**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

A fund raiser for the Youth Missions Camp

**Bring a friend!**

**Games/Volleyball/  
Basketball**



# **Ice Skating**

# **Sunday**

# **January 16<sup>th</sup>**

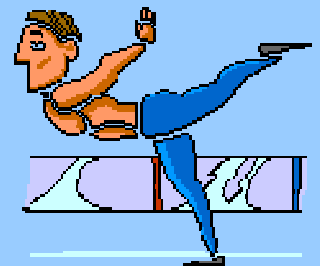
**Immediately following the service**

**\$8 per person**

**+**

**Money For Food (\$10)**

**Drivers Needed!!**



# Four Trees, Four Weeks, Four Missions... for Christmas 2010

DRC Family:

Thank you for your generous contributions to the "Four Trees for Christmas" mission focus. The church was so generous in their giving, that we were able to help 3 specific families this Christmas and countless others with the donations towards the mission trips to Tennessee and Africa.



A visitor to DRC has a grown son and his family that has experienced job loss and considerable damage to their home, forcing them to relocate. Finding work has been a challenge in the rural town that they live in, and with young children, the needs have mounted. We were able to send them a love offering of \$300 to put towards their daily needs.

A family that we ministered to last Christmas was led to give a cash gift with an encouraging note to be given to a family in need. The gift arrived on a Sunday morning prior to service and as the Mission Team prayed about who was to receive the gift, unexpectedly Kurt and Ruth Bubalo walked in for a visit to DRC. The Bubalo's are faithfully serving foreign students through their ministry in Campus Crusade and were so pleased with the gift and by God's unique provision for them on a frosty Sunday morning.



There are four special needs children who were out of town over Christmas, but arrived home to a tree full of presents! Thank you DRC for making some of their wishes come true this holiday, and in doing so, showering these needy children with Christ's love for them. The youth of DRC were richly blessed and encouraged through your sweet notes and kind offerings towards them. It was a joy to see some of their faces as they read your cards! Thank you for ministering to the students of our congregation in this way.



Finally, we received special monetary offerings for the Tennessee and Africa Mission Trips. Thank you for your prayerful support as we spiritually prepare and trust the Lord for his provision for these trips.



## **Offering Totals for Mission Trip**

**Africa Trip                    \$2,315.00**

June 3-18, 2011: Uganda, Africa

Africa Updates can be found at: <http://drcafrica2011.weebly.com>

**Tennessee Trip            \$587.43**

June 26-July 3, 2011: Cleveland, Tennessee

As we focus in January on Stewardship, start praying about your Fifth Sunday Offering gift. The Mission Team is so excited about what God is doing in our hearts, and 2011 requires a depth of unity and focus of purpose toward outreach and missions that our church has never experienced! We are excited to see what God will do.

**For those that can't help themselves,**

**The Mission Team**

## **Ongoing Local Missions - Food Pantry and Wednesday Night Dinners**

As an extension of the Food Pantry Ministry, Wednesday Night Dinners continue to be served from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday. Suggested donation of \$2/person. Everyone welcome.

### **January 5**

Pancakes  
Sausage & Hash Brown  
Casserole

### **January 12**

Cheesy Rigatoni  
Salad, Applesauce  
Breadsticks

### **January 19**

Taco Salad  
Peaches

### **January 26**

Turkey Pot Pie  
Mixed Fruit



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Duncan Road Church  
Men's Ministry

During January of each year we often make a New Year's resolution, which is basically resolving to change or stop something in our lives or to start doing something we have not previously been doing. According to those who study such things, we have learned that 92% of those resolutions will fail and 45% will fail before the end of January. Therefore, ΙΣΙ, the Men's Ministry of DRC, is not making any resolutions but instead is declaring a "Revolution."

We will put on our whole armor of God, sharpen our iron, and completely revolt against the works of Satan and his minions! We will, in one clear and distinct voice, echo the words of our Savior and declare "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)

The foundation of our revolution will be an exploration of ourselves and how the activities of our body, soul, and spirit match up to the directives of God's Word. We will continue to meet on the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-9:00 a.m. as well as a variety of special events.

Are you ready to join a spiritual revolution designed specifically for men? I pray that you are, or are at least curious enough to want to learn more. If so, you are invited to join us on **January 15<sup>th</sup>** for the starting part of what can be the beginning of a powerful and unified ministry revolution to glorify the Kingdom of God! We will, without doubt, be learning to give God our very best in everything we do.

Have a blessed and safe New Year!

**YBIC....Scott Fletcher**

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### **Happy New Year Ladies!**

*By Cilla Fletcher*



### *Women of Our Church*

As I ponder all that has happened this past year I realize there has been a theme to all the books, music and messages that have crossed my path. They seemed to scream "GO and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19). Many of you know that I am trying to finish my Bachelors Degree in Communication Studies. This was my first semester at UMKC. I was unsure of what to expect as every college is a bit different. Well, I enrolled in a Women's Studies class and Introduction to Philosophy. I quickly found out that "Women's Studies" is code word for "Feminism". I will not go into all the details of my frustration, but overall I affirmed my title as anti-feminist. Now

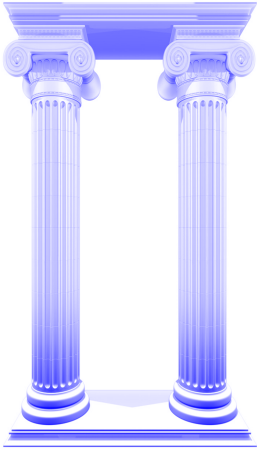
Philosophy also challenged my Christian faith. I don't mind if a Professor is not a Christian (from an academic point of view) but my Professor was boisterously agnostic. As I am pounded with anti-Christian ideas I am also studying the book of Revelation with the Women's Ministry. It was an awesome position to be in, sandwiched between man's word/ideas and God's Word/Plan. The problem was that although I consider myself a mature Christian, even I came out of the classroom a bit confused as to the meaning of life. I began to be even more concerned for the students that did not know Jesus as their Savior.

Over the summer, Shawn Nicholas taught the book "Radical" for Sunday school which was a call to "Go" do something. I started reading the book "Crazy Love," which I am told DRC read it some time ago. I got to about chapter three and it reminded me of another book, "In His Steps" by Charles M. Sheldon written in 1896. I had read this book years ago and decided to read it again. It is unfortunately a fiction story. This book prompted a youth group to come up with all the WWJD jewelry and accessories to get the message across. It seems to fit in with the Mission Statement of DRC and the Women's Ministry. I want to encourage you to read it, so there will be a few copies available for you to borrow on the Women's Ministry table (men too). Don't just read it, do something with it. I look forward to all that God will be doing in 2011 within the Women's Ministry. Any woman that would like to be a part of reshaping the Women's Ministry is invited to come to the planning meeting on **Sunday, January 9, at 4:00 p.m.** in the conference room.

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## A NEW TRADITION AT DRC

"A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before the great." Proverbs 18:16



Setting aside the month of January for stewardship emphasis will be a new tradition at DRC as of 2011. We are calling the entire congregation to join together to seek the Lord and His glory in the discipleship of being good stewards this month.

Our Stewardship Committee has selected Proverbs 18:16 as the theme scripture for this year's Stewardship Month. We want to encourage you to use this scripture for meditation and prayer throughout this month. Here are some suggestions for doing this.

- Read it every day.
- Pray for God's direction to you as you read it.
- Memorize this verse.
- Give time each day to listen to the Lord as He speaks His message of this verse to you.
- Pray for your family according to His direction in this verse.
- Pray for you church family according to His direction in this verse.

Throughout the month there will be dramatic presentations, lessons from the Bible, testimonies, and prayer focusing us on the Biblical call to follow Jesus as good stewards of the gifts of God. May He be honored in His church as we devote ourselves to being good stewards.

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# United

**Sunday's from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Youth, don't miss this opportunity to study the Word of God and fellowship with your peers. This is a vital part of your spiritual growth...make an effort to attend...you will be blessed!

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# The Way

**Wednesday's 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.**

All youth are encouraged to attend as we build community and reach others with the Gospel of Christ's love and forgiveness. Come join us as we follow the path God has for us! You are all important, and it takes all of you working together as the Body of Christ to make this grow. Make this a regular part of your week and be ready for what God will do.

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# Camp Deposits Due



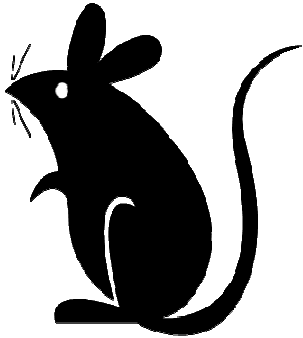
January 23<sup>rd</sup>

\$100 per camper

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## **CHARLIE CHURCHMOUSE...from a corner**



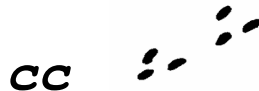
"Money, money, money....that's all the church is interested in."

I've heard more than one person express some form of that thought as I've been dropping my eaves around over the past many years as a Churchmouse. In fact, with January being designated for Stewardship Month why don't we just call it Money Month? Or better yet, The Church's Hand In Your Pocket Month? Apart from the obvious, that Stewardship Month is about honoring God by being good managers of the time and treasure as well as the money He gives us, I can't think of a single reason. Oh, and also that it isn't about how much we give to the church, but about putting all of the money He give us to the best use.

All of that aside, money is needed by the church if she is to do ministry in our world. Churchpeople, you all know that it takes cash to pay the bills, support the missions, fund the programs, and care for those who work for us at the church. And guess what, God has a very good plan for meeting all the needs for ministry. Don't tell me. Let me guess. It's ...bingo in the basement! No? Wait, I know. It's ...hitting it lucky in the lottery! Okay, this time I'll get it right. It's ...telling really sad stories and pulling on the heart-strings of churchpeople. None of the above?

Well then what is God's plan for paying for the costs of the ministry of His Church? Maybe somebody will tell us during Stewardship Month.

**Better be makin' tracks,**



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