

LIFEhouse Church and Christian Schools

the visitor

February 6, 2009



Here are excerpts from the sermon from February 1st, where Pastor Dana introduces the concept of pioneer and settler.

...In fact, scientific studies have shown that universally about 70% of people (settlers) like to focus on making what is already here work well, and about 30% of people (pioneers) are generally excited about moving on to something new. Embracing change. So not everyone naturally resists change. God wires about 30% of us to be excited and energized by it.

Are you the kind of person who tends to like change, or someone who prefers stability? Are you excited about new possibilities or do you look forward to making what is already here work well? There is no right or wrong answer to this. Truth is we need both kinds of people.

If we are constantly moving on to something new, we never make use of the last new thing, but if we never change we won't grow and that will be

certain death. Change is intrinsic to life, and if we don't change we miss out on what life is meant to be...

God has wired his people to be pioneers and settlers. Both types of people are present in his church. Whether pioneer or settler we need each other. We need people to lead us into new territory of what God has in mind for us, and we need people who will focus us on the hard work of becoming fruitful and productive for God's purposes in those new places. Jesus talks about why we don't stand still.

37 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. 38 New wine must be stored in new wineskins.

... So, as we journey ahead, we follow the Holy Spirit. He doesn't lead passengers or consumers; he calls followers of Jesus to become leaders in the greatest cause in the galaxies: Extending God's Kingdom in new territory.

Think deeply about this. Are you more a pioneer, excited for the next leg of the journey, or are you more a settler, preferring to make the territory God is already claiming fruitful? You see either way, it is pioneer time and we need to work together to pack our wagons and prepare for the journey. Pioneer or settler, we need to exercise faith and discover confidence in the trail ahead.

OUTFLOW

outward-focused living in a self-focused world

*Do you see your life as a glass half empty or a glass half full?
Why not overflowing!*

*Do you want to reach out to others with the love of Jesus,
but just don't feel comfortable?*

Join us as we discover natural and practical ways to connect with others.

Here are three different opportunities to join OUTFLOW

- ◆ Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. at Prime Time with lunch
- ◆ Thursdays 6:30 p.m. with soup supper
- ◆ Sunday 10:30 a.m. with soup lunch

Sundays will also include a hands-on activity suggested by OUTFLOW.

Register and buy your book now for only \$10 and take advantage of our early bird discount.

(Books will be \$12 after Feb 15th)

Be a part of our "BUY ONE; GIVE ONE PROGRAM"

We don't want the price of a book to be a hindrance to someone receiving this valuable experience. In order to help, buying a book and donating the price of another is a generous gesture, if you are so moved.

Register at our information table on Sundays or call Cherrie Schilling (818) 363-7075



UGANDAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR COMING TO LIFEhouse

On Wednesday, March 25th, the Watoto Children's Choir of Africa will be joining us here at LIFEhouse. Watoto's performances are a soulful blend of African rhythm, contemporary gospel and ethnic dance. Through their music the choir shares their unique stories and express their new found hope. The children's energy and sincerity continue to inspire audiences all around the world. The choir performs to present Watoto's vision and to give audiences the opportunity to respond to Africa's HIV/AIDS and war crisis.

The night prior to the concert LIFEhouse families will have the opportunity of hosting the Watoto children, accompanied by adult leaders, in their homes. We will need 7 host families. Please join us on March 25th at 7 pm to enjoy the songs of the Watoto children, and please prayerfully consider being a host. You won't want to miss this!!

[SEE WATOTO CHOIR SING HERE!](#)

Faith Stepping Stone 5

Calling all Fourth and Fifth Graders and their Parents! The Faith Stepping Stone 5: Holy Communion Review and Pilgrimage will be held in the Fireside/ Youth Room on Sunday, February 22nd from 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. This course will teach an "I'm Sorry" ritual to use every night in every home and will review the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will also explore, guide and encourage the parent/child pilgrimage. This course will conclude with a group blessing of the fourth and fifth graders at the altar during the 9:00 a.m. service on March 8th. For more information, call Jan Cuadra at (818) 727-9698.

Hope to see you there!

Sponsor a Child Program

LIFEhouse Church has always been a generous contributor to the *Sponsor a Child* program. We would love to see that tradition continue.

The *Sponsor a Child* program enables families to have financial assistance so their child(ren) can attend a Christian School. The child(ren) not only gets a great academic education but also learns, most importantly, about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This is an ongoing program. If you are still interested in helping to support families who would love to have their children have a Christian education, please prayerfully consider sponsoring a child at our school.

If you are interested in *Sponsoring a Child*, please contact the school office at 818-885-1655.

Thank you

Stephen Ministry, St. Louis Honors Lifehouse Church

Stephen Ministries, St. Louis was impressed with our “providing significant inreach and outreach with our Stephen Ministry- lay caring ministry, volunteer chaplaincy program, and our ChristCare Small

Group ministry,” that they reprinted a letter sent to them late last year. They sent out 34,000 letters to churches in the United States, and 28,000 emails highlighting our ministries which included:

- ✝ training 40 Stephen Ministers and 22 ChristCare Group Leaders
- ✝ providing more than 4,000 hours of service from our Stephen Ministers and Volunteer Chaplains in one year.
- ✝ 40% of the people receiving care from Stephen Ministers are nonmembers
- ✝ More than 80 people in ChristCare Groups who are actively involved in missional service.”

“When you help people find ways to use their gifts in meaningful service to others, they experience tremendous spiritual growth.” This truly has been a spiritual enrichment journey for our congregation, and Pr. Dana and staff thank the Lord and Savior for the loving and caring congregation that made this possible.

“WAY TO GO TEAM (AND COACH BUZZ!!)”

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**Attention All COOL Kids!
(Sunday School)**

Let's fill up the Piggy Bank...
Bring your offering to Sunday
School each Sunday morning
and let's watch the piggy bank
fill with gifts to God!

**Prime Time
(Older Adult Ministry)**

Join us Wednesday's at 10:30
a.m. for Fellowship, followed by
a program and lunch is served
at 12:15 p.m. for \$6.00.

**FEBRUARY 11
“Healing Prayer Day”**

Learn about, and experience,
healing prayer with Pastor
Dana, and Buzz and Donnice
Brown.

FEBRUARY 18

**The Ronald Reagan
Presidential Library and
Museum**

*Magna Carta: Essence of
Democracy*

Admissions: \$9.00

Meet at LIFEhouse to carpool
to the Ronald Reagan Library
at 9:00 A.M.

Return to Natterstad Hall for
lunch

**February 25
Ash Wednesday**

Worship w/ Holy Communion
11 a.m.

Adult Bible Study This Thursday

Pastor Dana will lead Adult
Bible Study, Thursday, February
12, and then we will break to
prepare for OUTFLOW coming
Thursday nights, beginning in
March. This week, bring a sack
dinner at 6:00 and study and
discussion begins at 6:30, with
dessert.

Pray for our family and friends

HEALING

Henry Lienhard
 Linda Hernandez
 Mary Engbertson
 Elouise Halverson
 Jorge Calles
 Keith Connor
 Sheila Reed
 Ken Houser
 Donna Scott
 Kiersi Gappinger
 Diana C
 Donna Davis
 Nicolas Arce
 David Stroud
 Al J
 Troy Pflieger
 Valerie Johnson
 Evelyn Brown
 Kee Schilling
 Eugene Hansen
 Helen Polk

STRENGTH & COMFORT

George & Sarah

DIRECTION

Raffy Family

PROTECTION/SAFE TRAVEL

Amanda Damien
 Carlos Aguirre
 Noelle Raffy

LOOK WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY!

2/7 Sheryl Lautenschlager, Kevin Lienhard & Emilee Luther
 2/8 Karen Brown
 2/9 Iva Amdahl & Ray A. Lienhard
 2/10 Anna Calles
 2/13 Orlyn Crawford & Sheila Reed
 2/15 Dalilah Gormley & Heather Hernandez

2/19 Kim Ward
 2/20 Brittany Cirks & Susan Layfield

Calendar

SUN 2/8	
9:00 & 10:45 10:45 a.m.	Worship Prayer Study
TUE 2/10	
5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	PALS Stephen Ministry Training Council
WED 2/11	
10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prime Time IMPACT! & FLY Worship
THU 2/12	
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
SUN 2/15	
9:00 & 10:45 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service Prayer Study
MON 2/16	
President's Day	Campus Closed
TUE 2/17	
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
WED 2/18	
10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prime Time IMPACT! FLY
THU 2/5	
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal

CLU Concert

University Soloists and the
University Symphony
Sun, Mar 01, 2009 at 2:00pm
Samuelson Chapel California
Lutheran University

Two outstanding faculty soloists will perform well-known symphonic repertory. University Organist Mark Holmstrom will perform Camille Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 3 "Organ Symphony" on CLU's award-winning Steiner-Reck organ. Adjunct professor of violin/viola Melissa Phelps, scion of the famed Phelps family of string instrument virtuosos, will perform Telemann's Viola Concerto in G. Daniel Geeting conducts. Donations will be accepted.

Epiphany

The Volunteers of Epiphany will be bringing God's word to the incarcerated youth at VYCF during the weekend of February 13 -16. We are looking for prayer support or meal buddies. Please call church office, or see Char McGlone or Dolores Nickerson.