

June 2009

LOCATION CHANGE (AGAIN...)

Ok, so on the surface it appears that every time we send out an update that we've changed our location. Why be different this time? We have moved yet again. Since Easter we have been meeting in a building in South Meriden that is owned by New Life Church. They have been gracious enough to let us use the building temporarily as we decide on a more permanent location downtown. It's located at 92 Main Street in South Meriden. Below are a few pictures of the room we meet in, and Caleb helping me set up.



What's going on

Other things**Theology & Film Night**

Pastor Joe has been taking a course on Theology and film at Fuller Seminary. So one of the requirements was to hold a ministry event dealing with theology and film. So last Friday, we had a movie night where we watched the movie "Signs" and discussed theological implications. It was a great night and we had some great dialog on how many of the questions that films are asking can lead to theological conversations. .

Soup Kitchen

We continue to serve at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen on the first Sunday of every month. While it hasn't been overly busy the past few times we have served, it has been a real blessing to all of those who have been involved in this.

Michelle Speaking

Michelle had the opportunity to speak at a ladies retreat in NH for Beacon Hill Church this past month. She has shared that it was a very powerful time and the women saw God do some really amazing things. It was on 1 Peter and becoming God's signet ring.

KIWANIS BIKE RODEO

For the second year in a row we were asked to set up a booth and do a free drawing for a bike at the annual Kiwanis Bike rodeo. It's put on by the Kiwanis Club of Meriden and the Meriden Police department. They have bike safety checks where they go over the children's bikes and make sure they are all safe. Then they go out onto an obstacle course and do a series of turns, stops, curves, etc... The Kiwanis Club gives away free bike helmets to promote safety. Praxis gave away a free bike. When we do these drawings, we always hope that it goes to a child that actually needs a bike. This year the child that won, pushed his old bike up to where we drew his ticket and it had a split back tire that was flat, the chain was badly rusted and the bike was in overall terrible shape. We're still waiting for them to email us some pics, but everyone was so excited that the bike went to a kid that really needed it. These types of events have been a great way for us as a church to simply be a blessing to our community. We look forward to being involved in several more of these types of events throughout the summer.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On May 18, 8 of us went to Halifax MA to participate in the annual C&MA golf tournament. Each year this is held to raise money for a different church plant. We were the recipients two years ago. We had a great day and the event raised over \$15,000 for an international church in Providence Rhode Island. Below is a picture of our group. You can see more pictures on our website under "NEWS."

**Thank You**

for your continued prayer and support. Please continue to pray with us as we continue to seek God's direction for our church.

On the Journey together,
Pastor Joe & Michelle