

# Featured Ministry Story:

## Following Jesus ... Missional Opportunity

Did you know that with our current economic conditions, the homeless population in our area has been growing? Statistics document that on any given night last year there were at least 1,191 homeless people in Jefferson County.



**Heading Home** is a collaborative effort of members of the community including individuals from non-profits, faith based, law enforcement, the schools, county/city representatives, and private citizens who meet to strive to end homelessness in Jefferson County. They work together to provide emergency severe weather shelter. Last year, with funds collected from the community, they provided shelter for 152 households with 460 nights of shelter. But, funds are desperately needed!

**Heading Home** is asking the faith community and compassionate citizens to help. Here's a great missional opportunity! \$50 pays for one night's stay, plus transportation, counseling and referrals to needed services. FAITH will support this ministry some through our Good Samaritan Fund, and we encourage you to support them too. See the flyer on the Community side of the Pillar in the Commons for more information.

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**Changing Lives Through the Power of Jesus**

**So that ... we can be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus**

# Worship Today

February 5, 2012

Notes:

Today's Message:

## Adventures in Missional Living: *Sin in the Periphery*

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Matthew 18:23-35

Pastor Peter Morin

**Adventures in Missional Living:  
Jesus on a John Deere**

### Welcome Guests!

If this is one of your first visits with us, we would love to have you fill out the Welcome Card at your chair so we can send you information about Faith. And, please stop by our hospitality area in The Commons, grab a cup of coffee, and get acquainted.

### Service Times:

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Traditional Service  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Contemporary Service |
| 11:00 a.m. | Contemporary Service |



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# Welcome!

## Guest Information

- **Communion** — In Communion, we believe Jesus is really present and as we share in bread and wine we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We practice open communion. If you believe in Jesus, you are welcome to join in fellowship around the Lord's table.
- **Do you have children/youth?** We love having children and youth here and want the best experience for them! We have an exciting Children's Ministry for your 3yr old thru 5th grader which happens in the lower level (out the worship center doors to the inside steps on your left) at 9:30am. For your 6 months to 3year old we have a well-staffed nursery (out the worship center doors, first hallway to your left). If your child is with you in worship and gets restless, we have a Cry Room with windows and speakers, at the left side of the Worship Center.

**Pre/Kindergarten theme** for today: Saul Meets Jesus

**1st-2nd grade theme** for today: Jesus Feeds 5,000

**3rd – 5th grade theme** for today: Fruit of the Spirit - Patience

In **The Revolution** today (middle school youth at 9:30am): *Joseph: The Virtuous Dreamer*

In **The Revelation** today (high school youth at 11am): *TBA*

The Revolution and Revelation meet in the Fellowship Hall (out the worship Center doors straight down the hall to the large room at the end).

## This Week, February 5 - 11, at FAITH

|                  |          |                                                 |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 9:00 AM  | <b>Blood Pressure Check</b> - Office            |
|                  | 9:30 AM  | <b>Missional Discussion Group</b> - Classroom 2 |
|                  | 11:00 AM | <b>Missional Discussion Group</b> - Classroom 2 |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 5:30 PM  | <b>Faithfully Fit</b> - Fellowship Hall         |
|                  | 6:30 PM  | <b>Praise Ringers</b> - Worship Center          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 6:45 AM  | <b>Men's Group</b> - Classroom 3                |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 6:45 AM  | <b>Morning Men's Group</b> - Classroom 3        |
|                  | 7:00 PM  | <b>Praise Singers</b> - Worship Center          |
|                  | 6:30 PM  | <b>Missional Discussion Group</b> - Classroom 2 |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 10:00 AM | <b>LaLeche League</b> - Nursery                 |
|                  | 10:00 AM | <b>Prayer Quilting Group</b> - Classroom 2      |
|                  | 5:30 PM  | <b>Faithfully Fit</b> - Fellowship Hall         |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | 8:30 AM  | <b>Adult Bible Study</b> - Classroom 2          |

# What's Happening

Please check out the many announcements on The Pillar in The Commons area where you will discover activities and community connections of all kinds. **Pick up "Connect" for all our ministry opportunities and contact information.**

- ◆ **Blood Pressure Check •At Faith •TODAY •9:00 - 11:00 AM •in the Office**
- ◆ **Men of Faith Retreat Sign Up •At Faith •Between Services •TODAY.** Make meaningful connections with other men, deepen your relationship with God, and discover more meaning in your life at the One Year to Live retreat, Friday - Sunday, April 13-15. Check out the table in the commons.
- ◆ **Missional Groups •Sign Up •At Faith •Between Services •TODAY.** Think about people you connect with in your everyday life, people from work or your neighborhood, or people you know from FAITH, etc. We want you to sign up to work through an 8 session discussion guide called the TK Primer -- helping us all to think practically about how to connect more deeply with the needs of our community and each other.
- ◆ **Cancer Action Network •Sun Feb 12 and Mon Feb 13.** Join the Cancer Action Network for their annual lobby day at the state capitol building downtown Denver. Sunday afternoon (Feb 12) - training and a celebration of luminaries on the Capitol steps at dusk, honoring cancer survivors and remembrance of those lost to cancer. Dinner following. Then join together the morning of Feb 13 to meet with state legislators. Contact Cheri Holmgren at 720.323.3142 for more/complete info.
- ◆ **Deadline for Faith CONNECT for Spring •Wed Feb 15.** If you have a group or activity for the Spring CONNECT booklet please get those in to Judi in the Faith Office via email ([judi@faithgolden.org](mailto:judi@faithgolden.org)) no later than Feb. 15. Spring CONNECT covers the months of March - May, 2012.
- ◆ **Congregational Community •Kick-off •At Faith •12:15 - 3:15 PM, Sun Feb 19.** The entire congregation is invited to join in brainstorming ways to dream big in making a missional impact on our community! Join us as Thrivent provides a great lunch and forum for dialog.

**\*\* Check the Pillar in the Commons for other events and activities! \*\***

## Stewardship in Action

Your giving is a blessing to FAITH. It allows us to minister to those in need within and outside of FAITH.

**January 29, 2012**    Attended: 273    Offering: \$8,344    Budget: \$9,562  
 Share the Vision Bldg Fund: \$550  
 Attended: Sunday School & Nursery— 26; Youth— 15

**For the week ahead:**

- Have you been holding a grudge against or severed your relationship with anyone who didn't come to up to snuff in your book. Who sinned or did something that you've hung onto? How might you show mercy to this person? What might you do to restore the relationship?
- Forgive a debt someone owes you. Call them and let them know they are no longer bound by the original agreement. In so doing, you will be identifying with what Christ does for you all the time. What feelings does this bring to you?

My thoughts /ideas about following the sacrilegious ways  
of Jesus...this week:

**Next week's chapter in Sacrilege =  
Chapter 9 - Jesus on a John Deere**

# Adventures in *Missional* Living

**Week #5 - Sin in the Periphery**

**Chapter 8 in Sacrilege**



**“Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy”**

*(Matt. 5:7 NIV)*

God leads with mercy. For you, for everyone...God always leads with mercy. While our sin keeps the relationship between God and us from being whole, it does not drive God away from us. In fact because of God's mercy we are able to stand in the presence of our perfect God. He made the way possible in Jesus. It's not that we don't sin anymore, it's just that's not what's most important to God. Rather our being able to be in relationship with Him and He with us is what's important.

Mercy over judgment every time. God does it for us and that's what we're called to do for others. Be generous in loving, in forgiving, in letting mercy lead. When we allow mercy to lead, it is unexpected and encouraging to others. Let go of judgment and see others as God sees them: imperfect but beloved. Just as you are.

## Getting started:

- What kind of judgments do you make each day? Don't qualify them good or bad - just make a list of the people/places/circumstances you find yourself judging on a daily basis.
- Do you see yourself as a judgmental person? What might others in your life say? What makes you say what you say?
- If you could pick, would you rather have a world where mercy always wins or where justice always wins? What brings you to the choice you made?

## Going further

**Have you ever** experienced being shunned, overlooked, or judged because of a particular struggle, choice, behavior, or belief? Share the experience.

**Have you ever** judged, looked away from, discounted, or ridiculed another for a particular struggle, choice, behavior, or belief? Share about that experience. What kept you from showing mercy?

**What qualifiers do you use for** the people around you? Do you say things like, "I met this homeless guy," "this trashy girl at work," "this rich guy," "that Democrat," "he must have been a Republican," "my rich friend," and so on? The qualifiers we use often indicate where and how we judge someone. People's issues become their identity as opposed to their story or their being. Talk about this concept.

What do you think? Do you have people in your life who you see as issues instead of people?

**Split your group into two groups.** (If you're going through these alone, answer part 1, and then complete part 2 either later in the day or the next day.)

- (1) Have one group write down the sin struggles of those within the church.
- (2) Have the other group (or you later in the day) write down the sin struggles of those outside the church.
- (3) Get together (if alone, journal this question) and discuss the two lists, comparing and contrasting them.

What do you see? What stands out? Talk about it.

## **Keep track...**

As you read through the *Sacrilegious* book, mark those things that sound shocking to you in some way. Maybe highlight them, write them in your journal or circle them, but keep track. Collect your thoughts as you go, and each time you gather with friends or a discussion group, share those things that just may just change the way you think, live, or relate to Jesus or other people.

## Quotable Quotes

**Look at the following quotes** from the book "*Sacrilege*"...what in them do you agree with? What makes you go "hmmmm"? What do you question... and what makes you ask those questions? What makes you uncomfortable? And what is it about that which makes you uncomfortable?

*"So why do you think Jesus overlooks so much sin and sin byproducts? It's simple but profound: he took care of sin for us. Done, finished! And what remains? Relationship." pg 147*

*"So what are we to do with sinners? It is common to hear, "judge the sin, not the sinner." I believe that because mercy trumps judgment, Jesus would say, "Don't judge the sin or the sinner," Just overlook the sin until Jesus has their hearts; he'll take care of the sinner and the sin." pg 150*

Think about the last quote. Do you think you could actually live that out? Letting Jesus take care of the sin and the sinner? What sins might you find it hard to overlook or not judge?

What makes you choose the way you've chosen? Try putting yourself in the place of someone who had committed one of the sins you find hard to let go. What would you long for - mercy or judgment?

## 8:00 a.m. Service

February 5, 2012

Prelude *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
- Michael Burkhardt, Susan Carl, Organ  
Gathering Song *Come Thou Almighty King*  
ELW #408, vs 1 - 3

### **We Proclaim and Hear God's Word**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Loving God, we thank you that when you look at our lives, you look at them through eyes filled with grace and mercy. Help us to receive your grace and mercy, and to offer it freely to all. Through your son, Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

Readings 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
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Message Peter Morin

Hymn of the Day *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*  
ELW #588,. vs 1 - 3

### **We Give Our Offering**

Offering *Fanfare in C Major - Henry Purcell*

### **We Receive God's Gift**

Lord's Prayer

Communion *Deck My Soul with Gladness*

### **We Give Our Thanks and Service**

Sending Song *O God of Mercy God of Light*  
ELW #714, vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

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