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**Celebration of Freedom!**

On Sunday, July 1, enjoy an outdoor celebration featuring a fun zone for kids, a sports zone for the young at heart, and our own Worship Orchestra with additional players from the community. Finish off the evening with a spectacular fireworks extravaganza. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a basketful of your picnic favorites, as we gather in the field behind the Gatheria. Please extend an invitation to your family, friends, and especially, our Lutz neighbors! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m.



**The Music Revolution**

Our Student Music Ministry is experiencing transformation and growth. Since February, our Middle School and High School Choirs and Orchestra have renewed their repertoire with modern, exciting songs that include Praise and Worship, Rock, Hip Hop, and Rap styles. In recent months, we have presented three successful Sunday night student-led worship services, provided weekly music and worship for Backstage and Axis, and reached out to the community through concerts, service projects, and a Spring Coffeehouse. Presently, we are preparing for our summer tours to the Dominican Republic and Central Florida. Rehearsals are Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in Hall 1. Join the Revolution!

**MOPS**

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) arrived at Idlewild in February. MOPS nurtures mothers who have children from birth through age 5, helping them be the best moms they can be. MOPS is about celebrating motherhood, sharing personal experiences, making connections, and experiencing God's love through relationships and mentoring. Our MOPS group meets once a month. Watch for an announcement in late summer to register for the fall semester.



**Kingdom Advisors**

We experienced a great start to the North Tampa branch of Kingdom Advisors (formerly CFPN) with 35 in attendance at the first meeting on March 8. Rob Taylor gave a

presentation on "The 'First' Impression of Your Office." All financial professionals are encouraged to join North Tampa Kingdom Advisors the second Thursday of each month here at Idlewild. For additional information, call the Stewardship office at 264-8717. Also, several IBC business owners led other business professionals in the "Business by the Book" workshop, providing them with biblical principles for the workplace.

**Fish Fry**

The Senior Adult Ministry held its annual Fish Fry on March 29. Approximately 200 folks participated in a wonderful time of great food and fellowship at the Tampa Bay Baptist Conference Center. The main meal of fried fish, hush puppies, potato salad, baked beans, and cole slaw was topped off by an enthusiastic stroll down the 35-foot-long table of homemade deserts. A grand time was had by all.



**Discipleship for Children**

The 2006-2007 session of TeamKID in Discipleship concluded on Sunday, April 22, with an awards presentation. TeamKIDs received trophies, medals, and certificates to honor their accomplishments and enjoyed a presentation by the TK Puppeteers, made up of 5th graders. Following the presentation, TeamKIDs participated in the evening worship service by sharing Scripture and other discipleship skills, which brought the night to an exciting finish. TeamKID will resume in August.

**Library Connection**

Visitors to the library were invited to "Follow the Lamb" during the Easter season. On display were a scale-model replica and Pat Marvenko Smith's painting of the tabernacle. The Lord's Supper was shown through various media, as well as Idlewild member Jeanie Van Fleet's painting of "The Cross." Included, too, were numerous books and audiovisuals, underscoring the doctrinal significance of these items, all for patrons to check out.



**Middle School HABITS**

Our HABITS discipleship program has proven to be a big sensation with our Middle School students, as many of them are growing in Christ like never before. This discipleship opportunity offers a great way for our students to make their faith solid by encouraging them to perfect specific spiritual HABITS, such as accountability with another believer and Bible memorization. A HABITS party was hosted on May 15.



**Operation Life Box**

In late-May, the Missions ministry promoted an opportunity for members to support a U.S. soldier by filling a LifeBox with essentials requested specifically by a military personnel member stationed overseas. Response to adopt a soldier was overwhelming. Those who serve our country, current and past, were honored with a tribute during a Memorial Day celebration on Sunday, May 27.

# { Mission film }

Story by HOLLY HENDERSON

Photos by SKIP WILSON, TERESA VATH, AND PAUL MCMICHEN

Greece is considered a closed country by the International Mission Board (IMB) and a Gospel presentation would not be permitted or welcomed by 99 percent of the population who are Greek Orthodox in religious preference. So, when the Family Worship ministry was invited by Idlewild member and IMB missionary Sean Wentley to make an outreach visit to the country, Idlewild's Minister + Family Worship Ron Upton devised an effective way to communicate.

With months of artistic support from Teresa Vath, Ryan Kindle, Nancy Reed, and the cast of hundreds, a video presentation, entitled *Emmaus Road to a Savior*, was prepared.

According to Ron Upton, "This project was motivated by love for Jesus and the desire to take that love to peoples around the world." The film was produced by Upton and shown to the Idlewild family over the course of four weeks on Sunday mornings in preparation for Easter.

The musical lyrics are presented in English, and with most parts played by Idlewild members, the drama is presented in the Greek language. Sean Wentley and two men from his ministry in Greece traveled to Florida to provide translation support and to play the parts of the main characters.

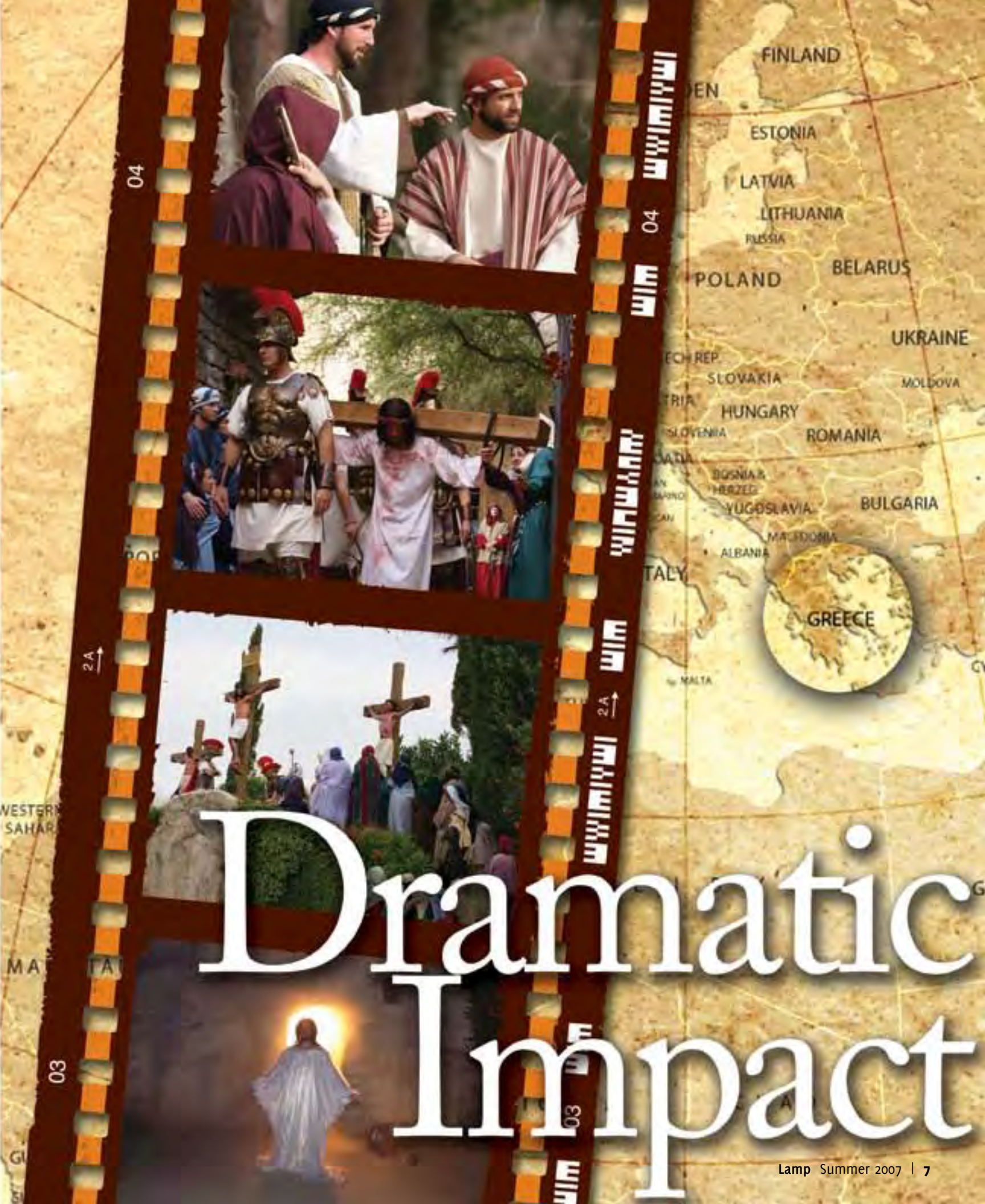
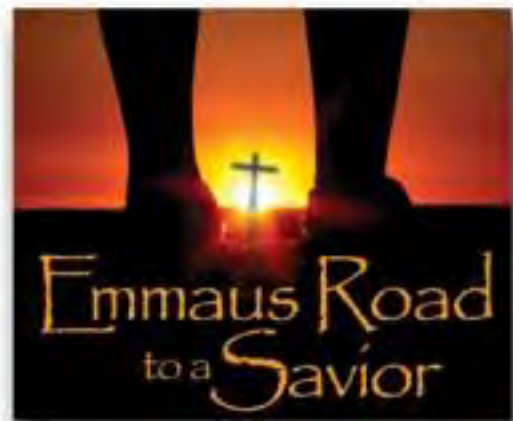
Directed by Ryan Kindle, *Emmaus Road to a Savior* accurately portrays a series of events which occurred

during Jesus' walk to the cross. As project director, Kindle was responsible for scouting volunteers, researching locations for the shoot and directing the technique of taping, while on three separate locations. Also contributing as cameraman, he dedicated hundreds of hours to this project, which he considers to be the single greatest accomplishment of his career.

Kindle also worked closely with scriptwriter Teresa Vath. According to Vath, the script, which took about three weeks to write, made it extremely challenging to find volunteers because the speaking parts required learning the lines in Greek, what she referred to as "a very challenging and daunting task." Vath's responsibilities in the production of this film were not limited to script writing. Also playing the role of Martha, Vath never expected God to use her and her gifts in this way to glorify Him.

Production manager Nancy Reed was busy on set coordinating costumes, set designs, and props. Reed also provided a helping hand in the selection of the cast, based on people she had worked with in the past.

May 31- June 9, the film and live music of the Family Worship and Orchestra will serve as an outreach to the Orthodox and unsaved population. Venues in Athens will show the film as an historical event, in its entirety, along with a live musical accompaniment. This is a role the Family Worship ministry is ready to fulfill.



# { Missions }

Story by ANN RAO



*“Go swift messengers, to a people tall and smooth-skinned, to a people feared far and wide, an aggressive nation of strange speech, whose land is divided by rivers” (Isaiah 18:2). Isaiah’s prophecy seems to be referring to the Dinka of Southern Sudan. They certainly are tall, smooth skinned, and very aggressive. The branches of the Nile River divide their land. The most exciting part of this prophecy, however, is that they will bring gifts to the Lord Almighty in the millennial day (Isaiah 18:7). It is a great privilege to be one of those “swift messengers” (v. 2) with “beautiful feet” who bring good news to the Dinka (Romans 10:15b).*

In March, seven Idlewild members ministered to the world’s most impoverished people. The ministry focus of church planting included a bush medical clinic in Ma’em, a very remote village. When we arrived in Ma’em Monday morning, the whole village was attending a cow sacrifice to appease a demon, which they believed was causing a meningitis outbreak. We began to tell them about the Creator God, Who created spirits and is more powerful than any demon. Soon the whole village was listening to Bible stories and many professed Christ as Savior. We treated hundreds of very sick adults and children.

Our church planting efforts included encouraging our Sudanese brethren who are laboring in this war-torn area. Al Melton taught a two-day pastors conference for all denominations in Rumbek. On a third day, he taught and encouraged a group of Baptist church leaders in another village. The ladies in our group led an interdenominational conference for women. The conference provided information on women and infant health issues and AIDS prevention, several

gifts, Bible Stories, the Gospel presentation, and a very special prayer time.

One of the medical clinics took place in army barracks that had a sign which read, “Malao Primary School.” Apparently, until the recent signed peace treaty, this was a place where boy soldiers were brought to train for military service, under the pretense of education. We treated hundreds of people, while our evangelists told Bible stories to huge crowds of military soldiers and villagers.

The team verbalized an over-whelming presence of evil oppression, as we entered the gates of a prison for our last day of clinic. Initially, we could not get the crowd controlled enough to start the clinic. We feared a riot would break out. As Pastor Al spoke to the mass of rude, sarcastic men, however, the mood changed. The message captured their attention and soon their hearts. We wept as hundreds of criminals prayed the sinner’s prayer out loud. The clinic proceeded with a supernatural calm.

Other ministry opportunities for our team included medical training for the nursing staff at a village health clinic, administering vaccinations to children, telling Bible stories wherever we could draw a crowd, spontaneously playing with children by sharing bubbles, soccer balls, Polaroid pictures, and giving clothes to people who had none. We were able to purchase goats and sorghum for the church leaders through special donated funds.

Thank you, Idlewild. I am grateful for a church body that cares for the “least of these” (Matthew 25:40).

## Sudan, Africa

Seven Idlewild members travelled to Ma’em, Sudan, in North Africa, February 28-March 11, to conduct medical missions and evangelism.

### Facts and Figures

**Official Name**  
Republic of Sudan

**Population** 41,236,378

**Capital City**  
Khartoum (2.1 million)

**Languages** Arabic (official), local dialects

**Religions** Muslim, Christian, locals beliefs

**Land Area** 917,374 sq miles

**Land Divisions** 26 states

**Climate** Sudan has tropical weather conditions (warm and humid) in the south, while in the deserts of the north, conditions are hot and dry for most of the year.



# { Year of Connection }

Story by JEANE MARTINEZ, VISITOR CONNECTION COORDINATOR

Photos by TOM GOSKIE



Do you remember what it was like when you were looking for a church home? Or maybe,

when you visited another church? How did you feel afterward? Were you even noticed? Did you feel loved and welcomed?

In this Year of Connection, we have given much prayer

and thought to the guests who choose to join us in worship. Who are they? Where do they live? Why did they come to Idlewild? How can we reach out to them with the love of Christ?

Our Lord Jesus gave us the perfect example of how to love and serve others. We want to be like Jesus and people are important to us. So, let's imagine how it feels to be a guest on a Sunday morning. Prayerfully, we will become more aware of hospitality opportunities, as we gain a glimpse of what they might experience.

## Navigating the Parking Lot

Driving onto our property for the first time can be somewhat intimidating, due to the size of everything. Upon arrival, however, guests encounter friendly attendants with cheerfully-colored yellow shirts and personalized name tags, ready to assist them with their parking needs.

## The Idlewild Welcome

While approaching the building, guests are greeted at designated

entrances by our Student Ministry leadership and given information designed specifically to meet their needs. Other entry sites have specialized guest Welcome Centers, attended by warm, smiling greeters who are ready to offer assistance.

## A Special Gift

The Worship Center experience features the attention of our ushers who joyfully assist guests with their seating arrangements.

A Connection Card is available for visitors interested in obtaining additional information about Idlewild. Guests are encouraged to return the completed Connection Card to any of our Welcome Centers and receive a special first-time-visitor gift.

## Expressions of Appreciation

Connection Partners reach out to our guests by letting them know how much we appreciate their visit. They also assist them in getting connected at Idlewild.

## Join the Team

Many of our guests have reached out to us. As members of the body of Christ, it is our privilege and responsibility to help them get connected. Serving others is very rewarding. If you have a heart for people, especially visitors, and want to serve, please call 264-8781 or e-mail [connect@idlewild.org](mailto:connect@idlewild.org).



# WELL CONNECTED

# How to Be Your Child's HERO!

## { Practical Application }

Story by DUANE BLASDEL, MINISTER • MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS  
Adapted from Simply Youth Ministry by Doug Fields

Parents around the world will attest that raising children is not easy. It isn't until you have had a child of your own that you begin to understand that it isn't as easy as you once thought. Because parenting is tough, it is important to remember that, no matter what stage of life our kids are in, whether it's preschool, kindergarten, middle school, or high school, there are always new lessons to be learned.

Never forget the importance of being a parent. Parents need to make sure to have the *end* in mind, as we are raising our children. Not *our* end, but *their* end. What do we want our kids to look like in the end...when they graduate high school or college, when they get married and start having kids of their own? The fact is, if we want our kids to look good in the end, we have to be providing the means *now* to that successful end.

What exactly do we need to teach *now* for the sake of our children down the road?

### **Teach Confidence**

Our kids need to have confidence in their faith, their parents, and in what God is doing in their lives, so that they can go out into today's tough society and feel strong.

### **Teach Character**

Our children need to learn *now* how to make *godly* and *good* decisions, so that they will know how to display strong character in the future.

### **Teach Conviction**

Our kids need to *know* what they believe and *stand* for it. They need to be learning from the Word of *God now*, through the church and their family, so that they start learning conviction and know what it is.

### **Teach Compassion**

Our kids need to learn compassion for the world and for those who have hurts and needs. As Christians, our children should genuinely care about people.

### **Teach Competence**

Our children need to learn to use their gifts and skills to make a difference in the world. They need to be competent in the gifts God has given them individually.

Psalm 127:3-5 says, "Sons are a heritage from the Lord; children are a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons borne in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them."

Did you notice in this verse that God calls you blessed if you have children? *Blessed!* Whether you see it or not, God has given us a huge, blessings-filled responsibility. But, in order to successfully fulfill this task, parents must begin believing in the importance of this role that God has given. We cannot forget that parenthood is a calling.

Parents were made to make a difference in this world, and they can make a difference... starting with their children!





**CHARACTER**  
**COMPASSION**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**CONVICTION**



## How can we help our children achieve character, compassion, conviction, confidence, and competence?

### 1. We need to give kids our **encouragement**.

Colossians 3:21 says, "Do not provoke lest they become discouraged." Every one of us has a longing for encouragement, including our kids. I have never encountered a student who, when I was encouraging them, told me to *stop—never!* Have you ever noticed that it is easier to recall the bad things in our life, as opposed to the good things? If you are not encouraging, your kid will remember. There is so much power in words—Proverbs 12:18.

### 2. We need to give our kids our **presence**.

Your kids need your presence—not presents, presence as in *time*. Your kids need your time. According to Deuteronomy 6:4, we need to talk with our kids and share with our kids, but in order to do these things, we have to be present and around them—you have to be there for them. You have to ask yourself, "Am I selfishly putting *my* needs above the needs of my kids?" Being present with your kids is going to challenge your priorities. Presence is about being engaged with your kids. Ask yourself these questions: Am I engaged with my kids? Am I accessible to my kids? Your kids may know that you are around, but do they know that they can come to you anytime?

### 3. We need to give our kids godly **discipline**.

Discipline creates boundaries and assurance. Always remember that biblical discipline is *guidance*, not *punishment* (Proverbs 3:11). Love always goes with discipline, and discipline always has love. Be sure to discipline carefully, not in anger. The rod in Psalms 23 refers to a guide, not a hard-hitting rod. Just as the rod comforts in this Psalm, so also our rod of discipline should comfort our children in the long run.

### 4. We need to give our kids **personal responsibility**.

Ephesians 6:4 says to "bring them up in the instruction of the Lord." Responsibility comes from instruction and training. Withholding responsibility from our kids creates naïve adults who don't want to take responsibility for anything. Teach your kids now the importance of responsibility, so that they can make wise decisions in their future.



### Mocha Latte Punch

- 2 qts. Cold coffee, regular or decaf
- 1 qt. Whipping cream
- ¼ cup Sugar
- ½ cup Chocolate syrup
- 2 qts. Ice cream: chocolate, vanilla, or coffee flavor

#### Garnish

- Whipped cream spray
- Chocolate bar shavings
- Ground cinnamon

Blend ingredients well. Garnish with whipped cream, chocolate shavings, and sprinkle of cinnamon.

Photo by CRYSTAL TIPTON

### Food Service Update

Thanks to the generous giving of some Idlewild members, the completion of the kitchen and serving area is underway. Almost all the equipment has been delivered and is being installed and staff are being trained.

For the past seven weeks, the serving lines have been open for Wednesday evening dinners, and all the food was prepared in our newly equipped kitchen.

The greatest need in food service now is staff, both paid and volunteer, to prepare, serve, and clean.





## Summer Sing '07

Coming

July 16-20

for Adventurers who have Completed Grades 2-5



### Purpose Detail

#### Purpose

To provide creative, age-appropriate activities promoting exploration and discovery of ways to worship, praise and serve the Lord.

- Discovery
- Enrichment
- Music Experiences

#### Time

July 16-20

Mon-Thurs:  
9 am - 3 pm

Friday:  
9 am - 2 pm

# { preview }

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### ConnectionPoint

If you are not a part of a Bible Fellowship class or small group, this event is for you. Register for the upcoming Desert Fellowship, Thursday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.

### ConnectionPoint

### Membership 101

One-day sessions of Membership 101 will be offered on Saturdays, August 11 and September 8, 9:00 a.m.-1:45 p.m., in Room E111. To make Kids Kare or class reservations, please register online or call Linda at 264-8729. This class is also offered in four sessions on Sunday mornings.



## COMMUNICATIONS

Our publications are available online. View or share *The Lamp* and the *Family of Faith* with just a click of your mouse. Visit [www.idlewild.org](http://www.idlewild.org), Keyword: epubs.



## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

### Crown Ministry

New sessions of Crown Ministry financial stewardship classes for 4th and 5th grade children will begin Sundays, June 3 and July 1. Register your child by calling the Children's Ministry office at 264-8755.



### Mission Friends

On Wednesday nights this summer, preschoolers will grow spiritually, while learning that people may look different, eat differently, and like doing different things, but are alike because God made and loves all people. Preschoolers will participate in "Love in Any Language," an outreach to migrant children in Wimauma, Florida.

### Vacation Bible School

Get in the game at Game Day Central for children in K5-5th grade, June 4-8. There's a place on the team just for you! Register at the door.



## FAMILY WORSHIP

### Worship Quest

Children, ages 3 (by May 31, 2007) to those entering 5th grade, are invited to join us for a musical adventure. Worship Quest meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., beginning August 22.



### The Centre

The Center for Music, Worship and The Arts provides private music lessons for voice and select instruments. The fall semester begins August 20. To learn more, call 264-8732.



### Middle School Choir Tour

June 28-July 1, the Middle School Choir will be ministering and presenting concerts throughout the Central Florida area, including a presentation at Disney's Magic Kingdom.

### High School Choir Missions Tour

Using music, drama, service projects, and hospitality as a forum to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the High School Choir, Orchestra, and Drama students will travel to the Dominican Republic, July 23-29.

### Christmas Preview

The holiday season begins early for the Worship Choir and Orchestra members, as the Christmas presentation music is unveiled. A Preview Party will be held Friday, August 24. To share your musical talent, join the choir or orchestra during their weekly rehearsals.

# JULY 30 TO AUGUST 3

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8 LAKE PLACID, FL



Camp Speaker  
ADAM ROBINSON



Worship Leader  
ANDY FREW

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!!!  
[WWW.IDLEWILD.ORG/CAMPIDLEWILD](http://WWW.IDLEWILD.ORG/CAMPIDLEWILD)



### Extreme Kidz on Mission

Prepare yourself for an action-packed summer of mission exploration on Wednesdays, beginning June 20. Visit [www.idlewild.org](http://www.idlewild.org) to register and request your child's "passport" to this exciting summer adventure.

# HAVE A BALL

...THIS SUMMER WITH  
IDLEWILD RECREATION  
OUTREACH

## Ellenton Outlet Shopping Adventure

Shop 'til you drop at the Ellenton Outlet Mall on Saturday, June 16. While checking out the new fashion trends, this is a great way for moms and dads to bond with their children or for friends to hunt for bargains at outlet prices. Cost is \$10 per person. Transportation will be provided and seating is limited.

## Parent/Child Fishing

Share a day of fishing in the Gulf of Mexico with your son or daughter. Meet at the church on Saturday, June 16, at 6:00 a.m. The boat, departing from Clearwater, is limited to 80 participants. Payment must be received to reserve your spot.

## Master's Golf Tournament

On Monday, June 18, golfers will enjoy one of the best tournaments on one of the finest courses in the city. This event is limited to 128 participants, and response has been so good that registration is closed. So, plan to register early for next year's event!

## Youth Football and Cheerleading

Register for the Youth Football and Cheerleading season. Early bird discount deadline and on-site registration day is Saturday, June 23, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Final on-site registration is before 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 7. Play begins Saturday, July 23 at the Idlewild Sports Complex.

Register online, at Event Registration or in the church office. For more information, call 264-8759.

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## STUDENTS

### World Changers

Never too young to change the world, students will combine efforts with students from various states to provide home repairs to families in need, June 9-16. Middle School students will be in Birmingham, Alabama, and High School students will serve in Atlanta, Georgia.

**WORLD  
CHANGERS**

## MISSIONS

### Short-Term Journey Training

If you plan to GO on a mission trip or just want to know more about the mission opportunities at Idlewild, this class is for you. Short-Term Mission Journey training will be held Saturday, June 16. Register online or call the Missions office at 264-8727. Childcare is not available.

## SINGLE ADULTS

### Priority

A Bible Study for Single Adults will meet Friday, August 3, 7:30 p.m., in Hall 1. Kids Kare arrangements can be made by calling 264-8735, by July 27.

**PRIORITY**

## RECREATION

### Sports Mission Trip

Using athletics as a source of outreach, a group will travel to the Dominican Republic July 23-29. To learn more, contact the Recreation office at 264-8759.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Summer Study

This summer, LifeChange University will offer a women's study of the Gospel of John. The six-week course will meet Tuesdays, June 12-July 17. To register, complete an LCU registration form or visit [www.idlewild.org](http://www.idlewild.org). For more information, call Donna at 264-8758.

**LifeChange  
University**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Journey to Financial Freedom

During this one-day seminar on Saturday, August 4, learn biblical principles of money management and tips for practical application. The cost of \$25 includes materials and food. Register online or at Event Registration.

## WOMEN

### Thrilling Thursdays

Invite a friend and join the monthly Women's Outreach to Women



fellowship and craft days on Thursdays, June 14, July 12, and August 9. There is no registration fee and you provide your own craft supplies. Register online or call 264-8788. Childcare is available, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:30-8:00 p.m., by calling the Kids Kare office at 264-8735 one week in advance of each event.

### New Member Fellowship

Idlewild's Women's Ministry invites women new to Idlewild to get acquainted during a time of fellowship on Monday, August 13, 7:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Register by calling the Women's Ministry office at 264-8788.



### Crown Ministry Small Groups

Attend a 10-week, small group study of what Scripture teaches about money and possessions. Materials and your pre-group assignment will be distributed at Orientation on Sunday, August 5. Register online at [www.idlewild.org/crown](http://www.idlewild.org/crown) or at Event Registration. To learn more, contact the Stewardship office at 264-8717.

metamorphosis

## What will God make of you?

LCU provides a wide variety of study selections, including: Women's groups, Men's groups, Finance, Evangelism, Missions, Theology, and books of the Bible.

The fall semester begins August 19. Watch for Course Catalogs to be distributed in Bible Fellowship classrooms or online.

**LifeChange  
University**

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RELATIONSHIPS  
for COUPLES



[ a marriage conference unlike any other ]

August 17 and 18, the “DNA of Relationships for Couples” Marriage Conference promises to provide four steps to help you keep moving toward the marriage of your dreams! Register online at [www.idlewild.org](http://www.idlewild.org) or [www.nationalmarriage.com](http://www.nationalmarriage.com) or at Event Registration. To register by phone, call 417.335.5882.



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