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CALLED... to influence our culture

COMING SEPTEMBER 2009!

What we once knew as CARE Groups are now **Community Groups**! Our small groups ministry has been given a *major overhaul*, but it's not just a *face-lift*! Community Group leaders Sean and Stephanie Carroll, along with a core group, have revamped and redeveloped everything from how our small groups function, to how our leaders are trained, the purpose of small groups, and their significance within our church body and the surrounding community.

So what *is* our new purpose and goal for Community Groups?

- PURPOSE:**
 To provide an environment that promotes authentic relationships and personal spiritual growth for every member of these individual communities
 - GOAL:**
 To glorify our Lord and Savior as we learn to live life together in redemptive community
- Curious as to why we believe it is vital for you to be involved in a Community Group? We believe that the small group is the best environment for sus-



tained spiritual growth to occur. In a small group, people learn biblical principles together within gatherings where safe and open discussions can take place. It is also where each person can experience authentic community by sharing and meeting the needs of others.

Plan now to join a Community Group this fall, and watch how God can use this crucial ministry to grow your life and the lives of others in an amazing way. Community Groups begin meeting September 9th with childcare provided at the church for Wednesday night groups. Parents who plan to use the Wednesday night Community Group childcare are required to attend a brief meeting at 6:30 on September 9th.

If you would like to lead a group and go through the upcoming leadership training in August, or host a group in your home, contact Sean and Stephanie Carroll at 855-3199 or 859-2662.

By Stephanie Carroll & Amy DeLeonardis

"Salvation is individual, but Christianity is corporate. God didn't save us to isolation but to fellowship."

Mike Canham, CBC AM Service 7.19.2009

AGE OF OPPORTUNITY

I recently read the book *Age of Opportunity* written by Paul David Tripp. I had the privilege to hear him speak at a conference I attended and have read another book written by him, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*, both of which helped me in my Christian walk. Needless to say, I had high expectations for *Age of Opportunity*, though I wasn't prepared for how this book would impact me. As a youth leader, I assumed that by reading this book, I would have a better understanding of how to instruct parents on raising their teens or that maybe I could improve students' understanding for their parents' disciplinary measures. What I found though was conviction on the approaches I have sometimes taken to "help" teens.

Age of Opportunity is written to parents with teenagers. In fact, the subtitle reads, *A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens*. The book is divided into three parts. In *Clearing the Debris*, Tripp discusses the deceptions our society has placed on parenting teens, and then moves on to a goal-oriented refocus on the real issues in *Setting Godly Goals*. He goes on to provide useful, functional ways for producing young adults who live to glorify God in *Practical Strategies for Parenting Teens*.

At the beginning of the book, the author deals with the definition and misnomers of parenting, and questions the common view of the teenage years. "We often talk about our teenagers as if they were nothing more than a collection of raging, rebel hormones encased in developing skin. We see our goal as somehow holding these hormones back so that we can survive until the teen has reached twenty...Although they (parents) would never say this, the working theology that hides behind this view is that the truths of Scripture, the power of the Gospel, biblical communication, and godly relationship are no match for the teen years. Yes, we believe that God's word is powerful and effective – except if some poor soul is trying to apply it to a child between the years of thirteen and nineteen!" (pg. 14-15) How often do we diminish parenting during the teenage years to an "only the strong will survive" mentality instead of using every opportunity to invite growth in the life of our teens?

It is certainly difficult to keep a God-centered focus in our lives with the influence of society and the ignorance of its effect. There is also the natural inclination

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Striving to produce followers of Jesus Christ who are COMMITTED to growing in intimacy with God, CONNECTED in community with believers, and CALLED to influence our culture.

WOODLANDS CAMP

Insights and reflections from our junior and senior high students about their week at camp in July.

Q: What stood out to you most during your week at Woodlands?

A: I really liked the "One Breath Away" speech, talking about how beautiful heaven is, and the illustration about the poor man and the wealthy man. How the poor man went to heaven because he believed in Christ; and that from any background you can still be a follower of Christ. And when the wealthy man was in hell asking Abraham to warn his brothers, but the wealthy man was supposed to warn them while he was on earth but didn't take it seriously. That's what impacted me the most.

Nathaniel Hagan

"A counselor in charge of Troubleshooters said something like, 'God doesn't want to be an important part of your life. He wants to BE your life. He wants everything in your life to belong to Him. He wants you to take everything to Him...and leave it there.' It made me realize how many times a day I take things to God and then take them right back and start worrying again. It also made me realize that I have not made everything in my life about Jesus. It inspired me to make Christ my absolute EVERYTHING and to trust in Him for every little thing."

Ashley Fowler

"The song 'Maker of Heaven' by Desperation Band is a song that I've sung at Woodlands before and was reunited with this year. The lyrics of the chorus are really refreshing. 'You are the Maker of Heaven, You turn my world around, You're making all things new again, Through it all I know You are God alone.' They just make me realize that He is in total control. He is always there, and that His will is always for the best of all good."

Renaë Wright

Speaker Steve Quotes

"Hell is the Truth known too late."

"God is working all of these things in some way to display His Glory!"

"What's going to blow your mind is that it's FOREVER." (speaking of heaven)

"If Jesus is a liar, then I'm going to hell with him...because I'm holding onto Him with everything I have!"

Submitted by Erin Dirschel

Q: How would you describe your week at camp?

Amazing!

Bestest Camp Ever!

One of the greatest weeks of my life!

Nearly perfect!

I miss it!

YOUTH FOCUS—JOHN TEAL



Meet John Teal, a 15-year-old sophomore at Wren. On December 20th he turns 16, with visions of a drivers license in his future. He is a little bit excited

about that, but otherwise he is a quiet young man who is growing into his own person. As I found out, however, during my interview with him, there is more beneath his quiet exterior than meets the eye. John is a remarkable young man of many talents.

During the school year he is involved in ROTC and cross country. His future plans are to join the Marine Corp and work in law enforcement. John loves to run, practice shooting, and hunt deer and squirrel. I found it fascinating that John is a Private as part of the 2nd South Carolina Rifles Company K, part of the Civil War reenactment group. He has been in several reenactments this year and will be part of a reenactment again in August.

He has one older sister, Sarah, who attends Governor's School for art, and lives with his

parents, Richard and Cheryl Teal. He began coming to CBC with his sister, and moved up this past year from the middle school youth group to the senior high youth group.

John considers himself to be a Christian, having genuinely accepted Christ a couple of years ago when he began to think for himself. He has grown in his walk with Christ through youth group at CBC and being with friends there. His favorite thing about youth group is being around people who worship Christ.

By Tamar Leemkuil

AGE OF OPPORTUNITY, CONT'D

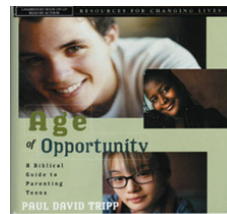
to wrongly divide our spiritual life from family life and career. With the invasion of these cultural norms, it is no wonder that, even in our best efforts, we generate teens that are spiritual at times, but throw the transmission into reverse at the first sign of pressure. We must instruct teens by example in these areas. "Wise, mature, godly people live aware of the spiritual; they see it in every situation of life...They see the spiritual implications in everything they do, in every situation

they are in. This is what we must aim to produce in our teenagers. To do this we must be spiritually minded ourselves. We must live aware of the war." (pg. 115)

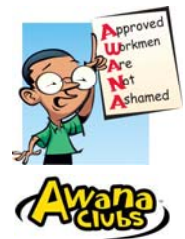
Although no book can completely educate on parenting, *Age of Opportunity* is a great instrument for parents of all ages. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the lessons given by Tripp. He exhorts us not to "use the Bible in a way that causes your teenager to run and hide from God. Use it

in a way that encourages him to run to Jesus for the help that only he can give." (pg. 187)

By Andy DeLeonardis



**Annual
AWANA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**
September 12th
Red Bank Baptist Church
Lexington, SC
Contact Matt Kamb with questions.



**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS
AUGUST**

- 15th:
 - Children/Youth Ministries
 - Worker Training
- 16th: Directors' Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 12th: Awana Leadership Conference
- 8th: Leader Prayer Meeting
- 13th:
 - Sunday AM Leader Dedication Services
 - Leader Prayer & Encouragement
 - Parent Meeting
 - First Night of Awana

CONNECTIONS

Game Night

Friday evening, July 17th, several ladies braved the torrential downpour to enjoy games and snacks with Michelle Heard. We enjoyed connecting with each other in spite of busy summer schedules, and look forward to hanging out again. Did you miss this event? Be on the lookout for more ladies' *Connections* events coming soon, or check out our Bible study beginning again this fall.

Bible Study

Me, Myself & Lies, our ladies' summer Bible study, proved to be a profitable time of going through our "thought closets" and doing some re-labeling, "clumping and dumping," and replacing with Truth.

Look for this study to be offered again this fall in case you didn't get to participate or you'd like to go through it again.



Tuesday, August 4th

- 10 am—Fountains downtown Greenville

Thursday, August 20th

- 9:15 am—New Children's Museum downtown Greenville—\$8 per person. Please prepay to Janet Austin.



GED Registration

August 27th—6 to 7 pm

CBC Lobby

Call 616-1203 for more info.

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRIES UPDATES

MINISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- August 13th
 - 7:00 pm—Abuse Prevention Class (Required for any youth/children's volunteer who has not taken this class.)
- August 15th
 - 9:30 to 11:30 am—Children/Youth Ministries Worker Training (Required)
- August 26th
 - After 2nd service —Parent Meeting (for parents of middle and high school age students)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 17th**
 - Children's Church Conference in Asheville—Bus transportation provided

FAMILY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- August 25th
 - 7:00 pm—Greenville Drive game \$4.00 buys your ticket, a souvenir cup, and your first soda Sign up on the Sunday bulletin tear off and place it in the offering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 7th
 - 5:00 to 8:00 pm—Harvest Party Bonfire, roasted hotdogs, smores, games, and more!
- January 29-30th
 - Marriage Retreat

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- August 22nd
 - Lake Day at Biggerstaff on Lake Keowee—For 6-12th graders Cost: \$5 (Lunch provided) Bus leaves CBC at 9 and returns at 5

SEPTEMBER

- September 19th
 - Hiking—Senior high only Cost: Free (Lunch provided) Bus leaves CBC at 9 and returns at 2

CORNER HARVEST

Do you have so many veggies you don't know what to do with them? Then you need to help the newest ministry at CBC get growing on Saturdays from 8:45 to 11:00 am in the CBC foyer.

The *Corner Harvest* hopes to supply produce for the unemployed/underemployed in our body and community with overflow from the gardens of CBC members.

To help greet folks and distribute veggies, or to supply veggies, contact Stephanie Carroll at 859.2662 or scarroll@mycbc.net.

Marketplace

THE ULTIMATE NETWORK

BUY. SELL. TRADE. SERVE.

WANTED

His and her bicycles to purchase. Prefer in really good condition; brand name not important. Contact Amber Kusmier: 238-5039 or kusmiertribe@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Brand new lampshade. Blue jean cloth with pink and black polka dot ribbon and jeweled embellishment. \$5 Email cbcnews@mycbc.net with interest.



BIBLE INSTITUTE

September 15th: Classes begin
Class Times: 6:30 to 9 pm
For more information and to sign up, contact Stephanie Carroll at scarroll@mycbc.net or 859.2662.

Sunday, August 30th

Speaker: Kurt Hannah

5:45 pm

Kurt Hannah, lead pastor of Missio Dei, our church plant in Asheville, NC, will be speaking here at CBC the evening of August 30th.

You won't want to miss this event!

MISSIONS

Papua New Guinea - The Dodds

Brent Dodd and another pilot recently needed to get a nine-person team from the States out of the Norambi tribe where they had been helping, but the weather closed in and caused two futile flights last week. They asked God for clear weather for the pick up day, and the Lord gave beautiful weather and no mechanical problems. They were airborne by 6:15 am and had all of the team pulled out of Norambi by 10:15 am, eastern time.

Rejoice in the news of salvation from Papua New Guinea! Brent Dodd shares in the joy of the Moores, also missionaries in Papua New Guinea, for several hundred villagers coming to Christ in the Mbongen church in response to the teaching of the Bible. One young man said, "Thank you so much for coming with this message! We were in darkness. I believe Jesus died for me." Even the village chief of Itutang called for a big feast to celebrate "the coming of this good news." Two villages that had cursed, fought, and warred with each other are now fellowshiping brothers and sisters in Christ. The Itutang believers are already traveling from hamlet to hamlet to share the gospel.

Alaska - The Rudes

"Two sweet little friends of ours went home to be with Jesus in a house fire the morning of June 10. Elijah and our son Therron were best buds. Jasmine was a good friend of our daughter Ashelyn. Elijah and Jasmine emanated their love for Jesus with contagiously radiant personalities. WE were touched to hear several glowing testimonies from family members regarding Elijah and Jasmine's bold witness to friends and loved ones. Hundreds of people from neighboring villages and communities gathered together and heard the clear message of life in Christ because of the faith lived out by these two little ones. The surviving family lost everything in the fire, but they have been clear in declaring their trust in God's provision." *Quote from their letter*

On the glad side of news, a father/son team from Pennsylvania painted the Rudes' dark brown house a vibrant red that will brighten the long, dark, dreary winters. God has also provided lots of fresh salmon to feed hungry mouths.

Missions Trips 2009

Please be in prayer *now* for the members of the Honduras and Alaska Mission Teams. The Alaska Team heads to Glennallen July 31st to August 10th to assist with a SEND International Missions Conference at Alaska Bible College. SEND International's missionary families throughout Alaska will come together for the conference to enjoy a time of spiritual refreshment and teaching. Our team will be cooking and serving meals to the families, working with the nursery, teaching VBS to the children, and interacting with the teens.

Our Honduras Team will be performing surgeries and providing medical assistance to many, many people during the week of August 8th through the 15th. Honduras is in a state of unrest, so extra prayers for their safety would be greatly appreciated.

South Africa - Missions Trip Testimony

Teresa Barnett's testimony regarding her recent missions trip to South Africa...

"God really used this trip to open my eyes to the overwhelming challenges South Africa faces in the medical field. I have incredible respect for the nurses who work there in both the hospitals and clinics. Those who work in the public hospitals may have as many as 30-40 patients at one time. As a new grad nurse that kind of responsibility is staggering. With AIDS and tuberculosis killing so many people, the need to hear the gospel is urgent. But God is at work and it was special to see how the love of God sustains the believers there in spite of the circumstances. I was able to attend a Bible study for a group of Congolese refugees. (South Africa is full of refugees from other African nations.) What a privilege to hear their voices ring out in worship and praise for our God. Their stories were filled with human loss, but they were joyful in the hope of their Lord. I also was able to go with Dave and Karin Brown to visit one of the AIDS orphan daycares. I was thankful for the monies from the US that were sent for playground equipment. Children of all ages were climbing, playing, and laughing. With a warm meal in each of their stomachs it was special to see them get to be carefree children for a few hours- what a difference! I am so thankful for the opportunity God gave me to go to South Africa. There is still much to decipher in my heart, but it has helped me gain a clearer understanding of the needs as I pray and ask God how I can make a difference.

PS If you are collecting change for my trip - please continue to do so. My final payment is due in October. I am truly grateful for all your prayers and support.

South Africa - The Browns & Thandanani Ministry

"This, and then hell," said a missionary in South Africa when overlooking a poor South African village. He saw the lives of the children in that village and knew what was happening in those lives. Take the eight-year-old girl raising her five-year-old, three-year-old, and infant siblings—alone, scared, starving, and abused, and likely HIV/AIDS positive. What's the answer to this growing problem? BMW South Africa has started *Thandanani*--"love one another"--to come alongside African churches "to develop home-based care in households" (from Thandanani brochure), to empower them to obtain property, to teach them skills and impart knowledge, and to share God's Word and love. You can give financially (100% of the money goes towards the orphans) to *Thandanani* to supply food packs, blankets, clothing, Bibles, teaching materials, towards buildings, and towards training for the pastors needed to lead the ministries to the children. For further information, contact David Brown at BrownRSA@gmail.com, Daniel Willoughby at his4s.africa@gmail.com, or Joshua Mack at joshnmarda@aol.com. Donations can be sent to Biblical Ministries Worldwide 1595 Herrington Road Lawrenceville, GA 30042-5616 memo: "Thandanani".

NTM - The Griffins

Luke and Tina Griffin along with their new son Jake updated the CBC body on how God continues to work in their lives and use them for His glory. After studying in seminary, they joined New Tribes Mission as part of a new development team that hopes to challenge youth and college and career people to get involved in missions in some capacity, whether financially, in prayer, serving overseas, or taking short-term mission trips. Approximately 2,500 language groups have still not heard the gospel. NTM desires another 50 tribes/language groups to be reached by 2014. Luke and Tina, along with NTM, need partners in this ministry. Will you pray, go, give? Contact them at ivanlukegriffin@gmail.com, tinamariegriffin@gmail.com, or 920.544.1380. Their mailing address is 134 Main Dr. Roach, MO 65787. Visit tinamarielive.com to see her testimony, schedule, and blog.