



**MAY 2008**

### **Malawi Update**

Thank you to the First Church family for your generous encouragement to our friends in Malawi through support of the microloan challenge. Through your gifts, our goal of providing training and microloans to women in the Bandawe Presbytery has become reality. The program will assist participants in establishing their own businesses to support their families and area orphans.

Two mission teams will be traveling to Malawi in May. The first group, led by Scott Rodehaver and Rev. Elaine Johnson, is leaving May 7 and will deliver the funds. They will also participate in the dedication of the new church building in Bandawe. Members of First Church have provided financial assistance during the building process. This is a time of great celebration for our brothers and sisters in Malawi.

The second team, a group of university students under the leadership of Rev. Michael Homan and Rev. Jeff Francis, will work at Ministry of Hope orphan care center and spend time with seminary students.

Please keep these mission teams in your prayers.

### **Barnes and Noble Night**

You are all welcome to join us (and invite others!) on Thursday, May 8 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Barnes and Noble coffee shop (41st & Yale). We will be discussing Josh Miles' pick of the month for May, *God is Closer Than You Think* by John Ortberg. This is a new ministry outreach and we are hoping to meet every month. All are invited--Spread the Word!

### **Camp Loughridge Spring Fling Scholarship Dinner**

Camp Loughridge's Spring Fling Scholarship Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 1 at the Temple Conference Center. The evening will include a silent and live auction, sit-down dinner, and entertainment provided by the "Jambalaya Jass Band." All proceeds will benefit kids scholarships for Camp Loughridge's Summer Day Camp, as well as sending schools to Outdoor Classroom. For more information about these programs, visit the website: [www.camloughridge.org](http://www.camloughridge.org). Camp Loughridge is located at 4900 W. 71st St.

### **Camp Loughridge 5k Run**

**When:** Sunday, May 4, 2008  
2:30 pm - One-mile Fun Run  
3:00 pm - 5k Run

**Register:** Go to [www.camloughridge.org](http://www.camloughridge.org) to fill out an entry form or pick up an entry form at the Runner's World store.

**Cost:** \$25 (5K); \$15 (1 mile fun run); \$60 (Family Pack--Minimum of 4 of any combination for Family Pack)

All proceeds will benefit economically disadvantaged children, enabling them to attend Camp Loughridge's programs.

\*You may sign up as late as 2:00 pm on race day! All runners registered by noon on April 28 are guaranteed a t-shirt on race day!