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## Don't miss out on...

Sign up for a Community Group

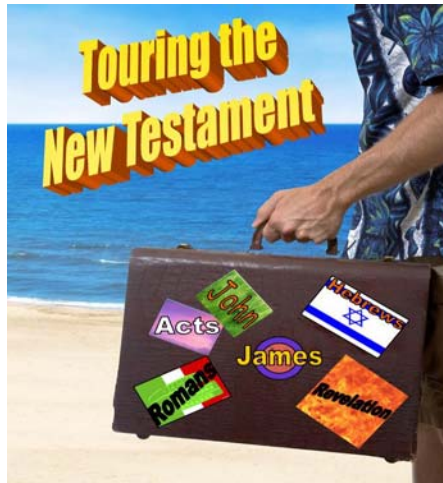
Groups will meet September through October "Touring The New Testament"

  
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## Tour Anyone?

***This fall promises to be one of the most memorable ever!***



When Sue and I were married, we received many wedding gifts from our friends and family. One was a BIG family Bible. A VERY BIG one. It was so large we had to rent a forklift to move it around the house. Okay, it wasn't that big, but it was so big that to this day we haven't read it even once.

While we do read our own... uh, um... smaller Bibles regularly, it reminds me that too many people treat the Bible the way we treat this mammoth family Bible. Oh it's there— available, handy, ready for the reading if they ever decide they need it— but somehow it never gets read. Sadly, it is even true of people who are followers of Christ. Over the past few months, I've come across research that confirms this anemic reality. And people pay for it in the long haul. Dr. Howard Hendricks, one of my seminary professors would say, "Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives".

This Fall, we have plans to change that trend through a church-wide series we're calling *Touring The New Testament*. **On Sunday, September 16 we'll begin the five week TTNT "tour"** by understanding the overall message of the Bible and each of the 27 individual New Testament books.

We'll also have opportunities for everyone to plug into a Community Group during the series (offered on a variety of days throughout the week). And we'll encourage everyone to read the entire New Testament during these five weeks.

To maximize this incredible "tour" experience, be sure to:

- 1) Purchase a "TTNT" study guide at church for each adult (just \$5 each).
- 2) Use your free New Testament reading schedule bookmark.
- 3) If you don't have a Bible, get one free at church (we also sell a great study Bible).
- 4) Sign-up for a "TTNT" Community Group to build relationships and go deeper.



When we finish "TTNT", we'll address the proverbial *elephant-in-our-cultural-room* issue in the series "PureSex". You'll be hearing more about this series in the weeks ahead but get ready to buckle your seat belts. We'll tour the real-life issues that many people with the wrong perspective seem to promote quite feverishly while the church at large stays strangely silent— all while people struggle with misguided sexual desire. "PureSex" begins October 21.

I looking forward to where God will take us during these tours this fall at Lakeshore!

Pastor Vince

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### Joint Service and Picnic at Lakeshore

By Stephanie Supernault

On Sunday, July 29 Lakeshore had the honor of hosting it's second annual joint service and picnic, welcoming Ark Of Jesus Ministries, New Way Christian Faith Center and Victory Fellowship Center. With praise and worship and teaching starting at 9am and finishing with a wonderful potluck picnic lunch after second service, what a awesome way to prove that we are all God's children no matter what the outward differences may be.

The day was sunny and warm. Children enjoyed the playground and basketball, while the adults mingled and conversed, making many new friends. Ark of Jesus was with us last year and we were glad to have them back as well as the two new churches.

Our thanks go out to Melissa Schramm and her team. This was her first year as picnic coordinator and she did a fine job. We look forward to what we have in store for next summer!

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### Baptism—July 18 & July 28

By Stephanie Supernault

Here's a twist to our baptism schedule for the Summer of 2007! Along with ten people making a show of faith on July 28 in the Lakeshore baptistery, five teens made the same commitment while on a missions trip in Reynosa, Mexico! The following LCCers were baptized in the name of Jesus this summer:

On July 18 were Randi Conway, Paul Dubman, Jeff Johnson, Hannah O'Neill and Will Stowe.

On July 28 they were joined by Jeff & Laura Dick, Lisa Fedele, Brian & Pat Hartman, Carol Johnson, Cathy Marra-Wahl, Terri Mertz, Dan Paulino and Laura Russell

There will be one more baptism on August 25, so stay tuned to *Real Encouragement* for details as they develop.



## Home Improvements Update



by Pastor Vince DiPaola

Our **Home Improvements** campaign is eighty-five weeks into the three year (or one hundred fifty-seven week) giving phase— just past the half way point. As you can see from the data below (as of August 12, 2007) our total gifts continue to come in. To date, we are about 8% behind the committed amount— though end of the year “HI” giving, which typically increases, may lower the difference between what was committed and what actually comes in by years end.

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving. Your support is continuing to fund needed projects that are improving the quality of our ministry. I hope you’re noticing the changes taking place all around. In addition to the parking lot paving, mortgage support and technology projects we’re completing (atrium monitors, stage curtains, projectors, band mics and mixers, and soon video mixer and new video camera), we are working on the plans, design adjustments and costs for the marquee project— *“The Lakeshore Community Center”*. Every single gift is critical as we approach the second half of the campaign. Your commitment and giving to the **Home Improvements** effort keeps this dream alive.

If you wonder when we will begin construction of the “LC2” or have other questions about “HI”, we will have an update at Vision Night 2007 on Thursday, September 13 at 7pm. We are growing convinced by the day that we have a date that is realistic to begin construction of the “LC2”. Find out at Vision Night.

God has blessed Lakeshore in so many ways and having generous people like you is one pretty tremendous blessing. Thank you for being the life-blood of “HI”.

	Total	Up Front	3 Years
<b>Pledged</b>	\$771,722	\$75,140	\$696,632
<b>Actual</b>	\$394,813	\$72,372	\$317,441
<b>Actual TD Percentage</b>	51%	103%	46%
<b>Target TD Percentage</b>	58%	100%	54%
<b>Net TD Percentage</b>	-8%	+3%	-8%

## Care Community of Lakeshore

by Nancy Wright

The Care Community of Lakeshore has been able to share the Love of Christ by sending 16 Care Packages to our Troops serving overseas and 7 packages to those troops serving in the US. We also communicate with those troops who have connections to our Lakeshore family by lifting them to the Lord in prayer and by sending notes of encouragement every so often.

In addition , the Care Community has a successful program of providing meals to our Lakeshore families (35 meals provided since January 2007) who have a short-term need such as the arrival of a new baby or recovery from an illness or surgery, etc.

We plan to continue collecting articles to include in care packages for our troops serving both overseas and state-side. Here is an abbreviated list of things you could start saving *at home* for our troops: AT &T phone cards, salty snacks, disposable razors, toothpaste, notepaper and pens, baby wipes, deodorant, bar soap, pre-sweetened powdered drink mixes, canned (small) and dried fruit, chapstick, no fragrance sun block, paperback books, magazines, puzzle books etc. Please keep our troops in your prayers. Watch for information *coming soon* about our on-going ‘Support Our Troops’ effort.

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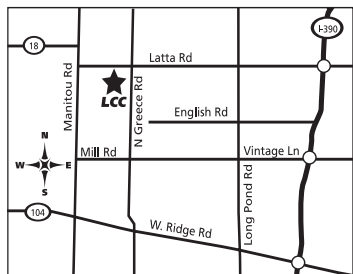
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## Sunday messages

### LAWS OF LIFE (The 10 Commandments)

- 8/19 Keep The Grass Green In Your Marriage!
- 8/26 Entrust Your Stuff To God!
- 9/2 Build A Value-Based Life!
- 9/9 Delete Dangerous Desires!

### TOURING THE NEW TESTAMENT

- 9/16 Do You Get The New Testament?
- 9/23 Jesus In 4D
- 9/30 The Church: Relic Or Relevant?
- 10/7 Teaching That Transforms
- 10/14 Will This World Ever Get Better?

### PURE SEX

- 10/21 Sex Is Not A Four-Letter Word
- 10/28 Just Lust?
- 11/4 Bedroom: Battleground Or Playground?
- 11/11 What Happens In Vegas Won't Stay In Vegas
- 11/18 Pure Passion

### RUNNING LIFE'S RACE TO WIN

- 11/25 Train To Win
- 12/2 Run To Win
- 12/9 When You're Winded (w/ "HI" update)

## Common Ground Midweek

### DANIEL: THE MAN AND PLAN OF GOD

- 9/6 The Timeline For Christ's Return (Daniel 9:20-27)
- 9/13 **Vision Night 2007** (Get the latest on Lakeshore!)
- 10/18 Angels And Demons (Daniel 10)
- 11/1 Wars And Rumors Of Wars (Daniel 11:1-12:1)
- 11/15 Resurrections: We All Go Somewhere (Daniel 12:1-4)
- 12/6 The End Of The Age (Daniel 12:5-13)
- 12/20 Children's Christmas Pageant

September 16 – October 20, Touring The New Testament Groups Meet!