

This Week at the Oasis

From the Desk of Pastor Tory

On Sunday, we completed the third week of our 14-week series, *The Key to Happiness: A Journey through Ecclesiastes* by covering all of Ecclesiastes 3. If you missed it, you can hear the message by [clicking here](#).

Ecclesiastes 3 begins with one of the most famous poems in biblical literature. You would recognize it as the song "Turn, Turn, Turn" by The Birds. The poem in chapter 3 turns a corner by stating that there is order and a time for everything under the sun. Yet the realization that we often do not and cannot know God's reasoning for His timing leaves us in despair. Real contentment and the ability to find happiness in life only come after we have wrestled with God. So, like Qohelet, don't be afraid to ask God "why?" **Real trust in God only comes after wrestling with Him.**

Yet we are reminded that there is more to life than happiness and parties. **Life matters!** The truth is: we have an eternal destiny that should shape how we live. We should **value what God values!** What does God value? Lots of things, but here are a few: you, people, marriage, children, the poor, the dying, the sick, and obedience. I challenge you to reflect on your values. Where don't they line up with God's? Are you ready for change? Are you ready to get involved with God's work? Pray about it and share with your home church!

This month our home churches have been going over their membership covenants and asking you to make a one-year commitment to one another. If you haven't done so already, commit to love and serve others in a home church. It's one of the ways God grows us.

Learning to Love the Master retreats (part two of our mentor path) are scheduled for March 9 – 11 (men only) and May 4 – 6 (women only). The cost is \$60/home church members (\$120/non-members). The deadline for men will be February 19—so make sure you RSVP and pay by then! You won't want to miss this life-changing weekend!



Michaela Morgan
Sweet 16! January 28, 2012



Happy Birthday!

Rob Ross 1/31
Celina Martineau 2/1
Tyson Ruark 2/2
Barbara McAfee 2/3
Anna Bands 2/5

2012 YTD Income & Expenses

YTD Income	\$8154
YTD Expenditures	\$10239
<i>Balance</i>	(\$2085)



Coming Soon...



Michaela Morgan
Sweet 16 Party: January 28, 2012

Important Dates

<i>Super Bowl</i>	Sunday, February 5
Leader Meeting	Sunday, February 12
Director Meeting	Sunday, February 12
Leader Meeting	Sunday, February 26
Home Church Seminar	Saturday, March 3

Lost and Found Ben & Kristina Knauer



Benjiman and Kristina Knauer

Host Home: Knauer's

Day: Sundays at 6.30pm

Phone: 520.664.1247

Ben's Hobbies: Music, fishing, karaoke

Kristina's Hobbies: Reading, movies, computers

Ben's Job: New home sales & broker

Kristina's Job: Family home-keeper

Children: Remy (13), Isabelle (11), Kenny (8), Chloe (5), Rebecca (1)

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



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

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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Learning to Love the Master
Retreats

Our home churches are continuing the second part of our mentorship path this spring with *Learning to Love the Master* retreats. The retreats will be at Huachuca Oaks Retreat Center (Hereford, Arizona) and offer a great chance to get away from life, get to know other members from the Oasis, and connect with God.

You will spend the majority of your weekend journaling your life story and looking for God's presence and work in your life. You will be surprised where God was working.

The retreat is \$60 for home church members (\$120 for non-members) and the deadline for men to sign up is February 19th. So, sign up this week!



Michaela, Ashton and friend
Birthday celebration at the Gas Light



Michaela Morgan
Sweet 16 party

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



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Alena Ferraioli and Jordan Fitzpatrick
Rage, February 2010



John, Rachel and Debbie Fitzpatrick
Rage, February 2010

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