



stepping stones

living hope children's ministry

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A Word from Cindy...

I am a slow reader...not a slow speed reader, but a slow think reader. I have been reading Broken Down House, for what seems like forever and I have read and re-read this section recently. It has been such a convicting encouragement to me as I have often asked God how my strength is renewed as I wait! I pray Isaiah 40:31 and then ask God how it is that I feel weary in the wait rather than strong. What God has been teaching me is that as I wait I learn to trust more deeply in His watchcare and His faithfulness. There is much that God is doing that I do not see; that I will never see, and as I wait I learn to rest in His truth. This resting brings renewed strength. May this new year 2010 be a year of waiting...a year of trusting...a year of renewed strength. God is good.

How well are you waiting?

- *Has your waiting produced in you a faith that is stronger?*
- *Has the manner of your waiting drawn you close to God?*
- *Has your approach to waiting helped remind you of all the blessing you have been showered with?*
- *Has your waiting served to teach you truths about yourself?*
- *Has the way you wait enabled you to reach out and minister to others better?*

Take hold of the grace that God makes available. Always remember that God is never separate from your wait. He is the Lord of waiting. Because your wait is not outside of His plan, but a vital and necessary part of it, he is with you in your wait. As you wait, tell yourself again and again, Waiting is not just about what I get at the end of the wait, but about who I become as I wait (and I would add Who I learn to love and trust more deeply as I wait). —Broken Down House, Paul David Tripp

Share Jesus with your Children

On January 10th and January 17th Bill and Cindy Starr will be leading a class for parents. Our focus will be on understanding and teaching the gospel to your children. The class will be held in Room 317 from 5:30 – 7:00. Childcare will be available and resources for further study both given and recommended.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday Night Stuff

- All who plan to attend need to register on-line beginning Monday, January 11th at livinghopewired.com/children
- SNS begins on January 24th from 5:30-7:00, and runs through March 21, with a celebration program on March 28.
- School-age children rotate through three distinct centers—Bible/Mission, Music and an elective of their choice.
- Preschool children (3 by October 1st, 2009) rotate through Mission Friends, Music and Activity Centers.
- We will run our programming for 10 weeks, ending in a small celebration program. Hope to see you here!!

Save the date—Friday, February 19

Dad and Me Drive-in for Preschoolers ages 3-5.

Renovation Updates:

If your child is in the Hope Babies or Hope Two learning area, please enter through the Smallhouse Road entrance (marked by the awning) to drop off your children. If in addition, you have an older preschooler/school age child, you may use the CM elevator or stairs to get to the 2nd floor, and then enter the sanctuary from the 2nd floor.

If you have an older preschooler (3-5) and/or a school age child, please enter through the Westen Avenue entrance (at the far end of the building closest to the ROC construction) and go directly upstairs to the 2nd floor to drop off your children.

How do you get to the Hope Babies/Hope Two area if you can't use the preschool yellow hallway?

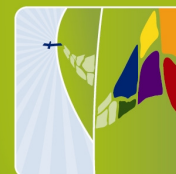
You have 2 options:

1. If you enter through the Westen side, go upstairs, walk through the adult/preschool area into the Children's area and take the stairs or elevator down to 1st floor. Turn right off the elevator and enter the Baby/Two area.
2. If you are coming from the worship center, stay on the first floor, make a left at the double doors near the bathrooms. Go down the steps, turn to the right and then to the left. Follow the glass hallway around to the Baby/Twos area.

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RENOVATIONS BEGIN JANUARY 4, 2010

renovation guide

1st Floor

- 1 Awning entrance for Babies & Twos
- 2 Preschool Wing closed as of 1/4/10
- 3 Western entrance for Preschool & Elementary

2nd Floor

- 1 NEW Preschool Rooms
- 2 3rd Grade Girls 9:30
- 3 2nd Grade Girls & Boys 9:30
- 4 2nd Floor hall to Worship Center

1st floor

