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BREAST HEALTH CLASS , SCREENINGS SET AT MCC

MCC will host an informative program about breast cancer and early detection including

- Warning signs of breast cancer
- Screening guidelines
- Proper technique for breast self-exam using Mamma-Care breast models

The class, presented by the UT Medical Center's Breast Health Outreach Program, will be **Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m.** It generally lasts about 45 minutes and will give women a chance to schedule a screening with the UT mobile mammography unit.



If at least 10 women sign up, UT's Mobile Mammography Unit will come to our church on **Saturday, June 12 to provide digital screenings**

from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The criteria for the screening are:

- Age 40+
- At least one year since last screening
- No current breast problems
- No personal history of breast cancer
- No breast implants

Insurance will be filed for each participant and woman age 40+ without insurance may call for available options. If you're interested in a mobile screening, you can go ahead and schedule an appointment at the Breast Health Outreach Program at 865-305-9753.

MORTGAGE LOAN REDUCED

PFG Quarterly Report through March 31, 2010

The Poised for Greatness (PFG) campaign to pay off the church mortgage continues to make amazing progress. We all should feel great pride in what has been accomplished and inspired by what remains possible. We ask everyone, firstly, for your prayers and secondly, for your donations.

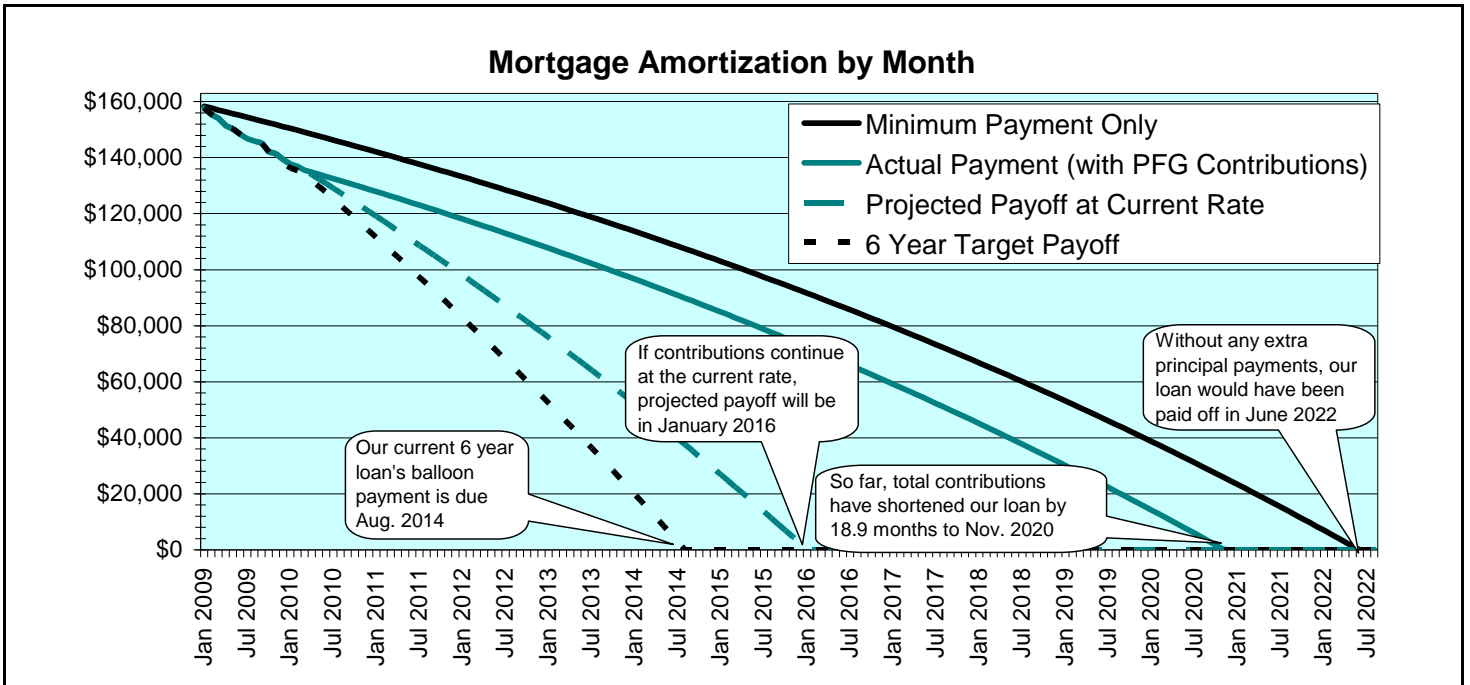
There are several ways for you to get involved:

- Drop your loose pocket change in the Change Jar located near the altar each week.
- Contribute an extra day (\$29), week (\$203), or month (\$882) of extra principal using the color coded envelopes on the PFG easel. Drop your envelope in the offering plate or mail it to the church.
- Commit to a \$10 monthly pledge. Of course, any amount you choose is gratefully accepted.
- Participate in other PFG fundraisers through the year.

Through March 2010, the PFG campaign has raised a total of \$11,846, which **includes \$1,409 year to date. Extra principal payments totaling \$12,957** have been deposited to date. Over the life of our loan, **this has saved us \$14,124 in interest. It has shortened our loan by 18.9 months or \$27,223.** The effect can be seen on the *Mortgage Amortization By Month* line graph as the gap between the *Minimum Payment Only* and *Actual Payment (with PFG Contributions)* lines.

Looking ahead... on average, we have paid an extra \$864 per month toward principal. Based on that, **we are on pace to pay off the mortgage in January 2016.** This would be **77 months early, avoiding \$110,986 in future payments.** This is shown on the graph by the dashed *Projected Payoff at Current Rate* line.

The graph also includes a dashed *6 Year Target Payoff* line. It shows that extra principal payments of \$1,451 per month can pay off our loan by its August 2014 due date. At that time, we will owe the remaining balance and have to refinance the loan. While paying the loan off by that date would be fantastic, our goal is to lower that balloon payment as much as possible. As you can see, a significant dent has been made in the mortgage's balance, but for the first time, the amount of monthly donations has fallen below \$500 for the past two months. (*cont. on Page 2*).



Note: All calculations are based on a minimum mortgage payment of \$1441.93. They assume the interest rate remains fixed at 6% for the life of the loan. The rate will likely adjust at the loan's 3 year point, in August 2011.

THANK YOU to each of you who has generously donated time and/or money to this campaign! You allow us all to benefit from your generous efforts. Remember, every cent of every dollar goes directly to the mortgage principal, is tax deductible, and a \$5 donation today reduces our future payments by over \$10.61!

A COMMON-SENSE APPROACH TO THE 'END TIMES'

A Complete Guide to Bible Prophecy
By Stephen Miller
Barbour Books 2010

(review by Wayne S)

Let me urge you all to visit www.stephenmillerbooks.com and see the wonderful world of Stephen Miller books. A special site called www.guidetoprophecy.com has been created to introduce this exciting book, the first common-sense approach to eschatology that I have seen. The book begins with a quiz, which will follow at the end of this quick review, that lets the reader know what is ahead.

Yes, Virginia, there are OTHER VIEWS of the end-times that use a historical basis rather than the futuristic, Dispensational Eschatology that we have heard all our lives. My only criticism of this book is that it spends so much time on the "future" views when the historical views of Revelation are SO CLEAR and well documented. Miller is the only writer who presents all these views clearly and NEVER lets you know where he stands on any issue. This is a refreshing approach! Thank God for this book -- I urge Miller to ship FREE copies to all the major seminaries that still teach this STUFF -- the

light has come and our hope is not built on "Moody Notes and Scripture Press."

The book is divided in four parts with an End-Times Glossary in the back. Part One begins with the "Most Asked Questions of What A Prophet Is." Miller gives us an overview of what a prophet is and what they did. Part Two deals with the prophecies that deal with the Jewish Nation and the prophecies they made. He goes through the Prophets from the Old Testament in chronological order starting with Israel, Judah, and other nations. He then deals with the concept of the "Messiah" and all the passages that deal with Jesus Christ. Part Three deals with the End Times as seen through the eyes of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Jesus, and the Apostle Paul. Miller does a magnificent job in examining all the prophetic passages, especially in dealing with Ezekiel's Temple and Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years. It will have your head spinning because he presents other chronologies that I have never seen presented in any other book. The eschatology of Jesus and Paul will have some good historical exposition. Part Four is a very nice commentary on the Book of Revelation with the historical and futuristic view side by side. Miller also exposes all the "goofs" of those who made predictions that didn't come true.

Bible Prophecy Challenge (From site and book)

True or False:

1. Predictions of God's prophets were always right, since 100 percent accuracy was the mark of a true prophet.
2. The English word for hell in the Bible almost always translates as a Hebrew word that refers to a valley in what is now Jerusalem.
3. Descriptions of the end of the world track with some of the most popular scientific theories about how the world will end.
4. Many respected Bible experts teach that Revelation's writer used code words not to talk about the future but the past - the suffering of Christians and Jews in his century.
5. The mark of the beast, 666, is the number we get when we add up the letters in Emperor Nero's name as it appeared on Roman coins. (Ancient letters had numerical equivalents.)
6. Prophet Zephaniah said God is going to burn up the world, killing everyone.
7. People today who call themselves prophets fit the Bible's description only if God is talking to them in visions, dreams, or in person.
8. Prophets seemed to believe that most of their predictions pointed to the distant future, and weren't limited to the prophet's own generation.
9. God gave the prophet Daniel the ability to understand his visions about the future.
10. John's vision of New Jerusalem, which many experts interpret as heaven, is a cube about half the size of the moon.
11. In some Bible prophecies, Babylon was a code word for the Roman Empire because Romans, like the Babylonians before them, destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple.
12. The main job of a Bible prophet was to predict the future.

ANSWERS:

1. **False.** Sometimes the prophets got their message across, and the people changed their sinful ways. That's why God didn't destroy Nineveh even though the prophet Jonah had predicted God would. When people change, God seems to change his plans for them. (See chapter "Did Any Prophets Get Their Predictions Wrong?" page 36)

2. **True.** The valley is Gehenna. Jews sacrificed to idols there. As punishment, God let Babylonian invaders from what is now Iraq conquer them, level Jerusalem, and exile the survivors. For that reason, Gehenna became a place the Jews associated with God's judgment. (See "The Trouble with Hell," page 328)

3. **True.** Peter says "The heavens will disappear with a roar. Fire will destroy everything in them" (2 Peter 3:10, NIRV). Many scientists say that in about 5 billion years the sun will swell into a red giant and scorch the earth—perhaps even swallowing it up. (See "When God Turns Out the Lights," page 340)

4. **True.** Many scholars see most of the torment related to the Romans crushing a Jewish revolt and destroying Jerusalem in AD 70. A lot of the symbolism tracks very well with that history. For example, in one scene, locusts torment people for five months. That's how long the Roman army besieged Jerusalem. (See "Is Revelation History, Prophecy, or Neither?" page 228)

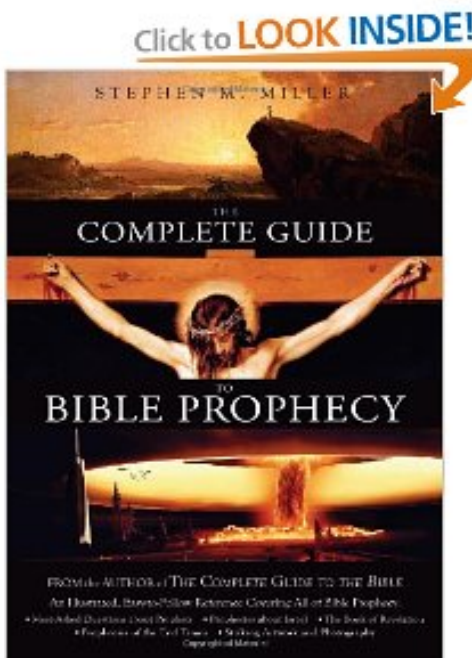
5. **True.** If you translate the name and title "Nero Caesar" from Greek, the international language of the day, into Hebrew, the language of the Jews, the letters add up to 666. If you translate from Latin, the language of the Romans, into Hebrew, the letters add up to 616. Both numbers show up in the oldest surviving copies of Revelation—666 in some copies, 616 in others. (See

"Beast 2: Nero," page 275)

6. **True.** Page 165. Surprisingly, Zephaniah seems to change his tune later, promising that the Jewish nation will become a world leader. Some Bible experts suspect Zephaniah was exaggerating the doom, to express how painful it would be when the Babylonians in 586 BC wipe the Jewish nation off the political map and exile most of the survivors. Jews began returning about 50 years later.

7. **True.** Some preachers may call themselves a prophet since they're delivering God's message as it's recorded in the Bible. But Bible-time prophets didn't get God's message second hand. (See "Does God Have Prophets Today?" page 14)

8. **False.** Prophets directed God's message to the people of their own day. (See "Did Isaiah Have a Ghostwriter?" page 76)



9. **False.** Page 148. Some visions stumped Daniel. Gabriel had to explain some of them for him. But even Gabriel's explanations leave many readers today wondering if someone could explain Gabriel's explanations.

10. **True.** That's if you take the numbers literally. Many scholars don't. (See "New Jerusalem, the Specs," page 335)

11. **True.** (See "Beast 1: Roman Empire," page 274)

12. **False.** The main job was to deliver God's message. (See "What Exactly Is a Prophet?" page 12)

GAY MEN'S GROUP TOPICS

3 – Open Discussion (Free HIV testing at 8:30 PM)

10 – Gay Men and Their Mothers



17 – Dating: Taking Safety Precautions & Dangerous Situations

24 – "Out" with the Neighbors?

31 - Memorial Day – no meeting



Calendar of Events

Event	Date
Bible study – Church history from the Eastern Perspective	Sundays, 9:15 a.m.; repeats Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Membership Inquirer's Class	Sunday, May 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Pastoral Search Committee Meeting	Thursday, May 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
	<i>Sunday, May 9</i>
Breast Health Basics Class	Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Potluck lunch after service	Sunday, May 16
Deacon's meeting	Wednesday, May 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
Administrative Council meeting	Thursday, May 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Friday Night Social Club	May 28, 7-9:30 p.m.
 MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 31



Lectionary


May 2 (fifth Sunday of Easter)	Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35
May 9 (sixth Sunday of Easter)	Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5, John 14:23-29
May 16 (seventh Sunday of Easter)	Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26
May 23 (Pentecost)	Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)
May 30 (Trinity)	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

<p>Metropolitan Community Church Knoxville</p> <p>Rev. Bob Galloway, Pastor</p> <p><i>Sunday Worship: 11:00AM & 6:00 PM</i></p> <p>Phone: (865) 531-2539 * Toll Free: (866) 531-2539 * Fax: (865) 531-6190 E-mail: MCKK@mckknoxville.org Web Site: www.mckknoxville.org Newsletter: newsletter@mckknoxville.org</p> <p>* GLBT Helpline 7 to 11 PM staff permitting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Directions to MCC Knoxville</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From I-40 west bound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take Exit 380 (West Hills) - Continue through the first stop light (West Town Way) From I-40 east bound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take Exit 380 (West Hills) - Turn right at the first stop light (heading to Montvue Rd.) 2. Turn left at next stop light (Kingston Pike) 3. Turn right at the second stop light (Morrell Rd.) 4. Continue straight through the next five stop lights (1.3 miles, finally crossing Westland Dr.) 5. Turn right at the next 4-way stop (Nubbins Ridge Rd.) 6. Continue 3 blocks 7. Turn left on Tranquilla Dr. (at crest of hill) 8. Turn right on Redeemer Lane 9. Parking lot is at the top of the hill (through red brick gateposts)
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