

Seeking HEART

**MATTERS
OF THE
HEART**

Living Word Church
Sunday, November 8, 2009

Welcome to Living Word Church

Welcome

Welcome! We're glad you are here and hope you feel at home. Regardless of your background—whether you are just beginning to ask questions about God or you are a Christian wanting to deepen your faith, Living Word is a place you can call home and find spiritual help, hope, and encouragement.

Thanks for Coming Today

We would be honored to acknowledge your visit today. We won't embarrass you. All we ask is that you share your name and your choice of contact information — email, address, phone, however you prefer for us to acknowledge your visit.

You can do this by filling out a “WELCOME” card (available from one of our volunteers or on the welcome table in the foyer) and dropping the card in the offering or returning it to a volunteer. We will contact you to thank you for attending and see if we may be of service to you. Thanks again for coming!

Eagle Saints

Join the Eagle Saints for a covered luncheon Monday, November 9, at 12 noon in the fellowship hall. For more details see Maxine Hutto.

Cookies for KAIROS

Four volunteers from Living Word will be ministering to prisoners in prison this week. Our volunteers are: Andy Harrison, Beverly Babb, Sherry Hann, and Cal Carter. Each volunteer needs three things:

- 100 dozen cookies for prisoners
- \$100 to help with food served
- Prayer covering for the weekend

If you would like to donate money, please put KAIROS on your offering envelope and drop it in the offering. If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them to the church by Wednesday morning. If you would like to help us bake cookies, join us in the fellowship hall Wednesday morning from 8:00 AM to 12 noon. If you would like to pray, please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

Do You Have an Extra Coat?

Matthew Judy, the 14-year-old grandson of Gail Nix, is collecting coats for needy people as part of a mission challenge for Christ in Youth. Matthew has collected 200 coats toward his goal of 500. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you have a coat to donate, please bring it to the church or see Gail Nix.

A SEEKING HEART

Matthew 6:33, 7:7-8; Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 119:2, 10, 145; Psalm 34; 2 Chronicles 17:1-6

Seek — to try to find; look for; to hunt; search for.

1. God seeks a _____. He initiates it through His Word.

2. Seeking God keeps _____ in our hearts.

3. A seeking heart leads to a transformed life.
 - A transformed life reflects the _____ of God.
 - A transformed life _____ for the kingdom of God.

4. A seeking heart leads to a _____ life.

5. A seeking heart leads to a _____ life.

LIFE GROUPS — HOMEWORK & DISCUSSION

SEEKING GOD

Our search for God is really our response to a desire that God places in us to draw us closer to Him. Like hearing a beautiful sound of music, but not seeing its source, then following the sound until you locate the source of music. Or being surrounded by darkness, but seeing a tiny stream of light, then following the light until you locate its source. So it is with seeking God. God initiates our search for Him. We choose to respond by seeking Him or to reject by ignoring Him.

MY LIFE

1. When was the first time you became aware of a desire to seek God?

2. Who influenced you the most to seek God and follow Him? How did they influence you?

LIFE IN THE WORD

1. Read John 17:3. According to Jesus, what is eternal life?

The word for “know” in John 17:3 means “to be involved in an intimate, growing relationship.” It is the same word found in Genesis 4:1, “And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived.”

Eternal life is an intimate, growing relationship with the only true God and Jesus Christ, His son. How would you describe an intimate, growing relationship with God and Jesus?

2. Which of the following best describes your attitude when seeking God?

When I seek God I am usually seeking:

- A. What God can do for me
- B. God's blessings
- C. Forgiveness
- D. God's help out of a mess
- E. Answers to my questions
- F. A way to feel better about myself
- G. To satisfy a deep desire for God
- H. _____

3. Several times in Matthew 6 Jesus tells us, "Do not do so-and-so, but do this." Read Matthew 6:25-34. In these verses, how many times does Jesus tell us "to take no thought" or "do not worry"? How can worry interfere with seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness? Why it is more important for us to focus on seeking God rather than "all these things" that God can provide for us?

4. What can we learn about seeking God from the following verses?

Luke 10:38-42

Acts 17:24-28

1 Chronicles 28:8-10

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

Luke 11:9-10

Colossians 3:1-3

LIFE AT HOME

Someone once described seeking God as “growing in obedience with a desire to love and honor God more each day.” According to John 14:15, our motivation for obedience is found in our intimate, growing relationship with Jesus. Life is all about a deeper desire for God. So how can you develop a deeper relationship with God? Well, here is one way you can develop an **INTIMATE** relationship with God.

Invest in a deeper relationship with God by putting God above all

Nurture your love for God through praise and worship

Think about God — fill your mind with good thoughts of God

Invite God into every area of your life — fellowship with Him

Meditate on God’s Word — give God opportunities to speak to you

Acept God’s directions — grow in obedience

Talk to God — develop a prayer life and truly communicate with God

Enjoy private moments alone with God

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

First Service	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Second Service	10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Children's Church	10:30 PM to 12:00 PM
RockSolid Youth	4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

LIFE GROUPS TIME & LOCATIONS

Life Groups are small groups of people who meet weekly in homes throughout the community to study, to share, and to support one another in their Christian lives. Each group is led by a trained leader. A typical meeting lasts about an hour and a half and includes light refreshments. Our current groups are listed here. Call one today for details on their group or call our Life Group coordinators Donald & Retta Lyons (909-8076 or 908-0057). You can also email Donald at dlyons@lowcountry.com.

Sunday 4:00 PM

Raymond & June Hiott
538-2172

Location

225 Wells Lane
(off Bells Hwy)

Group

All ages

Donald & Retta Lyons
909-8076 or 908-0057

5672 Sniders Hwy
(4 miles from I-95)

All ages

Sunday 6:00 PM

Ray & Josie Colson
538-2117

1789 Sidneys Road
Walterboro

All ages

Rick & Debbie Linder
562-2417

Smoaks

All ages

John & Barbara Steele
549-7751

30 Waverly Street
(Longleaf)

All ages

LIFE GROUPS TIME & LOCATIONS

Sunday 6:30 PM

Joe & Julie Epple
Linda Frazier
835-2327

Location
Cottageville

Group
All ages

Tuesday 6:30 PM

Bob & Janet Rogers
599-1011 or 599-1010

Living Word Church
(in the Pebble)

All ages

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Clyde & Bonnie Reid
532-1708 or 835-5249

202 Stark Drive
(Woodland Terrace)

All ages

Ben Langdale
Shawn Langdale
893-6859

299 Dandridge Road
(Hyde Park)

Teenage Boys

Stacy Langdale
909-0758 or 893-6456

6117 Jefferies Highway
(Walterboro North)

Teenage Girls

Wednesday 7:00 PM

John & Pam Maxlow
217-8395 or 217-8389

21 Prestwick Place
/corner Wexford Way
(right on Wexford—past country club)

All ages

Thursday 7:00 PM

Buddy Buchanan
908-1510

Living Word Church
(in the fellowship hall)

Men

Andy Harrison
909-1122

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(in the fellowship hall)

Men

Friday 5:00 PM

Andy Harrison
909-1122

106 James Street
(Forest Hills)

Boys & Girls
6th—8th grade