

# ***"Get Off The Fence!"***

**("Why No Fire???)**

**I Kings 18**

**REASON #1: . . . Because We're \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_ without it.**

**REASON #2: . . . Because We're \_\_\_\_\_ We have to  
\_\_\_\_\_ it.**

**REASON #3: . . . Because We \_\_\_\_\_ not to  
\_\_\_\_\_ it.**

## **TODAY at Hope Church**

Sunday School Electives Begin! Room locations are posted near each church entrance. All are upstairs!

**4:00 PM** - Africa Missions Team Meeting - (departing for dinner)

**6:00 PM** - Intercessory Prayer Meeting

### **Registration for the annual Marriage Enrichment Weekend has begun!**

All who register and pay today are entered into a drawing to receive a \$20 room credit or \$20 restaurant gift certificate! It takes place Feb. 20 & 21 (add on an optional 2nd night if desired!) at the Hyatt Place in Fort Wayne for \$95 - visit the table in the foyer today for complete details and pricing for an additional night.

### **Reserve your passage on the "Girlfriends Paradise Cruise"**

right here at HMC on the evening of January 24! Tickets are *complimentary* and include lots of fun luxuries, food, and fellowship with women of all ages. Excellent opportunity to reach out to others with this event! Visit us in the foyer today to make your reservation and get complete details! Spread the word!

**Sign-up is underway for the "JUST Men" Hockey Night on January 10.** Details on Pastor Matt's office door.

### **Fighting the Battle for Our Families**

*Men's Prayer and Fellowship Event* Men of all ages and backgrounds are invited to gather at HMC Friday, Jan. 30 from 6PM to 12AM for an evening of food, fellowship, and prayer. We will eat, watch the movie "Fireproof", share with one another, and devote some time to praying for our families. Please consider taking part and invite someone to join you. A sign-up sheet is on Pastor Gary's office door. Contact Bob Mosier at 565-4504 for details.

**January 11 - 12:00 PM** - Small Group Leadership and Development Potluck & Meeting - for all Small Group leaders (bring main dish and a side or dessert to the Fellowship Hall).

### **Mid-year Small Group Sign-up still underway!**

Is now a better time for you to participate in a small group? Nat and Juanita Bryan will lead a Wednesday evening group (7 - 8:30 PM) beginning this Wednesday. Space is limited so reserve your spot now - the sign-up sheet is located on Pastor Matt's office door.

### **New Divorce Care Class Beginning**

Divorce Care will begin another 13 week class on January 7, 2009 (this Wednesday). It meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 PM. Register by calling the church office at 824-1844. It is open to the community so *please tell someone who might benefit from the hope, help, and healing that this class has offered so many!*

**2009 offering envelopes** - stop by the table at the "purple wall" to pick yours up. If you requested them last week, find yours there today. Mark your communication card if you would like a box of envelopes to use.

### **Forgotten Children International**

will hold the 2009 Valentine Banquet and Benefit Auction Monday, February 9 at the 4-H Community Center in Bluffton. Tickets will go on sale next Sunday, January 11!

### **Save the Date!**

February 8, 2009 we will have one combined Baptismal Celebration Service at 9:30 AM. If you would like to be baptized on this special day make a note on your communication card or call the church. These services are always exciting for the HMC family!