



# THE SPIRE

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## Suzanne Sez. . .

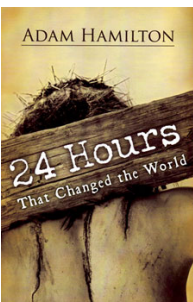
One of the Olympic athletes was interviewed after winning the gold medal saying that it takes a lot of people in ones life to get to this point. There have been many who encouraged and taught him; his trainers, his coach, his team members, his family and friends. One athlete was inspired by his younger brother who has cerebral palsy. In those moments when he wanted to give up he thought of his brother who was in a wheel chair and couldn't walk. His love and encouragement kept him going in the difficult times of training. We all need a community of people who walk this journey with us all the way to the stand to receive the gold medal.

I am so often reminded that New Haven is a community where we are filled with the strength needed to face many of the trials of life. In Danny's message Sunday she spoke of the woman who was following Jesus. She would love to tell the woman about New Haven being the spoon full of sugar in the world today, making the medicine go down, the medicine that absorbs the pain, the medicine that soothes the tired and the weary, the medicine that comforts the lost and lonely. Yes, New Haven does that well, watching over one another in love.

As we are studying in our Blueprint for Discipleship class, John Wesley had a plan for watching over one another in love. He didn't just hope good things would happen; he had a plan for them to happen. Wesley referred to this process of living out one's faith as "sanctification". In our daily walk with God it is easy to find ourselves moving backward in our faith practice if we are not held accountable. It is difficult to hold onto the commitment by ourselves. We need one another. We need reminders of what it is to live the Christian life. Kevin Watson says in his book "When people come to know the love of God shown in Christ Jesus with no support network, no structure, no guidance for what to do next, people often move away from practicing their faith until they eventually don't have anything left that even resembles faith". Who watches over you in love and who do you watch over?

We just celebrated Valentine's day with a wonderful worship service and a fun Valentine event. A time when we remember those we love and hopefully we have told them so. May we move forward and not backward in our love and in our faith in a living and loving Christ.

## Lenten Sermon Series "24 Hours That Changed the World"



On the first Sunday of Lent, we will begin the journey to the cross with a special sermon series based on the book by Adam Hamilton, "24 Hours That Changed the World." The series focuses on the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, beginning with the Last Supper and ending with his crucifixion. We will walk through the weeks of Lent, hour by hour, up until the culmination on Easter Sunday of the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord!! I pray this will be a time of growing together in our faith and in our understanding of what Jesus experienced in the last 24 hours of his life, and what it means to us.

## MUSIC MUSINGS

Would it surprise you to learn that the text to “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” was written by the same lady who wrote “God Will Take Care of You?” Civilla Martin writes of her inspiration for this hymn.

*“Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We contracted a deep friendship for a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle—true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for nigh twenty years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheel chair.*

*Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while we were visiting with the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle’s reply was simple: “His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.” The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Dr. Martin and me. The hymn “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” was the outcome of that experience.”*

The hymn became a staple of many evangelistic crusades including Bill Graham Crusades. It became a signature song for Ethel Waters during those crusade appearances.

May God help us to accept and possess these words of assurance. Our Heavenly Father cares more for us than we do for ourselves.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Paul Mabrey

## Snow & Ice Storm Relief

Thank you, New Haven, for responding to help our extended family at this time of need. I’m not sure yet what we’ll be doing, but I’ll be in contact with the VIM office this week. Some possible dates are Saturday, Feb. 27 and/or Saturday, March 6. We would leave at 6:30 am and return to New Haven around 5:30-6:00 pm depending on where we are serving. Please stop by the Outreach table next Sunday if you’d like to be part of this mission opportunity. You don’t need to have any special skills.....just a willing heart to serve our sisters and brothers.

God’s Speed,  
Adriaan Duiveman

## Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning one time a month for four months while she is undergoing treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

For more information, go to  
<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>.

## SPECIAL CHILDREN MINISTRY CELEBRATION SUNDAY

“Finding a Treasure” is a devotional book written by Tracy Breland. Tracy chose the word *treasure* for her daughter, Caroline, a child with Down syndrome. As Tracy shared with us as she spoke at our luncheon, all who are part of New Haven’s Special & Talented Children’s Ministry Team would agree that finding treasure is a true description of this ministry means. Our children are a true blessing! I would like to share my appreciation to all the children and their parents, Kim Wofford, Pastor Cindy, Deena Smith, Danny Hall, Lou Lindsay, and all the teachers/care givers that helped us celebrate by sharing in food and fellowship. Thanks to the Outreach committee and to everyone who stayed to help clean up after the lunch.

To God be the Glory!

Adriaan

## ACTORS/ACTRESSES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

**BENEATH THE UPPER ROOM** is a short play of Christ’s Last Supper. This play will be presented along with communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1st in the evening.

The cast consists of 10-12 women (all ages), 3 men and 3 children (8-12 years).

If you are interested in playing a part of this important night in the life of Jesus, please call Danny Hall at 640-3891 Or by email: [iamdanny@cox.net](mailto:iamdanny@cox.net)

## Bolivian Banquet/Concert Tour

March 5-9

## Benefitting Bolivian Methodist Church

And Engineers In Action

With music by Ayni-Bolivia

We are bringing in the Directors of Music at the Methodist High School in La Paz for a series of Banquet/Concerts the first week of March. They will be raising money for Bolivian Methodist Church construction with banquets, music, entertainment and an opportunity to donate to the work of the Methodist Church in Bolivia. You can look at: <http://www.boliviaoklahomapartnership.org/new-canaan-church-construction> to learn more.

If you would like to attend this event on Tuesday, March 9th, please contact Adriaan at 250-5966 or email him at [opaomaduve@cox.net](mailto:opaomaduve@cox.net)

**Adult Sunday School Classes**  
*Come join us at 9:45 am!*

**Room 185: Discovery Class**

The Gospel of John (3 month study)

**Room 211: Fellowship Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum: The Gospel of Matthew

**Room 210: New Friendship Class**

“Lord, Where are You When Bad Things Happen?”  
 by Kay Arthur

**Parlor: Christian Living Class**

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

**Room 183 New Haven's Newest Class!**

“24 Hours that Changed the World”  
 Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

**Room 205: Journey's Class**

“24 Hours that Changed the World”  
 Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton

**Opportunities of the Week**  
February 21-28, 2010

**SUNDAY, February 21**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 1:00 pm Trustees/Parlor
- 2:00 pm Finance/Parlor
- 3:30 pm Administrative Council/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast

**MONDAY, February 22**

- 4:30 pm Beginning Guitar/Youth
- 5:15 pm Intermediate Guitar/Youth
- 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185

**TUESDAY, February 23**

- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm New Haven Nites Studies
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
 Alanon/ Room 205, 206

**WEDNESDAY, February 24**

- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 5:00 pm Math Tutoring/184
- 6:00 pm Band Practice
- 7:30 pm Yoga/211

**THURSDAY, February 25**

- 4:00 pm Meet at church for Winter Jam

**FRIDAY, February 26**

- 7:30 pm AA /Gym

**SATURDAY, February 27**

- 2:00 pm Eagle Ceremony/Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Blue & Gold Banquet

**SUNDAY, February 28**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**February 14, 2010**

**8:45 am-81**

**11:00am-106**

**Total-187**

**Big VBS news! Journey back to Egypt** with us this summer! We are going on an exciting adventure for **VBS**, where we will be exploring the life of Joseph from prison to palace. The dates are **July 18-22** and the time will be 6:00-8:30. Mark your calendars now to bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. And plan to come yourself and join the adventure!

**NEW HAVEN PROVIDING  
 FINANCIAL GIFTS FOR  
 HEALTH KITS FOR HAITI**

The Church Life and Outreach committees appreciate your monetary donations which you donated this past week in your Sunday School class or at the Outreach table. You still have the opportunity to donate this week by mailing a check to the church or bringing your check to the Outreach table or simply dropping it in the offering plate next Sunday.



Each kit costs \$12.00 and contains soap, wash cloth, toothpaste, toothbrush, bandages, towel and nail clipper. If you can help put the kits together, please contact Susan Lamkin or Adriaan Duiveman. Our goal is to send 50 kits!

**WINTER JAM CONCERT**

Please let Vincent Duiveman or Mark Mann know if you are interested in going to the Winter Jam Concert on Thursday, February 25th. Christian bands performing are **Third Day**, **Newsboys**, **10th Avenue North**, and more! The concert is at the BOK Center. Gates open at 6:00 pm, but we'll go much earlier that that to get a good place in line! Cost is \$10.00.