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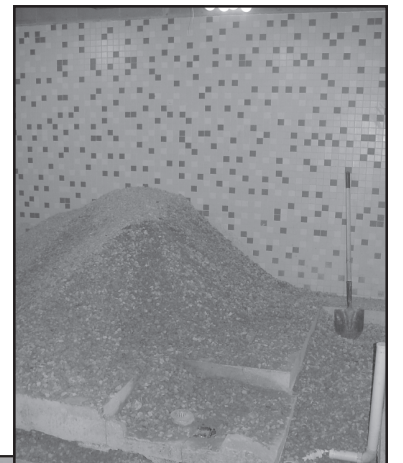
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## Remodeling Bathrooms

From holes in the floor to tiling and fixtures in the men's room



Embossed wallpaper in the ladies room soon to be glazed.

## Ministry Fair Sunday Feb 8

We're excited to let you know about a unique and very important event coming up in the life of our church: the Ministry Fair on Sunday, February 8. With our new organizational structure now in place, we are eagerly looking for ways to involve volunteers in many service opportunities both inside and outside the congregation. The Ministry Fair will be designed to inform you of the range of possibilities and, also, invite you to sign up that day to get started!

**Sunday School (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.)** for all ages

**Worship (10:30 - 11:15 a.m.)** an abbreviated service:

- Worshipping the Lord through song, prayer and giving
- Personal testimonies from several outstanding KRBC volunteers
- Instructions and orientation about the Ministry Fair itself

**Ministry Fair (11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)** will be held in Fellowship Hall

- Many of our ministries will be featured at display tables
- Ministry leaders will be available to answer your questions
- Opportunities to sign up for specific ministries
- Snacks will be provided

## Freed-up Financial Living

Wednesday evening February 4, an exciting 8-week series entitled "Freed-Up Financial Living" begins here at KRBC.

Do you ever have more month than money? Are you sometimes late in paying your bills? Do you have trouble consistently saving 10 percent of your net income? Do you have less than three months of your net income in reserve for emergencies? Do you and your spouse ever argue about money? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, this course is for YOU!

Are you ready for a change? If so, join us. Your life can begin changing—starting February 4.

Glenn Myres will lead this series. Since 1991, Glenn has been sitting down face-to-face with folks, helping them discover God's way of handling finances.



## New Lenten Message Series

*by Pastor Rick Breusch*

Late this month we enter the wonderful and meaningful time known as Lent - that forty day period of time leading up to Holy Week and the central events of our faith - Jesus' death and resurrection. It's a time to focus on our Savior and seek to understand once again something of the magnitude of what He has done for us.

This year I want to consider with you the great "I AM" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. I'm calling this series of messages **Jesus' Outrageous I AM Claims: How His Deity Impacts Your Humanity.** On

the one hand, each of Jesus' **I AM** statements are bold declarations of His deity. Why should that matter to us? Because, on the other hand, each one reveals why Jesus' deity matters to our all too human lives today. Here are the titles and texts of the first three messages in this series. It will continue through Easter Sunday, April 12.

Feb 15	"I AM the One I Claim to Be"	John 8:21-30
Feb 22	"Before Abraham was Born, I AM"	John 8:48-59
Mar 1	"I AM the Bread of Life"	John 6:35-51

# While We Wait for Spring: Using 40 days for Personal Improvement and God’s Glory

by Kim H. Finley

Ah, February, the month of love, dead presidents' birthdays, and an occasional extra day during leap years. Gone is the haze of holiday celebrations, their gaiety burned off by the prospect of gray, cold days that stretch endlessly across the winter calendar. Don't despair! By the time you read this newsletter in early February, the official start of spring on March 20 will be a scant 40 odd days away.

From our Bible, we know an approximate 40 day period can be a significant time in life. Consider:

Noah and his family hung out in the ark for 40 days while God cleansed the earth with a flood. *And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. (Genesis 7:12 KJV)*

Moses was on the mountain with God (twice!). *Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (Exodus 24:13 NIV)*

Goliath taunted the Israelite army for 40 days before David killed him. *For forty days, twice a day, morning and evening the Philistine giant strutted in front of the Israelite army. (1 Samuel 17:16 NLT)*

Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil. *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:17 KJV)* Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. *After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (Matthew 4:1-2)*

Jesus was seen on the earth 40 days after His crucifixion. *After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3 NIV)*

So while you wait for spring—and if you never made, or you've already forgotten those New Year's resolutions—this might be a good time to commit yourself to a significant endeavor.<sup>[1]</sup> Perhaps you have been moved by Pastor Breusch's recent series to get your financial house in order. You can commit to attending the Wednesday night financial ministry series to further that goal.

Or maybe this is the year you get healthier by changing some bad habits—whether over-eating, smoking, or failing to exercise. The body is the temple of the Lord and we honor Him when we respect the vessel in which He dwells.

Maybe it's your spiritual health that needs some attention. In the Branches Sunday school class, we recently discussed setting a spiritual goal or two to help us grow close to God. Whether it is a commitment to do a daily devotion time, to pray faithfully, or to use your gifts in furtherance of His kingdom, we agreed that carving out time to fellowship with God and other believers is always life altering.

Spring will come whether or not you give any of these suggestions, or one of your own ideas, a try. But this is a good chance to build your faith like Noah, Moses, and David and to model Christ with your own 40 day period. Pray about what area you need to grow and ask the Lord to bless you with this time of growth and renewal.

<sup>[1]</sup> Obviously, this isn't an entirely original thought, as Pastor Rick Warren spearheaded an entire movement on using the 40 day period for personal spiritual renewal in *The Purpose Driven Life*. This article is suggesting setting a goal or two, not the challenge set forth in Warren's writings.

## Oct - Dec 2008 Quarterly Summary

### General Fund:

Expenses:	\$ 652,934
Giving this year:	\$ 688,729
Giving last year:	\$ 734,696

Giving at the end of December for the General Fund was \$45,967 less than 2007.

### Missions Giving:

Expenses:	\$ 121,630
Giving to date:	\$ 131,588
Giving last year:	\$ 150,758

Giving at the end of December for Missions was \$19,170 less than 2007.

# Lifelines Update

by Beth Ash

Lifelines is a series of special presentations that were planned for parents of children participating in our boys' and girls' club program. From the beginning of the club year, there have been many interesting sessions, such as school and testing information, how to save money at the grocery store, fire safety, single parenting and computer skills. While these Wednesday evening sessions were planned for community parents, our church family has been invited and welcome to participate as well. As we begin the second half of the club year and our Lifelines series, we once again invite you to take part in the interesting, informative, and helpful sessions. During the month of January, Jenni Etherington has led sessions in scrapbooking and Pam Sheets shared valuable tips on personal safety as well as dental health for families.

From February 4 through March 25, Glenn Myres will present a series of sessions focusing on financial freedom. Those who have participated in the seminars have said that they are truly life changing in the way a person looks at money and spending. You won't want to miss this opportunity to look further into the topic of finances after Pastor Rick's January sermons on the subject. Perhaps you have a friend or family member who would appreciate being included in the study as well. We hope you will make this a Wednesday evening priority.

# February Mission Updates

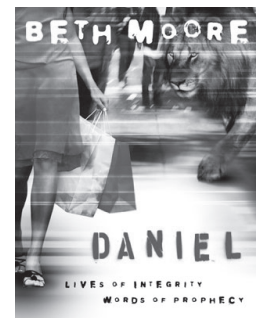
by Randy Hochstetter

Steve, Lori and Sarah Foor served on the foreign mission field in Soddo, Ethiopia January 12-23,2009. During this two week period, the surgeons and residents of the Soddo Christian Hospital were attending a medical conference in Kenya. They asked Steve to come and cover the hospital during this time. Stephanie Bowers, who is the administrator over three orphanages in this area, asked Lori to come and assist with a project involving organizing the education room, training the nannies and teaching English. Lori and Sarah also did women and children ministries at the hospital with potholder weaving, Bible coloring pages and Bible lessons. KRBC, as the "body of Christ," join together to support the efforts of Steve and his family and celebrate how God continues to use them in the foreign mission field in medical and other important ministries globally.

Pete and Judy Obregon will be doing a medical mission to San Juan, Bolivia January 24 to February 7, 2009. Let's continue to hold up Pete and Judy in prayer as they do God's work. Their devotion to medical missions in the foreign mission field over the years is an example of selfless dedication to serving the Lord. Thank you, Pete and Judy!

KRBC looks forward to the final visit of Jared Trumbo and his family at the February 8 worship service before they depart for their work in Beijing, China. We as a church want them to know we love them and will pray for them daily as they begin work in China over the next four years.

The Missions Ministry Team had their initial 2009 meeting on January 11. There were seven in attendance. We look forward to an exciting year in missions and welcome those who are interested in being part of the team. More details will follow as to how you might serve. Contact Randy Hochstetter, Mission Team Leader or Aimee Worley at 885-3929.



## DANIEL

by Beth Moore

Sundays	6 - 7:30 p.m.	starting Feb 8	Rm 115
Tuesdays	10 - 11:30 a.m.	starting Feb 10	Rm 115

This is a new 12-week Women's Bible Study exploring the life of Daniel.

The member book, which enhances the study with homework assignments, will be available for purchase at the first session.



## Women’s Connection Winter Retreat at Camp Mowana February 27 & 28 “There is Love in the Father’s House”

Sue Tillar will be the special guest leader. **Registration deadline is February 20.** The weekend cost is \$65 for Friday and Saturday or \$45 for Saturday only. Full or partial scholarships are available.