

## From Dave's Laptop

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

This week is a short potpourri on this page, with two attachments for those who may wish to read them. The "Faith Anchors" attachment was last Sunday's sermon, which I sniffled through as a way to move through the news of our daughter Anna's apparent medical situation as it developed last week. The "Take-Home Message" attachment is part of Anna's own effort to reflect on the week.

THANK YOU for your earnest prayer for us all and for your many words of kindness and encouragement. We are deeply grateful to be sharing the journey with you in these days.

Here are a few other thoughts, in "calendar order":

**TOMORROW NIGHT** (Wednesday): Our "Christians around the World" emphasis will continue with the Ndiang family sharing about the **CONGO**. (We'll go to **LIBERIA** on March 13 and to **GHANA** on March 20!)

**SUNDAY, March 3:** We'll begin taking photos for our new church directory following morning worship. We'll have two photographers in the Quads from 11:15-1:30 (Randy Kahl and Veeda Gaines; we'll also take pictures on March 10 and March 17). No one will try to sell you anything, so it ought to go pretty quickly ☺. Many thanks to Pastor Debbie for having this idea and for getting it organized!

**Monday, March 4:** I'll begin teaching the six-week Monday-night class, *Survival Kit: Five Keys to Effective Spiritual Growth*, in the chapel from 7-8:30 p.m.

**March 5-8:** I will be in Bristol doing a little work on our house there with the hope of transferring it to someone else this spring!

**Wednesday, March 6:** Birthday Celebration!

All along, of course, our Prayer Triplets continue to meet. The feedback that I'm hearing from these meetings is quite encouraging. Please keep listening and praying for such things as these:

1. A willingness to let God transform our entire faith community and to let God draw us toward a future that God is unfolding before us;
2. An understanding of the unique purpose of our congregation and what shape our congregation might take as it reaches its full Kingdom potential;
3. An understanding of the people our congregation is best gifted, skilled and willing to nurture in their faith journey; and
4. A radical commitment to discipleship that embraces the idea that God might even do something that is revolutionary through us! (from George Bullard)

Finally, while it's certainly fine to leave messages for me using the church office number, I encourage you to use my cell phone (**301-801-8535**). It will go to voice mail if I can't answer it right then, and you'll still get a faster reply than from a land line ☺.

Don't forget to check out the two attachments if you're interested in those.

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Dave

