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“Advancing Biblical Unity and Spiritual Transformation in Utah”

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Worship '06 draws together close to 1000 believers from many Utah evangelical churches to worship Jesus with one voice!
- Two Home Presentations made in Southern CA to share the ministry with new friends and partners
- Pastor Jackson Senyonga from Uganda, Africa call Utah evangelicals to desperate prayer
- Attended 2nd meeting in Boston to discuss evangelical reactions to the presidential aspirations of Gov. Mitt Romney with his staff
- Preaching opportunities for Greg at Maranatha Baptist and SL EV Free and for Erik at Mountain Springs
- ST honored two resigning pastors at recent pastor's prayer gathering
- Greg attended Worldwide Church of God open house to celebrate their new offices in CA

Jackson Senyonga Calls Utah Christians to Desperate Prayer

During the last week of June, **ST** was honored to host a very special guest here in Utah from Uganda, Africa, Pastor Jackson Senyonga. Jill and I met Pastor Jackson last Thanksgiving when we were visiting her parents and one of our supporting church partners, **Arcade Church** in Sacramento, CA. We were so touched by his message and the transformational move of God in his home country that we asked if he'd be willing to minister in Utah. We shared with him that Utah believers needed to hear his message of prayer, revival, and spiritual transformation. While in Utah, Pastor Jackson spoke in five different churches, Light the Way Fellowship in Provo, New Pilgrims Baptist Church in Salt Lake, The Christian Worship Center in Ogden, Valley Assembly of God in West Valley, and at Mountain View Christian Assembly of God in Sandy. In each of his messages, his theme was clear, Utah needs to become a place of **DESPERATE PRAYER!** During a Friday luncheon with area pastors, Jackson was blunt. He stated that as he observed the spiritual climate of Utah, he could not blame the devil for the situation



faced, but rather the leadership and vision deficit of our clergy. He challenged the larger American church by stating, “we have normalized the abnormal in the church,” that, “it is all about Me, Myself, and I,” and that, “we are lost in all of our choices.” He reminded us of our desperate need for God to show up in Utah and do what only He can do among the people of this state. He exhorted us to remember that the, “reason God says, ‘I Am’ is because you are not!” Personally, Pastor Jackson's ministry here in Utah was life changing, and has already made a deep impact upon my own prayer life. We do have a CD of Pastor Jackson's message, if you would like one please e-mail us and we'll send you one free of charge.

Will America Elect A Mormon for President?



America elected a Catholic president in 1960, but will our nation elect a Mormon to the White House in 2008? This is a question on a lot of people's mind, and a presidential run by

Mitt Romney, now serving as the Governor of Massachusetts, will put Mormonism on the front page of newspapers across the country. Twice now, I've been asked to fly to Boston to visit members of Governor Romney's team, basically to provide feedback regarding evangelical reactions to his Mormon faith. Believe me, this has been an incredible experience, and I have been able to be rather direct in sharing the theological concerns of evangelicals regarding Mormon teachings. In the end, I think evangelicals will look at more than just a person's religion when they cast their vote, and for many Mitt Romney, as a proven social conservative, would be a far better president than many of his rivals. My personal hope in this endeavor is that I can be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ, and advance the evangelical/LDS dialogue. To be sure, this is a matter we should all be praying about!

WONDERFUL WORSHIP!

On Sunday June 11th, close to 1000 worshippers gathered together for our second annual Christian music festival, Worship '06. Believers came from many churches to worship the Lord with one voice! For over five hours, it was wonderful to imagine the Lord's face delighted by our offering of praise, rising up from the valley of the Great Salt Lake! Worship leadership came from Mike Rutledge (K2 the Church), the New Pilgrims Baptist Church choir, Steele Crosswhite (The Rock), and Andy Allan, who leads worship nationally. We can hardly wait for Worship '07!