

VINE LIFE 2012



January Newsletter of the Vineyard of Licking County

A Disciple loves God, follows Jesus, & Serves People

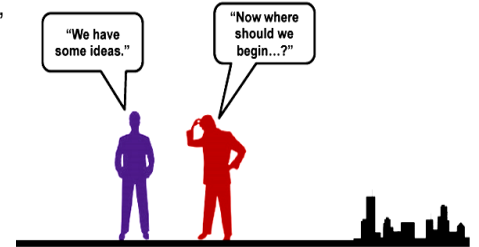
Happy New Year! What will the year 2012 bring for us as a church family? Most are hoping that it will not be as bad and tough as last year or the last 10 years! Now with the war in Iraq ended we have the prospect of rest, right? Hardly. What do we do? Someone said, they wish to just go home, bury their head in a pillow and pretend the world and problems do not exist. Others expect it and hope they'll survive. Some run. Some hide.

Followers of Christ should face life and its struggles with confidence. We should not go into hiding nor get overwhelmed! Habakkuk was a prophet long before Jesus and knew how to face a new year. WE NEED a FRESH VISION FROM GOD (Habakkuk 1:1-2:1)

I sometimes struggle to hear a WORD from God. Habakkuk also struggled with God's seeming silence, inactivity and indifference. The prophet questioned God for inactivity in the midst of lawlessness and injustice. "How could you?"

Daniel Villa (a Church of God pastor in Hong Kong) describes Habakkuk's dilemma this way:

God's answered him (Habakkuk) by saying that He has been doing something all along. His seeming silence did not mean inactivity. The fact is God has been into something – raising up the Babylonians. We learn from Habakkuk's encounter with God about God's sovereignty. He is in control of the world. He is not indifferent to injustice and to abuses. He has set a day of reckoning.



Ouch! Pastor Villa is acknowledging that God is overseeing the whole world – not just His chosen (Abraham's descendents). God told the same thing to Job. "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Universe?" We need to remember the BIG picture and be willing to play any part, no matter how small, that our LORD would offer us.

Thus, face the New Year with a Commitment to Trust God (Habakkuk 2:2-20). Habakkuk 2:20 describes God as being in control.

"But the LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him."

God directs both the world's and man's affairs. He rules from His holy temple absolutely. It's time to be silent before God. It's time to trust the LORD.

God was saying, "leave the world to Me. Let Me run the world. Stop trying to run it for Me." Instead we are to: Wait for what is to come. Wait for the promise. Our hope lies in the coming of the promise (Jesus - the Messiah)

So what is the promise? The writer of Hebrews helps us understand what to wait for? In Hebrews 10:35-39

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."

This passage tells us that the object of our waiting is not a thing, not a what, but a person, a whom. We wait for God. God's presence, His revelation is our source of strength in times of trouble. **To know that He is with you is the key to life.**

Habakkuk's tells us further that such waiting for God is not to be done passively, but to *wait in faith*, or to *wait faithfully*. The righteous person will remain faithful to God. While waiting we are to be faithful to our commitment to Jesus Christ.

Face the New Year with a Commitment to Joyfully Express your trust that God has everything under control—in the world and in your life!

- † Habakkuk 3:1-2 shows what kind of prayer we could pray. Pray for Great Renewal of God's fame and God's work.
- † Habakkuk 3:3-15 declares God's deliverances. He saves his people.
- † Habakkuk 3:16 teaches us how to face our worst fear with great faith in God.
- † Habakkuk 3:17-19 contains one of the most amazing expressions of faith.

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to go on the heights."

Our call is not to wait in silence. Not biting our tongue while waiting. We are called to live joyfully because we know that God is in control and because you know that you could trust Him.



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So-o-o-o-o-o...as we begin the year, we do away with false hopes of the easy life. Our hope is in a sovereign God who rules from His holy temple. Resolve right now that 2012 will be OK. Why? Because your God is faithful! He loves you and so do I! Get READY, God has something NEW for VLC.

Happy New Year

Paula Star



Birthdays/Anniversaries

January

4 - Kyra Crabtree

5 - Carole Osborne

8 - Dean Meadows, Susan DeLong

10 - Edie Myers

11 - John Wysocki, Joshua Gant

12 - Sue Leffel

14 - Jerry DeLong

17 - Sandy Tonner

19 - Kevin Ford

21 - John Bova

22 - Ralph Goodin, Matt McDonald

24 - Josephine Redman

26 - Ralph Curtiss

27 - Bill Creager, Brenda Bova

28 - Judy Davis

29 - Denise Duval

31 - Robert Schooler



1/1/94 - Dennis & Sandy Barrett



1/10/03 - Anthony & Heather Payton

If your name has not been listed for your birthday/anniversary, call us: 364-1750.

Prayer Requests

Tracey Hart and family

Gennie and Randy Agin

Ralph and Margaret Curtiss

Ruth & James Ailes

Bud and Raynola StClair

Florence Noblick

Hazel Santa

Emily Gambrel

John Wysocki & family

The men/women in the military



Our Love and Sympathy goes out to Troy Harper and family and friends of **Mildred Harper** who passed away December 14th.

New Baby

Congratulations to Scott and Rebecca Adams on the birth of their second son, Jack Hunter born on November 16th. He has a big brother, Sammie. He played the part of baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Newcomers' Class

Next Opportunity

Are you committed to this ministry? We invite you to come on board and serve our Lord with us! Our next Newcomer's Class will be on January 22, 2012 from 4:30 to 8:00 PM.

Join us for a great time getting to know each other and hearing the vision that God has laid on our hearts!

Child care is available.

Sign up now and we'll remind you when it gets here!

Call 364-1750 or visit our Welcome Center.

Goosepond Worship

EVERYONE is welcome to our monthly worship service for the residents of Goosepond Retirement Village on Sunday, January 1 at 2 PM. Bill Hagerman will be the speaker and be in charge of music.

Communion is always offered to the residents.

Words of Wisdom

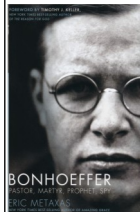
Faith in God gives the ability to find God's plans

—Rev. W.R. Newhall

How easy it is to forget that the things of the Spirit are so much more powerful than material things.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

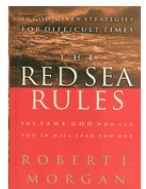
ALL PASTOR'S PICKS FOR 2011 WILL BE REDUCED 20% THIS MONTH ONLY! INCLUDING THESE TWO PHENOMINAL READS



The Red Sea Rules: 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times
-by Robert J. Morgan

and

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy
-by Eric Metaxas



Feeling trapped? About to drown?

Just as Moses and the Israelites found themselves caught between the devil and the deep Red Sea, "so are we sometimes overwhelmed by life's problems, But God delivered the Israelites and He will deliver us, too.

The Red Sea Rules reveals, even the midst of seemingly impossible situations, God's promise to make a way for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, marital strife, financial problems — whatever challenges Satan places in our path. This little book will be one that you will pick up again and again. These insights into God Word are real, practical and powerful!

PRAISE FOR "BONHOEFFER: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's great gift is that his understanding of faith in times of conflict speaks to generation after generation.

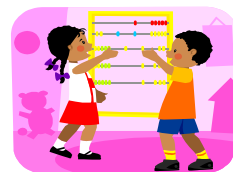
"This is a MASTERPIECE THAT READS LIKE A GREAT NOVEL and weaves together in one opus an understanding of Bonhoeffer's theology, the complex and tragic history of the 20th century Germany, and the human struggle of a true Christian hero. Eric Metaxas is claiming his place as the preeminent biographer of Christianity's most courageous figures." (Martin Doblmeier)

Will we ever be called upon to take a stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Dietrich Bonhoeffer? Maybe, maybe not, but I can assure you, this book could help you should you ever face such a challenge. Both of these books would make excellent Christmas gifts! Also, be sure to grab your gift cards here at the bookstore! Give gifts that bring dividends towards our ministry!

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The Little School with the BIG Heart!



Vineyard

Men's Ministry of Licking County



Who: Men - all ages, sizes and colors!

Leader: Howie Broyles

What: NEW Men's Fellowship Group

When: Every Thursday at 6:00 AM

Where: 37 South Park Place

(next to John Edward Price Flower Shop on the square just across the street from Wendy's)

Contact Number: 740.405.0242

Our vision for Men's Ministry is seeing godly character and spiritual maturity formed in men so that they are enabled to become godly servant-leaders in the home, the church, the community and the workplace.

We will meet every Thursday and the topic will be the previous Sunday's sermon! Coffee will be ready and waiting and yes, tell your friends! Remember to bring your BIBLE!

The Vineyard Men's Ministry exists...

- To draw men into real relationship with Christ
- To mature men into spiritual leaders
- To build long term accountable relationships
- To serve the our church and community in the fulfillment of the Great Commission

Attention ALL Men!

Check out a Cluster
this week!

Cluster Page



A "Cluster" is the name for our HOME GROUPS and they are the life-blood of this ministry. It is here we experience the family aspect of ministry. It is a safe place to learn and grow and connect with the body of Christ. All our home groups are open, friendly and waiting just for you to join in the fun and fellowship they all offer!

CLUSTER DETAILS:

Sunday - **"Coming Soon!"** - Leader, Anthony Payton - 522-4323
(Not meeting during December) Meets at 6:00 PM - 1101 Daisy Lane, Heath

Monday **"For Him"** - Leader, Dean Meadows - 366-2327
Meeting at Dean & Joyce Meadows, 532 Myrtle Ave, Newark at 7:00 PM

Wednesday - **"New Wine"** - Leader, Becky Downing 745-3407
Meets at 6:30 PM at Rhonda Loomis', 870 W. Church St Newark
"All Who Are Thirsty" - Leader, Ron Redman (975-8427)
Meets at 6:30 PM at Doug and Grace Ayers', 24 Bluebonnet Dr, Heath
"Living Word" - Leaders, To Be Determined - 344-9309
Meets at 7:00 PM - at various homes
"In His Steps" - Leader, Jane Ridgeway - 323-2866
Meets at 7:00 PM - Dorothy DuBois', 613 King Ave, Newark
"ALPHA" - Leader, Pastor Steve Osborne - 364-1750 Starting soon!
Explore the basics of our faith, ask questions & make new friends!
"New Cluster" Leader, Rick Drumm meeting at the home of Rick and Desiree
Drumm, 668 Evans Street, Newark at 6:30 PM

Thursday - **"Dove"** - Leader, Jim & Ruth Ailes - 522-8176
Meets at 1:00 PM - 152 Woodsedge Circle, Heath (Carol Kurella's) 398-3020
"Ark of God" - Leaders, Frank Kennedy/Donnell Wallace 522-5860 (kids welcome)
Meets at 6:30 PM (2nd & 4th) at John/Brenda Bova's, 404 Welsh View Dr, Newark
"Body Parts Cluster" Leader, TBA
Meets at 6:30 PM - at various homes
Call Church for information

Friday - **"Joyful Noise"** - Leaders, Terry and Donna Dawson - 740-641-6856
Meets at 6:30 PM at various homes

Next ALPHA Cluster to begins soon!
Call the church for more information.

Visit the Cluster Wall, or you may contact the leaders
BUT, by all means, JOIN a CLUSTER!



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Plan to make 2012 your year to make JESUS your highest priority!



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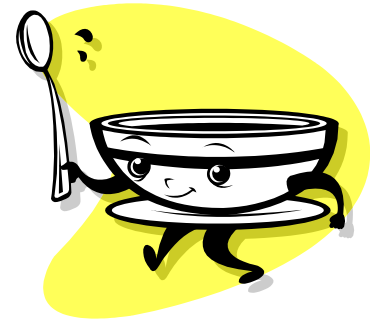
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What is a Christian?
A class for inquirers or new believers!
Coming Soon - 2012



Vineyard of Licking County - Sign up at Welcome Center
See Cluster Wall for details!

COMING JANUARY 8, 2012 CHILI COOK-OFF



WHO: Anyone and Everyone

WHAT: Bring a pot of chili that will be tasted and judged by everyone daring enough to taste your secret recipe.

We will also be serving salad, bread and beverages with the chili. If chili is not your specialty, then please bring a dessert to share.

WHERE: Vineyard of Licking County Cafe

WHEN: Sunday, January 8, 12:30 PM

WHY: For fun, fellowship and this is our Mission Fundraiser

QUESTIONS: Call the church office (364-1750) or Colleen

