

## **2011 YOUTH/ENGLISH MINISTRY REPORT**

As some of you may recall, the Youth/English Department was formed in 2001, and the Woodrow's have served as leaders during 10 of these 11 years.

We were asked to continue as leaders of this ministry for 2011, and to work with the Board of Deacons in developing a "Plan of succession" that would result in locating the "right" individual who would be better equipped to provide the needed spiritual leadership over the next ten-year period.

Recognizing this goal for the future is under the direction of the Board of Deacons, we assume the details will be contained in their Report. Therefore, the following highlights include the major activities we have guided over the past 12 months:

### **Youth Worship Hour**

Sunday worship represents the highlight of our week and involves a youth/adult congregation averaging between 30-40 per week. We meet between 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., this hour consisting of a Call to Worship, praise music, prayer, offering and a Bible-based message.

We began the year preaching on "The Love of God" (Rom. 5:8), followed with a 6-week series on Peter, the Fisherman turned Apostle, then opened the Gospel of John upon which we have concentrated for the remainder of the year. This particular Gospel is critical in exposing, both unbelievers and Christians, to the powerful truth of the Gospel Message. In the words of the Apostle John, "... but these things have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (Jn. 20:31)

### **Youth Praise Team**

The Praise Team, formed in the summer of 2002, has since evolved and developed to become an integral part of our Youth Worship Hour. With weekly practices, our youth are offered the opportunity to commit to this special ministry that leads our congregation in the kind of worship God seeks – "those who worship Him in spirit and truth." (Jn. 4:24)

The Praise Team Leadership meets monthly, working toward the spiritual growth of each of its members, as well as performing each Sunday for the glory of God through His Son Jesus Christ. It is amazing how the Lord has added talented members to the Team as the older ones graduate and become involved with Christian campus ministries.

### **Sunday School Department**

Our Sunday School consists of two classes – the Junior Group, consisting of our Middle Schoolers, and the High School/College Group. The Juniors followed the 3-year Jr. High Sunday School Curriculum from Regular Baptist Press but were also taught a 6-week Salvation Course in the fall. We were excited to learn that a number of this group have already received Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. We have continued to work with them individually seeking to guide them to the point where they will be ready for baptism at an appropriate time in the future.

The older Sunday School Class has worked within the New Testament, the theme being taken from II Timothy 3:16, 17 – All Scripture is God breathed and is profitable to teach, rebuke, correct, train and to equip for righteous living. They have examined various passages to discover how these principles relate to their own life experiences. They have also studied II Peter 1:2-9, how they “have been given everything pertaining to life and godliness” and the many magnificent promises that come to those who are faithful.

Both Sunday School classes were taught by guest missionaries who encouraged them in the faith. The Kitonga’s visited us in the spring of the year sharing their ministry to children in the Kawangware Slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Amy Cisco visited us in the fall to share the activities of the Voice of the Martyrs and their work with and support of individuals who are part of the world wide persecuted church.

### **Prayer Group**

We are thankful for the leadership of some of our collegians for establishing a Prayer Group within the Youth Ministry. It involves those who are interested in this ministry and they meet every Sunday following the church luncheon. In recent months, this group has joined the adults within CCCGA for a joint prayer meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.

As part of this, our youth have shown a growing interest in praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Some have been jailed, some physically tortured, while others are giving up their lives in the name of Christ. We have set aside the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month to pray for a specific country, group or individual who are undergoing critical trials because of their refusal to deny Christ as their Savior.

### **Class of 2011**

It should be noted that in June of 2011, CCCGA had the largest graduating class in its history. Eight of our youth were honored at a special “Senior’s Dinner on New Year’s Eve, 2010, and a Graduation Celebration was held this past June as to encourage them as they prepared to depart for send them off to the U.S. Military School at West Point (1), Cornell (1), Miami Univ. (1), SUNY Binghamton (1) and Buffalo (3), and a college in Hong Kong (1). What a joy and privilege to see our youth stepping out into the halls of higher learning, equipped with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

It has been our privilege to work with you as “interim leaders” over the past year and we look forward to serving Christ in the year ahead until the Plan of Succession has been completed and your new Minister of Youth/English Ministries is found.

In the wonder of His love,  
Phil & Blossom Woodrow