



### Perception Often Is Realty by Pastor Monte Knudsen (Email: [pastor.monte@fcoc.net](mailto:pastor.monte@fcoc.net))

To perceive is to obtain knowledge of through the senses; to hear, see or feel; to understand.

Though David, the shepherd boy, saw the same things through his eyes as the other soldiers of Israel, he didn't want to hide from Goliath; he wanted to fight him. Why? Because what he "understood" was not obtained through the senses of hearing, seeing or feeling. It was obtained through God's words.

By all natural senses, David should have been more afraid than any of the soldiers. He was not trained yet, he was still very young and he was small of stature. He had nothing to base his confidence on except one very important thing—God's covenant promises.

As he approaches the greatest obstacle of his life, he recognizes both the obstacle and the solution. He says, "You come to me with a sword, a spear and a shield, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel."

I am sure it's true, that there are some swords in your life, some spears that can look mighty terrifying, some shields that you have no natural way to defeat—but have you forgotten? Have you forgotten God's power-filled promises? Is your perception of your problem based on the circumstances, or on what God has said?

Don't you find it interesting that the armies of Israel kept listening day after day to the taunts and bullying tactics of Goliath? But when David heard it he answered right back, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach of Israel?" Too often, we listen day after day to the negative, doubt-filled thoughts of 'it won't work for you', 'you can't', 'you'll never get well', etc.

You and I are not going to sit and listen day after day to the doubt and taunts of giants who tell us we can't, who tell us we will fail, who tell us it won't work or that it could never happen. We're going to answer back like David.

We "see" something else. We see our God who is the Good Shepherd, who supplies our need and quenches our thirst, who stays at our side in trouble and prepares blessings for us in the midst of our enemies—who heals our sicknesses, who forgives our sins, who satisfies us with good things.

I say, "Let's get our stones out and go kill some giants."

I say, "Let's stop the thoughts of doubt and fear by answering them back with the authority of God's word."

I say, "We are more than conquerors, we are heirs of God, we are kings who reign, we are the delivered, the redeemed, the free."

I say, "What God has said, God will do!"

It's time we change our perception.

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# 2010 Workers of the Year



**Patricia & Liz Miller**  
Nursery/Toddlers



**Dave & Diane Stanbary**  
Volunteers of the Year



**Carolyn Frahm**  
Info Desk/Bookstore/Hospitality



**Anne Dreyer**  
WWK/Bible Class/Agapeland



**Todd & Deb Steenblock**  
Connect Leaders/Prison/Nursing Home Ministry



**Theresa Hutcherson**  
Music/Audio/Visual



**Pam Kruse**  
Awana Club



**Darrell & Glenda Egli**  
Lifetime Achievement Award



**Jon Rowland**  
Ushers/Greeters/Parking



**Reed & Bonnie Jones**  
Prayer Partners



**Dee Stodgell**  
Lay Ministers/BASIC Training/Altar Counselors



**Carrie Miller**  
Youth

## F.C.O.C. STATISTICS

### Mt. Pleasant 11/14/10 thru 2/20/11

- 498 Average Sunday Morning Attendance
- 357 Average Wednesday Evening Attendance
- 128 Sanctuary Visitors
- 31 Sanctuary Salvations & Rededications
- 14 Sanctuary Holy Spirit Baptisms
- 40 IgnitE<sup>3</sup> Youth Visitors
- 12 IgnitE<sup>3</sup> Youth Salvations & Rededications
- 9 IgnitE<sup>3</sup> Youth Holy Spirit Baptisms
- 18 FCOC Kidz Visitors

### Fairfield 1/30/11 thru 2/20/11

- 118 Average Sunday Morning Attendance
- 19 Sanctuary Visitors
- 2 Sanctuary Salvations & Rededications
- 14 FCOC Kidz Visitors

### HOMEGOING

- 11/19/10 Martha Peterson
- 1/18/11 Vera Wagner
- 1/19/11 Mike Hileman



Legacy Builders (50+) Funtrivias Night

# Dr. Hilton Sutton Coming To FCOC

## *World Events Week*

Sunday-Wednesday, March 6-9, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Sutton is one of the world's foremost authorities on the prophetic scriptures, including the Book of Revelation. He presents the prophecies of the scripture in an edifying manner, free from doom, gloom and speculation in an edifying way that inspires victory, joy, peace and hope, and sets believers free from unscriptural fear of the future. He is in great demand as a speaker for churches, Bible colleges, national and international conventions, and for radio and television audiences around the world.



Dr. Hilton Sutton

Childcare available for 0-3 years / Children's Services for Pre-K thru 5th grade Sun.-Tues.; Awana Club on Wed.



# World Wide Kidz by Pastor Rick Bunnell (Email: [pastor.rick@fcoc.net](mailto:pastor.rick@fcoc.net))

Wow! 2010 flew by and we are well into 2011. Let's look ahead to see (and plan for!) the great things we have coming up for children this year in 2011.

Camp Dry Gulch is for kids in third, fourth and fifth grades (and maybe second grade, too!). We still have spots available to attend July 29-August 3. The cost is \$320, and we will need to have your completed form and funds turned in by Wednesday, March 25. If you want to be a sponsor and bless a child with an experience that can revolutionize his/her relationship with God, please contact me.



Vacation Bible School is already on the calendar for July 11-15. Do you have it on your calendar? We can always use help and volunteers for that week, and what a great time it is to interact with children! Pray about participating that week to serve the King of Kings and

the Kids of the King! Thursdays in June will be devoted to VBS preparations, so we can use your help then, too. Vacation Bible School is a great way to reach the kids in our communities!

AWANAs is going strong this year. There are many neat things going on in the AWANA rooms every Wednesday night. Kids are earning kids' cash to spend on the first Wednesday of each month. Practicing manners, body basics, a good attitude, and participating earn them "big bucks" to spend in the store downstairs. (If you're not sure what body basics are, just mention it to your kids and see them "straighten up!") We have a special night - Parent's Night - planned for Wednesday, March 16. Parents and Grandparents will want to come see what AWANAs is all about and what the children are learning! AWANAs will be winding down for the year on Wednesday, May 25, for the annual Awards Night. Make plans to celebrate the achievements of Scripture-learning that last Wednesday night in May.



## IgniteE3 Ministry Update by Pastor Nathan Clark (Email: [pastor.nate@fcoc.net](mailto:pastor.nate@fcoc.net))

Dare2Share is an evangelistic training and discipleship conference for youth 6th-12th grade. This year's event is in St. Louis, MO, at Chaifetz Arena. The dates are March 25-26. We will be leaving immediately after school on March 25 from the E3 Center. We will be staying at a local church near St. Louis on Friday evening (more details to come). A deposit of \$55 was due on February 16 for youth to participate in the event, and the remaining balance of \$20 will be due on March 25. Youth will need to complete and turn in permission slips to attend this event. The cost includes all meals, event fees, transportation fees and lodging.



**Dare2Share**  
MINISTRIES

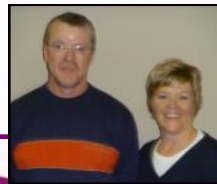
Summer Scream Summer Camp is an amazing worship and discipleship experience for youth 6th-12th grades. I would highly recommend your youth going to summer camp this year. For more information you can go to [www.summerscream.org](http://www.summerscream.org). The cost is \$205 per camper and the dates are June 26-July 2. A \$50 deposit and permission slip is due to IgniteE3 Youth for camp reservations by Sunday March 13. Summer camp is a life changing experience for many youth every year!



Please contact me with any questions at [pastor.nate@fcoc.net](mailto:pastor.nate@fcoc.net) or 319-986-5377. Also, the Parent Link newsletter and other information can be found at [www.ignite3.net](http://www.ignite3.net) - click on the Catch Fire tab.

## Workers of the Month

DECEMBER 2010



Roy & Marsha Clark



Courtney Cummings



Josh & DeAnn Nichols

FEBRUARY 2011



Bruce & Jenny Kaufman



Rose Reynolds



Brent Thompson

## Regular Events

### Service Times

MP: Sundays, 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
FF: Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

### E3 Center Hours

**Ignite Youth**  
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

### Thursday Prayer

Every Thursday  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

### Connect Groups

Week of the 2nd & 4th Sundays  
Locations & times in bulletin

### The Draw

Young Adults (Ages 18-29)  
Bible Study & Fellowship  
Every Thursday Night

### Family Weekend

**& Workers of the Month**  
First Weekend of the Month

### Communion

Last Weekend of the Month

## Clip 'N' Keep

### Upcoming Calendar Highlights

#### March 2011

6-9 Dr. Hilton Sutton World Events Week, 7:00 p.m. nightly  
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
16 Winter 2 BASIC Classes Begin (thru April 27) following Praise & Worship  
Parent's Night @ Awanas, 7-8:30 p.m.  
20 Water Baptism Celebration, 8:30 & 10:15 a.m., Multi-Purpose Room  
25-26 Youth Dare2Share Conference, St. Louis, MO

#### April 2011

16 Prayer Partner Breakfast, 7:30-9:00 a.m., Multi-Purpose Room  
20 No Wednesday evening service  
21 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.  
24 Easter Celebration, FCOC Mount Pleasant (See ad below for schedule)  
Special Easter Service, FCOC Fairfield, 10:30 a.m.

#### May 2011

4, 11, 18 "Welcome To The Family" Membership Class, 7:00 p.m. (following Praise & Worship)  
5 National Day of Prayer  
25 Awana Awards Night, 7:00 p.m. (followed by Ice Cream fellowship)  
30 Memorial Day, Office Closed

#### June 2011

11 Prayer Partner Breakfast, 7:30-9:00 a.m., Multi-Purpose Room  
12-15 Annual Southeast Iowa Faith Conference

# Our God... Lives!

**A dynamic Resurrection Sunday Celebration of the life Jesus lived and gave!**

**Please join us Easter Sunday, April 24th, for this special presentation declaring that Jesus Christ lives and reigns.**

**Enjoy Bible dramatizations, powerful worship songs featuring the FCOC worship band, Faith Reach Choir, musical talent from FCOC, and real life declarations of how Our God Lives in people from our own church family.**

**Invite your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy the gospel message of life, healing, salvation and our eternal hope!**

..Written and collaborated at FCOC

## Easter Sunday, April 24th

Mount Pleasant:

7:00 - 8:00 am Catered Hot Breakfast  
8:00 - 9:15 am 1st Service  
9:15 - 10:15 am Continental Breakfast  
10:15-11:45 am 2nd Service

Fairfield: Special Easter Service, 10:30 am

Exciting Special Services  
for World Wide kidz  
Ages 4 & Up

Childcare For Ages 3 & Under