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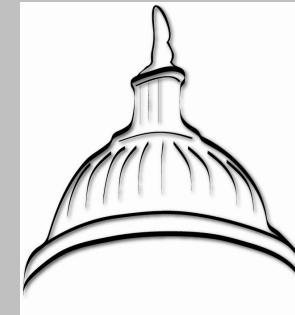
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The Capitol Commission Report

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Matters of Prayer

In the last newsletter, I listed the responses I have given when people ask about the things the ministry really needs at this time. Here is a quick update:

- 1. Financial stability**
This is growing. We thank God for His provision in the Year-End campaign and the Dinner Evenings. *Continue to pray that our finances will grow as we expand.*
- 2. Organizational help in the office.** We thank God for Larry Brizendine's involvement. I tell people we are 12 steps ahead of where we would be in the planning for 2011. Others have volunteered time; pray that their time will be used wisely.
- 3. Wisdom in serving and preparing to serve the big incoming class of new legislators.** This will be upon us this week. Pray for contacts, visits and a full room for our Bible Studies. I want the new legislators to develop a "disciplined routine" of Bible Study, prayer, and accountability in their weekly capitol schedule.

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Pray that God may provide people like...

The historical books of the Bible are a testimony to the love and faithfulness of God in spite of the faithlessness of His people.

I have been reading these books since our last election in November. As I read, I thought about all the new people that are coming and the legislators who are returning. Could it be that God would provide people who reflected a number of His past servants? People like...

- **Daniel, counselor of the king** — who proclaimed truth to the king, even though many times, it was contrary to what the king wanted to hear.
- **Sergius Paulus, the proconsul of Cyprus** — who, when he heard the gospel proclaimed, believed (Acts 13:4-12).
- **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, counselors of the king** — who feared God more than the king (Daniel 3:8-18).
- **Manasseh, king of Judah** — who, even though he was

a very wicked king, repented of his sins and found God's great mercy and grace (2 Chronicles 33:12-13).

- **Solomon, king of Israel** — who desired and was given great wisdom which he needed to rule over God's people (1 Kings 3:1-15).
- **Paul, The Apostle** — who used his opportunities to speak before kings and authorities to proclaim the gospel message; even when he stood before them in chains.
- **Cyrus, king of Persia** — who recognized that the LORD was the One who gave him his position and authority (Ezra 1:2-4).
- **Josiah, king of Judah** — who did what was right in the sight of God and led the nation in following after the things of God (2 Chronicles 34 & 35).
- **Samuel, prophet of God** — who warned the people of Israel concerning their desire to have a king instead of following after and de-

pending on God (1 Samuel 8).

- **Esther, queen of Persia** — who understood that her appointment as queen was in accord with God's great providence (Esther 4:13-16).



- **Jehoshaphat, king of Judah** — who was willing to admit to God, *For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You* (2 Chronicles 20:12b).

None of these people served with perfection. In fact, a number had serious moral lapses and failures. In spite of these

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Upcoming Events

- January 11—First Bible Study of the 2011 Legislative Session
- January 16—Preaching at St Paul's Evangelical Church, Jamestown
- January 23—At Missions Fair, Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City
- January 30 AM—Speaking at the River of Life Lutheran Church, Rogersville
- January 30 PM—Preaching at Concord Baptist Church, Jefferson City
- February 6—Preaching at First Baptist Church, Tarkio
- February 13—Speaking at Bethany Lutheran Church, Eldon
- February 15—Pastors'/Partners' Commission to the Capitol
- February 24—Jefferson City Dinner Evening at the University Plaza Hotel

People like...cont.

things, though, we can still see how God worked in their lives to accomplish His purposes.

Therefore, in light of these past testimonies, we ask you to pray. Pray that God will grant wisdom to legislative leaders so they will vote and decide based upon what is right, and not based on what will get them re-elected. Pray that God will save at least one who has shown to be against Him in their lives and votes. Pray that God will send good counselors and lobbyists



to speak truth concerning the issues facing the legislators. Pray that all will realize that they are in office due to the sovereign hand of God. Pray that our leaders may fear God above all others. Pray that they

may call out to Him, recognizing that this burden of leadership is much more than what they can handle; that they are powerless before this great multitude...nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You.

Prayer is casting our eyes on God. Pray for your State Representative and Senator and Federal Congress people. See what God does in their lives and the opportunities He may open to you to proclaim His gospel and display His love.

2011 Study Series: The Bible and Colossians

Two short series will be covered in the Bible Studies of the 2011 Legislative session.

Due to the large number of new legislators arriving in the capitol this year, we plan to repeat the series on what the Bible says about itself—it is

inspired, inerrant, authoritative and sufficient. This is an important piece of the foundation to lay considering the different church backgrounds that our legislator's come from.

After this five week series, we plan to finish the study through

the book of Colossians. Colossians 1 & 2 were discussed last year; this year chapters 3 & 4 will be studied.

Our weekly capitol studies commence on January 11. They are scheduled for Tuesdays at 7am and 8:30pm.

2010-11 Finance Report

Even though our final 2010 numbers are still being crunched, we already know that God had provided almost \$100,000 for the year. We give thanks to Him and to all our financial partners who generously gave this past year.

As we plan for ministry growth in 2011, we have set a goal of raising \$150,000 throughout the year. This includes a 25% increase in budget projections, plus a little extra for unexpected opportunities.

We ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with us in 2011:

- Would you commit to investing \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100,

- \$200, or \$500 a month?
• Would you commit to giving a one time gift of \$100, \$1000 or even \$10,000?
• Would you sponsor a table or two at one of our five area Dinner Evenings?
• Would your church consider taking on Capitol Commission for missions support?

You can make a contribution on our website or you can write a check (with "Missouri" in the memo line) and use the enclosed envelope.

We are also capable of receiving non-monetary gifts (stocks, bonds, cars, etc.). Contact Paul for more information.



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Please join us for our Second Annual Jefferson City Dinner Evening

Thursday, February 24 Capitol Plaza Hotel 6:30-8:30pm

Special Guest: Jim Young President, Capitol Commission

The dinner is complimentary. Those attending will be given an opportunity to financially support Capitol Commission.

You can RSVP online at www.capitolcom.org or by contacting the Missouri office.

Psalms 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

Pastors' /Partners' Commission to the Capitol

February 15, 2011 at The Truman Building and Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City

Guest Speakers



David Andersen Capitol Commission Virginia State Director



The Honorable Judge Zel Fischer, Missouri State Supreme Court

Event Schedule

- 7am — Legislator Bible Study Capitol House Hearing Room #5 (not an official part of event but all are welcome)
845am — Registration Opens Truman Building Room #490 (Coffee & Breakfast Items served)
915am — Session #1
1030am — Break
1050am — Legislator Video
11am — Session #2
1230pm — Lunch (provided)
130pm — A Session of Prayer
215pm — Appointments with Legislators in the Capitol
4pm — Tour of Supreme Court Building (for those who so desire)

Pastors and Capitol Commission Ministry Partners (District, prayer and financial) are invited to participate in a day of fellowship, prayer, and challenge at the capitol on February 15, 2011. Our goal is to equip and encourage the people of God in the ministry of the Gospel to our government leaders. During our time together all will be given the opportunity to meet and pray with a number of Missouri legislators. If you do not know your state representative or senator, this would be an excellent occasion in which to meet and pray with him or her.

Registration Fee: \$30 per person (\$40 after February 8) You can register online or by sending a check and contact information to our Jefferson City office. For more information about the day, go to www.capitolcom.org and click on "MO Pastors/Partners Commission."

Classifieds???

District Partners Wanted

If you would like to have more of a "hands-on" ministry work in association with Capitol Commission, then we have what you are looking for. We are looking for men and women who love God and political leaders to serve as Capitol Commission District Partners. Our goal is to have at least one District Partner in each Missouri House District. A District Partner is one who will commit to serve along side Capitol Commission in praying for, visiting with and developing a friendship with his or her state representative and senator for the purpose of ministry.

Contact Paul Meinsen for more info. 573-418-2077 or paul.meinsen@capitolcom.org.

Dinner Evening Table Sponsors Needed

One way of doubling or tripling your investment in the ministry of Capitol Commission is by sponsoring a table for one or more of our 2011 dinners. By sponsoring a table, you enable others to attend the dinner to hear about Capitol Commission at no charge. In 2010, over 400 people were exposed to Capitol Commission; over half of these heard about the work for the first time. And as more people are exposed to the ministry, more will become prayer partners, financial partners and District Partners.

The following Dinner Evenings have been scheduled (with the cost of a table sponsorship)

- February 24 in Jefferson City at the Capitol Plaza Hotel (\$275—a table of 10)
• May 26 in Joplin at the Holiday Inn (\$275—a table of 10)
• August 25 in Springfield at the University Plaza Hotel (\$300—a table of 10) (Dinners in the St. Louis area and Kansas City area have yet to be scheduled.)

Even if you are unable to attend or fill the table with guests, a Table Sponsorship will go a long way in raising the funds and support necessary to continue the growth of Capitol Commission in Missouri.

To sponsor a table at one of our dinners or for more information, contact Larry Brizendine at larry.brizendine@capitolcom.org or call (573) 690-0046.

OFFICE SPACE NEEDED. If you are in the Jefferson City area and have office space available, you can make an in-kind donation to Capitol Commission by allowing us the use of an office. No personnel services needed, just the space. It would save us over \$300 a month. Consider it!!