

**The Center
1411 Brady Street
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Volume 2



FEBRUARY 2011 Newsletter

We want to tell you of an amazing opportunity that can help students grow individually, as a team, and as a church! Here in Davenport we have developed a summer mission program that will be influential for young people. It's the Neighborhood Connection Mission program administered through The Center.

On a Neighborhood Connection Mission, leaders and students alike will experience Christian service on the front lines of the real world – and grow closer to Jesus! Our top priority is helping students grow in their faith in Jesus. It's amazing what a little hard work with friends can do in the lives of our youth as they learn to serve the Lord unconditionally. Our staff does most of the 'leg work' in setting up the mission trips, and is committed to teaching young people the importance of reaching out to neighbors in their own back yard as well as cultivating a heart for the world.

Neighborhood Connection Missions began as a student-driven desire to do something big for Jesus in our community. During a mission week, leaders and students will learn what a few teenagers can do to make an impact in their church, families, and community. Teams will help families who cannot afford, or are not able, to do the work the teams perform. With each project, everyone will experience the rewarding impact of sharing Christian faith through action.

The Center staff takes care of many of the details – food, housing, and projects designed to give youth pastors and leaders time to connect with students. It's amazing what can happen when students encounter new places. They develop closer relationships with each other, leaders, and best of all, with God. They arrive home after a mission week with a new sense of unity, understanding, and respect for each other.

We would love to answer any questions you might have – or better yet, book a mission week for your group for this summer. Give us a call! We'd love to serve you as you love your students and love God!

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The Center is:

- A community whose purpose is found in Jesus Christ and exists to live like he did.
- A community that stands up for justice and speaks against oppression .
- A community where if you show up you belong.
- A community where it's not about what you do, but who you are. You are a child of God, born to manifest God's glory, not defined by appearance or actions.
- A community where people gather because there is no other place they would rather be.

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Safer Foundation

6th Annual Safer Sacks Fundraiser



Supporting “Safer Sacks” is an easy way for your business or organization to get involved with helping a local youth serving organization. One hundred percent (100%) of the money raised goes toward benefiting the students of the Rock Island and Davenport Youth Empowerment Programs, which assists troubled youth in our community. And it’s as easy as buying a lunch or better yet treating your staff or co-workers to lunch. What can be easier??

The details are as follows:

- This year’s event is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th. Pre-order forms and further instruction will be distributed the week of March 7th.
- Lunch consists of a croissant sandwich with ham, turkey and cheese, (condiments on the side) chips, cookie and fruit.
- The cost is \$5 per lunch if picked up or \$6 if delivered.
- To participate, each business must designate a contact person who will take responsibility for coordinating the event within their workplace. (this responsibility is minimal)

*If interested in participating or in sponsoring the event,
contact Sue Davison at 563.322.7002 or by e-mail at
sue.davison@saferfoundation.org.*



Street Team is in need of XXXL winter coats!

**2011 National Men's Equipping Conferences
April 9, 2011 in Quad Cities, IL/IA**

For more information contact Focal Point Ministries

815-589-3413

info@focalpointministries.net



**Coffee of the Month
Winter's Dream**

**Sandwich of the Month
BLT Panini**

**Stop in at the Solid Rock Café
for breakfast or lunch.**

**When you have breakfast or lunch
at the Solid Rock Café, you're
not only getting great food, but
your supporting the ministries at
The Center and what they do!**

**Stop in Monday—Saturday
9am—2pm**



**A special thanks to Nick Copeland,
Kara Elliott, Graham Garlach, Jenny
Garlach, Liam Otto, Tyler Wise and
Naomi Copeland for saving the day on
January 22nd and helping Kids Against
Hunger prepare meals for an event
needing more volunteers.**



**For more information
on Kids Against Hunger
contact John Kessler
@ 309-762-0437**

**THE FIRST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
EVENT FOR THE CENTER WAS A
HUGE SUCCESS!**



**A funny thing happened on the way to Jericho
*A modern-day parable was presented by
Alive! Children's Theater.***



**The Center and staff would like to thank everyone that
made the Dinner/Theater a success.**

**All the ministries from The Center came together to put
on this event, and it was awesome to see that!**

**We had over 135 people attend the event, and the
Silent Auction brought over \$700.00.**

**Thanks to all the volunteers and everyone that donated
a basket for the Silent Auction.**

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE!

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**THE CENTER
1411 BRADY ST.
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FEBRUARY 12, 2011

6-8PM

\$5.00 Donation

YL younglife

**PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 9, 2011
563-323-5295 OR
jolenespeth@thecenter-davenport.com**

PICTURES AND LOTS OF FUN!

DANCING

GAMES

FOOD

CRAFTS

Girls—Nail Painting Table

Boys—Tattoo Table

**Please contact Jolene to volunteer
for this event at 563-323-5295 or
jolenespeth@thecenter-davenport.com**

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS MISSIONS

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Where we will serve?



Today, the Quad Cities has a population of 400,000 and The Center is located in the heart of Davenport. This urban setting provides the opportunity to serve local residents and the historic Hilltop Neighborhood. In recent years, the region has suffered the effects of down-sizing at local factories and businesses, and the current unemployment rate is at 4.9 percent. Individuals living below the poverty line make up 14.5 percent of the population, including 22.5 percent of those under the age of 18. These residents need our love and encouragement, and provide blessings to those who serve.

The Center is a multi-ministry building. It houses more than 12 ministries that range from the Street Team, a homeless outreach, to SkateChurch, a full indoor skateboarding park. The ministries located at The Center are diverse but like-minded. All are committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our community.

*Igniting a passion
in students and
youth leaders for
the Gospel of Jesus
Christ through
missions*



What your mission will look like?

Groups will arrive on Sunday evenings and depart on Friday mornings. Each team will have the opportunity to choose the focus of their trip based on what God is calling them to do.

Neighborhood Connections will provide housing (including showers), breakfasts and lunches. Teams will be responsible for evening meals. Opportunities for evening entertainment will be provided. Through the week, teams will participate in Bible study and worship, and hear and grow in God's word.



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FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	2 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm	3 SHIIP 9am Palmer 3-7pm	4	5 Alive! 11am-1pm
6 New Life 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	7 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	8 All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	9 Progressive Baptist 6:30-8:00pm CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Safer Board Meeting 3:30pm Classroom Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm	10 Palmer 3-7pm	11	12 Valentines Dance Special Needs 6-8pm Alive! 11am-1pm
13 New Life 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	14 Rie's Bible Study 7-9pm Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Ministry Meeting 6pm	15 All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	16 Progressive Baptist 6:30-8:00pm CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Safer Board—Classroom Meeting 3-5pm Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Lay Leaders 4:45pm	17 Social Media Workshop (Lee) 7-9pm Safer Grad 11-12:30	18	19 Improv Comedy Relief 5-10pm Show Starts at 7pm
20 New Life 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	21 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	22 All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Center Management Meeting 5pm	23 Progressive Baptist 6:30-8:00pm CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm	24	25 Palmer Graduation 2-6pm Food—BLDG PAID	26 Alive! 11am-1pm
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Street Team : Homeless Outreach
Monday-Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm

Safer Foundation
Monday-Friday
8:00am-3:00pm

Food Pantry @ The Center
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Saturday of the month 9:00am-11:30am

Table Tennis
Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

The Friendly Thrift Center
Monday-Saturday
9:00am-1:00pm

Solid Rock Café
Monday-Saturday
9am-2pm
Sunday Closed

Living Faith
Sunday 7:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday 6pm

Skate Church
Wednesday-Saturday
6:00pm-10:00pm

Call 563-323-5295
for reservations and questions!



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SkateChurch
Safer Foundation
Food Pantry @ The Center
The Friendly Thrift Center
Street Team
Fishers of Men Ministries
Living Faith
Neighborhood Connection
Quad City Prayer Center
SHIIP
Kids Against Hunger
Solid Rock Café @ The Center
Alive! Children's Theater
Young Life Quad Cities

Our Mission:

The Center is a collection of ministries focused on being a beacon of light to the voiceless, powerless, and the marginalized members of our community by providing assistance to meet human needs and by providing a place where people can grow in their relationship with **God.**