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## FALL REVIVAL



The Fall Revival will be October 18th through October 22nd. Our guest preacher will be Bro. Cliff Mizer, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Englewood, Colorado. We will begin our revival services on Sunday at 6:00pm and we will meet at 7:00pm on Monday through Thursday nights. Begin now to invite your friends and family for these special services and don't forget to pray for revival!



## Annual Hayride & Cookout

The Yocum family has invited everyone to the "Yocum Ranch" for the annual hayride and cookout on Saturday, October 31st at 5:00pm. There will be plenty of good food (including burgers, hot dogs & s'mores) great fellowship, hayrides and singing around the campfire. Be sure to bring your own lawn chair and dress for the great outdoors. There will be games for the little ones. There will be a sign up sheet on the information counter as well as directions to their home. The cost is only \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. Remember this is the evening of the time change so you'll have an extra hour to fellowship! Hope to see you there!

## MFM Fish Fry



Men for Missions is hosting a fish fry on Friday, October 30th at 6:30pm in the TBT Fellowship Hall in place of our monthly Men and Ladies for Missions meetings. Come and enjoy great fried fish with all the trimmings! Donation\$ will be accepted at the door.

## MFM Breakfast



On Saturday, October 24th, there will be a Men for Missions breakfast and a meeting to elect new officers. The meeting time and place will be announced later, so please check the bulletin.

## LFM Work Day

On Saturday, October 10th, there will be a work day in the classroom across from the Chapel from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Any amount of time you are willing to donate will be much appreciated. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it. Even if you don't sew, there are plenty of jobs available to help make gifts for our missionary ladies coming to next year's conference. Hope to see you there!



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## Mark & Donna Whiffin

### *Missionaries to Mexico*

The most exciting part of ministry, without a doubt, is to watch someone give his heart to Christ and then begin to live for Him, even when facing opposition at home. One of our members has suffered physical abuse since getting saved. All of them are first-generation Christians and face constant verbal attacks and rejection from family members, at times even excluded from vacations and birthday celebrations. One of our recent college graduates confessed that she struggles with loneliness at times because she no longer feels she has anything in common with her old friends and coworkers. But then there are those whose family members are curious about this change in their loved one and want to know more. Recently, I had the privilege of baptizing six (ages ranging from 9-69) including a 10 year old girl named Freya. Freya began coming to Bible studies, then church, and was recently saved. She really wanted to get baptized but we weren't sure what her mom would say. We talked to her mom and explained what baptism meant. She said she wanted to talk to Freya alone and see if she really understood what she was doing. The next day when we went back to their apartment, Laura was more than happy to allow Freya to be baptized, which is very unusual in this culture. She was amazed at her daughter's testimony and understanding of the Bible. Not only did her mom come, but her grandfather, great aunt, uncle and neighbor came and heard the Gospel. Please pray for Laura Zuniga, Freya's mom, that she'll come to know Christ soon as her personal Savior. Freya is growing spiritually and has a great testimony at home. Just recently, Freya and her mom (a single parent) suffered a big disappointment, but it gave us a chance to show Freya how God is guiding her steps and how He has a plan for her life.

Please pray for continued safety. Three of our people were assaulted this summer. Two of them were robbed at gunpoint and another was a victim of a drive-by shooting. Tania was walking home with friends when someone drove by firing seven shots. three of the bullets hit Chucho, one of our neighbors, and he was in intensive care for two weeks. He was recently released from the hospital, but please pray for his salvation. One of the people who was robbed said that the gunmen (there were three of them) kept apologizing during the robbery, saying they hadn't been paid in a long time! The economic crises has taken its toll on our members. We have been giving out groceries more than usual, as well as medicines. We keep reminding everyone of Philippians 4:19 that "...God shall supply all [their] need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus!"

In June, Donna had a large ovarian cyst and uterine tumor removed. The surgery went well but the anesthesiologist punctured the dura mater in her spine and she ended up with a spinal fluid leak. She was given a blood patch in the hospital but suffered severe headaches for about a month. Please pray for a full recovery.

In August we held VBS and were able to reach several new families from our neighborhood. We're pleased that most of the children are returning each week. Also please pray for the college campus outreach that God would give us wisdom and new opportunities to share the Gospel. We're grateful to the Lord for the part each of you has in this ministry through prayers and support! Thank you!

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