

This Week at the Oasis

From the Desk of Pastor Tory

Wow! My first newsletter! I began working one day per week as assistant pastor this month and I love it. So far I have had my first staff meetings, first assignments, and gotten connected to the network and printer. It has been a month of firsts! I'm really excited to be able to dedicate more time towards the spiritually family that I love so much.

This last Sunday we started our new 14-week series, *The Key to Happiness: A Journey through Ecclesiastes*. I am excited to hear what God has to say through the book of Ecclesiastes; you won't find too many churches tackling this book! If you missed church on Sunday, be sure to listen to the sermon on the website by [clicking here](#). You'll want to have a good start to the series!

On Sunday, Pastor David preached from Ecclesiastes 1:1-11. Take a minute to read it right now. It really isn't that long but the writing is beautiful! The author of Ecclesiastes starts off by reflecting on life and this world and finds the monotony renders it all empty. The sun always sets and always rises—do I really matter? No one will remember me—why am I here? There is nothing new in this world—is there anything special and valuable about me?

Pastor David challenged us to do three things: 1) accept nothing on this earth will truly satisfy you, 2) reject your lesser gods, and 3) Ask God to fulfill your deepest longings. This is not merely change on the outside (behavior modification) but change where God wants it most...at the heart level. I pray that 14 weeks from now we will all be able to have done those three things and will be finding joy in seeing God fulfill our deepest longings.

Two quick reminders: 1) We need your nominations for **servant of the year**. Please send Pastor David an email (dgainey@juno.com) with your nominee and why you think he or she deserves the honor this year. 2) The deadline for high school youth to register for **Fuge** (July 9 – 13, 2012) is Sunday, January 29. To register, we need a \$50 deposit ASAP.



Ruark Home Church
Christmas Party



Happy Birthday!

Hope Gainey 1/16

2011 YTD Income & Expenses

YTD Income	\$4493
YTD Expenditures	\$3115
<i>Balance</i>	<u>\$1378</u>



Coming Soon...



Playing games on New Year's Eve at the Fitzpatricks'
December 31, 2011



Grace Gainey

"We're a network of home churches committed to reproduce leaders for the Kingdom of God."

Important Dates

Self Defense Class	Saturday, January 21
Leader Meeting	Sunday, January 22
<i>Super Bowl</i>	Sunday, February 5
Leader Meeting	Sunday, February 12
Director Meeting	Sunday, February 12
Leader Meeting	Sunday, February 26
Leadership Seminar	Saturday, March 3

WAC (High School) Grace Gainey

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Grace's Hobbies: Going to school, reading, hanging out with friends.



Message Schedule: Spring 2012
What's the Key to Happiness?
A Journey through Ecclesiastes

January 22	Ecclesiastes 1.12 - 2.26
January 29	Ecclesiastes 3.1-22
February 5	Ecclesiastes 4.1-16
February 12	Ecclesiastes 5.1-7
February 19	Ecclesiastes 5.8 – 6.12
February 26	Ecclesiastes 7.1-12
March 4	Ecclesiastes 7.13-29
March 11	Ecclesiastes 8.1-17
March 18	Ecclesiastes 9.1-12
March 25	Ecclesiastes 9.13 - 10.20
April 1	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
April 8	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
April 15	Ecclesiastes 11.1-8
April 22	Ecclesiastes 11.9 – 12.8
April 29	Ecclesiastes 12.9-14

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Debbie Fitzpatrick and Rob Ross (Fitzpatricks)
December 31, 2011



Carrie Ross (Fitzpatricks)
December 31, 2011



Hanging out (Fitzpatrick's)
December 31, 2011

“Learning how to love God and others well for fourteen years”



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Grace Gainey and Jaerik
Winter Formal, January 6, 2011



Naomi Weneck and friend
Winter Formal, January 6, 2011

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