



February - 2010

**"Love God—Love People
Love Athens"**



NEW SERIES—LOVE OUTSIDE YOURSELF

On Feb. 7, 21, & 28 in this month of "love", Pastor Tim will be speaking about what it truly means to love God, love people, and love Athens. We will learn about loving all three of those enough to overcome our pride, our fear, our insecurities, or whatever it might be that would potentially cause us never to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Come Sundays in February to continue on the journey of growth in Christ that many have been experiencing in the last weeks. Invite your friends!

JESUS AND THE PASSOVER—FEB. 14th.



What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common? **Murray Tilles, of Light of Messiah Ministries in Atlanta**, will answer that question as he presents "Jesus in the Passover" at our church on Sun-

day morning, February 14 at 10:15am.

The "Jesus in the Passover" service will bring to life the Jewish roots of faith in Jesus as well as the celebration of Communion. Murray, now familiar to us in Life Church, will have a Passover table set up with all of the traditional elements involved in the Passover meal. During the service you will see how Jewish people celebrate Passover today, how the symbolic foods of Passover picture God's redemption, and how Jesus is beautifully foreshadowed in the Passover celebration and story. This is a service for EVERYONE. "Jesus in the Passover" will bring new insights into the Jewishness of Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Begin to invite your friends NOW! Don't miss this!



BIG RED NIGHT—FEB. 3 AT AWANA

All workers and kids are encouraged to wear as much "RED" as they possibly can on this Wednesday night! See Pastor Mark for more information about AWANA.

AWANA BAD HAIR NIGHT is coming Wednesday, March 3rd!!! Make plans now!

LIFE CHURCH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Life Groups meeting in 5 counties!

Sundays @9:00—Adult Bible Study

Sundays @9:00—STIX Practice

Sundays @10:15—Worship Service

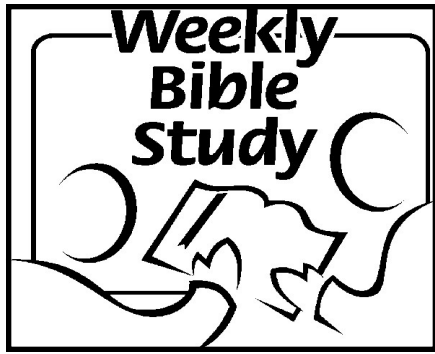
Sundays @7:00—College/Career—Fred Bldg

Tuesdays @6:00—Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays @1:00—Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays @6:30—Women's PM Bible Study

Wednesdays @6:00—AWANA (ages 3—6th grade) and "The Edge" Student Ministry



YOUTH STUDY: AM I HAPPY?

Our middle & high school students are continuing on Wed. nights with the DVD-driven Bible study series, "Am I Happy?" Sean McDowell offers Biblical insight into the fleeting nature of happiness and the true meaning of joy. STUDENTS—DO NOT MISS the rest of this study! Do not miss Wednesday nights at THE EDGE!

COLLEGE/CAREER STUDY: CRAZY LOVE

Francis Chan's best-selling book *Crazy Love* continues to be the focus of the Bible studies every Sunday at 7:00pm on the 2nd floor of the Fred Building (downtown). This study has been AWESOME! Books are available for \$10 and you can get a copy or get more info by contacting William Sadler.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday nights at 6:00pm at the church offices, all men are invited to join in an in-depth study of the book of James. Bring your Bibles! See Jeff Smith for more info.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The 1:00pm Tues. AFTERNOON Women's Bible Study Group that meets at the church offices will be studying **Beth Moore's "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent"**. Please contact Charlotte Swink for more info.

The Tuesday EVENING Women's Bible Study Group that meets at 6:15pm is studying **Beth Moore's "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman"**. Contact Kim Vaughn for more info.

LIFE YOUTH: DISCIPLE NOW!!!

13 area churches will be participating in Disciple Now from Feb. 19-21. Led by "Fulfill The Call" and music by the J.J. Weeks Band, D-Now promises to be one of the spiritual highlights of the year! Cost is \$25 per student due upon sign-up. See William for more details soon!

LIFE LESSONS: GIVE TO GOD FIRST

After a giving sermon, an older man told me how 50 years earlier, he and his wife made a commitment give God the first portion of their income. As a young married couple, they studied their budget to see how they could cut expenses but found there was no way to do this and still meet the needs of their growing family.

Praying over their decision, they began giving to God first anyway even knowing that by the end of the third week of every month they would be out of money.

But God provided faithfully, month after month and year after year. He creatively cared for their family through odd jobs, leading others to share clothing or home grown vegetables, a bonus or overtime pay from work, close-out priced items in stores and the list went on.

By making giving to the Lord's work their first financial priority, they learned more about the love, care and reality of God as their Heavenly Father than through any other spiritual discipline. You may recall the story in 1 Kings 17 about the widow and her son who were about to eat their last meal and die due to severe famine in the land. She gave to God's servant Elijah first before caring for her own needs, and God worked miraculously so that "her jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry."

When we give to God first, regardless of our needs, we see how big God can be in our lives. If we withhold from the Lord, we miss the many blessings and provisions the Lord is longing to shower on us.



YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY/SCAVENGER HUNT

. . . Sunday, February 7 beginning at 4:30pm, the students from Life Church will be involved in a scavenger hunt at Georgia Square Mall (meet at the food court). Dinner and the game (on a HUGE screen) will be at Athens First Assembly of God. **Attention Parents**—students may be picked up at the AOG church.

ATTENTION LIFE GROUP LEADERS

There will be a lunch and an important training meeting on Sunday, February 21 after the morning worship service for all Life Group leaders, those who help lead a LG, and those interested in leading a Life Group. Sign up with Mark Palmer.