



# First Family News

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## What's in a Name?

There are some words that strike fear in us just at the sound of them. Words like terrorist attack and cancer carry with them unbelievable results. The same could be said this season with the N1H1 virus, now known as the "Swine Flu." Last week both Cameron and Easton came down with the virus, and I must admit that I was terrified. I had heard all the negative things the media had said about the virus and its deadly effects. To say the least at the sound of the news, I was very concerned.

Over the last month we have seen yard signs go up around town and the countryside talking about making the name of Jesus famous. From the pulpit I have challenged us all to be more bold in our stand for Christ. I have found myself thinking does the devil tremble when he sees the way we are living our lives? What is in the name "Christian?" Is it just a name to you or is it a lifestyle you live out daily? Do the neighbors see something different in you than your other neighbors — other than that you go to church on Sunday? There is someone in our church that after the storm last week was out helping people in our community pick up limbs and clean up the mess from the storm for people. That is what being a servant is all about! It is not the words we speak, it is the actions we show that often will make the difference in someone's spiritual eternity. I challenge you to ask yourself, "What's in the name Christian for me?"

We are approaching the homestretch of 2009. It is hard to believe, but it is true. That means the holidays are just about upon us. The first event to soon be upon us is our Fall Festival. Dorothy and the Children's Committee are hard at work getting the event ready. I encourage you to sign up to help with the event as well as help out with bringing candy if you are able. This is a great outreach that provides us the opportunity to love on our community and show them what being a Christian is all about!

The end of the year also brings budget time. Committees are hard at work to prepare their budget for 2010. The budget and finance committee will put the finishing touches on the preparations, and we will be mailing you a pro-

posed budget soon. I mention this to you to remind you that the ministry of this church relies on you! It is a privilege to be able to give back a portion of what God has blessed us financially with for the purpose of ministry. We have had a good year financially so far, but we must finish strong. What a testimony it would be for our church to finish the year above budget in our giving. If we all continue to be faithful, we will make that goal. God is so good to us!

We are in the middle of a sermon series in Acts, so if you have not been to worship in a while, then you are missing out on the *Power in Life!*

I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

*Russell*