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Our Next Meeting:

November 19
@7:00pm

- We will take the mining process for our core values a step further.
- We will discuss our ministries' outreach plans
- We will discuss our current individual ministry roles and possible changes

Looking Ahead:

- Church Decorating Party—Nov. 25 @ 6:00 pm
- Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Chili Cook-off—Dec. 1 @ 6:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Dec. 24 @ 6:00 pm
- Family Fun Night—Dec. 31 @ ???
- **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—Sunday February 17, 2008**



What's Happening?

What a crazy several weeks! I have been planning, organizing, and implementing a Leadership Weekend; writing papers; developing a church training manual; financial planning; shopping for a house; going to school; going to home inspections and appraisals; signing papers (lots of papers); and unsuccessfully trying to keep from taking my wife for granted as she is also working very hard in the midst of all of this. *(Moriah, please forgive me. I love you and I appreciate you. THANK YOU!)*

Whether it is in my family, my masters program, my area of ministry, or even my relationship with the Lord I am reminded that I cannot

go it alone; neither can you. God is always with us, but except in rare cases (ie, David and Goliath) God does not allow just us and him to be enough. He has made us to be living stones being **built together**.

God's work through our togetherness has had miraculous results. Christ Fellowship has gone through a major transformation at very deep levels over the last few years. You and I have gone through those changes. As we continue our course working together, you following me as I follow Christ, as we continue to step up and labor as servant-leaders, as we listen to him, God will continue to do what is impossible for us.

We are at a turning point in the life of this local church. We have God, momentum, excitement, and

energy on our side. Let us not grow weary in serving the Lord. We will reap a reward if we do not give up. As we work, be sure to take time to rest and renew both physically and spiritually. We are nearly half way through this ministry year and summer will be here before we know it. Let's make the most of every opportunity, even opportunities to renew our strength.

The next few months look to be pivotal in the story of God in Christ Fellowship Church.

Hang on. Stay connected to God and to each other. The ride is about to get even more exciting!



Praise the Lord! (Excerpts from emails regarding a recent miracle)

Everyone,
Praise the Lord!!!
This is truly a miracle and Rocco is very much on the mend...When we brought him into the animal ER yesterday I did not think I would ever see him alive again...

I also learned today that...the driver of the car said that Rocco was definitely hit by the rear wheel. Yet he has no broken bones and other than

bruised lungs, no other internal injuries. 3000 lb. car vs. 11lb. Rocco? I'm no engineer...oh wait, yes, I am...that is miraculous even if it is 500lbs. vs. 11lbs...

Rocco is expected to be released from the ER either tomorrow or the next day...

Just wanted everyone to know that slightly more than 48 hours after suffering a devastating from a

car on Morningwood Drive, Rocco is home!...

Everyone is truly amazed at Rocco's story...

we are very pleased...and could not have hoped to have seen this without your prayers.

Thank you all so very much.

-Chris Patton





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Something to Think About

Guard Your Thinking

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he . . . Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words . . . Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge . . . Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day; for surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off. Hear, my son, and be wise; and guide your heart in the way.

Proverbs 23:7,9,12,17-19

Leaders understand the importance of their minds to the future of their organizations. Consider some of these timeless principles offered in Proverbs 23 about our minds and a godly vision for tomorrow.

- Your thoughts determine your character.
- Be careful of your thoughts; they may break into words at any time.
- Don't waste your thoughts on those who don't hunger for them.

- The first person you lead is you, and the first organ you master is your mind.
- Don't let your mind drift away from God's truth and into vain envy.
- Stay confident that your vision will come to pass.
- Discipline your thoughts to remain steadfast in what you know is right.

The Maxwell Leadership Bible

