

# Family Focus

## Welcome,

For our welcomed guests, I would personally like to thank you for sharing this time with us this morning. There are any number of things you could have been doing at this time, and you sacrificed those to spend time with our family. That is no small thing to us. But, this is not just a coincidence. I believe that this is a divinely appointed time. God meant for you to be here for Him to say something He has been meaning to say to you. Or He meant for you to be here for you to say something you've been meaning to say to Him.

Join us as we gather in the presence of God to share in a Christ-centered, Bible based, authentic expression of worship. Join us in this time where we are healed, energized, inspired, and guided to be the best we can be. Join us as we learn through God's word how we can serve each other and the Columbia community. Join us as we strive to be a family growing people to the glory of God.

Eric L. Wilson  
Senior Minister

### **Caring for Our Young People Welcome Summer Youth Intern David Howell!**

One of the Elders' primary goals is to make sure our young people are growing spiritually and have many different ways to learn and experience Christ. To achieve this goal, the Elders have vigorously pursued bringing to our church family a summer youth intern to partner with the congregation as we all work to help our young people grow in Christ.

The Elders are excited and pleased to announce that we have hired David Howell as our Youth Intern for the summer and want to introduce him to you! David will work primarily with our teens and is presently pursuing a graduate degree in Ministry from Harding University Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, TN. In 2005 he received a BBA in Marketing from Abilene Christian University. David grew up in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area. From November 2006 to May 2008 he served the youth of the Shawnee Trail Church of Christ, Frisco, Texas as a volunteer leader. He served as a youth intern for the Cordova Church of Christ, Rancho Cordova, California during the summer of 2008.

David will be arriving around the second or third week of May. As we anticipate David joining our family for the summer, please pray for our young people, for David and the ways that we can work with David and our youth to grow our young people "to the glory of God." Finally, we are seeking a family to provide housing for David for the summer. Please let Dee Vanderburg, Brian Hajicek or the office know if you are willing to provide a place for David to stay for the summer. We are looking forward to a great summer!

### **Shepherds' Vision Goals**

#### **Overall Goal:**

To grow spiritually and numerically as "a family growing people to the glory of God".

#### **Goals for the next 12 months:**

1. Increase participation by at least 10% in these areas: Sunday Worship, Bible School, Ministry Works, and Small Groups.
2. Make a list of 5 folks to pray for & invite to Small Group or Worship.
3. Add 20 new teachers.
4. Total Congregational giving challenge - increase giving by 28%.

*Want to learn more about specific plans to reach these goals? Ask an elder or minister or go to our website: [www.fairviewroad.org](http://www.fairviewroad.org).*

**Shepherds** (\*Denotes quarterly Chairman): Glen Godsey, \*Charles Martin, Britt Newby, Don Osburn, James Treece, Dee Vanderburg