



The Hope Reporter

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Sunday Worship 8 AM & 10:30 AM Christian Education 9:15 A.M.

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2010

The Eggs Hatched!

For about five weeks my family and I have watched a real life nature documentary unfold in our backyard! We have been watching Sandhill cranes as they laid eggs, sat on them and finally this past week, they hatched! These cranes have been on our minds a lot (they are fairly noisy too) and some sleep has been lost worrying about these little guys. But I know I have learned some valuable lessons that are helpful for us all to remember:



1) The importance of teamwork: One weekend it was raining buckets and the water rose quickly. It looked as though the nest with the eggs would soon be underwater and lost. The mom sat helplessly on the eggs keeping them warm and as dry as possible. The dad just stood there helpless too. For just a moment though. They both then sprung into action and kept building up the nest, grabbing twigs, grass and anything else they could get their beaks on. They worked well together and the babies were saved.

2) Perseverance: It has been unseasonably cool (some may say cold), even these last two months. Those cranes switched off every two hours or so and sat on those eggs in the freezing cold, in the sloppy rain, in the midst of the darkness of night and in the knowledge many predators would love to have omelets. But they stayed the course and kept on even when they were tired, uncomfortable and all seemed lost.

3) Hope in the face of doubt: Even as I write this, the cranes are out my window. One chick is vibrant and chippy, the other is feeble and weak. The odds are stacked against him. He may not last the day. But then again, we never know what is in store.

I pray this Easter season you will hold onto the Hope we have in our Risen Lord and that you would stay the course of your Christian faith, even when you are tired and uncomfortable and all hope may seem to be lost.

Remember that eggs are a symbol of Easter for a reason: It represents new life, just as Jesus emerges from the tomb. When all hope seemed lost, God answered with a resounding word of love, forgiveness and grace! God bless you this Easter!

In Christ,

Pastor Moreno

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Apr. 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY : The
True Deliverer @ Hope @ 6:30 PM

Apr. 2 GOOD FRIDAY : True Glory
@ Hope @ 6:30 PM

Apr. 4 EASTER : True Life @ Hope
@ 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Apr. 4 Easter Egg Hunt & Easter
Breakfast @ 9:15 AM



Financial Peace University *You can Join anytime!*

Financial Peace University (FPU) consists of a 13-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey—that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Financial Peace University is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice and biblical messages. More than one million families have already had their lives changed by attending FPU. There is a cost involved, so talk to pastor if you are interested. Top five reasons why you should take this course:

- 1) On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt & saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program!
- 2) It includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, & more!
- 3) Learn step-by-step Cash Flow Planning.
- 4) Learn the Debt Snowball Plan Technique to Eliminating Debt
- 5) Learn How to Invest Wisely



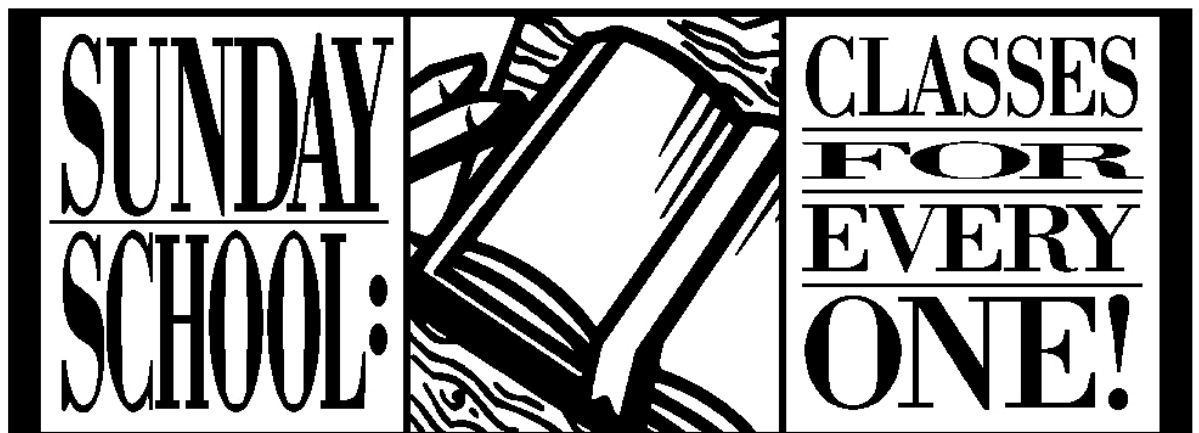
I'm Inspired By...

Many things inspire me: Playful children, hard working friends and yes, even Pastor Moreno's recent sermons. A few weeks back, while sitting through Pastor's sermon and wondering why my chair was so hard, I became inspired. He spoke of talents and time and I realized I've been lazy lately. You see I had once again allowed our wonderful Pastor's wife, Raquel, to teach a Sunday School lesson to the children for me as I hadn't gotten my materials from her. So feeling moved I decided to offer to take over the administrative side of the lower grades Sunday School.

We are embarking on an exciting adventure to make our Sunday School program easier and hopefully more enjoyable to teach. Instead of 2 moms pairing up to teach we will go to a family co-op situation. Each Sunday a different family will volunteer to teach the lesson. At the start of each month I will give the family their teaching packet with all the needed supplies. This will help relieve some of the work load off of Raquel and allow families to be apart of their children's Christian education. If you are interested in taking part in teaching, even if you haven't a child in the age group, please let me know. We are always excited for new helpers. It takes a whole church to bring up a child in faith.

Blessings In Christ,

Jen Decker



APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

		Reader	Greeter	Sunday School (9:15)
Apr. 4	8 AM	L. McLaughlin	The Eckmans	No Sunday School
	10:30	D. Lawrence	The Quilitzschs Family	
Apr. 11	8 AM	L. Kerley	The Cowarts	Amanda Eckman
	10:30	E. Havens	The Nienass Family	
Apr. 18	8 AM	S. Minster	The McLaughlins	Angie Cowart
	10:30	E. Doerr	The Jones Family	
Apr. 25	8 AM	D. Burrier	The Morrisons	Raquel Moreno
	10:30	T. McLeran	The Decker Family	

Financial Snapshot Feb. 2010

	Feb. Actual
Income	\$8,555.57
Expenses	\$7,964.43
Building Fund	\$1,815.36

April Birthdays

12 Matthew Thompson Sr.
16 Barbara Starinsky
29 Luke Havens

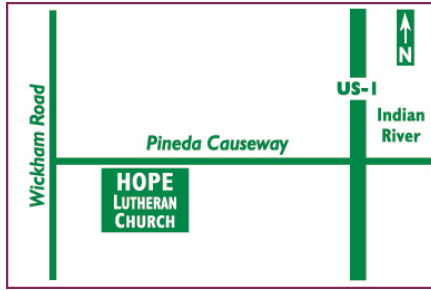
Hope VBS: Planet Zoom June 21-25, 2010

Planet Zoom is a zip, zap, zoomin' good time for kids of all ages. There's a whole new world Planet Zoom where little is BIG. Kids will meet Scout, a bee in the Planet Zoom hive, and four other bee friends who will guide them through the week. Scout and his friends will guide children through five amaz-z-zing Bible stories that will teach them to be bold bee-lievers of Jesus. Together, Scout, kids, and even leaders will learn about how:

Planet Zoom shares new perspective that encourages even the littlest bee-lievers to make a big difference in God's big world. No child is too young to understand the depth of Jesus' love. So prepare yourself for a swarmin' good time. Bee Bold. Bee-lieve. Be HIS!

Registration begins April 15th so keep an eye out!





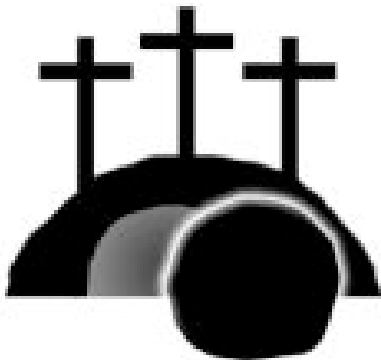
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Important Dates: A First Look at April 2010



April 1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM

April 2 Good Friday 6:30 PM

April 4 Easter Worship 8 & 10:30 AM

April 4 Easter Breakfast &

Egg Hunt 9:15 AM

Tuesday Nights - Financial Peace

University 7 PM

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship	2 6:30 PM Good Friday Worship	3
4 Worship 8 & 10:30 Breakfast 9:15 AM Egg Hunt 9:15 AM AA 7 PM	5	6 10 AM Water Song Bible Study 1 PM Hebrews Bible Study @ FVLC 7 PM Financial Peace University	7 8AM & 7:30 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Confirmation at FVLC	8 9 AM MOPS Melbourne	9 9:30 AM Card Making Pastor Moreno Navy Drill	10 Pastor Moreno Navy Drill
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Women's Small Group

The Wednesday morning Women's Small Group will be starting a new book in April. Please join us at 10 am for a cup of coffee as we are uplifted by friendship and God's Word. For more information contact Dorothee Jones.

Elementary, Junior & Senior Youth Ministry

We offer three Sunday morning youth ministry opportunities, all at 9:15 AM. Please join us!

Elementary Youth (K through 4th grade) Bible Study- Led by rotation of volunteer families in the congregation

Junior Youth (5th-8th grade) Bible Study- Led by Scott Minster

Senior Youth (9th-12th grade) Bible Study- Led by Tracey McLaughlin

Junior & Senior Youth Calendar

The Sr. High Youth Group meets every Sunday (except Easter) in April at 6 PM in the Ministry Center at FVLC. The Jr. Youth Group meets Wednesdays at FVLC in April for confirmation and Junior Youth nights.

THE OUTREACH CORNER

In March Hope had a great Outreach event with our first Hope Video Game Tournament. Over 25 children from over four different elementary schools came for an evening of competition, fun, pizza, and snacks. We had three Wii systems running: Wii Sports, Mario Kart, and LEGO Rock Band. Thank you to our youth: Parker McLaughlin, Luke Havens, and Achi Jones, for overseeing each game and Frederika Jones for keeping the concessions going.

As I write, we are preparing for another Easter Egg Hunt at Grand Haven Park on March 27th. We have 4000 plastic eggs filled with toys or candy ready for the youngsters. Fliers will be handed out to our guests at the park and display tables will be set up with information about Hope and Christ on Campus, our outreach program to Suntree, Quest, and Ralph Williams Elementary schools. Come out and enjoy the fellowship. The hunt is for children 0 – 11, so bring your friends.

Our new visitor ministry has begun. When we have a first time visitor and they have signed the guest book with their address, we are delivering a baked good along with a letter from Pastor and our church's tri-fold. To cover the greater Melbourne, Rockledge, Palm Bay, and beach communities, we are looking for a few more volunteers. It's just a knock on the door with a smile to let our guests know we appreciate their visit and hope they return. Please let me know if you can help out with this ministry. Please e-mail me at dotjimbo@bellsouth.net or call me at 984-9707. Thank you, Dorothee Jones