

The Other Side

November 2009

The Minister's Minute

Wherever I go whether I get together with other pastors or I am visiting in homes one topic usually comes up and that is church growth. I find the many views of this subject interesting.

There are those who are indifferent about the subject. All they really want is a place to come on Sunday morning, take what they can from the service, and go about their week.

On the other end of the spectrum there are those whose minds constantly think of church growth. These people are not only thinking numerical growth but also have a desire to see people grow deeper.

I recently had one of those conversations. I have read some books on church growth and have found most to be incomplete or not applicable to our particular church. Then there are books on church growth that need to be thrown away.

However, I am currently reading a book that was given to me. It is titled, "*When God Builds A Church*". I am finding it to be very intriguing and have found that many of the principles mentioned are applicable to our church. I would recommend anyone who has a desire to read this book.

As we move to the "next level", as I like to call it, let us all pray that God uses us to grow His Church and empowers us to build His Kingdom!

Have a great month!!

Jeff

Community Thanksgiving Service

At the Hamilton Wesleyan Church

Sunday Evening

November 22, 7:00 PM

November Sermon Series

November 1: The Born Identity: Part 1

November 8: Travis Wilhelm – CCH

November 15: The Born Identity: Part 2

November 22: The Born Identity: Part 3

November 29: The Born Identity: Part 4

So you may now be asking, "What is this 'Born Identity Stuff'?" In the month of November we will be taking a look at ourselves. Many have had their identity in Christ stolen and it is now time to restore that identity. Join us as we explore who we are in Christ and experience all God has for us as His sons and daughters.

Telling Others

Do you often find it difficult to share your faith with others? Is it hard for you to come up with the right words? Are you filled with apprehension when it comes to telling others about Jesus? If you answered yes to any of these questions please join us Sunday mornings for the *Foundations* class. Jeff is exploring the issues of evangelism and we are sure you will walk away with the tools you need to share your faith.