

Community Stuff

Some of the stuff going on:

1. Come Celebrate!

Woody and Janny Potter would like you to celebrate their marriage with them! Come dressed up and ready to dance at their potluck reception.

When: November 1st from 7-11 PM / Where: our church bldg. Details: woody@gmail.com

2. Men's Breakfast

First Sunday of each month (So the next one will be November 2nd) Contact Josh Cook @ 720.244.4020 or jrcook1@gmail.com

3. Study the Gospel of John

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

4. Woodworking Small Group

Guys & Gals on Saturday mornings
Contact Jesse Heilmann @ 303.902.1759 or jaych2@yahoo.com

5. Moms' Group

For young moms who'd like to hang out together with the kiddos! Contact Leanor Ortega Till @ 720.838.9544 or leanor_ortega@hotmail.com

6. Young Marriage Group

Six weeks. Start Thursday Nov 6 @6:30 PM @ Crofts undercurrentalc@hotmail.com

SOTEC Staff News

The big surprise was Tim Dunbar's telling us that he will be resigning. We love the guy, and he will leave a big hole in our hearts. We are working on getting his responsibilities covered (with his help). Looks like Jesse Heilmann will be taking over the financial stuff. We don't know about who'll help with the Morning Church yet.

Meanwhile, Josh Peebles is in Uganda, Africa, for two weeks teaching at a conference for pastors there sponsored by the *International Bible Society*. Pray for both these guys!

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE

This is the brand-spankin' new monthly newsletter for all

Scumbags and Scumbaguettes, aptly named,

"Scum Rubbish," in keeping with 1Cor. 4:13. We'll cover four basic areas and briefly let everyone know what's going on with our community, with the church council, with Scum staff, and with God (okay ... what is meant by that last category is that we'll have some kind of devotional every month ... we have no idea all that God is up to. Our understanding is miniscule, but we will, in a small way, attempt to encourage folks in their walks with Jesus. After all, He is the reason we are together in a church called Scum of the Earth, right?)

Church Council Update

Jim Croft, Karen Spurling, David Rapp, Heather Walaszek, Tim Dunbar, Amy Croft, and Mike Sares have made up the Scum Church Council this year. Soon, David and Tim will be cycling off the council (punny, yes?) and we'll have others voted on by our church leadership. The council was beginning to clarify Scum's church government (known as "polity") in May when all of a sudden its attention was diverted to buying a church building and all the stuff that entails! The council will get back to the polity issues presently.

Because no one at Scum knows a lot about owning buildings, the council has okayed a plan for a group of "trustees" who are donating their time. These are friends of SOTEC who have the experience we don't. David Rapp is leading this group. They'll suggest to the council what needs to be done for our building. The council will determine whether to do it. David is also the temporary scheduler for the building. All building use requests need to go through him. E-mail him at: david.rapp@qwest.com

While it is true that Scum has seen God's abundant financial provision in purchasing the church building at 935 W. 11th, monthly offerings have been extremely low all of 2008. We have used up our budgetary reserves (although we still have \$18,000 saved exclusively for building maintenance). The council will be deciding a course of action while creating a new budget for 2009.

Quotes to Chew On

Images of the Holy easily become holy images – sacrosanct. My idea of God is not a divine idea. It has to be shattered time after time. He shatters it Himself. He is the great iconoclast. Could we not almost say that this shattering is one of the marks of His presence? The Incarnation is the supreme example; it leaves all previous ideas of the Messiah in ruins. And most are offended by the iconoclasm; and blessed are those who are not. But the same thing happens in our private prayers.

- C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

"Once abolish the God, and the government becomes the God." - GK Chesterton, *Christendom in Dublin*, 1933

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. - CS Lewis, *Is Theology Poetry?*

"There are those who hate Christianity and call their hatred an all-embracing love for all religions." - GK Chesterton, *Illustrated London News*, 1/13/1906

