

# Cliff's Notes

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January was an active month at GBF. For our 6<sup>th</sup> straight month we have averaged about 150 folks on Sundays. We now have 2 rotating music teams, all the members being non-vocational saints doing the work of the ministry. We had a successful "Preparation for Parenting" seminar for about a dozen of our young ladies. Pastor Cliff is teaching a Sunday night seminar on Homiletics with 22 GBF men in attendance. We welcomed 2 new members, **Connor Sears** and **Addison Luh**, giving us about 75 adult members. 2010 looks to be an exciting year for GBF.

One of my favorite things about being part of a church plant from scratch is watching God grow the ministry starting from ground zero. When we started GBF we were bare-bones when it came to ministry resources, especially when it came to music. In 3-plus years we have witnessed God begin countless new, "first-ever" events and ministries. Recently we had another exciting "first-ever"—our "first-ever" women's choir. Led by Laura Simpson and Evers Ding, the ladies sang beautifully, preparing hearts for the Christmas message.



"He Himself gave pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:11-12)



## Kings Academy

**Day**— Kings is one of the Christian schools in our area. It's 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades. I coached the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' hoops team this year...15 squirrely jr. high boys. They were great. We

took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We ended every practice and game with prayer. The boys were model young men all season. I had a great assistant in Coach "Mo." For the end of the year party I invited them all to come to GBF with their families to hear me preach. Amazingly, they all came and lived to tell about it.

This Sunday is the Super Bowl. Much attention is being given to the 2 teams playing, but just as much is being given to Tim Tebow, the Heisman Trophy winner from Florida. Focus on the Family bought an ad to be aired by CBS during the game in which Tim's mom tells how she is thankful she did not take her doctor's advice telling her to get an abortion when she was pregnant with her All-American football playing son. Pro-abortion groups are fit to be



tyed and doing everything they can to pressure CBS to cave and rescind the ad. Leading the charge in opposition is the Nat'l Organization of Women and the feminist lawyer, Gloria Allred. Tebow is handling the pressure well and doesn't mind be ridiculed for Christ. Some of his

friends have said that he is stretching himself too thin by setting up his own foundation and doing missions work abroad. His response: "I only have a certain amount of time in this life. I'll have a lot of energy in heaven, and that will be fine. But right now I'm going to make a big impact for Christ . . . period. So I'm going to work as hard as I can in doing that, and I'll rest when I'm done."

[Above: Tim and his mom, Pam]