



# THE SPIRE

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I can't think of a better way to start the year than with a reaffirmation of our baptism – I pray it was a meaningful service to all who participated this past Sunday. If you were not able to come to the service, and would like to stop by my office and pick up a glass stone for you to remember your baptism, you are welcome to.

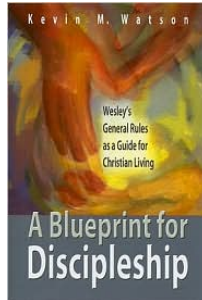
Another meaningful way we have begun this New Year in worship is with a whole new class of Acolytes! I hope you've noticed some new faces in this group of children (who are growing up, in case you haven't noticed!) They are excited about their important role in beginning each and every worship service together. So excited, that I heard in the hallway this past week one of them say “Daddy will be so proud of me!” Yes, Daddy is, and so are your church and your God!

Right before Christmas we had an afternoon of Acolyte training. We talked about the importance of bringing the light of Christ into the Sanctuary as worship begins, and then carrying the light of Christ into the world as we conclude. We then spent hands-on time walking through the actual “how-to's” of lighting and extinguishing the candles. To top it all off, this past year we have been blessed to purchase new Acolyte robes – don't they look wonderful? God is so good.

When you see one of our Acolytes, Jocelyn and Wyatt Schifferdecker, J.J. and Bailey Sartain, Ginny Lamkin, Kyler Smith, Stevi Smith, and Sarah Duiveman, please thank them for their service. This is one of many ways we involve the children of the church *to become a part of the church*. We look forward to the blessing they will be every Sunday as they usher us into the kingdom through worship.

Walking the journey together in Christ,  
*Pastor Cindy*

**Join Us for New Haven Nights  
Beginning February 2nd!  
Classes Offered Tuesday Evenings from  
6:00-7:30 pm**

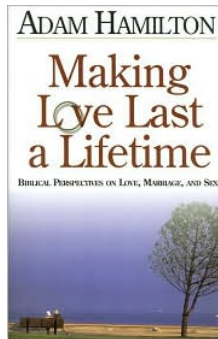


### **A Blueprint for Discipleship**

A practical guide for Christian living using John Wesley's General Rules. Author: Kevin Watson (Tellia and Matt Watson's son!) Finding a way for a deeper, more spiritual relationship with God.

Materials: \$12.00

Class Leaders: Rev. Suzanne Davis  
& Matt Watson

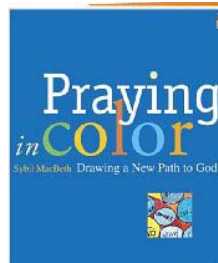


### **Making Love Last a Lifetime**

An inspiring study offering helpful insights to grow in your relationship together, and experience all that God intends for a healthy, satisfying and successful marriage. All who are married, or anticipate marriage are encouraged to attend!

Materials: \$9.00

Class Leader: Rev. Cindy Havlik



### **Praying in Color**

A new prayer form through drawing that is fun and deeply spiritual. Join in the practice of using color to pray!

Materials: Bring paper & crayons

Class Leader: Danny Hall

**Call the Church office 743.6491 by January 11th  
to register so materials can be ordered.  
Childcare is available.**

## How's THAT Sound?

We need your help! Do you have the desire to help on Sunday mornings with our sound and/or video screen needs? If you have an interest in this area, we are standing by and ready to train you. Those who participate in making sure the sound and visual needs are taken care of in worship are an integral part of offering our best to God. Please contact Vincent Duiveman or Pastor Cindy as soon as possible if you would like to help. We need YOU!

## Elementary Camp Leaders Needed!

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as dean at Elementary Camp (grades 3-5) this summer at Camp Egan. I am looking for volunteers to share in this fun experience and serve as cabin/small group leaders. Camp will be held July 26-30, but leaders come two days earlier for training and to prepare for the campers. So your time commitment would be from the afternoon of Saturday, July 24 through early afternoon on Friday, July 30. We need male and female leaders who are least 17 years old. This is a very rewarding way to serve. You do not have to be a Bible scholar or an expert on children. It requires only a love for children and a willingness to try something new. As I said, training as well as everything else you need is provided. It's been a while since we've sent volunteers from New Haven to Elementary Camp, so it would be great to be able to do that this year. If you have any interest in learning more details, please contact me.

Serving with joy!

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## FUNNY SIGNS - International Version

**Hong Kong tailor shop:** Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

**Kyushi, Japan detour sign:** Stop - Drive Sideways.

**Moscow hotel room door:** If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

**Tokyo hotel:** Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not person to do such thing is please not to read this notice.

**Zurich hotel:** Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose.

**Vienna hotel:** In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter.

**Japanese hotel room:** Please to bathe inside the tub.

## Remember. . . .

If you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include New Haven or any other charity as a beneficiary.

## SUSANNA CIRCLE TO HAVE PLEDGE SERVICE ON JANUARY 14TH

It's a new year and a time to make new resolutions. When the Susanna Circle of the UMW meets on Thursday morning, January 14, in the Parlor, they will do just that. Treasurer, Eileen Walker, will conduct the annual Pledge Service where members commit to support the UMW with their prayers, presence, gifts, and service. Marion Wilkerson and Stella Schwartz will host the meeting. All of Susanna Circle's programs revolve around mission, spiritual growth, and study. If you would like to become a member of this organization, or just want to "check it out," please join us on Jan. 14th. You can also call Bobbi Neal at 494-7875 if you would like more information.



**Pictured above are the boys at the Boys Ranch at Gore taken right after opening the wonderful gifts from New Haven members. They were very excited, happy, and grateful for the gifts. They all received things they had put on their "wish list"! Before the gifts were distributed, they heard a story about the "Ultimate Gift" of Jesus Christ, God coming to earth in the form of a tiny baby.**



**SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO. . . . .** Susan Lamkin for heading up the wonderful “Just Because” potluck meal after church. It was a wonderful time of food, fellowship and fun – thank you, Susan, and all the people in our Church Life committee and everyone who brought wonderful dishes, set-up and cleaned up!

. . . . all who helped getting the Christmas decorations taken down and tucked away for next year. We had a great crew of people that made the event seem effortless. Thanks also to our custodian extraordinaire, Oscar, who was on hand to do whatever we needed!

Paula Fox - the church office is grateful for the wonderful Christmas goodies! Wow! We had fun enjoying the great desserts during staff meeting!

**ATTENTION ALL MUSIC LOVERS**

Umpteenagers will have a great time remembering tunes we haven't heard in quite some time when we gather on **JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 Church Parlor

for lunch and fun with Carson Russell and his music.

Menu: Dripped Beef Sandwiches and all the things that go with them.

Please join us. . . . all are welcome!!!

Cost: \$5.00

Be sure to sign up in your classroom or call me,  
Pat ~ 494-3927

**HELP!**

**Restore Hope Ministries**

Needs warm clothing: coats, sweats, blankets, quilts , sweaters, gloves, hats, mittens, any thing warm! If you will bring any of these items and put them in the closet across from the parlor they will be delivered to Restore Hope each week. Also, they can always use any kind of packaged foods, baby formula, diapers etc. They also have a need for egg cartons and paper grocery bags.



Thank you,

Outreach committee



**Opportunities of the Week**  
**January 17-24, 2010**

**SUNDAY, January 17**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:30 pm Finance/Parlor
- 5:30 pm UMY and Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Bible Blast

**MONDAY, January 18**

- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

**TUESDAY, January 19**

- 11:00 am Umpteenagers/Parlor
- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Outreach/Duiveman's home
- 7:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

**WEDNESDAY, January 20**

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, January 21**

- 10:00 am Nifty Knitters/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Math Tutoring/184
- 6:00 pm Band Practice
- 6:00 pm Church Life Committee/Parlor
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

**FRIDAY, January 22**

- 6:30 pm New Member Dessert/Parsonage
- 7:00 pm AA /Gym

**SATURDAY, January 23**

**SUNDAY, January 24**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday Schools
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 pm UMY and Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Bible Blast



**ATTENDANCE**

**January 10, 2010**

**8:45— 68**

**11:00—127**

**Total— 195**