

The Anchor

“Becoming an Out-Post Mission”

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.” (Mt. 28:19-20)

Do you know that there are more than 100 million unchurched people living in the United States. Within the Indianapolis there are thousands of unchurched people. The potential for outreach and mission in our own back yard is limitless.

The sad fact is that many congregations focus a lot of energy and resources on themselves with little thought of the “outsider”. It’s true that most churches have a missions program, but a majority of those funds go to people who represent the church’s mission to a particular area of the world (i.e. Japan, Mexico, Ukraine, Spain, Nicaragua, Brazil, etc.). While this type of mission endeavor is vital and important, there can be a missing ingredient to outreach— it is OUR daily mission field to our world. Now “our world” consists of our workplace, our school, our neighborhood, our home, and any place we travel on a daily basis. This is where a person’s faith and outreach is vital and can touch people’s lives 24/7. However, this can be the weak link in the Christian’s armor. People can get excited about a foreign missions and going on missions trip, but if our witness, our time and talent aren’t used daily, then we are missing Jesus command in Matthew 28.

Most people know that if a business focuses all its effort on pleasing the stockholders with little effort on potential customers, it will be a declining business. The same is true for the church. In order to help people grow spiritually, attention needs to be focused on both people inside and towards those people who are looking in.

If one carefully examines Jesus’ life and ministry in the Gospels, they will notice that His ministry wasn’t exclusively to just Jews or religious people. No, He was quite the opposite. He was very inclusive – to Gentiles, lepers, tax collectors, national zealots, fishermen, women, and anyone who wanted to hear the Good News. Also, His ministry style wasn’t the norm. He used stories, parables, drew in the sand, and went where good Jews were not supposed to go.

Have you ever stopped and considered where Jesus would minister today? What people would He hang out with? Where would He go to church? Personally, I believe He would be where people would have the greatest need. He would associate with people similar to those in the Gospel. Maybe we should ask ourselves, “Who do we hang out with? Do we need to expand our sphere of outreach? Am I doing what Jesus wants me to do on a daily basis?”

I hope that you and I will be open this summer to God’s daily leading and “Go” into your world and neighborhood bringing Jesus to people who need His love and grace.

Sincerely,

Pastor Tom



Group's

Fiesta!

Where kids are fired up about Jesus



**Don't get stuck
being bored
this summer.**

Come to the Fiesta!

Location: Hope Evangelical Covenant Church
8615 Spring Mill Road
on the corner of 86th and Spring Mill.
(317) 575-8161

Fiesta will last: Sunday June 18- Thursday June 22
Fiesta fun begins at: 6:00 pm
Fiesta fun ends at: 8:00 pm
Ages: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

R.S.V.P by filling out the form on the back and
return to the basket at the information center.

For more information, call: Athena Beatty 823-2076 or
check out the church website: <http://www.hopcov.org/>

Fiesta Registration Form (one per child)

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Other: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Name of a special friend your child might like to be with: _____

Crew number (for church use only): _____

Hope's Trip to Alaska

A Brief Report on the Alaska Missions Trip

First, it was a great trip and ACC was very pleased with the work that was accomplished. More work could have been done, but they were thrilled with what was accomplished.

Second, it was great meeting some of the students who went to ACC and heard their stories/testimonies (all of them gripped your heart). Everyone would have like to have met and heard more young people.

Third, several people got to see the MARC (Mission Aviation Repair Center) mission work. These pilots fly food, supplies, and pastors to the interior (bush) of Alaska. Several also visited the ministry of Amundsen Learning Center, which is a vocational center for native young people from the villages. It is a sister organization to ACC.

Fourth, the food was excellent, and the fellowship was great. I have been on some mission trips where a lot of work was accomplished but the fellowship was horrendous.

Fifth, people saw lots of moose and there were many sightings of eagles, a black bear and her cub, and a mountain goat while hiking to Exit Glacier.

The comment that says it all is that people would go back. A few people would even like to travel to one of the "bush" villages and experience life in one of these villages. That's saying a lot!

More later!
Pastor Tom

PS: Be watching for other individual reports in the July Anchor.

The Carlson's trip to Ecuador

Tim and Ann Carlson took eight dental students, a dental hygiene student and an oral surgeon to the edge of the Amazon rain forest in Ecuador to do mission dentistry in March.

This is the sixth annual trip the Carlsons have directed for the IU School of Dentistry under a program of "Service-Learning" in which students extend their studies by serving others outside the university setting. The team brings in portable dental equipment and supplies, and sets up a 6-unit dental clinic in churches and schools. It takes a little less than an hour to set up and begin seeing patients. Treatment consists of dental fillings, cleanings and extractions.



This year, the team treated over 350 patients in five days, in three towns along the Napo river, six hours east of Quito and the Andes mountains. One of the towns was accessed by taking the team on long canoes with outboard

motors. The trips are organized by Medical Ministries International, and can include physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, and general helpers.

MMI provides these volunteer medical mission opportunities in over 20 medically underserved countries. Participants are responsible for raising the funds to support the trip. See their website at www.mmint.org for more information.

Tim and Ann report that the dental condition of the elementary aged children in Ecuador is especially poor, and that there is an amazing need for dental treatment. At the same time, the Ecuadorians are excellent patients, and are very grateful for all treatment provided. Plans are already underway for the next trip in March of 2007, tentatively in Ecuador, although Tim and Ann would love to be able to take a team back into Haiti when the political situation is more stable.





From the Heart of the Parish Nurse

Dear Hope Family and Friends,

June is the beginning of summer and is also recognized as "Cancer in the Sun" month. Skin cancer is among the easiest cancers to prevent because nearly all cases are related to excessive sun exposure.

There are over **700,000** cases of highly curable (basal and squamous cell) skin cancer every year. Melanoma is a more serious skin cancer, **and is**

responsible for the vast majority of the skin cancer related deaths. There has been an 80% increase in the cases of **melanoma since the 1970's**. The most important factor in treatment is **early detection**. It is very important to recognize any changes in your skin. The American Cancer Society recommends that adults assess their skin once a month and report any suspicious changes to your doctor right away. The warning signs of melanoma can be remembered by **ABCD**: First, **A** stands for **asymmetry**; a suspicious growth is one which one side does not match the other side. Second, **B** stands for **border irregularity**: a suspicious growth's edges are blurred or ragged. Third, **C** stands for **color**: a suspicious growth has irregular coloring. Fourth, **D** stands for **diameter**: a suspicious growth has a diameter more than 6 millimeters. Any increase in size should be of special concern.

To minimize your risk of skin cancer, **stay out of the sun during the time when the rays are the strongest** (10:00-3:00) and wear sun block anytime you have outdoor activities. Remember you can get sunburns on cool, cloudy days as well as on sunny days. In addition to natural sunlight, sun lamps, tanning beds and tanning lotions/pills should be avoided. If you are taking medications please check for possible reactions to sunlight.

May we reflect on our gracious God who clothed Adam and Eve with animal skins and covered those dry bones with living flesh and skin, as we care for our physical health (Gen 3: 21; Ez.37:8). I pray the Lord will richly bless you and your families with a safe and healthy summer.

May God Bless,
Phyllis Beatty Maloney, Parish Nurse

The medical mission trip to Nicaragua July 15th is seeking donations for adult vitamins and chewable vitamins for children, as well as hotel soap, lotion and shampoo. There will be a box for donations. Also there are trip tickets for the mission trip available July 15th-22nd. You do not have to have medical background.

Please contact Ann Carlson or Phyllis Maloney for details.

Thank you.

Phyllis Maloney

Ushers Needed

Please consider ushering just one Sunday a month. Men & women are both welcome to volunteer.

Sign up on the board in the narthex, call Don at 471-8159 or e-mail him at

mastendon@sbcglobal.net.

Call for details if you are interested in serving the Lord in the ushering ministry.

Graduation Services

If you have a child that is graduating from high school or college this spring, we will be recognizing them on June 11th in church. Please contact the church office with details of your child and where he or she is graduating.

Volunteers, Teachers & Youth helpers needed for the fall:

- Volunteers for the Nursery/Toddler Room
- Youth helpers for Nursery/Toddler Room and Junior church
- Sunday School Teachers for Pre-K thru 6th grade and senior high
- Adult Sunday school teachers
- Wednesday Night helpers for mid-week programs
- Wednesday Night Volunteers for Nursery/Toddler room

If interested please contact Doug Anderson at 575-8709.

2006 Church Council

Dick Roskam	Chairman
Bill McAfee	Vice-Chairman
Wanda Anderson	Care & Fellowship Secretary
John Madeja	Financial Secretary
Doug Anderson	Membership Team
Mark Carlson	Publicity
Laura Ruppert available	Christian Formation
	Stewardship and Property
	Worship
	Missions

The Church Council is YOUR council. Please seek them out, ask them questions, share ideas, offer service. Only together, can Hope Covenant become the church that

June Anniversaries



5	Greg & Ruth Padgett
10	Gary & Jan Nelson
20	James & Katrina Dinius
24	Tim & Ann Carlson

June Birthdays

8	Sherry Peterson
11	Samantha Carlson
14	Rolland Silva
16	Judy Carlson
16	Stan Kaat
24	Alexis Kent
26	Katrina Dinius
27	Hannah Carlson
28	Don Masten
28	Wanda Anderson



Next Newsletter Deadline: Monday, June 26th

NEWSLETTER HELP!!! The Anchor is looking for some help to produce the newsletter for July. If you are available to help, please contact Kristin.Madeja@uscm.org.

Items submitted to the Anchor include: highlights of minutes from various committee meetings, announcements of upcoming events, thank-yous, Pastor's articles, calendar items, missionary & mission updates, youth news, children's activities, etc.

Sermon Messages

Beginning June 4th and running through the summer months I will be taking a break from the Old Testament and preaching from the Book of James.

Sermons for the month of June

4 – “You Might Be a Redneck . . .” (Acts 2:1-13) (Pentecost Sunday)

11 – Youth Sunday

18 – “The Bright Side of Dark Times” (James 1:1-12)

25 – “Deal or No Deal” (James 1:13-17)

Congratulations, Graduate!!!

Anne Truitt graduated from North Park University on May 13. She received a B.A. with a major in Youth Ministry, professional certificate in Non-Profit Management, and a minor in Biblical and Theological Studies.

Hope Covenant Youth!

Day: Monday
Date: June 26
Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$8 or \$7 (14
and under)

Don't forget the
Monday Dollar
Menu!!

Hot Dogs, Cracker
Jack, Potato Chips,
Peanuts, Pop-
corn...all for \$1



Monday, June 26 @ 7:00pm Indianapolis Indians Game

\$8 for adults, \$7 if you're 14 or under
Let Pastor Andrew know if you're coming
by Youth Sunday on June 11!

Youth + Child + Ministry =

Youth Sunday

- June 11
- Meeting to discuss Youth Sunday on Sunday, June 4
- A full run-through of the service on Saturday, June 10

Fiesta! VBS—Where kids are fired up about Jesus!

- June 18-22
- 6-8pm every night
- Sign up now

Indians Game, CHIC, Cedar Point

- Big summer events
- Check out the info!

Let's make this one a summer to remember! It could be a great one. You are a blessing. Love God, love others.

CHIC 2006: No Ordinary Day



Hope Covenant Youth!

What: Trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park

Depart: August 11th at 6:00pm

Back home: August 13th at 2:30pm

Cost: About \$50 (final price to be determined closer to date)

What we'll do: Camp at Shade Acres Friday night, get up and go to Cedar Point from open to close on Saturday, camp again Saturday night, get up, have a church service, come home

More info: www.shadeacres.com www.cedarpoint.com

Sign Up: contact Pastor Andrew

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Afternoon Youth Sunday meeting	5	6 Pastor Andrew out of office until Friday	7	8	9	10 Youth Sunday run-through at 10am
11 Youth Sunday! RSVP to Indians Game due	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Fiesta! VBS 6pm-8pm Sun-Thurs	19 VBS	20 Fiesta!	21 VBS	22 Fiesta! →	23	24
25	26 Indians Game @ 7pm (RSVP by 6/11)	27	28	29	30	

Hope Youth and Children

Pastor Andrew
 Phone: 575-8161
 Cell: (616)340-3221
 Email: agates@hopecov.org



Church Calendar June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10:00 AM Worship	5	6	7 No Wednesday Night Classes 7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal.	8	9	10
11 10:00 AM Worship	12 7:00 PM Team Meetings 8:00 PM Council Meeting	13	14 No Wednesday Night Classes 7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal.	15	16	17
18 10:00 AM Worship	19  FIESTA VBS 6-8 PM!!!	20 FIESTA VBS 6-8 PM!!!	21 FIESTA VBS 6-8 PM!!!	22 FIESTA VBS 6-8 PM!!!	23	24
25 10:00 AM Worship	26	27	28 No Wednesday Night Classes 7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal.	29	30	

