

## **Spire Article for March 2008 (D R A F T)**

### **Welcome Winter 2008 New Members**

The Congregational Life Team had the privilege of supporting the New Members Team with the winter class in February. Our extended team of long-term members of NPC who know our ministries and programs well, are now helping these new members to get to know 'all that is NPC' ... the many, many activities certainly, but most importantly, the members.

We'd like to especially invite these new members, as well as *all* members, to participate in one of the on-going activities that are open to any/all in join at any time during the year.

#### ***Specifically in March:***

- Pastor-led Lenten teaching series on The Lord's Prayer, Wednesdays, in the Chapel, at both Noon and 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Fellowship, Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Bill Lovell, NPC member/Elder and former professor of art in CT and NY, regarding spirituality and art.
- Men's Retreat, March 28-30, in Ivoryton, CT, with speaker David Midwood, President of Vision New England, about building bridges of unity.
- Sunday morning, 10:30 a.m. in Room 17, Worldview Marketplace, studying Christian Perspectives on Politics, Economics, Law, Psychology, and Ethics.

#### ***On-Going throughout the Year:***

- Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursdays, in the Parlor, 1:15-2:15 p.m.
- Study Groups ... for men, women, and mixed groups
  - Tuesday morning 6:15 a.m. Women's Study of Sermon on the Mount, in the Parlor.
  - Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Men's NYC Study of Sermon on the Mount; at Grand Central.
  - Tuesday 9:30 a.m. study of Beth Moore's video study of 'Jesus, the One and Only', in Horton Hall .
  - Wednesday morning: Men's 7 a.m. Study at Sugar Bowl.
  - Wednesday, 9:30-11 a.m., Moms of Teens, 'For Parent's Only-Getting Inside the Head of Your Kid', at the SHAC
  - Thursday, 8 a.m., Senior Seekers, Men 50+ meet at various locations for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study.
  - Thursday, from 9:30-11:30, Mom to Mom, for moms in the community with children of all ages, in Horton Hall.
  - Friday 6:30 a.m. Men's Darien Study of Sermon on the Mount; in the Parlor.

If you've been involved in an activity for a while now, we'd encourage you to invite one of our newest members to join you. It often takes a little courage to step out into a well-established group activity; going with someone already involved helps smooth the way.

Our new members have been invited to attend a four-session small group led by Pastor Greg to get them started in the life of our congregation. After these sessions conclude, we anticipate that they may wish to join an ongoing small group. We encourage you to be prayerful and open to appropriately incorporate them into your group.

(Marlene – Are we doing ‘grayed in’ sidebars for these?)

A Word in Tribute ...

Barbara Geraghty could be expected to show up at any/many of the activities just listed; she was involved far beyond her official Children’s Ministry role. Barbara was interested in and active in so many things here at NPC, whether as a participant herself or in a teaching/serving capacity. Her presence with us -- her laughter, energy, generosity and wisdom -- will certainly be missed. Her applause for all that God was doing in our midst will surely remain.