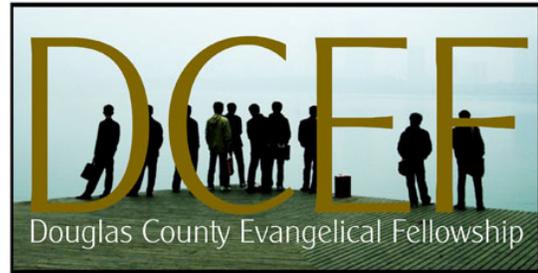


**DOUGLAS COUNTY
EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP
March 2009 Meeting (April 2)**



The DCEF met at New Beginnings Christian Assembly on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. Refreshments were provided by the host church.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Several DCEF churches are partnering together for a Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Hucrest Community Church. The service will feature the Kuyasa Kids Choir from South Africa, an internationally acclaimed children's choir and dance team. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

The Oregon Family Council is sponsoring a free event for pastors and Christian leaders to meet with and pray for their state leaders. The event will be Tuesday, April 14 and will begin at 11 a.m. at the Salem Convention Center and will conclude by 3 p.m. Dave Grammon and Ron Laeger are organizing transportation to the event. If interested in carpooling, contact Ron. The group will meet at the Wellspring parking lot. To register for the event, go to: <https://www.oregonfamilycouncil.org/pastorday.php>.

DAY OF CARING

Hucrest Church and Gateway Faith Center are planning to partner together in a community service project on the morning of Saturday, May 30, which happens to be the day of United Way's "Day of Caring." Instead of doing a separate activity, they will join the "Day of Caring" and encourage other churches to join them. Contact Steve for more information or the United Way office.

MAXIMUM IMPACT SIMULCAST

Hucrest Church is hosting an event for the local business community, a nationwide simulcast featuring John Maxwell and other internationally-known business leaders on Friday, May 8. All business leaders and pastors are encouraged to attend. Contact Hucrest Church for ticket information.

OREGON SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Ron Laeger presented the idea of DCEF sponsoring two local events, partnering with Concerned Oregonians, that will celebrate Oregon's 150th anniversary of its statehood with a special highlight of our Christian history. A noontime event at the County Courthouse on Thursday, June 18, and an evening event at the Douglas County Fairgrounds are being planned. The evening event will cost approximately \$1,000 for rental and seating expenses. An offering will be received at the evening event. It is hoped that we would have been 1,000 to 2,000 people at the event. Contact Ron Laeger if you are interested in helping with the planning of these events.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Allen Sjogren announced the 2009 Fundraising Auction for Youth for Christ is this

Saturday, April 4 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building. The Silent Auction and Dinner is at 5 p.m. and the Oral Auction is at 7 p.m.

KGRV'S JUBILEE

The annual Christian talent show sponsored by KGRV, "Jubilee," will be Saturday, May 2 at Jacoby Auditorium at UCC. Information will be distributed to area churches to help in publicizing the event.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All churches and parachurch organizations are encouraged to renew their annual DCEF membership. The renewal has two tiers:

Plan A: \$170 annual fee (includes DCEF accreditation and access to the LifeCare website and benevolence database)

Plan B: \$50 annual fee (includes DCEF accreditation)

The membership renewal contains a statement of faith that members agree to.

SINGLE MOM OIL CHANGE

As an outgrowth of an idea inspired by the recent Roseburg Men's Conference (GUTS), Jiffy Lube has partnered with DCEF to offer free oil changes to single moms.

Sponsoring churches can purchase these coupons for only \$20 each and are encouraged to personally deliver coupons to single moms and persons facing financial challenges. Tim Skelly and Craig Schlesinger will spearhead the coupon-ordering process and details will be announced as available. Other ideas were suggested as ways to bless and serve the community, including an offer by a business person to give a free bed and mattress to single moms.

SERVING OUR LOCAL MILITARY FAMILIES

Many soldiers from our local National Guard unit will deploy in May. Steve Kufeldt announced that the Roseburg Armory is holding a picnic for the military personnel and their families on Saturday, May 9, just before the soldiers will depart for an assignment in the Middle East. Steve has been communicating with the local veteran organization, which is coordinating local support, and has expressed a desire to help with the picnic. Hucrest Church's Men's Ministry is considering providing the meat for the picnic (BBQ'd tri-tips as well as hot-dogs for the kids). Wellspring, Garden Valley and Gateway Faith Center all volunteered to help as well. Steve will coordinate the volunteer efforts through his local contact.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Continuation of last month's discussion of how local churches and pastors can help support Douglas County businesses was resumed. How can we bring a spirit of hope back into the county?

Some suggestions/comments:

- Limit one's news intake each day (a little goes a long ways!)
- Shop local. A local campaign, "Think Umpqua," is already emphasizing this idea.
- Support local Christian business as well. ("Do good to all, especially the household of faith.")
- The production of a "Christian business directory." Pastors are asked to "screen"

and bring with them next month a list of local Christian businesses to begin such a directory.

- Pray for businesses and owners. Make an appointment with them and pray with them individually, if possible. One local minister is doing this kind of ministry on an ongoing basis.
- Help people transition into a new job/field, if needed. Clay Tillman recommended the resource, *What Color Is Your Parachute* by Richard Nelson Bolles.
- Begin a new Christian business person's support organization, such as the Christian Business Man's Connection. Phil Morrow will contact a chapter of CBMC that he is aware of and see what it would take to begin such an organization in Douglas County.

This discussion will continue later this month at the regular April DCEF meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next DCEF meeting will be **Thursday, April 30 at 12:00 p.m.** and will be hosted by Garden Valley Christian Assembly, Craig Schlesinger, host. Lunch will be served. All pastors and parachurch ministries are encouraged to attend, along with other local Christian business leaders.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. Dale Scriven of House of Prayer led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kufeldt
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