

Community Stuff

1. Ways you can get involved...

*Help in with clean up on Sunday evenings... contact Mollie at info@scumoftheearth.net

*Help with sound or powerpoint on Sunday Nights...contact Mollie at info@scumoftheearth.net

*Help at the Scoop on Sundays... contact John Hyde at info@scumoftheearth.net

2. Groups of Three

Get involved in meaningful encouragement and accountability. Contact Kimberly Claire or Josh Cook
kimberlyclaire81@hotmail.com
jrcook1@gmail.com

3. A new small group...with no name yet...

New coed group led by Julia and Fran on Thursdays at 6:30pm. It will be a topical scripture study on themes such as: prayer, the promises of God, and God's will for us. contact Julia or Fran at info@scumoftheearth.net if you are interested.

Church Council Update:

The Council, having successfully steered the church through the purchase and habitation of the 935 building, is deciding how to organize themselves to better serve scum in the future.

Special Feature: Morning Church

The Scum of the Earth morning group is a small community (usually around 30 on any given Sunday) that meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am for community breakfast and moves into a formal worship service at 10:15am. A core value of the morning group is learning how to live in community, seeking God together as a group and being responsive to what God is doing in our lives and how we can serve each other. On Sunday mornings we begin our worship with food and conversation (yes, there is usually bacon, and there is always lots of strong coffee). This is a great time to check in with each other and spend some good time with new people. The "church service" part of our worship begins with worship music for the children in our group (of all ages), and continues with a formal call to worship and scripture readings from the Lectionary in the Book of Common Prayer and the scriptures that our speaker will use. Like Scum at night, we have different speakers every week (normally the speaker for a given night teaches us in the morning that day as well), and we follow the themes being taught in the evening service. We often say prayers or creeds from the BOCF, and we participate in communion every week. The emphasis in the morning service is on participation in worship as a community. Ideas currently in development to promote community are monthly BBQ's and a weekly small group bible study. Come any time on a Sunday morning and check it out!



How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103

Most of us admit we ought to read the Bible more than we do. It seems like a chore so often that we can't relate when someone says it's, "sweeter than honey." We can understand *respect* for the laws of God, but it's hard to understand them as *delicious*. There are moments when obeying biblical commands feels a lot like being left alone in a chocolate shop with no money during lent.

I think the satisfaction referred to in this Psalm is more than love of the Bible as literature. It is more than the pleasure of a good conscience because you did what the Bible said a couple times. The man who wrote Psalm 119 finds great delight in God's statutes (verse 16), they are his hidden treasure (14); they are his song (54); they are better than silver and gold (72); they excite a wonder in him (18). In the words of C.S. Lewis, "This ... is the language of a man ravished by moral beauty." In short: real, authentic, genuine, honest-to-goodness **TRUTH** is sweet, delightful, musical, precious and wonderful. When your life veers off-course heading for a cliff, God's words are a guardrail. When you don't understand how to act, the Bible is a counselor. When you don't know what to say, there is tremendous wisdom within the pages. When you need strength, God's words encourage you. When you are trapped in sin, the Bible is your map out. When you need to see what you're really like, God's word is a mirror. When you need a Savior, the Bible introduces Him. And that, my friends, is sweet.

Your brother,
Mike (with a lot of help from CSL's book on *Psalms*)

SOTEC NEWS:

Keep up with the Dylans on their new blog:
scumgypsywagon.wordpress.com

The 11th Ave Gallery is taking a break this month, so you'll have to wait until October for the next opening!