

Voice of the Spirit

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Area Update from someone new!!

Yo Alabama!!

The torch has been passed!! We are so excited to be sending you our very first letter since we were affirmed as your Area Coordinators in early September. We are so blessed to have this opportunity to serve our Lord and this wonderful community. We wish we would have been in more contact before now but we have been busy learning the ropes and planning our vision for Alabama over the next few years. We look toward 2005 and the adventures that lie ahead of us. We have already been in communication with Bishop Foley and we are preparing packages at this moment for all the area priests (active and retired). We are also preparing an informative packages for the Love Circles in our community so be on the look-out for those.

Personally, the last few months have been quite a struggle for our family. We have moved into a new home to accommodate our larger family. However, our old home has not sold of yet so we ask for your prayers. We moved our two children to a new daycare and although that was a big adjustment, Max & Mia are truly blossoming. While we know our plate is full we are so grateful for everything the Lord has given us and we are honored that He choose us.

We are praying for you and all those special intentions that you have in your hearts. May your prayers be answered and may His light shine upon you! GOOOOO Marriage Encounter!!

With love & hugs,
Aaron & Christine Beldner

2005 Weekend Dates

March 4-6/Huntsville

June 10-12/Cullman

August 19-21/Huntsville

October 7-9/Cullman

Area Happenings

Get Ready for the March Weekend

We are so thrilled about the March weekend. Registrations are flooding in. Due in large part to the tireless efforts of Steve & Janetta Huffman. Steve & Janetta are single-handedly presenting pulpit talks all over North Alabama. They have already presented in Florence and Athens. The weekend presenters are the Beldner's, the Huffman's, the Hillwertz's (from East Tennessee) and Fr. Joe

Amato (Florida). The weekend is being held in Huntsville at the Four Points Sheraton at the airport. The hosting couple for the weekend is Chuck & Pennie Martin. The Weekend Pillar would like to remind everyone to attend the Friday night bag drag and Sunday afternoon sing-out. We



will need many, many Caring Couples for this weekend so please be prepared for our phone call. In the meantime please jump online and sign-up for an hour on the prayer scroll. Please continue to pray for the success of the weekend! AMEN!!

Ministry of the Month

We are happy to announce that the Prayer Scroll Coordinators has been filled. Thanks Clint & Cathy for stepping forward and offering your gifts.

Our ministry of the month is: **Community Event Coordinator**

This couple would coordinate

and plan community events such as dances, picnics, dinners, etc. (it's left up to your imagination). Work closely with Area Leadership to schedule such events. Provide information to the community about the upcoming events. Attend Community Pillar meetings as schedule. This ministry des-

Do you have these gifts? If you said yes please call Aaron & Christine at 256.430.0982 or email at beldner@hiwaay.net

perately needs to be filled. If you have these gifts please contact Aaron & Christine immediately. Don't assume someone else will!!!

Upcoming Events

January:

29th—ME Team Meeting

30th—Inviting Committee Meeting

February:

13th – World Marriage Day

17th—Pre-weekend Team Meeting

25-27th—Section Board Meeting

March:

4-6th—ME Weekend in Huntsville

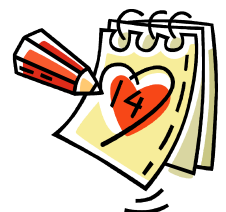
13th—ME Weekend Reunion

19th—Team Meeting

April:

7th—Area Board Meeting

16th—Team Meet-



Write these down

National Happenings

2004-2005 Inviting Challenge

In conjunction with the WWME Nation Convention in Towson, MD we are proud to share with you information about the WWME Inviting Challenge.

The challenge started January 1, 2004 and continues to June 30, 2005. The Grand Winners will be announced at the July 8-10, 2005 Convention.

Why a National Inviting Challenge you ask?

- Inviting is at the core of who we are as a movement!
- It's our mission!

- God has called us to share our Weekend gift with our families, friends, co-workers and Church!
- To Renew the Church and Change the World!

The winners will be determined based on the percent increase in the number of couples encountered on a quarterly basis versus the same quarter of the previous year.

What can I do to help Section 5 win this challenge?

- Invite
- Become an active part of the N/C Alabama Community

- Invite
- Dialogue daily
- Invite
- You tell us how you can help!!!!



New Prayer Scroll Coordinators

We are excited to announce the new Prayer Scroll Coordinators for North/Central Alabama WWME! Clint & Cathy Parkerson have said "YES" to serve our WWME community in this very special ministry. Clint & Cathy will be notifying

you soon that there is a need to fill the 44 hours of the prayer scroll for the March 4-6 Weekend. If you can pray for 1 hour (or more) please give Clint & Cathy a call at 256-726-0416 or better yet, just go on-line and select the hour you would like to pray

during that Weekend and sign-up today <http://www.wwmealabama.org/prayerscroll/showdates.asp>. Congratulations Clint & Cathy, and thank you for your "YES" to God once again!

Prayers and support needed

The greatest part of ME weekend is the Community Support that is available to all of us once we get home to the real world.

Once again we call on our community, all of you, for that support.

Jack & Stacy Veasey are from the Atlanta ME community. Stacy however is spending some quality time in our home of Birmingham, AL. Stacy is waiting for an O+ donor for a double lung transplant. While her husband Jack is in Cum-

ming, GA continuing to work to provide for their family. Stacy is living in apartments outside of UAB so that she could be available at a moments notice for the high risk operation.

If there is anyway possible that you could spend time with Stacy during this time we know she would appreciate it. She could be in these apartments for a long time (some have already been there for 8 months). Maybe you could

bring her lunch or dinner, drop of old books or magazines. We know the family would also appreciate your prayers. Please share your love & support Alabama!!!

Stacy Veasey, Box 716, 2008 University Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35233

(205) 975-1872

Home address: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Veasey, 1940 Honeysuckle Drive, Cumming, GA, 30040 (678) 455-5195.

We Pray! (An opening prayer for your next love circle)

Our Father,

Thank-you for allowing us this opportunity to come together tonight, may we honor you in our desire to represent your faithfulness in our lives and show others the way to deeply satisfy life through your grace and mercy.

Tonight, we offer our love as evidence of our commitment to you.

We praise you, Lord, for the strengths

and courage you've blessed us with so that we feel your comfort when sharing our feelings of the past, present, and future. We forget sometimes that marriage started in your mind and that it is indeed a "heavenly" idea.

Make us sensitive to all the good you've given in our marriage, and help us to be spouses who bring you glory. We thank you for bringing us

together and do believe, Lord, we are one! We rejoice tonight in your creation—the certainty that you designed each of us perfectly for our spouse.

As we journey through this love circle, show us how beautifully we "fit" and help us to bring you praise through our understanding and respect for the feelings of our spouse. Amen!

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Dialogue Questions—Need a Kick Start

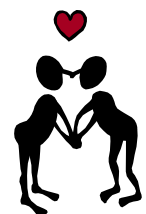
What do I like most about kissing? What feelings do I have about it?

What do I dislike about kissing? What are my feelings?

How do I feel recalling the affection between my parents while I was growing up?

How do I feel about kissing in front of our kids?

Where would I like to have you kiss me? How do I feel telling you this?



Gimme a kiss!

Love Circle Presentation idea “...in Sickness and in Health”

Preparation:

To prepare for this presentation, allow yourselves a few days of dialogue on the following questions. Discuss together some recent times when each of you has been ill (flu, colds, allergy, headache, recovering, from an injury, etc.) This presentation is not intended to cover the issues of long-term illness.

When I am sick, what do I need from you? How do I feel telling you this?

When you are ill, do I sometimes doubt your symptoms? How do I feel when you are sick?

From my parents, how did I learn to deal with illness? How do I feel recalling this?

How do I feel about caring for you when you are ill?

How do I feel about you caring for me when I am ill?

What happens to the family responsibilities when one of us is sick? How do I feel about that?

Evening format and Presentation Outline:

I. Opening Prayer

II. Presentation Introduction

This presentation is about the way we treat each other when one of us is not feeling well due to temporary illness. Just as with other important issues in our marriage, we have differing expectations because of our different experiences and backgrounds. Hopefully, we aren't ill very often, but when one of us is sick, we hope that the other can be a comfort. We dialogues on this topic so that we could increase our understanding of each other and try to better love each other.

III. Husband and wife share (10-15 minutes)

- A. Each share the perceptions you have about yourself being ill. Give an example to illustrate your perceptions. Describe how you feel mentally when you are ill.
- B. Share about your dialogues. Talk about the time you spent dialoguing to learn more about each other. Share about your feelings when the other is sick. What did you learn about your spouse? What changes are you willing to make to help each other feel loved during times of sickness?

IV. Dialogue (10/10)

How do I feel when you are ill?

V. Sharing

How would I like to be comforted when I am ill? How do I feel talking about it?

VI. Socializing

