

Note from Pastor Jeff...

Dear LifeGroup leaders,

I think we can say it's official – summer is here. The Mariners are playing and at least for today as I write this little note it is sunny and we have the promise of a sunny week.

I want to encourage you to use your summer like we talked about at the Huddle. Use your summer as a chance to plan for the fall and do things together as a group that you can't do when the rain is blowing sideways in February.

A quick note to those of you who are following Pastor Steve's sermons in your groups and using the questions we send out each week – I won't be sending out questions this week so take good notes and come up with some questions on your own or use the time to have some extra fun.

Thought for the week...

We are studying through Proverbs at the Sunday night service and here is one of my favorite Proverbs...

“The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.” Proverbs 11:25

Open up the sprinkler heads this summer and drench others in God's love and grace.

Planning Ahead...

May 25	Memorial Day—church office closed
June 4	Young Marrieds Ice Cream Social—7 PM
June 5	Women's Movie Night—7 PM
June 6	Baptism Sunday—all services
June 21	Fathers' Day!!! - Baby Bottle Campaign ends
June 22-26	Neighborhood Bible Clubs
Summer concert series:	
August 5	Scott Krippayne
August 12	Melissa Greene (Avalon)
August 19	Lincoln Brewster

For Your Information

To research or order curriculum, go to www.christianbook.com or www.amazon.com



Upcoming Huddles

- **SEPTEMBER 20**

9:15 AM
BASKETBALL COURT

- **JANUARY 23**

SATURDAY MORNING
BREAKFAST
PASTOR STEVE SHARING
WORKSHOPS
DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Want to read through the Bible in 2 years with your family or LifeGroup? Pick up a bookmark at the Info Center in the lobby or go to the following website courtesy of Randy Ketchem:

<http://www.ketchem.net/twoyearbible/>

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Huddle Synopsis 5-17-2009

Pastor Jeff opened in prayer and introduced new leaders, Dennis DeKay (group had formed out of going through A Purpose Driven Life), Krista Madden (young single ladies), Dana and Cliff Hanks (young married couples), and Carol Rice (The Journey for 45+ singles).
Table talk: What do you like about summer?

Scott VanOmmeren shared about the upcoming mission trip to Kenya to support David and Jennifer Hatley. There are lots of supplies the team wants to take with them. Attached to the e-mail is a list of items to donate well before September 15 when the team leaves. If you want Scott or Robyn Oldenburg to visit your group to talk about the trip before or after they go, contact: scottvano@comcast.net or robynwonnie@yahoo.com.

Brad Volk, CHCC's newest missionary, is raising prayer and financial support to go with IberoAmerican Ministries to work with Doug Kallestad in Santiago, Chile. Please consider inviting him to your group and supporting him in furthering God's Kingdom in the southern hemisphere. Contact bradvlk@yahoo.com or cell phone: 425-297-3023.

Pastor Jeff asked about some of the not so good things about summer: bugs, sunburn, rat infestation, have to mow the grass, weed the flower beds, SLUGS...

LifeGroups tend to shut down in the summer, so we as leaders have to intentionally keep active.

- Avoid those excuses that keep us from functioning (Proverbs 22:13 - *The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside!" or, "I will be murdered in the streets!"*)
- Use the summer for doing things differently.
- Connect with the group members in a way you can't do at other times of the year, such as campouts, hikes, BBQs, outings.
- Map out and prepare what you want to do in your groups in the fall, winter, spring – the whole year.
- Planning and preparing are crucial. Look at the ant in Proverbs 6:6-11 - *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest- and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.*

Salt Those Slugs!! (Pastor Jeff's Sunday night sermon title)

The soul (or LG) of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the soul (or LG) of the diligent is made fat. Proverbs 13:4 JGRSV

- In your spiritual life, what are some of the slugs you need to salt? (Not reading the Bible regularly, not having a quiet time...)
What is one thing you will do to feed your soul? (Prayer list, memory verse a week...)
- In your family or relationship with your spouse, what are some slugs you need to salt?
What is one thing you will do to feed your family relationships?
- In your LifeGroup, what are some of the slugs you need to salt?
What is one thing you will do to feed your LifeGroup?
- Other "Slugs" that may need some salt:
Tackle these issues....

Miscellaneous items:

- We will encourage another all-church study for 5 weeks at the end of January/February, which will include Pastor Steve preaching through the material on Sundays. At our September 20 Huddle Pastor Jeff will introduce the material.
- Saturday, January 23, we'll have a morning Super Huddle with Pastor Steve speaking, then go to different workshops. Please think of some topics you want to learn more about and share those with us. Such as effective prayer time, choosing curriculum, dealing with difficult people, communication, relationships...
- In the spring there will be parties with the coaches and shepherding groups.
- Using the sermon questions has been going well; can go deeper and apply what we hear on Sunday mornings to our lives.
- In this time of financial crises for many, the question was raised about a scholarship fund for group members who can't afford a study. CHCC Life-Group budget is limited; traditionally the LifeGroup pitches in to help with cost of curriculum for those who can't pay.

Dates to Remember:

May 25: **Memorial Day**—church offices closed

June 4: **Young Married Couples Ice Cream Social**—7 PM; Contact youngmarriedschcc@gmail.com

June 5: **Women's Movie Night**—6:30 PM; Cost: \$5; contact leisac@chccbw.org

June 6: **Baptism Sunday**—all services; Contact karenc@chccbw.org

June 21: **Father's Day!** Baby Bottles for Life Choices collected

June 22-26: **Neighborhood Bible Clubs**; Lots of helpers needed! Contact nancyw@chccbw.org

August Summer Concert Series:

Aug 5: Scott Krippayne

Aug 12: Melissa Greene from Avalon

Aug 19: Lincoln Brewster

Planning for Fall:

Sept. 20: **LifeGroup Leader Huddle** – 9:15 AM

Sept. 23: **LifeGroup Leader Training**—7 PM

Sept. 27: **LifeGroup "Group Link"**—11 AM; We'll need leaders to share about their groups!

We spent time in prayer at our tables with our elder/ coaches.