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In the Know

By Pastor Ken Monahan

Five years ago in 2006, the elders of Dover Baptist Church, began praying that in the next ten years God would raise up five couples or five individuals to leave the comfort of their church family here at DBC and go onto the mission field in full-time Christian service. As soon as Rick and Ruth Odess complete their support discovery God will have placed four out of five couples on the field of service. Who will be next? That is the question that we need to ask ourselves.

You see, it is not always the other person that God is speaking to…He may want to break the news to you that it is your heart that He is speaking to. Almost every time I happen to bring this subject up people get very nervous and quickly change the subject. Why do people do that? I honestly think it's because they are afraid that God is going to send them someplace uncomfortable, unknowable, unpronounceable and far, far away from the comfort of their home, church and family. I can't say that God doesn't work that way because we have all read stories of how God reached out and radically changed someone's life this way. But, what I do know is that when your heart is given to the Lord and you trust Him for your future; He is going to use you. Whether it is here among friends or whether it is upon a field of

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Seacoast Perspectives…Coming January 23!

Who should take *Perspectives*?

The short answer is anyone who wants a closer walk with the Lord, who is serious about gaining a deeper understanding of His ultimate purpose in the world. It's for anyone who wants to learn how to strategically invest their lives in seeing God glorified; for anyone who wants to gain insight and direction that will help them to impact their generation.

If the above describes you, no matter what your age or position, *Perspectives* is for you!

What Makes *Perspectives* unique?

There are many answers to that question. *Perspectives* has a unique focus. *Perspectives* has a long and singular track record in the business of opening students' eyes to the Bible, world history, international culture, and God's purpose for it all in a way that no other course can offer.

Perspectives is also unique in that a different expert teaches each of the 15 sessions. This allows you to be exposed to people who specialize in the area they cover.

What are the enrollment types?

Key Reading: Students attend class, read a few key articles each week, and complete five personal responses (reflections on what they are learning) throughout the semester.

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service you have only thought about.

One of the couples that have heeded the Holy Spirit's leading in their life for full time ministry is the Eisner family. It wasn't easy for them to leave their families and go to a country quite different from their own. But when you follow God's leading He smoothes many of the roadblocks and speed bumps out of the way. Did you notice that I didn't say God *would* smooth out every difficulty? That may be a growth point in your life that He wants to address. Perhaps God has been speaking to you, but you've been putting Him off. You don't want to deal with changes, moving makes you heartsick or you have just said "no" to God regarding His direction for your life? Stop kicking against God's direction for your life and listen. Just listen.

As many know, Ken and Joy are presently serving in Guatemala at the Christian Academy of Guatemala. Ken and Joy are quite involved in the activities of this school along with their three young daughters, Abigail, Emma, and Sara.

If you want to be "in the know," on ***First Wednesday, January 4th***, the Eisner's will share God's work in their personal lives and their work at the academy. I, for one, want to hear how God has stretched their faith and enabled them to continue on in His service in Guatemala. After a delicious meal and dessert we will hear how Ken, Joy and the girls are walking with God in this Central American culture.

We can help those preparing our feast and let them know precisely how many of you will be there by signing up this Sunday. One of the most exciting things I see happening is that you would come learn how God has worked in the lives of Ken and Joy and see – and explore what God may have in store for you. This is your opportunity to listen. By listening to how God has changed the lives of those we love, He could change ours.

Elder's Corner

Happy New Day!

The bringing in of the new year for many of us brings in a host of declarations, resolutions, and vows to change, fix, or enhance our lives. Some are serious, some are for fun, some we know we will break before the day is over, some we try to nurture and make last for a few weeks (diet! workout! spend an hour in prayer every day! volunteer at a shelter!). For myself, I find that my resolutions usually are dead failures by the time Valentine's Day rolls around. Maybe (probably!) that is the result of a lack of discipline on my part but while long-term goals are admirable and at times necessary, the Bible speaks much more clearly about daily living rather than long term planning.

In the book of James the author states "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (James 4:13-14) James goes on to say that we should only make plans with respect to God's will in our lives. James point is not that our lives are meaningless (a vanishing mist) but that our focus shouldn't be on our long-term desires but on daily living for God.

Jesus, also, reminded his disciples not to put their focus on physical wants and needs but rather to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matt. 6:33-34) Clearly Jesus was encouraging his disciples not to be as concerned about the future as about how they were living each and every day.

Having said this, I am still making a New Year's Resolution! It is to wake up each day ready to worship, serve, and honor God in whatever way that manifests itself for that day. Some days that might mean an hour spent in prayer, some days it might mean volunteering at a shelter, some days it might mean showing God's love to my co-workers or vacuuming a rug in the church building, or working with AWANA kids, or leading family worship time at home. For each of us this will play out in various ways depending on the circumstances God has willed for each of us.

I don't know what the year will bring for me and my family. I am, however, excited about the journey and knowing that when I am "seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness" that I will be able to say along with the prophet Jeremiah "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lam 3:22-23) Happy new day to each of you and may you feel the joy of God's love throughout the new year.

Jon Roth

Missions Moment...

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

THE SCHUMANS

Featured missionaries for January are Tim and Pam Schuman, serving with Campus Crusade at the University of New Hampshire. They have served in the ministry since 1982.

Following work at MIT in Boston, they came to UNH where they served until Tim left for theological school. Following this and working a couple years at Iowa State, Tim became the Regional Director for the Northeast, later being assigned to UNH with a lesser responsibility as Regional Director.

For the past few years, Tim has directed a summer student ministry and leadership development project in Yellowstone National Park. Students work at various positions in Yellowstone. This gives them many opportunities to witness among their co-workers and several came to faith during this summer.

Last spring, Tim joined with members of Sigma Phi Epsilon for relief work in Mississippi during Spring Break. He is a chapter counselor at UNH and this provides many opportunities for spiritual conversations.

A highlight of the year was Fall Getaway. Many students sought repentance and much time was spent in prayer for one another. "I have never seen the Lord move in such a powerful way at a student retreat," relates Tim. Friday night worship was started as a result of this. They continue to see students confess sin and grow in their desire to share the Gospel with friends. They report it has been an amazing semester.

Daughter Bekah is presently a student at Montana State; Amy is in her senior year at Dartmouth College where Andrew previously graduated. He is an intern at a church in the Dartmouth community, directs the Waterman Institute and is on the board of Wheelock Society. Both groups seek to advance the Gospel at Dartmouth.

The Schumans are thankful for our support in helping them be "on the ground" engaging the students.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Overview:

"God, gold and glory" was the rallying cry of the Spaniards who went to the New World.

God was the motivator for many Jesuit missionaries, and that put them in conflict with those who came to take the gold and enslave those who needed God. Spiritism has grown rapidly in influence in many countries. The divinely ordered convergence in Latin America of greater freedom of religion, more open and accountable democracy, a series of military, natural and economic disasters which loosened the hold of traditional structures enabled many to come to Christ. Today there has been a rapid growth and maturation of missions vision which has sparked numerous initiatives to the unreached. Among the 22 countries in Central and South America, 105 least-reached peoples remain. There are over 300 different people groups in Mexico some very isolated by language and geography. 58 people groups in Brazil are considered least-reached, that is over 20% of the people groups in the country. There are nearly 200,000 Jews in Argentina, their remaining least-reached people.

Prayer Points:

- Request that God removes competition and imparts a sense of cooperation to every believer, that we join hands with Him and one another to complete the task of reaching every "no-choice people". "The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:8-9
- Ask God that every new believer would exercise the gifts He has given them to encourage other believers and to share the gospel with others who have not yet heard. "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16
- Request God to speed the Word to every Least-Reached People

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
AT DOVER BAPTIST
Adult Sunday Morning Ministry News

By Elaine Smith

Adult Sunday School Program 2012

Adult Sunday School is a great opportunity to fellowship, discuss and grow together as we embark on an exciting new journey in the life of Dover Baptist Church. Unless otherwise stated, **Adult Sunday School starts at 9:15 am. Please be sure to arrive early so that classes can begin on time.** In the New Year…

Jan 8th and 15th - **Bruce Smith** will be finishing his series of video presentations in the Fellowship Hall

Jan 8th – Feb 26th – 'VALUE PACKED PARENTING' (Raising Rock Solid Kids in a Pleasure Driven World) will be led by Jon and Leah Roth in the Library**.** The speaker on these seven inspiring and entertaining Video Lessons is Dr. Kevin Leman. **Topics**: The Ten Best Gifts You'll Ever Give Your Kids, How to Listen So Kids Will Talk and How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, Discipline Isn't Spelled P-U-N-I-S-H-M-E-N-T, Ten Ways to Improve Your Child's Self-Confidence, Caution: Anger Ahead!, Birth Order – What You Need to Know About It, Standing Up to the New Goliath – Helping Kids Overcome the Negative Influences of the Internet, the Media, and Technology.

Also a great resource for Grandparents and those involved in Children's ministries or Youth work.

Jan 22 – May 27th – CHALLENGING LIFESTYLES is an 18 week DVD presentation and Bible study that examines Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the radical alternative it presents to our modern lifestyle. The first sessions discuss how Jesus aligns Himself with Old Testament teachings. Further topics include dealing with Anger, Conflict, Divorce, Money Issues, Giving, Prayer, Integrity, Social Pressures, How to Stop Worrying and Start Living, How to Deal with Criticism and Difficult People, How to Respond to the Most Challenging Words ever Spoken, How to Make the Big Decision, How to Spot False Prophets, How to Build a Secure Future.

It is rich with Jesus' teachings and life principles for all believers that challenge our best efforts of being Christ-like in an increasingly Godless society.

PRAYER – If none of the Sunday School options appeal to you, there will also be opportunities for people to meet solely for prayer with a number of facilitators throughout the year.

Sunday School Teaching Material and Facilitators Needed

The Christian Education Coordinator would welcome new material suitable for Adult Sunday School classes. If you have resources you are willing to share, please contact the Church Office stating the title and brief outline of topics, the format (i.e. DVD, notes etc.) and duration of the material. Please note that most courses and studies are copyrighted and can only be reproduced with permission. The Christian.Ed budget has limited funds for purchasing workbooks etc.

Are you a gifted presenter? We would love to hear from you as we also have courses that require facilitators.

CLAY BALLS

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock Inside was a beautiful, precious stone!

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left.

Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it.

We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

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Certificate level earns a certificate of completion from the US Center for World Mission. It is the recommended level (over key reading) for getting the full impact of the course. The instructors are fantastic, but about 90% of the course is in the text, and at this level students are kept accountable to read. This level is required by several mission sending agencies, committees, etc. for candidacy, and is required if someone wants to coordinate *Perspectives* in the future. The work involves about 2 - 3 hours reading per week, with weekly homework over the reading, and a project due at the end of the class.

Undergraduate credit is roughly 3-5 hours reading per week, with weekly homework over the reading, 2 exams, and a paper (10-15 pages) due at the end of the class. As with graduate credit, if students are planning on transferring credit, it is their responsibility to check with their advisor to ascertain their school's policy on transferring credit into their program.-

Graduate credit is roughly 5-7 hours reading per week, with weekly quizzes on the reading, 2 exams (including several essay questions), and a paper (18-20 pages) due at the end of the class. Depending on the credit-granting school, there may be additional work required. As with undergraduate credit, if students planning on transferring credit, it is their responsibility to check with their advisor to see ascertain their school's policy on transferring credit into their program.

How much does *Perspectives* cost?

For Key Readings and Certificate Level, the cost is $280.00.

For Credit Level, the cost is $575 and transfers 3 Credit Hours from Trinity International University on successful completion of the class.

***Perspectives* Alumni:**

If you have taken P*erspectives on the World Christian Movement* in the past, you can take the course again for free. Look for the Alumni - Key Reading option when registering.

Why does *Perspectives* cost so much?

In reality, the *Perspectives* oourse is a bargain. Each session costs a little more than going to a movie and popcorn, but offers a far better return than mere entertainment. You are getting a glimpse into the eternal purpose of God in a way you will never forget. If you look at it in terms of investment instead of cost, the value of the course will far exceed the money invested.

The fees for the class are based on the travel expenses for speakers, administrative costs, costs for class books and materials, etc. This is necessary to ensure the quality of the program.

Is there a payment plan for *Perspectives*?

Yes! For Key Readings or Certificate Level, you can pay half-price on the first night, and the balance is due 4 weeks later. See Loren Schanck or Kim LeFevre for more information.

How do I register?

All students must register online, although they have the choice of paying online or in class. Students can pre-register or go to the first class and register on the spot. Use the Find A Class search to find the Seacoast Perspectives Class, and then register on the class page. See http://class.perspectives.org/Visitor/FindAClass.aspx

Who will teach the classes?

Missionaries, ministry experts and pastors from all over the US, in addition to local missions experts and pastors. Our list of scheduled instructors is posted on the *'Schedule'* page on the Seacoast Perspectives web site.

Will childcare be provided?

Yes! Free childcare is available. Contact Loren Schanck or Kim LeFevre for details.

Where will the classes be held?

Seacoast Perspectives will be held at Dover Baptist Church, Monday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, beginning January 23rd, 2012

How often do classes meet?

Check your class schedule *(*go to *'Schedule')* to see the dates and times for your class. Most classes are held once a week for 15 weeks, plus an additional week or two for a break or special activity.

What happens if I can't attend the class one week?

You will miss out on an outstanding speaker and fellowship with your classmates! In addition, there are often a limited number of classes you can miss if you take the class at credit level before your grade is lowered. Contact Loren Schanck or Kim LeFevre for details. It will be outlined in the syllabus.

***Perspectives* sounds good, but what if after I attend the first session I decide it's not for me?**

No problem. You may attend the first two sessions for free, and if you decide you can't continue with *Perspectives*, you may stop. Some classes have a non-refundable registration fee, so if you register in advance you will not get that back. Contact Loren Schanck or Kim LeFevre for details. Otherwise, you have nothing to lose.

I am a teacher at a Christian school. Can I get continuing ed credits?

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement has been approved by ACSI for Continuing Education Units (CEU) for Biblical Studies and Educational Studies. Earn 3 Biblical CEUs and 4 Educational CEUs for use toward a Teaching Certificate Renewal.

Family News...

...to Steve and Susie Randolph on the death of Steve's sister-in-law

Those who remember Lloyd and Clara Haines, long-time members of Dover Baptist, would be interested to know that Clara died recently.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Lloyd at Piedmont Christian Home, 1410 Deep River Rd., #212, High Point, NC 27285

...Finnegan Joseph born to Ryan and Phoebe O'Neil.

Congratulations to Josh Nelson and Natalie Gregory of New Wilmington, PA on their recent engagement.

RACHEL CONWAY SERVING IN KENYA

Rachel Conway is presently serving on a short-term mission in Kenya. She is traveling with a group from Philadelphia Biblical University. We are sure she would appreciate your prayers.

A large group of members attended the Maranatha Christmas Party on December 13. Pictured above is a large portion of the group.

Maranatha is the Senior Group at Dover Baptist Church. They meet each Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM, with the exception of the summer months. All people 50+ are invited to attend

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in their own language so they can grow thereby. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

- Pray that every new believer immediately shares with those around him the hope within him in Jesus and becomes a disciple-maker. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30
- Pray for God to place righteous leaders in power that rule justly and that God gives favor to believers trying to minister, that they may live quiet lives in all godliness and see His kingdom coming on earth. For more information visit: *http://www.joshuaproject.net/ethne_globalregion.php*

From: josuaproject.net

From Andrew Loveall on Wednesday, December 28 -

I just had an interesting conversation with an official with the Guatemalan Ministry of Education. The new government academic rankings for all schools in Sacatepequez (the "department" or "state" where Escuela Integrada is) are about to be released. He reports that Escuela Integrada is ranked 7th - OUT OF OVER 1,000 schools! Imagine - our school of "poor" kids, a school that does not charge tuition and is open to only the poorest children - a school run through donations - being in the top ten schools academically out of over a thousand other schools. We are so grateful to the team here and there team there - YOU - those whose prayers and donations make it possible.

Your mission dollars is what helps make this possible!

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Chili and Mac 'n Cheese Cook Off

January 22nd

12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Check the bulletin for more details. .

EISNERS TO JOIN US FOR FIRST WEDNESDAY

Be sure to join us for First Wednesday on January 4. Ken and Joy Eisner will join us for the evening. They will be speaking during the message time.

Be sure to sign up on Sunday so that we will know how many to expect.