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Kathie's Korner

Interview With Pastor Samuel Floyd

As 2011 begins, I thought it important that Pastor Sam, who is the founding pastor of Abundant Life, give us his perspective on where our church body is and where God would have us go as a church. This is my interview with him:

Abundant Life Community Church has been in existence for 27 years. What is the greatest joy you have personally received from being pastor for all those years?

Watching young people grow up in the church, doing their weddings, dedicating their babies, participating in laying their grandparents to rest, watching the next generation begin their faith-walk and become part of the fabric of the church - this is my joy!

When Abundant Life began, and for all the years of our existence, we have seen ourselves as a place of healing. People are so



beat up by our culture and the world around us. When I sense that someone is beginning to heal, that is what I'm here for. I go home very fulfilled at night from encouraging people in their faith.

What is the greatest frustration you face as a pastor?

It is difficult sometimes when you preach and teach for years, and realize that there are some people who really want to avoid the truth that could make a difference in their lives. But, when someone really comes forth and truly "gets it," and begins to grow, I get so excited.

This last year we have had some very difficult times. Where do you

believe we are as a church, right now?

I believe we are going through a process of healing, evaluation, re-assessment and determining a direction for the future. God has given us a course in several ways. The church leadership has attended the Thrive Conference, we've contacted mentors who are giving godly counsel, and God has given us books by trusted authors to help us find our way forward. The Elder board has been seeking God in prayer and studying the Word of God, wanting God's direction, not some consumer mentality.

At this point, where do you want to see Abundant Life headed?

I have been studying the church, and where it all began. Acts 2:42 says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

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Interview with Pastor Sam

That's what the church was like in the beginning, and I would like to see us really focus on those things this year: Bible Study (our final authority), fellowship (encouraging one another), breaking of bread (worship) and to prayer (talking to God on a constant basis). "It is pretty clear in the history of the church, that when a church does that, God adds to the church, and it thrives.

We would obviously like to find another minister who is deeply committed to Biblical principles to bring on staff. There is so much ministry to be done. I'd like to see our Compassion ministry, Youth ministry and Children's ministries all move toward Jesus – and living for His goals and desires."

What is your greatest concern for the church body?

That we would not become divided or ravaged by the evil one. I am concerned that we not lose our unity. I so much want us to be a family, who bottom line, pull together. These are tough times for all of us, and we need to help each other make it.

Satan isn't content until he deceives every one of us. He is a liar, and he needs to be exposed, through truth. I sometimes worry that the culture that belongs to Satan, will fool people into believing that his way is the way to live. Our

culture is steeped in darkness and I want our church and its members to live in the light.

What would you like to communicate with your church family?

"I am so proud to be their pastor. I look at them as my church family and I want them to succeed in keeping their eternal focus and "finish well." From our babies (Selah) to seniors (Edith) I want Jesus to come first.

I want them to know that I love them, and that the church leadership is available, whatever road they are walking, to walk with them in any way we can."

Reason for Hope

A psychologist has determined that the Monday in the last full week of January is the most depressing day of the year. This year, "Blue Monday" falls on January 24.

Cliff Arnall calculated this date based on a combination of bad weather, Christmas debts, broken New Year's resolutions and the end of the holiday break.

But no matter how bleak things seem, regardless of the time of year, Christians always have reason for hope. Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever.

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."

Evangelism Explosion Dinner and Presentation

On January 28, 2011 Abundant Life Evangelism Explosion ministry will be hosting a presentation and informational dinner about the upcoming EE class. The kids EE group will be presenting what they have learned and we will share a shorthand method for remembering how to share the gospel.

Psalm 34:8 (NIV) *"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."*

Mission Statement: Evangelism Explosion (EE) is a ministry aimed at equipping adults and youth in friendship evangelism and disciple-making skills.

"Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that is within you."

1 Peter 3:15

If you are not familiar with Evangelism Explosion, let us introduce you! This ministry is one that trains both students and adults to understand what they believe, why they believe it, and then prepares them to be able to share it with others! This training gives students a tool to use that equips them for friendship, evangelism, discipleship and healthy growth. These concepts have been developed, tried, refined, and revised by some of the finest teachers in the world. We have found it to be one of the most challenging, exciting

Schedules for January

Noah's Ark

Ushers

Early Service

Late Service

Both Services

January 2 Lesson 5	Teacher- Jerry Snapp Floater Karen Snapp Baby Jessica Mayfield	Teacher Jerry Snapp Floater Karen Snapp Baby Madeline Iriarte	January 2	Door 1 Phil Gemmill, Frank Goodwill Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Wayne Baddig & marge Sapp
January 9 Lesson 6	Teacher- Erin Maddock Floater Naomi Hayward Baby Judy Burch	Teacher- Joyce Smethers Floater Bhret Patterson Baby Laura Heesch	January 9	Door 1 Bev Carlson , Josie Nicolls Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Hazel Lace, Bernice Blake
January 16 Lesson 7	Teacher- Conni Fowler Floater Baby Lyn Aufdenkamp	Teacher- Debbie Ghiringhelli Floater Laura Heesch Baby Kim Thompson	January 16	Door 1 Bob and Linda Cosick Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Jerry & Karen Snapp
January 23 Lesson 8	Teacher- Sandra Lundin Floater Clara Watkins Baby Connie Strawser	Teacher- Marni MacDonnell Floater Betty Lloyd Baby Melissa Galpin	January 23	Door 1 Mark and Connie Lagerwey Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Randy & Patti
January 30 Lesson 9	Teacher- Connie Watson Floater Alana Fowler Baby Sandra Lundin	Teacher- Karen Snapp Floater Tom M. La Gamma Baby Julia Guise	January 30	Door 1 Joe & Joe Ramus Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 David Haralson, Jeff Fink

Elementary Classes

Worship Ministries

Early Service

Late Service

Both Services

January 2 Lesson 6	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 8-11	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 8-11	January 2	Worship Greg, Amy, Linda Sound Cissy Murphy Media Darlene Saunders
January 9 Lesson 7	Linda Cosick & Gwen Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11	Linda Cosick & Gwen Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11	January 9	Worship Tim, Amy, Linda Sound Rich, Cissy Media Scott Maddox
January 16 Lesson 8	Katherine Goodwin Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11	Katherine Goodwin Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11	January 16	Worship Greg, Chris E. Chris B., Deb Sound Bhret Patterson Media Darek Watson
January 23 Lesson 9	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11	January 23	Worship Chris E., Tim, Chris B., Deb Sound Chris Frank Media Darlene Saunders
January 30 Lesson 10	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 8-11	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 8-11	January 30	Worship Greg, Chris E, Chris B., Deb Sound Cissy Murphy Media Scott Maddock

Parking Lot

Both Services

January 2	Tim Smethers
January 9	George Riley
January 16	Wayne Badding
January 23	Tim Smethers
January 30	George Riley



And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

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and rewarding experiences, stretching the hearts and minds of our members of all ages, enabling them to share their faith with friends and relatives in every aspect of their lives.

Philemon 1:6 *"I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every*

good thing we share for the sake of Christ." NIV

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Senior's Breakfast

Saturday, January 29, 9:00

a.m., is our monthly breakfast for Seniors. It is completely free for you and any of your friends and family, who are age 55 or older.

Wednesday Bible Study

Dan Watson's Class meets @ 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Larry Van Cleave is currently teaching the history of the Bible, and the miracle of it's survival. Everyone is welcome!

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Schedule of Services

Wednesday
 Ladies' Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
 Family Night 7:00 p.m.

Thursday
 Highgate Senior Living 10:00 a.m.
 (2nd week)

Friday
 Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
 Golden Empire Communion 1:30 p.m.
 (2nd week)

Sunday
 Early Worship 8:45 a.m.
 Late Worship 10:30 a.m.

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**Classes Available on Family Night
 Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.**

Adults

Bible History Downstairs
 Dan Watson (Larry Van Cleave)
 Band of Brothers Downstairs
 Chris Bierwagen
 Marriage Class Downstairs
 Markus & Kimberly Moore
 Women's Support Library
 Teresa Goodwin
 Inductive Study Downstairs
 Greg Fowler

Youth (Middle School & High School)

»**crossover**» Sanctuary
 Chris Navo & the Youth Team

Kid's Klub

Evangelism Explosion Fellowship Hall
 Kathee Baerresen & Team

*These classes remain open to new members at all times.
 For more specific information, call the church office, 273-1139.*

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