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“AXIS”

Two more Sunday
mornings
Sept. 20th & 27th



The Spirit of UHBC



Newsletter – September, 2009

Are you experiencing “the full life”?

John 10:10

SMALL GROUPS

Monday night meetings

In the homes of:

Trevor Morris

Steve Goodrich

Robert McCurdy

Tuesday night meeting

In the home of

Danny Cotton

Calendar of Events

Sept. 18-19 WMA
Renewal Conference

Sept. 20 AWANA
skate party 2-5pm

Sept. 30 Family
Fellowship

Oct. 1 – Senior
Moments 7 pm.

Oct. 2-3 UHBC
Campout

Oct. 7 Quarterly
Business Meeting

Oct. 10 Unity
Association Meeting
9:00 am.

Oct. 31 Fall Fest

In John 10:10 the scripture says that Jesus “*came that we may have life, and have it more abundantly*”. However, a closer review of the Greek text reveals that the Greek word “**περισσόν**”, which is often translated “*abundantly*”, literally means “*life to the full*”. In fact, the word ζῶ contains the sense of “*living to the full*”, as opposed to βίω meaning basically “*being alive*” or in some cases only “*survive*”. So the question is, “are you experiencing the “full life” or are you simply alive and “surviving”.

From the public perspective, the casual observer probably wouldn’t think many of our lives are spiritually deficient. We attend church regularly, many of us are members of small groups, we pray before meals, tithe on our income (some even earning super-spiritual points for tithing on gross income rather than net), and we even profess our faith publicly before our neighbors with Christ-themed yard decorations at Christmas. Pretty good, huh?

But what about the inside, the part that only you and God know about, are things really that great? Are you really experiencing the “full life”? Some may say their life is good, but is it the real awesome and full life that Christ promised?

If not, chances are you have become the “*lukewarm Christian*” referred to in the third chapter of Revelation. And Jesus himself said in that text that “*lukewarm Christians*” make him want to “*spew them out of his mouth*”. Not exactly the image you had of yourself, huh?

Fortunately, there is good news. This is not the kind of life you were designed for, and Christ wants to help you to experience “*life to the fullest*”. However, the key to the “full life” is to remove yourself from the center of it. The center, or the “Axis”, of our life is a place that cannot be shared. Either you occupy it yourself, or you deny yourself that privilege, and allow Christ to reign supreme as the focus of life.

Jesus clearly taught that, “*if a man remains in [him] and [he] remains in them*” that they would “*bear much fruit*”. However, he also taught that, “*if anyone would come after [him], he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow [him]*”. Thus, the key to a “full”, fruit bearing life is denying our selfish desires and ambitions. We must “*seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, [then] all these things will be given to you as well*”.

The pursuit of our selfish ambitions and selfish desires will always leave our “glass of life” half empty. It’s time for a fill up. Let’s make sure we “*fix our eyes upon Jesus*” and “*seek first his kingdom*”. Then we will begin to experience “the full life”.

In Christ,
Trevor Morris

Church Directory

It is time for a new church **DIRECTORY!!** Pictures will be taken Wednesday, November 4 – Saturday, November 7. We realize this is opening of deer season, but there will be plenty of time on Wednesday and Thursday to accommodate the hunters!! More info will be given in the following weeks.



If you would like to furnish refreshments for the AWANA clubs, please let Nita Sargent know which Sunday night would be good for you. This is another great way to minister to the children.

Music Notes

We are about to start work on our Christmas music. Please be in prayer about being a part of this program. Rehearsal will begin in about 2 weeks. Come have fun with us as we glorify God in song. I appreciate all of you who have been faithful to serve in the choir. Your support makes my efforts much easier.

Steve

Fall Fest

It is that time of year again when Fall begins and we begin planning for our annual **FALL FEST** which will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is a really fun time for our children and adults. There will be games, food, candy and lots of fellowship.

We will need lots of volunteers to make this a success so let Danny know what area you would like to help with!!!

Silent Auction

Along with Fall Fest comes the Women's Ministries annual Silent Auction. This is our only fund raiser and we use the money to finance women's activities, purchase items for the church, and last year we donated one half of our Silent Auction funds to the AWANA program. So look around and see what you would donate for the Auction (please, no clothes or "garage sale" items). Certificates for services are acceptable.

Your donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall October 11 – October 18 and whoever has the highest bid at 8:00 p.m. on October 31 will get to take their treasure home!

AWANA Begins Second Year

Well, it is almost time to start AWANA. AWANA stands for "approved workmen are not ashamed" taken from II Timothy 2:15. Our goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him. We pray that you will bring your children from ages 3years – 6th grade. We want to kick off AWANA this year with a skate party at the Good Times Skate Arena on Sunday, September 29th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Athens. Regular skate rentals will be free, inline skates are \$3.00 or bring your own. Everyone is invited.

Sunday, September 27th will be registration from 6-7 p.m. The first AWANA meeting will be on Sunday, October 4th from 6:-7:30 p.m.

We have a lot of committed people to work in AWANA but if you feel God leading you to help, we can always use more helpers. We really have a great time with these kids teaching them scripture, games and council time (lesson) each week. Our workers are learning scriptures as they teach them to the kids. Psalms 119:105 teaches us that "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path". Psalms 119:11 teaches "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee". These are two good reasons to learn Gods Word.

Also, If your child has a handbook and uniform from last year, it may be used again if they are in the same club. If they are going to a new club, maybe we can resell your uniform to someone else. Come join us for "The Skate Party" and consider bringing your kids to AWANA.

Campout Oct.2-3

Bring your camper or tent and join us for UHBC's third annual campout! The church will furnish brisket and sausage and you can bring sides and desserts. Also, if you have wood for the bon fire, please bring it. Breakfast will be served Saturday morning in the fellowship hall.

Remodel Update

I know some of you are wondering when we are going to start on the remodeling of the Children's Wing. Well, Joe Cantrell has just about finished cleaning out the library and within a couple of weeks we will begin removing the wall and then start to sheetrock.

Steve



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Season's greetings!

A great way to add content to this newsletter is to include a calendar of upcoming events or a special memory that your family shares. You can also transcribe the words of a song or a poem onto the back of your newsletter to set the tone for the rest of your message.

With a little creativity and imagination, creating a holiday newsletter can be a great way to say "Season's Greetings!"

Our kids' favorite Christmas joke:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?

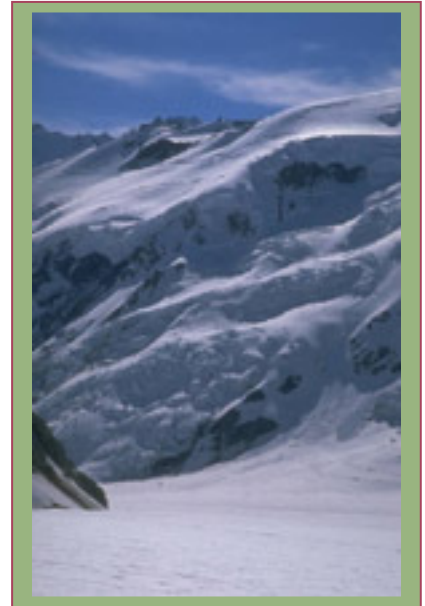
Claustrophobic!

A special message from our family

On the back of your family's newsletter, you may want to add a simple greeting, a poem, or a child's drawing. This is the first part of the newsletter that your loved ones will see when they receive your newsletter in the mail, so make sure that it is festive and eye-catching.

You can add your own artwork to the back of a family newsletter by scanning in a drawing or a photograph.

You can also find a wide variety of holiday clip art and photographs on Microsoft Office Online.



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Friend's Name
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