

Community Stuff

We don't "go to Scum." We are Scum of the Earth Church.

1. Good Friday Service

When: April 10th.

What: Individual Worship Experience from 6 – 7PM & Corporate Worship Experience from 7 – 8PM

Where: Our church bldg.

2. Groups of Three

Get involved in meaningful encouragement and accountability. Contact Kimberly Claire or Josh Cook

kimberlyclaire81@hotmail.com
jrcook1@gmail.com

3. Study the Gospel of John

Tuesday Evenings at 7PM
Contact Sam and Sarah Booth @ 720-936-2970

4. The Book of Mark (a Bible Study for Women)

Every other Monday,
7:30PM at the Scum Office.
Contact Jessi Heilmann
@ 303.204.3070 or
jaych2@yahoo.com

5. Rummage Sale

To benefit the Scotland Mission Trip –
April 18th 10 AM-ish to
Afternoonish

SOTEC Staff News

The big news, of course, is the upcoming Joshua Peebles and Liann Adamczyk wedding. Expect them both to be gone quite a bit in April because of their honeymoon and receptions in both Toledo and Chicago. Please pray for them and their families!

In addition, Joshua and Mike Sares will be keynote speakers at the Alliance for Renewal Conference (AKA "The Rebel Alliance") in Ohio on April 24 & 25. Other Scum staff – Leann and Kimberly – will be helping out by leading workshops, as will Mary Sares.

Church Council Update

Heather Walaszek resigned as a Council member at our regular March meeting. We will miss you, Heather! Your wisdom and experience were a great benefit to Scum during some eventful times.

Then, while discussing SOTEC polity issues (for six hours) during a special meeting held later in March, we decided that we needed to appoint a person to fill out the remainder of Heather's term for 2009.

Please pray for this process, and pray for the Council as it tries to complete our church polity document.

You should know that even after trimming our Sunday offering budget by 25%, we are still not making it financially. Scum is running about \$1000 short per month. We are okay at the moment because we are only spending what we absolutely have to spend, but we are unable to do what we feel we need to do as a church.

**I am the LORD, the God of all the peoples of the world.
Is anything too hard for me?** Jeremiah 32:27

Why does God find it necessary to state the obvious?

The context here is of impending judgment upon Jerusalem. The Israelites had turned their backs on God and done all sorts of evil for hundreds of years. God was allowing the Babylonians, a godless nation, to lay waste to the city and take the people into captivity (fulfilling the things he said through the prophet Isaiah as well). But that's not all. He was also promising a new beginning for His people. They would return to the land. He would restore them and, "give them singleness of heart and action ... for their own good and the good of their children after them." In short, they would honor the Lord with awe once again.

If there are two things we Christians have trouble believing, they are that we will be judged by the Lord and that He would restore us. Our capacity for self-deception is immense. We actually believe we can get away with sin indefinitely, so God finds it necessary to state the obvious -- that our sins will be judged because, "I am the LORD, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?" The other thing we can't believe (once we are feeling so sorry for ourselves that we can't imagine God ever being good to us again) is that He would even want to restore us, much less do it! So God says to us, "I am the LORD, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?"

With God, all things are possible -- even disciplining and loving people like us. We need to be reminded, so He states the obvious.

