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SALT & LIGHT

Making Disciples and Leading Them to Maturity in Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Church Service-
8 AM

SCL 9 AM

2nd Church Service-
10:30 AM

**Living Spring
Fellowship-**
Sundays 3 PM

**Women's Bible
Study-**

Mondays,
Wednesdays and
Saturdays

Youth Meeting-
Wednesdays 6:30PM

**Children's
Christmas
Program-**
December 19th 2nd
Service (No 1st
service)

**Christmas
Caroling-**December
19th 6 PM

**Christmas Eve
Service-**December
24th 6 PM

**Christmas
Breakfast-**December
26th 9:15AM



Meet Shad Stockton

Shad Stockton grew up in Fairfax, Ia. At one time his family lived about a block away from his grandparents and his best friend lived right next door. Add fishing at a quarry on his uncle's property while chumming out with his family's Siberian Husky and German Shorthair and you've got pretty good childhood memories.

Although Shad was baptized at six years old, it wasn't until later that he had a relationship with Jesus Christ. "I had a new group of friends when I got to high school, most of whom were Christians," Shad says, "and I realized that I wanted that too."

Shad came to Iowa City because it was close to home. His father was serving in Iraq and he wanted to be there for his stepmother and brother and sister. "And I've stayed because of the great community and fellowship I've found in Campus Christian Fellowship and Good News Bible Church," Shad says.

Last summer Mr. Stockton went on a short missions trip to Burkina, Faso with Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT). Shad has had a love for languages since before middle school, and the trip to Burkina has only helped to affirm his vocation. "I'm majoring in linguistics," Shad says. "I chose this almost directly because of my trip this last summer to Burkina Faso with Pioneer Bible Translators. I want to go into the missions field as a Bible translator!" His future plans include going through PBT's training and getting fielded as a Bible translator with the capability of being a Scripture Impact Specialist, someone who can take the translated Word and teach people in their own culture and language what it means to follow Jesus and obey His Word.

Shad is also involved with International Justice Mission (IJM), an organization with a four-fold purpose: victim relief, perpetrator accountability, victim aftercare and structural transformation. IJM works on a case by case basis for human injustices anywhere from slavery in India, sex slaves in the Philippines, displaced widows in Central America or even sex slaves here in the U.S. IJM practices victim aftercare, making sure the perpetrators serve for the crime they committed and show the love of Christ to both sides of the crime, victim and perpetrator. "God is suffering with these victims," Shad says. "He's right there knowing everything the perpetrator does, and IJM is part of the workers that Jesus calls for, part of those that look after the victims of Isaiah 1;17 and to live by Micah 6:8, our local chapters main Scripture."

Shad likes to read fantasy by authors such as Terry Brooks, Mercedes Lackey and Brian Jacques. Christian favorites include C.S. Lewis, John Piper and John MacArthur. Shad also enjoys fishing, running, doing PT and keeping up with injustice campaigns through IJM and other human rights organizations.

"Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (ESV, Eph. 3:20-21).

From Your Pastor *"Mastering The Basics"*

The ministry theme for Good News Bible Church in 2011 will be *"Mastering the Basics."* Once, while Pastor Wootonn was preaching, he made reference to the practice discipline of Baseball Hall of Famer, Ozzie Smith. Nicknamed "The Wizard" for his defensive brilliance, Smith set major league records for career assists (8,375) and double plays (1,590) by a shortstop. Smith won the NL Gold Glove Award for play at shortstop for 13 consecutive seasons (1980–1992). Yet, Smith only performed to the level on the field of what he had practiced prior. It has been said that Smith took, on an average, 2,000 ground balls a week in practice! Ozzie Smith became one of the greatest shortstops of all time because he practiced mastering the basics.

I think this illustration has obvious application to our spiritual lives. We are only able to "perform" in our spiritual lives with any consistency to the degree we have developed Christian disciplines. To help us as a congregation in this area our ministry focus for the year will be, as I said previously, *"Mastering the Basics."* During 2011, all of our SCL classes will have this goal in mind. The winter semester will offer classes on the books of Genesis, John, and I&II Thessalonians. During the summer of 2011, SCL classes will cover the following basics: "How to Study the Bible," "Prayer and Worship," "Witnessing," while the youth will be taking, "The Abundant Life Course."

The Fall of 2011 will see how to further integrate these disciplines, applying them to our daily lives as we offer the courses, "Experiencing God," "Christian Ethics," "The Holy and Devout Life," and "Overcoming the Adversary."

Let me take a moment to shamelessly plug our SCL classes. We offer great adult Sunday School classes, and if you aren't taking one right now, consider making it a new year's resolution to begin. We can make all the excuses that we want to for why we do or don't do things in our lives but when our reasoning is "boiled down," we either have a different set of priorities or a lack of discipline. Would you please take the time to ask God if He would have you involved in our SCL ministry this coming year as we attempt to "Master the Basics"?

Pastor Chris Arch

Good News News

- Gideon Ni, 8 lbs. 14 oz., was born to Joshua and Akua Ashitey November 16th.
- The Good News family collected about 70 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child.
- The Good News family gave \$600 to the Gideons International on November 21st.