

SOME SEASIDE "BONUS STUFF"

GET GRIPPED BY GOD'S LOVE ...

Get personally gripped by the love of God ...

- Anticipate something to happen every time we come together.
- Don't do nothing because you can't do everything. Do what you can do.
- Resolve that you will refuse to be offended. Instead look for ways to minister, to respond in love to offensive people.

Get gripped by the love of God as the Body of Christ at Seaside...

Here's a copy of our *Love-Vision*. It gives you an idea of the direction we want to head.

Seaside Love Vision

Our mission is loving God and loving people in Community (by developing intimacy and a sense of family in Life Groups) and Direction (by providing small group and one-to-one growth opportunities to help believers move from salvation to disciple-maker). Our goal is to equip Seaside's of all ages to engage their culture through relationships, both within and without the established organization. This will be accomplished by leading believers through five levels of relational engagements:

Level One: Being in Relationships. Seaside's will be encouraged to develop casual relationships with each other and with lost people through: kids' sports, craft fairs, intentional community involvement

Level Two: Being in Intentional Relationships. Seaside's will be taught to take the initiative in developing deeper relationships with each other and with lost people through: invitations to eat out or to share a meal in the home, invitations to attend specific events together

Level Three: Being in Intimate Relationships. Seaside's will be taught to move into an even deeper relationship with each other and with lost people through: sharing personal life stories, asking and answering life questions, sharing personal salvation testimonies, explaining how to become a Christian, explaining how to grow as a Christian

Level Four: Being in Christian Relationships. Seaside's will be taught how to be the church as opposed to simply go to church through: developing encouragement and support techniques, placing life involvement into a Christian context

Level Five: Being in Directional Relationships. Seaside's will be taught how to become Christian leaders through: serving together, acting as disciplers and mentors

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES GOALS ...

AIR CONDITIONING:

In the Retreat Center we have four Commercial 5 ton split units that cost about \$5500 each.

Two units have been replaced with brand new ones. The other two were installed at the same time, so they are probably coming up soon as well.

One of the three units servicing the worship center has already been replaced, so the other two will probably be coming up soon as well.

So planning-wise, that leaves four units that we need to prepare for at around \$5500 each, so \$22,000.

CHAIRS:

Our pews are getting into pretty bad shape as well. We have already had to throw away several of them as they have broken. A ball-park figure for 100 chairs at \$75 would be \$7500. We have seen them advertised for much less, though, so that figure could go down.

FLOOR:

The cost to retile the worship center floors would be anywhere between \$3.00 and \$25.00 per square foot. We have around 3000 square feet in the building. It would be less if we did the work ourselves.

SIGN:

We decided to focus on the sign we already have and get it fixed up. That will include electrical work to the sign and surrounding lights, new sign boards, new letters, and paint. We don't have exact prices for those tasks yet, so a random ballpark figure will be \$3,000

PRIORITIES:

AC Units # 3-6 (@ \$5,500)
Worship Chairs
Worship Center retiling
Sign

OFFERING GOALS:

\$22,000
\$7,500
\$11,700
\$3,800
\$45,000

HOW'S THAT FOR A GOD-SIZED PROBLEM! But remember, we already have \$20,000+ in the fund, so we are well on our way. Keep on praying. I can't wait to see what God does next!

SEASIDE MINISTRY STRUCTURE ...



To understand our approach to ministry, picture a cross. One bar stands as the foundation in the ground and reaches vertically to the sky. The other is the cross bar that is placed horizontally across the foundation bar, so there are places where the bars intersect. Both bars are needed for the image of the cross to be complete.

The Vertical Bar represents the church's connection to God, the "Love God" portion of Jesus' summary of the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:37-40). It includes the actions we take to become "Little Christs," fully devoted disciples of Jesus. It concerns itself with every aspect of the church purposes, Discipleship and Worship.

The Horizontal Bar represents the church's connection to people, the "Love people" portion of Jesus' summary (Matthew 22:37-40). It includes the actions we take to practically apply the life we are developing as disciples. It concerns itself with the church purposes of Evangelism, Fellowship, and Ministry.

SEASIDE MINISTRIES ...

SUPERMARKET TIES ...

We are officially set up with the Kroger card donation tie-in. They will give up to 4% of your purchase back to the organization of your choice. All we have to do is tie our Kroger cards in with the Seaside number. The forms for us to do that are available now. Make sure you grab one!

You can do the same thing at Randalls. Again, there is a form to fill out and turn in at the customer service booth so your Randalls card can be tied in to Seaside. Pick up one of those as well.

GOODSEARCH REMINDER ...

Don't forget to use GoodSearch as your search engine. Every time you use it, money is donated to Seaside. And don't forget the special GoodShop option as well. If you are going to make purchases online anyway, simply enter the website you are headed for through GoodSearch, and up to 30% of your purchase will go to Seaside! Check it out at www.goodsearch.com and follow the instructions.

MORE MINISTRY NOTES ...

Want to have some fun as a believer? Start looking for the positive acts of God around you. Look around and see where God has been at work. Who has he

been bringing into our midst? What needs have we been hearing about that we can be involved in meeting

Be a part of the *Prayer Chain*. If you have a request for our prayer chain, please let me know, and we will set it in motion.

Visit a resident of a local nursing home.

Do some *Random Acts of Radical Kindness* (RARKs).

SEASIDERS CHALLENGE...

Seasiders, as we get more and more people here every week, it becomes harder and harder to find places to park. Let's make it as easy as possible for visitors, those with babies, and those who have physical difficulties. If you are able-bodied, make the sacrifice yourself to park out in one of our grassy areas. Also, as you come to the building, keep your eyes peeled in the parking lot for people who may not know for sure where to go. Once inside, move closer to the front so late comers will feel comfortable slipping in the back. Or better yet, when you see someone you don't know, go up to them and introduce yourself. Then ask them to sit with you. That leaves the back seats open *and* makes you a new friend!

The possibilities for ministry are endless! Our God is endless! I can't wait to see what happens when the two collide!

MINISTRY TEAMS AT SEASIDE ...

What ministry do you own? Sounds kind of funny, I know. But every one of us needs to discover a personal ministry, a passionate pursuit that we can really get excited about as we serve Jesus. God has gifted each one of us to serve each other in the Body of Christ, so no one of us is here by accident! Think about it ... God drew you to Seaside for a reason. He knew that the Body of Christ here would need just what you can provide!

Not sure what you can do? One way to find out is to look at the needs around you and start trying some things.

Loving God and Loving People through:

Worship Ministries

Praise Team (leading in worship planning, taking care of musical equipment, setting up for worship, singing, and playing instruments as needed) - *Jim Stone, Cory Anderson*

Audio-visual Team (taking care of and operating worship computer, and audio-visual equipment - projector, DVD player - as needed) - *Cory Anderson, Bryan Holt*

Prayer and Church Family Ministry Team (Developing and leading in prayer - prayer chain, calls to prayer, spreading the word about prayer. Providing opportunities to develop intimacy among the body - handling crisis care, hospital visitation and follow-up, providing food after hospital stays or funerals, coordinating dinner on the grounds) - *Chris Vaughan, Sharon Wyrick*

Discipleship Ministries

Preschool Ministry (coordinating care, facilities, and discipleship for children from birth through 4 years old) - *Chris Vaughan*

Children's Ministry (Developing a comprehensive plan of discipleship and activities for students in grades K-6) - *Chris Vaughan*

Youth Ministry (developing a comprehensive plan of discipleship and activities for students in grades 6-12 through Growth groups, Life group, camp opportunities, mentoring opportunities, and fellowship- recreational activities)

Adult Ministry (developing a comprehensive plan of discipleship and activities for adults by creating and coordinating Life Groups, Growth Groups, Mentoring opportunities)

Library Ministry (reviewing and organizing donated books, preparing a system for checking out books and curriculum by church, school, and community, and supervising open times)

Fellowship Ministries

Equipping Ministry (expand the pastor's oversight and coordination of church ministries between the congregation and its constituencies - Facilitate the various ministries in structuring their goals and responsibilities to be clear, and their progress to be traceable. Identify the constituencies of each ministry and facilitate sharing, reporting, and receiving feedback between the ministry and its constituency. Seek a network of open communications for sharing, reporting, and receiving feedback. Enhance the quality of communication within the church. Provide coordination among the ministries)

Financial/Stewardship Ministry (overseeing day to day financial operations, recommending yearly budgeting) - *Cathy Duncan*

Building and Grounds Upkeep Ministry (handling repairs, maintenance, upkeep, and upgrades to church facilities). Develop and oversee a regular facilities cleaning operation. Sweep and mop and prepare worship center each week. Encourage regular attenders to park somewhere other than the parking lot (save it for visitors, those with small children, and handicapped) - *Robert Howard, Bob Wyrick, Joe DiCecco, April DiCecco*

Calendaring Ministry (coordinating and tracking buildings use by community groups, outside groups staying here, church activities) - *Amber Matthews*

Service Ministries:

Missions/outreach Ministry (reviewing and providing opportunities for involvement in community service, mission activities, mission trips, special offerings. Work with area government to determine needs we can help meet. Give rides. Serve as a West End food bank outpost. Coordinate visitation and activities for senior adults, including those in local nursing homes and shut-ins. Encourage regular attenders to greet visitors in the parking lot, direct them to worship area, offer to sit with them, introduce them to several other people and the pastor, and invite them out to lunch. Host special events around the key holidays (Labor Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Easter, Christmas Eve). Host special events at random times (singing jamboree, barbeque). Give away coffee mugs with church information to first time visitors)

Retreat Center Ministry (marketing to and coordinating groups who want to use our facilities. Create a brochure to show what facilities we have available, what the group's responsibilities will be (i.e. cleaning). Facilities will be offered on a love offering basis, with no specific fee. Determine and coordinate most effective use of our "gym" equipment) - *Amber Matthews*

LIFE GROUPS ...

God has shown us that intentional small groups provide the best opportunities for things like fellowship, intimacy, ministry, apprenticeship, and even worship. In fact home groups are the closest reflection we have today of the way "Church" was experienced in the first century. Believers met from house to house, and when one group got too crowded, they simply started another one! In those houses the believers "did church." Check out Acts 2:42-27. They studied the apostles' doctrine (discipleship). They prayed and sang together (worship). They ate together and spent time developing intimacy and getting to know each other's deepest needs (fellowship). They took care of each other's needs as they arose, and even went out of their way to care for those who were not yet believers (service). They found favor with all the people, and God added

to their number (evangelism). God is adding to our number as well. A home group, or Life Group, can begin anywhere, with as few as four or five people.

For times and directions, email me!