

The Connection

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Issue 1

WINGS Annual Planning Meeting

All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend the WINGS Annual Planning Meeting scheduled for **January 29th at 6pm.** Join us as we share ideas and make plans for the new church year.



WOMEN'S MEETING

Sunday Fellowship Meal

Join us January 22nd at Noon for our monthly 4th Sunday Fellowship Meal!

Please join us for a great time of food and fellowship after the morning worship service. This meal will be "potluck" style with each person or family choosing the dishes they would like to bring. The purpose of the gathering is that everyone, both members and guests, be able to come and relax, eat, have fun, and get to know each other better. **Invite a friend!**

Prayer Blanket Ministry



A new blanket is currently on display in the Women's Bible Study classroom. **Be sure to drop by and pray.**

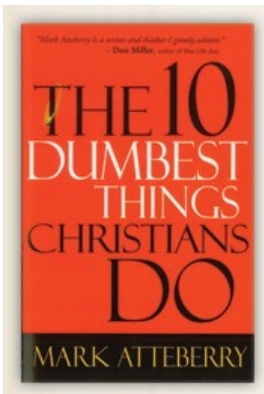
Missions Committee Meeting

Monday, January 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in global outreach, the missions team is for you. Even if you have never attended a meeting in the past, we would love to have you and your input at our January meeting. This meeting is vitally important for planning our year's giving. Please consider joining us in this exciting ministry opportunity!



One Smart Book



There's a book you've just got to read. It's called *The 10 Dumbest Things Christians Do*. It's written by Mark Atteberry, Pastor of a Christian Church in Poinciana, Florida. Mark is a terrific author and this book is one terrific book. His book for men, *The Samson Syndrome*, is one of the best I've ever read.

Check out these chapter titles from Mark's book:

Dumb Move #1: Slinging Mud on the Bride of Christ

Dumb Move #2: Winning People to the Church Rather Than to the Lord

Dumb Move #3: Living Below the Level of Our Beliefs

Dumb Move #4: Speaking Above the Level of Our Knowledge

Dumb Move #5: Hopping from Church to Church

Dumb Move #6: Fighting Among Ourselves

Dumb Move #7: Missing Golden Opportunities

Dumb Move #8: Settling for Mediocrity

Dumb Move #9: Allowing Wolves to Live Among the Sheep

Dumb Move #10: Accepting the Unacceptable

The Chapter on Church Hoppers is worth the price of the book. Here's a snippet to whet your appetite: "With all the new Bible translations, software packages, study aids, teaching conferences, and wonderful Christian books that are available nowadays, how is it possible that a conscientious Christian could be malnourished? Unless he's sitting around waiting to be spoon-fed. My advice for any starving Christian is to pick up your fork and eat! The bottom line: Chronic church hoppers love to be

catered to, doted on, and spoon-fed. And when they aren't, they're gone."

We've all done some of these dumb things over the years. And we all could benefit from Mark's book. Let me encourage you to get a copy and read it.

It will be one of the smartest things you do all year.

Yours, and His,

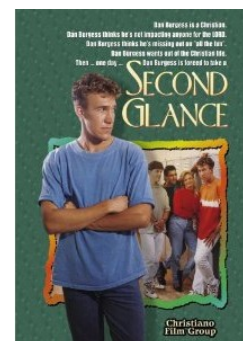
Pastor David

Library Corner

Second Glance

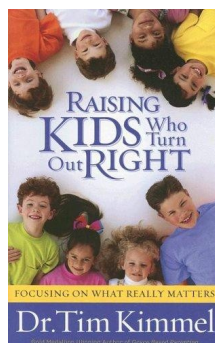
by Christian Film Group

Dan Burgess is a senior in high school who is questioning whether his Christian commitment is worth it. He thinks he is missing out on all of the "fun." So one night Dan wishes he had never become a Christian. Does he get his wish?



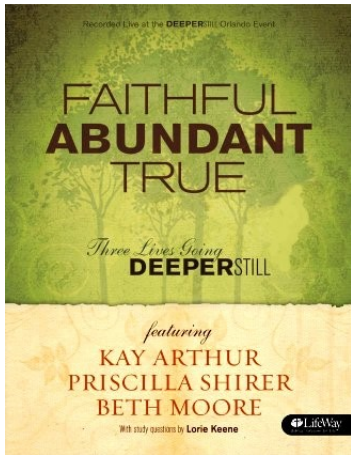
Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right

by Tim Kimmel



Every parent hopes their kids will turn out right. They pray that when their children leave the nest, they will be ready to face the world. There are steps you can take to prepare your children for the challenges ahead. However, you will need an effective game plan. Tim Kimmel outlines a strategy for positive parenting that gives you reachable goals while allowing for your personal parenting style. Make the most of the time you have with your child.

Deeper Still Study for Women



We are offering a women's Bible study that meets monthly on Sunday nights at 6 pm. We'll be studying Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore's Deeper Still lessons called Faithful, Abundant and True.

Joanne Ling has graciously offered her home for us to meet. We'd love to have you. If you have questions ask Joanne Ling or Jan Shafer.

Wednesday Night Encounter

Wednesday Meal

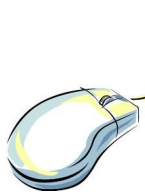
Served from 5:30 – 6:10

Cost = \$2.50 per person up to a maximum of \$10 per family (4 and under eat free)

Classes for All Ages

6:30 – 7:30

Join us each Wednesday evening!



Did you know... that you can listen to each week's sermon, download the sermon and outline, or subscribe to OPCC's Sermon Podcast by visiting our church website @ www.oakwoodparkcc.org

The Truth Project

**A 12 Session Adult Study Series
Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m.
Beginning January 11th**

A biblical worldview. It can mean the difference between deeply knowing and living in God's truths or endlessly seeking significance through worldly values and pursuits. It means knowing that God has a plan for *everything* and by following those plans we can have life to its fullest.

Focus on the Family's **The Truth Project** small group study is designed to equip believers with a comprehensive biblical worldview. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. Twelve one-hour lessons discuss in detail God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. Most importantly, it addresses the need to marry our actions with our core beliefs. What this series of lessons does is nothing short of transformational. Don't miss them!



January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	2	3	4 B—Alex Ling Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	5	6	7 B—Linda Young
8 B—Dixie Thomas 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	9 B—Mavis Hawkins	10	11 Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	12	13 A—Randy & Janice Menefee	14
15 B—Lisa Flinn 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	16	17 B—Rick Schumacher	18 Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	19 B—Georgia Fraker	20 B—Roger Raether	21
22 B—Jonathon Vasa 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship 12:00 4th Sunday Potluck	23 7:00 Missions Meeting	24	25 Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	26	27	28
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Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Celebration 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Meal..... 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Encounter.....6:30 p.m.

"Our purpose is to make disciples for Jesus Christ, of our family, friends, neighbors and all peoples, throughout Sioux Falls, the surrounding areas and ultimately the world. By the empowering of the Holy Spirit, we will invest all facets of our lives in order that all may be presented complete in Christ to the glory of God."

