

Love God
 Love People
 Love Serving



January 29, 2012



*“He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf
 does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”*

Psalms 1:3

“Transforming Lives For God’s Glory
 By Multiplying Authentic Followers Of Jesus Christ.”

Dan Currie, Senior Pastor
 Joshua Maurer, Youth & Family Pastor
 Faith Byykkonen/Holly Bolthouse, Music Coordinators



Sunday School: 9:15-10:15 AM

Morning Worship Service: 10:30 AM
“Conduct Of The Believer That Promotes Unity”

Ephesians 4:1-3
 Pastor Dan Currie

Elective Bible Classes: 6:00 PM

NEWS FROM PASTOR DAN

“How Can The Church Achieve A True, Biblical Unity?”

The Bible teaches the importance of “unity” and “oneness” throughout the book of Acts. It is God’s plan that His people be unified around a given purpose of “making disciples” (Matt. 28:19-20). It should be our goal of multiplying authentic followers of Jesus Christ and all of God’s people should be united in this objective. Unity with others is “good” and “pleasant” (Psalm 133:1). **Unity is absolutely essential because the church is the “body of Christ” (I Cor. 12:27), and a body cannot be in disunity or disharmony with itself.** If disunity occurs, it essentially ceases to be a body and becomes a disjointed group of individuals. Jesus’ plan for His church is people who love each other and are unified in their faith and purpose.

The secret to unity begins with how we view ourselves within the body and how we view others. Paul address this with these words: *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves” (Phil. 2:3).* All disunity in a church can be traced back to the simple truth that too often we act selfishly and consider ourselves better than others. Paul goes on to explain further in the following verse: *“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also in the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4).* Sadly, churches that experience disunity and are in conflict and turmoil are generally filled with people looking to their own needs, their own desires, and their own ambitions. Worldliness, not godliness, is the hallmark of the disunited church, as Paul reminded the Corinthians: *“For you are yet carnal, for in that there is among you envy and strife and divisions, are you not carnal, and do you not walk according to me?” (I Cor. 3:3).* **It may be hard to admit it, but I am a carnal Christian when I allow strife and conflict to characterize my life.**

What is the key for unity? It should be centered around doctrine and Bible truth. We must agree on the absolutes of Scripture and on the gospel. On other areas, we must be humble and have a gentle, patient spirit where we love one another (Eph.4:2). A church filled with such people cannot help but have peace, unity and harmony. The truly humble person sees his own faults in light of the glory of God and his perfection. This causes a person to be humble resulting in the fact that they will not seek to see the faults of others. This person will speak the truth in love so that others will be built up in the image of Christ. When we see the depravity in our own heart it should result in a humble spirit where we extend grace to others. We should seek the goodness of others and not judge their motives or ambitions. Most importantly, as Christians, we are to see one another in the light of the cross. Fellow Christians are those for whom Christ died a horrible and painful death so that He might exchange His righteous perfection for their sin (II Cor. 5:21). **HOW CAN WE NOT EXTEND TO THEM THE LOVE, COMPASSION, AND GRACE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER? Unity is God’s plan for the church and it can be accomplished through humble servants who value people and are co-laborers in ministry for the purpose of seeing lives transformed for God’s glory.**

KIDZ ZONE

Wisdom For Kids ~

Show your love for others
through your actions
and your words.

AWANA ~ Wednesdays
6:30-8:00 pm

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
February 5
6: 00 pm @ The Open Door

For Middle School & High School

High School & Middle School Teens
Casting Crown Concert
"Come To The Well Tour"

Thurs., February 16 @ 7 pm
Van Andel Arena Ticket: \$17.50
See Pastor Josh to reserve a ticket.

Elective Bible Classes

We will have our Elective Bible Classes again this winter starting this evening @ 6:00 PM. This will last for nine weeks and will go through March 25.

A list of classes:

"James" Beth Moore Bible study for women— **Room #1**
Facilitators: Patty Currie & Glenda Koutz

"Jeremiah" — **Room #4**
Facilitator: Doug Rodd

"Acts" — **Room #3**
Facilitator: Mike McCrumb

"Training For Small Group Leaders" — **Room #5**
Facilitator: Pastor Dan Currie

"Homebuilder's Bible Study"
Facilitator: Greg Randall (1836 S. Broadway)

"Faithmates Small Group"
Facilitator: Ryan Rose (233 E. Charles)

"Kidz Zone" (children 4 years old—5th grade) — **(Lower Level)**
Facilitator: Jennie Stafford

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Reminder: Middle School Leaders Meeting today @ 4:30 pm in Room 1
Discuss the Lock-In Event in March.

Middle School Youth Group
Small Groups
5:30– 7:00 pm in the Upper Room.



SLEDDING @ THE HIGH SCHOOL

Feb. 12th

5:00 PM— 7:00 PM

Bring your sled, tube, toboggan, snow board, cardboard box

Bring a couple of glow sticks for the runway.

High School Youth Group
Meet with Pastor Josh
In The Open Door 5:30—7:00 pm

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 29

Sunday School: Carol Bolthouse

Morning Service: Carol Bolthouse, Jen Thomas, Michelle Phillips

February 5

Sunday School: Lainie Partridge, Jill Alflen

Morning Service: Lainie Partridge, Kate Wood, Alissa Wilson

Caring Corner

Deepest Sympathy

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Ray DesVoignes and family, his father Howard passed away Monday evening, his funeral was Friday at Lake Center Bible Church in Portage.

Pray for:

Sherry Wetzel had back surgery last Wednesday morning at Metro Hospital, which went very well. She is home now.

Dave Shilling had a procedure on his heart last Tuesday at Meijer Heart Center, which went well and he is home now.

People in Thornapple Manor: Vernie Buehler, Dorothy Kelsey, John Kowal, Wilda Todd

Health: Susan Alfred, Gail Conner, Lynn Fetterman, Kristen Garvey, Ken Giar, Betty Kidder, Ann Mueller

Pray for our Military Personnel & their families:

Caleb Bolthouse, Jarrod Cappon, Ben Cappon, Dan Blair
Jeremy Shilling, Ryan Hawbaker, Walter Willson, James Pann,
Jesse Bergwerff, Brian Emery

Sportsmen's Dinner — February 24

We are planning a Sportsmen's Dinner for Friday, February 24 @ 6:00 PM. This is designed to be an outreach event for our community. We need our people to help us in the preparation of food and to help promote this event. If you are interested in being involved on a leadership team to plan, organize, and promote this event please see Pastor Dan.

January 29~February 4, 2012

SUNDAY:

- 4:30 pm Middle School Youth Leaders Meeting — Room #1
- 5:30-7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group — Upper Room
- 5:30-7:00 pm High School Youth Group — The Open Door
- 6:00 pm Elective Classes

MONDAY:

- 6:30-8:00 pm Martial Arts—downstairs with Mike O’Grady
- 7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Group @ Barbara Swift’s Home

TUESDAY:

- 6:30 pm Men’s Basketball

WEDNESDAY:

- 7:00 am Men’s Prayer Time — Room #1
- 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer — the Open Door
- 6:30 pm Choir — In the Auditorium
- 6:30—8:00 pm AWANA

THURSDAY:

- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY:

- 9:30 am Ladies Volleyball

SATURDAY:

- 9:00 am Men’s Basketball

FEBRUARY 2012 CHURCH EVENTS:

- February 5 Super Bowl Party for High School & Middle Schoolers @ The Open Door
- February 7 MOPS
- February 12 Middle Schoolers Sledding
- February 13 Seniors Valentine Potluck —Room #1
- February 16 Casting Crowns Concert —High Schoolers/Middle Schoolers
- February 17 Quilting
- February 21 MOPS
- February 23 Deacon Board Meeting
- February 24 Sportsmen’s Dinner—In the Family Center
- February 25 Faith Mates Game Night & Potluck—In the Family Center

Lost & Found

Have you lost your Bible, glasses, jewelry, shoes? Check out the lost & found in the church office.

Thank you to all who have helped with funeral luncheons. We have some dishes in the kitchen that may belong to you.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Andy Ferrier, Friends of Israel, described a recent "divine appointment" in which he met an Orthodox Jewish Rabbi. During their long flight they talked about the sacrificial system in the Temple, rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem, etc. Pray for them as they continue their correspondence. Andy quoted Israel National News: "Russia has given Iran its bear hug and warns Israel and the West that an attack on Tehran would be considered an attack on Moscow. The threat heightens the prospect of World War III in the event of a military strike on Iran." Read how this fits into the prophetic time table in Andy's letter on the Missions bulletin board.

Calling All Singers!!!

Choir will be starting on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 6:30 PM. Please come with your singing voices to start practicing for our Easter musical!

KIDZ WORSHIP NOTES



Kidz Worship Notes are available as you go into the Morning Service every Sunday @ 10:30 am.

If you need crayons they are available on the table in the foyer. At the end of the service, see someone at the Kidz Worship table to get your paper looked at and claim your treat.

GIVING SUMMARY

General

Building Fund

Last Week	\$ 7,235.22	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Weekly Need	\$ 8,398.00	Balance	\$ 29,699.00
Over/Under	\$ - 1,162.78		
YTD Giving	\$ 25,474.01		
YTD Need	\$ 33,592.00		
YTD Over/Under	\$ - 8,117.99		

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