



Pastor Ed Algya - March 10, 2013

"The Unseen War"

Welcome to VVCC! If you are not a regular attender, please take a moment to complete the Welcome Card in the chair in front of you and place it in the offering or in the collection box near the exit.

Nursery- Pre-K: We provide care for infants thru Pre-K during Sunday's service.

Sunday School: Grades K-5.

Children's Church: First Sunday of each month for K-5 graders.

Child Cry Room: Audio is also in our Fellowship Hall for parents of crying children.

The Intersection: Grades 9-12 -Wednesdays@7 pm in VVCC's youth lounge.

Middle School Youth Group: Wednesdays 7-8:30 at VVCC. Contact Chris or Heather Kassing for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Cedar Rapids Mission Team: March 15th - 18th In 2008 we sent a team to Cedar Rapids, IA to serve a church who had been affected by the flooding that year. Now they would like to come and serve us! It is encouraging to see how hospitable our church has been in offering to house the students. Below are two events that I want to encourage everyone to attend to welcome and get to know our guests.

- Saturday, March 16th @ 7:30pm we will be joining in a time of testimonies and worship to encourage one another by hearing what God is doing in our midst.

- Sunday, march 17th @ Noon we will be hosting a POT LUCK for the students after church. Please bring a main and side dish to make sure there will be enough for all.

A list will be posted in the Fellowship Hall of all the other activities that will be occurring. If you are interested in inviting our neighborhood to the Lamb, praying on the Porch, serving at the Central MO Food Bank or My Life Clinic please check to see when these events are happening and join in serving our community alongside our guests.

St Peters Mission Trip: Monday, March 25-Saturday, March 30. What a great way to spend our week before Easter Sunday serving our sister church, Life Spring Community Church. Activities will include Praying on the Porch, serving those in need with basic home repair and reaching out to a local high school and college. The only expense we will have will be gas and food, making the trip relatively inexpensive @ \$50/person. We would also like to encourage those who could not get off work to come down for Friday and Saturday to spend time with the church and serve. If you are interested in attending please write "St Peters" on your welcome card.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)- For the month of March we will be collecting socks and t-shirts for boys and girls ages 2-12 yrs. Please drop off all NEW items at the OCC table in the back of the sanctuary.

The Lamb: Practice will be after church today from 1-3!

- Upcoming practices: March 10, 1-3pm (practice); March 16th 8-noon (set building); March 17th (Rehearsal)

- Grab some invites in the lobby and invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Adult Sunday school: Youth Lounge 8:30 - 9:30am

- Well we made it through the Great Flood of Genesis 7 and 8 this morning. Next week we will see what God thinks about vineyards, dysfunctional families and rainbows in Genesis 9. Hope to see you there!

Men's Meeting: 7pm @ 905 West Prairieview Lane (Jim Wagner's house). Bring an encouraging word and your Bible.

Faith Walkers Devotionals are in! They are located on the table out in the foyer. Pick one up!

VVCC Directory - Update your contact information if necessary on a welcome card. The updated Directory will be out soon on a table in the Lobby

"For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms" Eph. 6:12(NLT)

Two Basic Truths

1. There is an unseen world- "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Eph. 1:3

"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:6

2. We are involved in an unseen war- "Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia." Daniel 10:12-13

Three Areas The War Is Taking Place

In Our Minds- "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ." 2 Cor. 11:3

• The Enemies Weapon- Lies "Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'... "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman." Gen. 3:1,4

• Our Defense- God's Word "He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." 2 Peter 1:4

In Our Bodies- "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." 1 Cor. 6:19-20

• The Enemies Weapon- Suffering, Physical Weakness "So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head." Job 2:7

• Our Defense- God's Grace 2 Cor12:7-10

In Your Will- "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." Phil. 2:13

•The Enemies Weapon- Pride "A man's pride brings him low..." Prov. 29:23

•Our Defense- Prayer (Humility) "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." James 4:10