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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ  
Greater Hartford Chapter  
Mitchell's Coffee House  
January 6, 2010**

- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Praise reports: today is our one-year anniversary!
- Today's topic: ***The Importance of Creativity***



***“Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise. For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.”*** Psalm 33:3-9

As we enter 2010, we face a multitude of economic challenges. Looking at the competitive landscape, what advantages do we possess that can help us to survive and prosper in the days ahead? From what I read, even other nations recognize that the USA has a competitive global edge in the area of creativity.

**Creativity is the ability or power to create rather than imitate; to cause what did not exist to exist.**

1. *Historically*, America's culture of freedom has bred creativity and innovation.
  2. Creativity comes from the Creator. We are made in His image; by nature, we are inherently creative.
  3. As Christians, we are adopted children of the Creator, and we have His Spirit dwelling within us.
  4. Not all creativity is applied for “good.” The Holy Spirit is the source of 100% “good” creativity.
  5. Therefore, to abound in good creativity requires us to be full of the Holy Spirit. He can make us innovative, flexible, adaptable to change in ways that are constructive for us and others.
  6. Through the Holy Spirit, Christian leaders in the USA *should* be the most creative leaders on earth!
  7. As God's creativity flows, we can “speak” it into existence. People will be awed and will imitate us.
  8. As we seek to be creative and pioneering, there is a healthy balance. Creativity that isn't controlled by the Holy Spirit becomes overheated, impulsive, impetuous, impatient, easily bored and unreasonable. On the other hand, we don't want to get into a rut and squash, inhibit and restrict creativity.
- Next meeting on January 20 here @ 7:30 am (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
  - Upcoming events/news
  - Closing prayer