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As God's servants in a broken world, we seek to live Christ's grace and truth so that lives in Dublin and beyond may be transformed by His love.

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May be Transformed By His Love



Saturday Morning Men's Council Meeting

A recent Saturday morning found about thirty men gathered at NPC to hear Matt Kuchers of Athletes In Action give a presentation. Along with Matt came Ben and Kyle, two members of the Ohio Wesleyan basketball team. The young men each told how they came to know Christ, as well as how they stay focused on Him when faced with the challenges of college life.

In addition to the basketball players, Jed Zayner of the Columbus Crew addressed the group.

Jed delivered a strong message about avoiding the mediocrity that leads to "B team living," and pursuing a life that leads others to Christ through love and encouragement.

The Men's Council meeting features a presentation the second Saturday morning of each month, 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Join us April 8th to hear retired FBI agent George Huston present "The Standoff in Nelsonville," an account of his experience with the Crisis Negotiation Team.

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Who knows what Mary Magdalene thought that morning as she traveled to the tomb expecting to prepare Jesus' body for burial? We do know that when she got there, she discovered a stone rolled away and Jesus nowhere to be found.

It is fitting that the story of the resurrection includes such an imposing physical obstacle as the tomb - a tomb concealed by a massive stone and guarded by Roman soldiers. In the midst of political and physical opposition, the healing, teaching Jesus, the beaten and betrayed Jesus, the buried Jesus - became the risen Lord! He did not just survive death. He conquered it!

The power to raise Jesus is the same resurrection power Paul refers to in Phil. 3:10, and it breaks forth announcing new life in believers then and now.

As we observe this Holy Week, may we stand in awe and say as Mary Magdalene said, "I have seen the Lord!" May we see Him working in us and through us to serve a stone-covered world on the brink of Easter morning!

Sincerely,
Pastor James

In this Issue ⇒

As God's Servants in a Broken World

A Word from the Pulpit Search Committee

The NPC Pulpit Search Committee is pleased to report tremendous progress as it seeks to identify the man God has already chosen as our new Senior Pastor. To date, the committee has:

- Finalized the Senior Pastor job description.
- Developed a networking strategy to help identify and communicate with candidates for the position.
- Submitted information to the PCA to announce the open position.
- Created an email address to receive applicant information (15 applications have already been received.)

- Discussed a procedure for evaluating, interviewing, and selecting the best possible candidate.
- Nearly completed a new NPC website that will not only provide information to church members and visitors, but also allow applicants to view a newly-created NPC profile.

The Pulpit Search Committee welcomes any input you'd like to offer. Please send comments to: pastorsearchcomments@npc-dublin.org, or contact a committee member directly.

Pulpit Search Committee: Katy Cripe, Linda Franklin, Randy Harvey, Teri Hinckley, Tricia Koehler, Greg McCrabb, Harold McCune, and Harry Trombitas.

Adult Sunday School Schedule

The Heart of Evangelism, Covenant Kids, and Spiritual Disciplines will continue through the end of May.

Tough Texts will continue through the end of April.

Building Your Marriage and Church Leadership will begin May 6th.

Pulpit
Committee

Marriage Retreat

Sermon and Deacon
Notes

We Seek To Live Christ's Grace and Truth

4 Loves of a Successful Marriage April 27th and 28th

Back by popular demand, Reverend Keith Brown will lead a marriage seminar April 27th and 28th at NPC. After years of marriage ministry, Keith has



penned a marriage guide based on the four types of love re-

ferred to in Scripture. Hear about these four loves and learn how to practice them daily, as Keith illustrates relationship-building truths with his engaging warmth and wisdom.

The seminar is open to the community. Cost is \$50 per couple. Dessert on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be served. Babysitting will be available. Please register at the table in the NPC lobby, or call Teri Hinckley at (614) 879-5461.

Session Update

- Dan Breeding presented each elder with a shepherding assignment of at least one small group and roughly five additional families. Elders will partner with a member of the congregation to maintain regular contact with their assigned families.
- Jeff Geisler recommended that the Personnel Committee be comprised of one elder, one dea-

Date	Sermon Title	In the Pulpit
April 1 Palm Sunday	"Your King Is Coming" John 12:12-19	Dave Dorst
April 6 Good Friday	"The King Whose Robe Was a Towel" John 13: 1-20	James Kessler
April 8 Easter	"Mystified Mary and Doubting Thomas" John 20 1-31	Dave Dorst
April 15	"My Testimony"	Isaac Wagaba
April 22	"Jesus Prays for Us" John 17:1-26	Dave Dorst
April 29	"The Dance of Connection" Matthew 5:43-48	Keith Brown

con, and three members of the congregation. The Personnel Committee will: 1. Serve as an advisory board to the Senior Pastor; 2. Develop a staffing plan consistent with the church's strategic objectives; and, 3. Aid in staff development.

- The Session considered working with Peacemaker Ministries to promote a more effective peace-making culture at NPC. The target date to launch the program- including an all-congregation retreat and related small group studies- would be Fall 2007.
- The Session scheduled a Congregational Meeting for the evening of May 20th.

The next Session meeting is Saturday, April 21st. at 8:00 am.

Deacon Update

- The Deacon Council discussed the logistics of recycling. We would maintain the program with volunteer help. Much of the waste we generate is corrugated cardboard and paper.
- Matt Wilson reported his findings on automated electronic giving systems. He will collect additional feedback from churches that use various systems before offering a proposal to the Session.
- Ron Corcuera explained how four area churches handle mercy requests. Council members discussed the importance of meeting genuine need first to our church family members, then to those outside our body. Financial help should also include a strategy for positive change.

The next Deacon meeting is Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm.

So that Lives in Dublin and Beyond



Bring family and friends to the upcoming Studio 23 production, "Once Upon A Time." Sign-up in the lobby.

Mission Opportunity

Christopher and Stephanie Elmerick, NPC members and missionaries to Berlin, Germany, need our help.

From July 6th - 18th they will conduct a Summer English Camp with other members of their missionary team. The camp is designed to teach English to children ages 10-15, and has proven to be a terrific outreach since it was first held four years ago.



If you would like more information regarding this short term mission opportunity, or to discover other ways you can support the Elmerick family, send an email to elmericks@hotmail.com, or log onto www.elmericks.blogspot.com or www.teamberlin.org.

News from Stillwater

At Stillwater, the NPC student ministry, we've seen God bless our group with:

- Increased attendance
- New leaders
- Fresh ideas for ministry
- Vision for what God might do among teenagers in our community

Please pray for us as we seek to minister not only to students at NPC, but also teenagers and families around the world. Specifically, we aim to become more service-minded, incorporating both large- and small-scale service projects into our regular schedule.

Our next service opportunity will be to participate in the 30-hour famine beginning on Maundy Thursday, April 5th. Stillwater students will be fasting, praying, serving others, and enjoying fellowship as they raise money for starving children around the world. This event is open to all high school students.

SPC Update

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) has developed four mission statements designed to guide and develop our stated vision, which is:

As God's servants in a broken world, we seek to live Christ's grace and truth so that lives in Dublin and beyond may be transformed by his love.

The committee's next step will be to discuss with specific ministries goals that set in motion these newly-developed mission statements.

The Strategic Planning Committee intends to unveil the specific ministry plan in late May.

4 YEAR OLDS - 5TH GRADERS*

YOU'RE INVITED TO
AN EASTER EGG HUNT AND
PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH
9:30-11:00 A.M.

BRING AN EASTER BASKET
AND YOUR FRIENDS!

*Children age 3 and younger may attend if accompanied by an adult. Adults and teens able to help with the event and/or provide refreshments, please contact Laura Pilgrim.

Summer Stillwater Trips

Middle School
EDGE Conference
Covenant College Campus
Lookout Mountain, GA
June 29-July 3 • Cost: \$350

High School
Outer Banks Roadtrip
Corolla Beach, NC
July 8-July 14 • Cost: \$225