

**DOUGLAS COUNTY
EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP
December 2009 Meeting**

The DCEF met at Hucrest Community Church of God for a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.



PRESENT:

Mark Bodestab, Church on the Rise
Curt Crook, Cyrus Company Ministries
Phil Evans, Roseburg Christian Fellowship
Dave Ewert, New Hope Evangelical Free Church
Richard & Lynn Ferder, House of Prayer
Dave & Christy Grammon, True North Star Ranch & Academy / MorningStar Family Fellowship
Ed & Sharon Hess, Roseburg Healing Rooms
Roger & Debbie Horton, LifeCare
Dan Jacoy, Tri-City Church of Christ
Peggy Kennerly, Douglas County Health & Social Services
Steve Kufeldt, Hucrest Community Church of God
Bonnie Kyle, Wilderness Trails
Tudor Lance, Green Community Church
Tim Lawrence, Open Door Christian Fellowship
Ron Leager, Wellspring Bible Fellowship
Andy Middlekauf, Roseburg Alliance Church
Phil Morrow, KGRV
Jon Nutter, Hucrest Community Church of God
Craig Schlesinger, Garden Valley Christian Assembly
Matthew & Sabrina Schlesinger, Garden Valley Christian Assembly
Dale Scriven, House of Prayer
Steve Sherman, New Life Church
Allen Sjogren, Umpqua Valley Christian Youth for Christ
Chris Smith, Wilderness Trails
Clay Tillman, Koinonia Counseling
Capt. Joe Whipple, Salvation Army

The meeting was **OPENED IN PRAYER. LUNCH** was served.

DCEF ROAD TRIPS – Chairperson Craig Schlesinger shared about two recent “road trips” that he was part of on behalf of DCEF. Craig and Steve Kufeldt on November 5 visited “The Church of the Valley,” a ministerial fellowship in Corvallis. Christian leaders in that city have been praying together for around 20 years, including prayer summits, and have reached out to the community in a variety of creative ways. Craig and Steve came away from this time greatly encouraged about the direction of DCEF.

A second “road trip” was to the City Impact Roundtable in Portland that was attended by Craig Schlesinger, Matthew Schlesinger, David Grammon and Steve Kufeldt. For two days they heard about reports from communities across the Pacific Northwest who are praying and working together in amazing Kingdom ways. God is doing great things and pastors praying together is a common thread.

WEEKLY PRAYER – Pastors and prayer leaders are encouraged to participate in a weekly DCEF Prayer Meeting on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. , hosted at Hucrest Community Church of God.

GUEST SPEAKER – Peggy Kennerly, Douglas County Health & Social Services Administrator, spoke about poverty in our community. While our county has a 15% unemployment rate, poverty goes beyond that simple statistic. Peggy shared about different kinds of poverty that are present in our county in alarming ways, including abject poverty, the working poor, situational poverty (such as through a divorce), as well as generational poverty, which is increasing. For many in poverty, success is considered to be unattainable to them; instead, they are more concerned about simple survival. They simply feel hopeless. Children raised in this environment often are impacted with academic challenges as well as social implications.

There is hope for them, because somebody has hope for them. Peggy and her staff are working on this front, but the church also has a dynamic role to play, as we know the One who is the author of Hope. We can reach out to these persons, showing them that we have hope for them. Start small—kind words, prayer, acts of kindness, and soon they can start believing in themselves—and can open up to the hope in God.

LifeCare is a key partner in this process. When someone is focused on basic needs (food, shelter, children, etc.), they generally are not open to or focused on spiritual things. We need to show them that somebody cares. When we partner together, we can make a difference.

Craig asked a question to the group, “Who is the largest ‘company’ in the county?” The church is the largest organization with the most affiliate offices and representatives everywhere. When we work together, we really can make a difference.

FREE MARKET – As previously announced, Free Market will be held on Saturday, May 1. It is an event to help meet needs as the Christian community shares resources with those in need. We will partner with Social Services, who will help screen persons who will receive vouchers for the Free Market. The location is yet to be determined, as we are looking for a large neutral location.

DCEF REGISTRATION – As the New Year rolls around, it is time for churches and ministries to renew their DCEF membership. As Craig delicately put it, “We’re broke!” DCEF helps fund LifeCare, which is making a huge difference in our community. Churches are also challenged to consider budgeting for local missions this next year, specifically DCEF and LifeCare. Registration forms are available.

JAIL MINISTRY – A call went out for the need for Christian materials in our local jail. Each inmate

now receives a monthly magazine from a cult; certainly the Christian church can do better. Contact Dale Scriven or Steve Sherman about how you can help. Clay Tillman said that the Juvenile Detention Center can use age-appropriate materials as well.

GUTS: ROSEBURG MEN'S CONFERENCE will be February 26-27 at Garden Valley Christian Assembly. Churches are encouraged to participate in this annual event that confronts men's issues head-on with Biblical forthrightness and power. The keynote speaker for the first evening is a dynamic speaker who appears on one of the "Transformation" videos.

NEW YEAR PRAISE & PRAYER SERVICE – Could we start the New Year out in worship together? A citywide unity service was suggested for either the first or second Sunday in January. If interested in hosting this event, please contact Craig Schlesinger. Information will be distributed when available.

DCEF 2.0 – A newly revamped Douglas County youth pastors organization is in the works. An initial breakfast meeting will be held at Garden Valley Christian Assembly on Saturday, January 16 at 8:30 a.m.

SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY 2010 – Churches are challenged to participate in "40 Days of Prayer" during the season of Lent. "Seek God for the City" prayer guides from WayMakers (www.waymakers.org) will be ordered once again in bulk if there is enough interest. Please contact Steve Kufeldt if you wish to participate.

KGRV – Phil Morrow announced that due to economic constraints, the radio station had to make some staff adjustments/cutbacks. The station is committed to ongoing ministry but now must depend on volunteer assistance as never before. Pastors were encouraged to inform their congregations of this need. Phil also needs help to put on the "Faster Pastor" race. If you are willing to serve on such a committee, please contact Phil. The annual "Jubilee" Christian Variety Show will not be produced in 2010 but hopefully will return in 2011.

GUESTS: WILDERNESS TRAILS MINISTRY – Clay Tillman introduced Chris Smith and Bonnie Kyle of Wilderness Trails Ministry. Brochures were made available.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – If a church or ministry has an event or announcement for the Christian community, a literature table will be available at each meeting.

NEXT MEETING will be Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Garden Valley Christian Assembly. Lunch will be served. The weekly DCEF Prayer Meeting at 11:00 a.m. will still meet that day at Hucrest Church and will be dismissed in time for the meeting at GVCA.

PRAYER NEEDS – A couple of urgent prayer concerns were shared and prayed for.

The meeting was **DISMISSED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kufeldt

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Hucrest Community Church of God