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Serving the Lord with Urban & Immigrant Missions



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“The LORD Has Given The City To You”

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“Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — *the Holy One of God!*”

(Mark 1:23-24; from the Gospel reading for 1.29.12)

“Even the Demons Know (and Fear) Jesus”

☺ Get To Know Your “Neighbor” ☺

- + What does it mean “to be possessed by an evil spirit”? _____
- + Is this something which can be fixed with a medical prescription, some chocolate and a session or two of pop psychology? _____

God’s Blueprint

+ At one time, all of the angels were in Heaven. Job 38:7 tells us that the angels were so overjoyed at the awesomeness of God’s creation; that they “*shouted for joy*” ☺ The angels knew Jesus in Heaven; the angels which fell into sin with Lucifer, knew full well who Jesus was; they know that Jesus was God in human form; they were rightly scared of Him. Just because someone “knows” the facts about Jesus, are they saved? _____

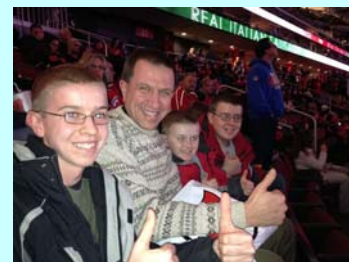
+ Jude 1:8-10 condemns those who slander God’s remaining holy angels. People who would slander God’s holy angels are also likely to reject God’s appointed leadership (“*Korah’s rebellion*” in Jude 1:11). How does God appoint leadership in our lives? _____

God’s Best

+ In the Old Testament, the Messiah is called, “*the Holy One*” in Psalm 16:10 (see Luther on Ps 2:7). The respect given by the demon in Mark 1:24 reminds us of the day when “*every knee will bend in Heaven, on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord*”. Praise be to Christ, one day all of sin’s effects will end for His followers. One day, all who have tormented the Church will be brought to their knees; the Church militant will become the Church triumphant ☺ Why will God force Satan, the demons & all who have rejected Him, to do this? _____

God’s Blessed

+ Luther says in his commentary re Hebrews 5:4-5 that “**ambition and arrogance... are shamelessly dominant in the Church of Christ today**” do you trust God to work through the Church & provide His leaders? _____



With the boys, cheering for... the NJ Devils hockey team ☺ Through a gift, we were able to see our first professional hockey game in NJ ☺

Upcoming Ministry

- (1/18) Preach at Redeemer, Westfield
- (1/18) Ken Chitwood
- (1/18) Rev. Lazarchak
- (1/19-20) Transforming Churches Network retreat
- (1/20-21) Jan drill with NJ Air Guard at McGuire AFB
- (1/23) Lutherans for Life march in Washington, DC
- (1/24) Anchor of Hope House Church in Westfield
- (1/24) Gene & Claire Partlow w/us for dinner
- (1/25) Caitlin Dinger- training the NJD staff in social media
- (1/26) Clergy gathering at Mt. Lakes
- (1/26) Leaders & Learners board meeting
- (1/26) Date Night
- (1/27) Family Day
- (1/28) Teach 2nd day of “Contextual-Confessional Worship” for our House Church Planter candidates

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Join Jim in fasting/prayer Mon
(Matthew 9:15)

NJ Missions: www.njdistrict.org

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of LCMS churches w/initial training in Congregational Prayer Ministry: 39

of House Churches: 6 # in House Church Planter training: 9

New Worshipping Communities

Phase One:

-Stand Alone Prayer Walking Ministries: St Thomas, East Pointe, MI; Mahwah; Westfield; Stanhope; Milford, PA; Ridgewood; N. Bergen; Fords; Fairlawn

-Number of Prayer Walkers: 75 **Average Number of Homes Contacted Each Week:** 400

-Names of Churches w/Prayer Outreach Coordinator (& participate in monthly meeting):
Stanhope; Westfield; Fair Lawn; Ridgewood; Milford, PA; Fords

Phase Two:

-House Churches/Houses of Prayer: Spanish- Bernardsville, Livingston & N. Bergen;

Liberian- Newark & East Orange; Kenyan- Jersey City; Anglo- Westfield

Phase Three:

-House Church Planter training: Call Shirley Carpenter to sign up (908.612.5399)

-SMP Vicar: Brad Hildebrandt (CSSL)

-Congregational Urban Ministry Center Development Team: Jersey City; N. Bergen



2012 Short Term Mission Teams:

Call now to sign up your group for 2012 ☺

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Leadership Training & Ministry Development Offered

Weekly/Monthly/Quarterly Training & Development Schedule (All available now through teleconference):

-**“House Church Planters Training Track”** go to <http://www.njdistrict.org/urban-immigrant-ministry/>

-**2/15/12 (10:00)** New Jersey Jam Planning Meeting for 2012 worship workshop

Annual Leadership Workshops:

-**“Churches Without Walls” Mission Summit (2/11/2012; 8:30-12:30)** call Elaine to register 908.233.811

-NJ Jam “Contextual Worship” (2012 date is still to be determined)

Mission Festivals, Congregational Outreach Workshops, Leadership Mentoring:

-Provided to churches & Pastors in New Jersey, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, New York and Massachusetts; will be glad to talk about coming to your location / hosting you here.

-My Sunday mornings are currently booked into **March, 2012**. Call now to schedule ☺

New Ministry that is “Under Construction/In Discussion”:

-Houses of Prayer / Prayer Walking: St Paul, Greenwich, CT; Concordia, Kirkwood, MO; Trinity in Lansing, IL; Basking Ridge; Bordentown; East Brunswick; Flemington; Hackettstown; Hopewell; Mahwah; Mountain Lakes; New Egypt; Newton; Oak Ridge; Point Pleasant; Ringwood; Somerset; Verona;

-House Churches: 3 Spanish speaking; E Brunswick; Somerset; Bound Brook; Tinton Falls

-Urban & Immigrant Vicars: John Wilmot, Charles Carter,

-Short Term Mission Teams: Christ Our Savior, Louisburg, KS; Concordia Kirkwood; Campus, Columbia, MO; Trinity in Lansing, IL;

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