

Tim Talk
October 2008

FINALLY! For all of you (are there more than 3 of you? ☺) that have been checking this page in great anticipation of my next talk, here it is, hot off the press. There are several VISION issues I want to keep before our Family as we come into the homestretch of what has been an amazing year. Let me just toss out some dates and give a little synopsis of the events so you can see the importance of getting involved:

October 18th – HOPE in the Park @ Southside Park: Back in January we promised to be at this park one Saturday a month for a year...let's finish strong and continue to be a calming presence in this neighborhood that Papa loves so much! For this next event we'd like everyone to bring their favorite hot soup or chili to share, and we'll get some bread and hot chocolate. Let's celebrate the change of the season together with our friends at Southside Park! Future dates of HOPE are 11/22 and 12/13 so you can mark your calendars.

October 26th – Family Prayer Gathering @ VLC in Modesto (6 PM): This is a national prayer gathering by our Foursquare movement, a huge family prayer event that will be shared via satellite. Our leaders believe that this upcoming election is pivotal, so we, as a Family, are going to pray together according to II Chronicles 7:14. Please come and pray with us...it will be such a powerful time together, and time well spent!

October 31st – Light the Night!: This is our chance to redeem a night that the enemy has used in so many ways to dishonor Papa. Open up your garage, serve hot chocolate and candy, set up a video game station...do something... ANYTHING... to reach out to the hundreds of people who will be coming to your door! If you've never done this, come check out what some of us are already doing at our places, and then get inspired for next year. Personally, this is my favorite night of the entire year.

November 14th and 15th – Uncle Phil's Diner: Come and share an evening of food and tons of fun! Please purchase tickets, and reach out and invite your friends and family, especially the unchurched... I guarantee they will laugh 'til it hurts and won't be preached at. Don't forget that all the proceeds from this outreach event go directly to The Chief's Initiative (for those of you that missed new Police Chief Dave Bricker a few weeks back, he shared with New Hope how this initiative is working to combat the growing gang problem our community is facing. We are the very first group to step up and get involved!).

December 6th – Manteca's Annual Christmas Parade: Mightn't we get our creative juices flowing and enter a float, or sing Christmas Carols, or hand out free hot chocolate? Let's do something, not to promote New Hope, but to promote Papa's LOVE!

December 31st – Would there be any interest in a Family Prayer meeting to kick off the New Year? I don't want to spin my wheels if there's no interest, but if anyone is interested, please let us know so we can see about planning something...

Until next letter, remember that One LITTLE Thing can make a HUGE difference...let us not shrink back in fear, but let us become History-Makers!

