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HAPPY NOTES *at home*

for the Vineyard Church family



Welcome Back

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A New Year

Welcome back to our new church year. I trust that you're refreshed from summer vacation, warm days in the sun, and a break in the normal routine. It is now time to put our hearts and energy back into sincere pursuit of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

A Few Improvements

Over the past few months, we've made several adjustments as to how we do things around here. First, we're trying to work much more as a team rather than highly skilled individuals doing their own thing. We want the concept of team to not only be among the staff but among all of us as we work together to accomplish our mission – **continuing the work of Jesus.**

We're also working hard to improve communication both among the staff and throughout the church. The major change that you will notice is what we call "The LINK."

The LINK Described

The LINK is a powerful new tool that keeps everyone up to date on all the hot things happening around here. It will be filled with feature stories about the staff and other key initiatives. Of course it will have information on events such as birth/death announcements, weddings, engagements, staff changes, etc. We'll even have a section that talks about "God Stops" (great testimonies), multi-site updates, future seminars, Christmas parties, etc. We think it will give an exciting buzz to all that's happening around this place.

For now The LINK is only being published in hard copy. As we get more computer savvy with a new church software program, we'll be making it available through our website and by email. (Please use the new Connect Card in the program to keep your information current.)

Staff Adjustments

In the September LINK, we described some exciting adjustments among our Strategic Leadership Team. We are attempting to get the right people in the right place for the coming year. A quick look at the article in the LINK will show that Di and I are still the Senior Pastors. We've moved **Ben** to **Executive Pastor of Leadership**. **Carla** is now the **Executive Pastor of Communications** and a newcomer to our staff, **Dennis Starkey**, is now the **Executive Pastor of Pastoral Oversight**. We've also adjusted some of the other staff pastors slightly to better align their jobs with the goals that the Holy Spirit has given us for the new year.

The Future of Happy Notes

In the future, I'll use Happy Notes to highlight what's close to my heart. I'll share important things that are happening or significant bits of information to keep you connected. Happy Notes will obviously be sent by email to everyone for whom we have an address. Others can access Happy Notes by going to our website. Still others will be able to find a few hard copies lying around the church. I view this as an important way to communicate. I enjoy hearing from you about your thoughts and responses to these Happy Notes. Thanks for being friends and partners. God Bless.

Happy Notes at Home are a monthly reflection of community life at The Vineyard Church and are produced by Happy Leman.