

Hastings Baptist Church



**Love God *Love People *Love Serving*

January 8, 2012



“ Living A Life That Pleases God In 2012 ”

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

Dan Currie, Senior Pastor
Joshua Maurer, Youth & Family Pastor



Sunday School: 9:15-10:15 AM

Morning Worship Service: 10:30 AM

“The Sufficiency Of Scripture”

II Timothy 3:15-17

Pastor Dan Currie

Evening Service: 6:00 PM

“The Better & The Best”

Ecclesiastes 7

Pastor Dan Currie

NEWS FROM PASTOR DAN

The Bible is sufficient to meet our every need and yet many believers do not embrace the Scripture for their daily lives. We treat the Word of God casually and spend very little time in reading it. If you are a true believer you should love the Word of God. We should make the reading of Scripture a lifelong pursuit so we can grow in spiritual maturity and wisdom. There is no other substitute for spiritual growth in our lives than the daily reading of God’s Word. Jesus responded to the temptation by Satan with this statement: *“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4)*. This truth teaches us that everything in life, every perception in life, every attitude, every action must be understood in the light of the Word of God. Our spiritual lives are fed primarily by the Word of God. In Psalm 1:1-2, we read, *“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night.”*

We make as our highest priority the preaching and teaching of the Word of God in our church. We believe in the inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God that governs our faith and practice. We are committed to the Word of God and place the centrality of the Word of God in every aspect of our church. The Scripture is the means by which people are saved, equipped, trained, and motivated to live for God’s glory. Reading the Word, teaching the Word, proclaiming the Word, obeying the Word, living it out does not seem to many to be sufficient for matters of life and conduct. **We want to affirm our commitment to the Word of God and the belief that it is all sufficient to meet our every need in life.** We want to hear God speak. It is my desire to faithfully proclaim God’s truth in every message that I preach. We know that He does His work through His Word. In light of the power to Scripture to transform lives are you doing the following?

- *Do you faithfully read the Bible in a systematic way?
- *Do you go to the Bible for answers to your every need?
- *Are you growing in spiritual maturity and wisdom?
- *Are you practicing and living the Word of God in your daily life?

Annual Meeting—January 22

We will have our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22 @ 9:15 AM during the normal Sunday School hour. We invite all of our people to join us as we reflect back on this past year and plan for the 2012 year. We rejoice in the many blessings of this past year and the faithful workers who served the Lord in the many different ministries of the church. The following people have been nominated for the election of these church offices:

Deacons

*Lynn Fetterman, Mike McCrumb,
John Snyder, Dan Swift, Bill Wetzel,
John Winebrenner, Dave Wood, Jr.,
Bill Wright*

Sunday School Superintendent

Bill Wetzel

Assistant S.S. Superintendent

John Bolthouse

Clerk

Tony Frith

Treasurer

Tim Bechler

QUILTERS

Please confirm your spot for January 20.

Sign up at Welcome Center.

Elective Bible Classes

We will have our Elective Bible Classes again this winter starting on Sunday evening @ 6:00 PM on January 29. This will last for nine weeks and will go through March 25. A list of classes:

1. "James" Beth Moore Bible study for women—Facilitators: Patty Currie & Glenda Koutz
2. "Jeremiah" — Facilitator: Doug Rodd
3. "Acts" — Facilitator: Mike McCrumb
4. "Training For Small Group Leaders" — Facilitator: Pastor Dan Currie
5. "Homebuilder's Bible Study" — Facilitator: Greg Randall (at his home)
6. "Faithmates Small Group" — Facilitator: Ryan Rose (at his home)
7. "Kidz Zone" (children 4 years old—5th grade) — Facilitator: Jennie Stafford

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

KIDZ ZONE

Wisdom for Kids ~ "When you're not sure what to do, ask God."

AWANA ~ Wednesdays

6:30-8:00 pm

Middle School Youth Group

Meet with Pastor Josh this Sunday evening 5:30- 7:00 pm in the Upper Room.

High School Youth Group

Small Groups this Sunday Evening
5:30—7:00 pm

Music & Worship Coordinators

We are delighted to announce that Holly Bolthouse & Faith Byykkonen have been appointed to serve as our Music & Worship Coordinators. These women are both skilled musicians and have served our church in the past in this capacity. We appreciate their willingness to serve the Lord as a team in this important area of ministry. Please pray for these two servants as they give oversight to our music ministries.

The Barry County Right to Life is collecting signatures for their pro-life signature ad in the Reminder. If you want to declare your belief that all life is valuable, please sign a form at the welcome center. Any questions, see Derek or Rachel Chandler.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 8

Sunday School: Carol Bolthouse, Faith Byykkonen, Pauline Clow

Morning Service: Carol Bolthouse, Jill Alflen, Julie Frith

January 15

Sunday School: Lainie Partridge, Denise Miller & Girls

Morning Service: Lainie Partridge, Teri Randal, Rachel Chandler

Caring Corner

Pray for:

Vonda Cappon's procedure on her throat was a success

Sherry Wetzel will have back surgery on January 25th at Metro Hospital.

Bruce Styf, Pat Fuller's brother-in-law, had open heart surgery last Thursday, January 5 @ Bronson Hospital, which was a success.

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

Health: Susan Alfred, Thelma Fassett, Lynn Fetterman, Kristen Garvey, Ken Giar, Pat Greenfield, Betty Kidder, Evie Macy, 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



IT'S A GIRL!!

Congratulations to
Pastor Josh and Caitlin Maurer
She's here!

Natalie Elizabeth Nicole
made her debut at 7:51 am on 1/3/12,
weighing in at 7 lbs 10 oz and 20" long.
Our beautiful little miracle!

Baby Shower ~ Tuesday, Jan. 17 @ 7 pm
At the Open Door
Caitlin is registered at *Babies 'R' Us & Target*

January 8-14, 2012

SUNDAY:

- 5:30-7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group — Upper Room
 5:30-7:00 pm High School Small Groups
 5:30-7:00 pm Ladies Beth Moore Bible Study—Room #1

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—8:00 pm AWANA

THURSDAY:

- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY:

- 9:30 am Ladies Volleyball

SATURDAY:

- 9:00 am Men’s Basketball

JANUARY 2012 CHURCH EVENTS:

- January 17 MOPS
 January 17 Baby Shower for Caitlin & Natalie Maurer —The Open Door
 January 20 Quilting “*Block of the Month*”
 January 22 Congregational Meeting during the Sunday School Hour
 January 26 Deacon Board Meeting
 January 29 Elective Bible Classes Begin — Sunday Evening

Bible Day—2012 We plan to spend our morning service focusing on, celebrating, and thanking God for the gift of His Word to us. Will you take time today and this week to thank God for the Bible in your possession. Just think of the tremendous blessing to have a readable and understandable Bible in the English language. Millions around the world do not have one Bible available in their language. As a result, we will take a special offering at the end of the service where a percentage will be given to *Bibles International*, a ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions. This is a ministry that seeks to advance Christ’s church through Bible translations.

Special Missions Offering the Missions Committee has recommended that we take a special offering today to be divided between *Bibles International* (20%) and Jared & Melanie Currie (80%). The Currie’s are moving to the island of New Guinea to further their language training and to be where they can make survey trips to potential sites for their tribal ministry. We will join their other supporting churches in helping them meet this financial need.

Mission Spotlight—Birch & Connie Champeon are in Michigan while one of their literacy/training teams is in Mexico doing the first teacher training with the Tenek language. The Mexican government has been encouraging education in minority languages. This means many of the Tenek children can read Tenek and some of the older children can read Spanish as well. The Tenek Bible translator has put the first Old Testament Bible Storybook into Tenek and this is our first teacher training. Every day is a new adventure but God is clearly at work. A number of Spanish people from some of the churches are reaching out to the Tenek who are attending. This means they are learning to teach the storybooks, but they can’t speak Tenek themselves. When the woman who translated the teacher training materials saw what they would be learning she requested several of the school teachers to come take the training. The team will also have training in several of the villages. Pray for the salvation of those who are attending and the encouragement of the believers. Very few Tenek people are professing Christians and Satan has strongly opposed the work. This is a very unsafe area, so pray for the physical safety of Carla, Bethany (our team) and the Angeles (natives) as well.

Jamaican Mission Trip: Jan. 4-18, 2012. The Mission Team left Grand Rapids this past Wednesday for Jamaica. The team will be working on painting and repairing Fairhaven Christian Retreat Center, acts of kindness in the Montego Bay area, and local street evangelism. They will also minister at Blossom Gardens Orphanage. The team consists of Dan & Jody Swift, the VandenAkker family, Bruce Douglas, Brady Schmitz, and Ben Stowell.

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 2011 Total Giving: \$441,649.00

General

Building Fund

Last Week	\$ 5,067.34	Last Week	\$ 120.00
Weekly Need	\$ 8,777.00	Balance	\$ 29,429.00
Over/Under	\$ - 3,709.66		
YTD Giving	\$ 5,067.34		
YTD Need	\$ 8,777.00		
YTD Over/Under	\$ - 3,709.66		

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