

DETROIT CHURCH of CHRIST: The remainder of 2009

SPIRITUAL:

- Greater faith in a Greater God!
- Surrender to do God's Will!
- Re-Engage "One another" Relationships!

ORGANIZATIONAL:

- Establish a new leadership group! (Transition from the "Unity Team")
- Solidify Membership! (Everyone actively participating in a House Church)
- Foundational steps of building a "Youth and Family" ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS:

- September: "Youth and Family" workshop/conference in Detroit!
- October: "Midwest Leadership Workshop" in Chicago! — 1st weekend Oct.
- December: Detroit's 20 year anniversary celebration!

"A LIFE OF MEANING"

INTRODUCTION:

1. Over the years, fortunate to visit several foreign churches and many US churches.
 - a) Great unity in what we teach and believe!
2. In all of these countries and cities, people are basically the same.
 - a) Beneath the culture and behind the language lies a human being.
 - b) All struggle to find meaning for their existence.
3. Since the first man and woman, the struggle for meaning goes on!

ECCLESIASTES

- 1:1-11 Meaningless, nothing new!
- 1:1-14 Wisdom is meaningless!
- 2:1-11 Pleasures are meaningless!
- 2:12-16 Wisdom/foolly meaningless
- 2:17-26 Hard work is meaningless
- 9:7-10 Life is meaningless!
- 12:9-14 Fear God and keep his commands! CONCLUSION

Note: This will get you to heaven! It does not describe a joyful existence!

A BETTER WAY TO LIVE

1. Do you feel like Solomon as a disciple?
2. You did not start out that way!
 - a) Joyful, Idealistic, confident, part of something big, etc.!

PROMISES OF JESUS

1. Mk 10:28 Receive 100x's in this present age!
2. John 10:10 Life to the full!
3. John 14:12 Do even greater things
 - a) Church plantings, world evangelism
 - b) Jesus never traveled farther than 30 miles from where he began
4. John 15:11 My joy in you and your joy complete

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

1. Believe the words of Jesus: You can have a full, happy and meaningful life!
2. *Perspective* not *circumstance* dictates true meaning in life!
3. MEANING IN LIFE IS ONLY FOUND IN CHRIST!
4. DOING THE THINGS JESUS DID ARE THE ONLY ETERNAL THINGS!