

# Living It For Eternity

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September-October Events

A ministry of...



FALL 2010

### What's in a name?

*Yahweh, El Shaddai, Adonai,  
Abba, Jesus, El Quanna...*

#### Road Rally

Sorry, it is postponed to a later date. More information will be announced at a

#### Movie Night

Friday, Oct. 8 at the THC, we will be showing a free movie, *The Dessert Theatre*. Invite yourself and a few friends.



#### Bible Study at PHS

Meeting every morning at 7 AM in the library at Pulaski High School.

#### Girls' Bible Study THC

Sundays at 6:30 at the THC, discussing *Lies Young Women Believe*. God is changing hearts and revealing truth in place of lies. Pray that the girls could live it out!

#### Girls at the Pipers

All High School girls are invited to attend A GIRLS ONLY sleepover on Fri., Nov. 19. It'll be relational and a fun night of bonding.



#### Refuel Retreat

A one-day retreat at the Teen Hope Center on Saturday, Oct. 23. Come to get "Refueled" in your connection to God. Worship, prayer, messages, small group discussion, and lunch included. A day of refreshment and practical skills to reach your world for Christ. More info TBA

#### Prayer Requests

- Praise the Lord for 2 new brothers in Christ. Pray for their faith to grow daily.
- Please pray for students going through hard times.
- Pray for the members of our youth group to grow stronger in the Lord.
- Pray for your leaders.

## The Tree of Life...

*Created on the 3rd day of Creation with the plants, trees play a central role right off the bat in Genesis and continue to give us rich symbols for our walk with God.*

In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve are told they could eat from any tree in the Garden of Eden, except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If they disobeyed, they would die. Their disobedience left them ashamed, realizing they were naked and afraid of God. It separated them in their hearts from God. Their punishment was more than that though...for the time it was banishment from the blessings of freedom to walk with God in the paradise He'd created for them and a life of toil and frustration. Ultimately, God banned them from eating from the Tree of Life, His supply of immortality. Such is our life story...dreams of paradise lost, frustration when things don't go our way and don't seem fair or make sense, just hard--and so our tendency is to try to fill that loss with other things that cannot satisfy. These simply weren't meant to. Only God was meant to be the source of our satisfaction, yet we

search for it elsewhere. Yes, even those who have a relationship with Christ fall into this at times.

#### A Tree Planted by Streams of Water...



**Throughout Scripture we can find a lot of symbolism from one of God's special creations, trees.**

So we are thirsty but shortly after our thirst is quenched, the feeling comes back--in fact it is more than a feeling, it is a physical necessity. Yep, so it is in our hearts. It is a physical, yes physical necessity that our hearts be full of God's living water, so that we can be full of life, fruitful, strong, and able to weather the storms of life.

#### Roots...

Trees that continue to live on do so because of an extensive root system that goes down deep and wide enough to find the water and nutrient sources it needs to survive. Tall trees need deep roots; fruitful trees need lots of water and healthy soil; strong trees need both and the storms to build their strength. What? Storms to build their strength? Yes. While the first two may be more obvious, the third is less.

During the second of THE two most difficult periods of my life, this one while I was serving Christ with my whole heart, came the biggest storms, bigger than I could have ever imagined and especially wanted. One came after another until the biggest one hit--and it hit me personally. Through that time, one man at a prayer meeting that we went to to seek out the Lord's will felt led to tell me about his Sunday school lesson on how trees grow strong; they are bent from side to side in a storm. This helps them build more fibrous material (something like that!?) so that they can handle even stronger storms. He helped me to see the Lord's plan was to strengthen me. By digging deeper in prayer, His Word, praising Him when it didn't make sense, and reaching out to others for help, He helped me not only to have a stronger root system, but be a