

Family Focus

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Chapter two of Hebrews begins with a warning not to drift away. A drifting boat implies that it aimlessly moves by water currents and winds. Very few believers choose to drift; seldom do Christians plan to be lukewarm. We might be drifting because of suffering temptation and discouragement.

Jesus opens up the way for us to come in our weaknesses, temptations, and failures. Our approach to the throne of grace is not on the basis of our victories. We are not invited because we are worthy. Jesus is with us in sympathy and help; not at the end of our struggle, but all the way through. We are admonished in chapter 3 to fix our thoughts on Jesus.

A suggestion to prevent spiritual drift is to be obedient to Jesus' teachings. He commands us to use our gifts of service to glorify Him and serve the Body of believers.

The NBS evening news often highlights those in our country that are making a difference by serving in special ways. Gary Collins in his book entitled *You Can Make a Difference* mentions a number of people that found niches to serve. For example, a mom took in children after school until their parents arrived home at a later time. She was known in the neighborhood as the Kool Aid Mom. We, too, can find niches where we can serve with a passion and with joy.



We are delighted to welcome Jeff and Jac Jorgenson and their daughter Emmery Anna to Fairview. Jeff and Jac placed membership last Sunday, January 24th.

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.

Our Shepherds

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