

WORSHIP SERVICE

The purpose of Flint Hills Christian Church is to obey the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31) and fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20).

January 31, 2010

Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m., Fireside Room

Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.

(Please turn off cell phones during worship.)

Opening Song Praise Team
One Pure and Holy Passion

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Pete Lee

Worship in Song: Praise Team
(Feel free to stand or sit during Worship in Song)
You Are God Alone
Forever
How Great Thou Art
How Great Is Our God

Communion Marlin Flanagin

The Lord's Supper is open to all Christians

Offering

Special Music Praise Team

Kids' Worship Today following Fellowship Break

After Fellowship Break
God You Reign

Message in Word Dave Hintz

Closing Song Praise Team
How Great Is Our God



Dave Hintz, Pastor / Teacher

Pete Lee, Equipping Pastor Pamela Standerwick, Administrative Asst.

George Sleezer, Shepherding Elder

Janet Heinrichs, Praise & Worship Asst. Floyd Dorsey, Good Samaritan Fund

Mark Vannocker, Director of Junior/Senior High Ministries

Dodie Doudna, Custodian Barbara Haag, Ministerial Assistant

Elders:

John Wernli, Chairman

Barry Brooks David Hintz

George Sleezer David Wernli

Deacons:

Marlin Flanagin

Mark Kraft

Mark Vannocker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today 01/31

- Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m., Fireside Room
- Education Hour, 9 a.m., Youth Center and Harvest House
- Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Great Room
- Annual Report, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Praise Team Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 107

Monday: 02/01

- Men's Bible Study, 12 p.m., Dave Hintz, Dave's office

Tuesday: 02/02

- Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m., Nancy Simmons, Burlington Baptist Church
- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Becky Hintz, Fireside Room
- Ladies Bible Study, 7 p.m., Maria Wernli, Fireside Room

- Men's Accountability, 7 p.m., Floyd Dorsey, 28 Locust Lane

Wednesday: 02/03

- Men's Accountability, 12 p.m., Pete Lee, Youth Lounge.

- Awana, 6:30 p.m., Harvest House

- Junior High & High School Youth Group, 7 p.m., Youth Lounge

- Prayer, 7 p.m., Conference Room (Main Building)

Thursday: 02/04

- Praise Team Practice, 7 p.m., Great Room

Friday: 02/05

- Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., John Wernli, 1420 C of E Drive

Saturday: 02/06

Sunday: 02/07

- Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m., Fireside Room

- Education Hour, 9 a.m., Youth Center and Harvest House

- Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Great Room

- Snow Bowl, 4 p.m., Harvest House

ANNUAL REPORT

The elders and staff will give the Annual Report to the congregation tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Please plan to attend to hear a wrap-up of 2009 and a vision for 2010. Following the report, we will have a pot-luck dinner. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

WOMEN EQUIPPING WOMEN

The first Women Equipping Women event for 2010 will be February 27, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The ladies have been working hard planning this exciting event featuring Kris Goertzen from Grace Bible Church, Hutchinson. Kris will speak on "Humility." If you have not completed a registration form, please do so right away, make your luncheon choice at that time and pay the \$10 conference fee. The registration deadline is February 19. Scholarships are available. Pick up a postcard - invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

AWANA NEEDS

Awana needs help in 2 areas: 1) Table Helper with Cubbies (3-4 years old) and 2) Awana Secretary – overseeing check-in and maintaining records. If you are free on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m., we could really use the help! Awana will finish in April. Please contact Pete Lee if you are interested or have questions.

THIS WEEK . . . FROM THE OFFICE

From: flinthillschristianchurch.com/blog entry from January 11, 2010. Be sure to read all of Pastor Dave's blogs on the FHCC website!

[Encouraging the Fainthearted](#)

Tired of preaching sermon after sermon with little response from the congregation, a pastor resigns from his post. Feeling isolated from the rest of the world, a missionary family decides that it's time to return from the field. After years of subtle putdowns and critical comments, a wife leaves her husband whom she can never make happy. What went wrong? Who failed? While it's easy to point the finger at the pastor, missionary, and wife, one has to wonder about the role of the church, the supporters, and the husband. What could they have done to save the church, mission, and marriage?

I believe the apostle Paul would have had an able answer. In [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#) we read, "encourage one another, and build up one another"; in verse 12, "But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you"; and finally in verse 14 he teaches us to "Encourage the fainthearted." While he would doubtless have some issues to address with the pastor, missionary, and wife, Paul would also point the finger at failure of the church, missionary supporters, and husband. Namely, they failed to encourage.

The basic definition of encouragement is to hearten one's soul through words of comfort, consolation, and affirmation. In the world, people often do this by stroking egos and affirming their self-worth. For instance, a friend of yours gets dumped by his girlfriend and you say "Obviously, she wouldn't know a good man if he was right in front of her." Now that comment may give your friend a sense of vindication, as it suggests that any discerning woman would be drawn to his appearance and charms. Yet, in the long run that comment does not point him to his true Comforter – our Father. If you want to raise someone's confidence and comfort them, point them to the cross. Say, "God is good God and He has a perfect plan in all of this," or, "I see the Holy Spirit at work in your life in all of this, as you are handling it in a godly fashion." Such comments point your downtrodden friend to the Divine Comforter and assure him that God is at work in his life.

Now this all seems simple enough. But, like many other simple things, it is far from easy, and many people (including myself) fail at this vital ministry. Why is this so? I believe there are a few reasons:

1. **Lack of Awareness:** Often we keep our conversations so superficial that we do not even detect discouragement in others. Even worse, we never think to ask about other people's problems because we are so consumed with our own.

2. **Bitterness:** If you ever want to know if you are truly bitter at someone, see if you have it in you to encourage them. Many times in our sinfulness, our desire to see our enemies as evil makes us sweep their redeeming virtues under our mental carpet. If a friend of yours has slandered you, how easy would it be to say to her "I praise God for the way I see you sacrificially serve in the children's ministry"? We often withhold encouragement as a means of retribution.

3. **A False View of Motivation:** Sometimes people do not want to encourage their husbands, wives, friends etc. because they are afraid that encouragement will lead to complacency. For instance, your wife made a dinner that was better than last week's effort, but still substandard. You think about encouraging her, but you reason that if you do, she would never try to improve. This makes about as much sense as teaching your child to read, but never encouraging him until he is at an acceptable college reading level. Without some choice words of encouragement, your wife or child will begin to wonder if any progress is being made at all. And more than likely, they will give up trying altogether.

4. **You Are Not Good at It:** When I was younger, I remember complementing a friend by mentioning that her fresh baked cookies tasted like they were bought from a store. It was a feeble effort. If I had to do it over again, I would say these cookies are so good you could sell them in a store. You will flub a few times, everybody does. Yet, God knows your heart, and if you are sincere and earnest you the recipient will see it, too.

Encouragement is a wonderful ministry. It comforts the downtrodden, spurs the brethren to excel still more, and confirms work of the Spirit in a believer's life. If your spouse seems easily offended, if your pastor's preaching dips, or if you sense a missionary struggling, take some time to write a note, call them, or speak words of encouragement in person. By doing so, you will safeguard your brothers and sisters from the despondency that has ensnared so many.

Dave Hintz