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Networking together to fulfill the Great Commission.

See You at the Pole



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PRAIRIE CAMP FAMILY CAMP

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

What a wonderful camp we enjoyed in 2007. As you think back about Family Camp this year, may your memories include the great speakers, the great family fun times, the great children's and teen's programming, but most of all may you remember how we all came together as one body to "desperately seek" our God and our Savior. Our prayer is that you found exactly what you were looking for.



PRAIRIE CAMP TEEN CAMP

This year Teem Camp registered 102 dorm campers and 56 campers@large for a total of 158 campers. Hear what our Teen Camp Pastor, Josh Sabo, shares about the uniqueness of this year's camp as they were **Desperately Seeking** God. "Before the mandatory devotions throughout the week we started a prayer warrior group because of the vision God had given us about revival. The first day we had about 30 youth in the softball fields praying for this revival. I



Sean Dunn (right), Teen Camp Speaker



assumed that this number would dwindle, but God has revival in mind! Friday morning we had 55 youth praying in the softball field when they could have been doing other things. The night before, on an hour long bus drive, our youth sang praises to God in accapella all the way home. Revival is breaking out in our hearts. Prayer is becoming real to the youth of our nation. Praise the Lord and pray to Him for a consistent solid youth!"

COACHING MOMENT FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



Terry L. Powell

The Son of Encouragement

I have four favorite Bible characters:

Caleb – He was a doer, a warrior and a loyal friend. Even at 85 years of age he was ready to conquer the mountain. I don't imagine that Joshua could have had a better friend.

Nehemiah – He saw a vision of the rebuilding of the walls around Jerusalem and the city and was able to get people to own it. And, the vision became reality. He was sensitive enough to hear the voice of the Lord and tenacious enough to bring the vision to completion.

Philip – In Acts 6 he is a deacon . . . in Acts 8 he is an itinerant preacher . . . in Acts 21 he is a commissioned evangelist. He was a man who was always sharing Jesus. It just goes to show you that what Jesus said about being trustworthy with little, and then with more, is really true.

Barnabas – A man of encouragement. It just might be that if he had not engaged Saul of Tarsus in ministry at Antioch maybe we would never have heard of the Apostle Paul.

I would like to zero in on Barnabas – the Son of Encouragement. Encouragement is something we all want and need and when we have it life just seems to go better. We all need encouragement and yet many never get enough.

The National Retailers Association asked retail workers to list, in order of priority, their reasons for working. Can you guess the number one reason? *“Appreciation by others for what I do.”* We no longer work just for a paycheck. The greatest benefits for working are appreciation and respect.

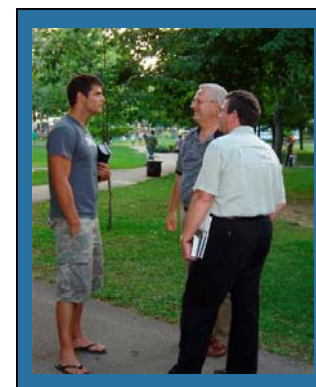
Jesus was constantly praising his “staff” (the disciples). He would use two words that meant a great deal to them, “Well done.” In some of his stories he would speak of masters praising their workers. Jesus even heard significant words several times in his short lifetime from His Father, “This is my beloved son, in who I am well pleased.” On another occasion He said, “This is my beloved son. Hear Him.” These were public statements that the Lord was making.

We never outgrow the importance of hearing someone praise us, or thank us, or show appreciation privately or publicly for what we do. We need to be acknowledged. And for some that is all they need.

In the 1980s Nordstrom Department Stores had a unique way of acknowledging people who had shown distinction in their work. In mid day, with all the coworkers watching, the management handed a crisp \$100 bill to a lady who had won the top sales award. She loved her job and it showed. Part of the reason was that she got paid with more than money.

Something to think about: If public words of praise were your spouse, or children, or friends, or coworkers only paycheck, how much would they be making?

Take time today to be an encouragement!



Josh Sabo, Dave Engbrecht, and Terry Powell at Prairie Camp



Sharing an encouraging moment during summer camp

CHURCH UPDATES & NEWS

Church of the Month

Iglesia Misionera Getsemani



From left to right: Paul Erdel, Mike Peters, Terry Powell, Jorge Maldonado and Evelio Quinonez

Congratulations to our newest chartered Hispanic ministry in downtown Elkhart, IN. Getsemani is pastored by Jorge Maldonado who shares, "We are really excited to be a part of the Missionary Church and are looking forward to working together for the kingdom of God." They hosted a "Back to School" event recently providing over 60 children with supplies. The best part of the event were the 17 who came to know the Lord! *Thank you to our churches who came along side them to support this event.*

"Dogs on the Driveway"

On July 3rd, **Sturgis Missionary Church** hosted over 1,000 people on their church grounds for an evening of free family fun. The church shared that night because they believe Jesus can make a difference in people's lives. "This is our biggest outreach event of the year," says **Paul Woods, Assistant Pastor**. "We go all out. Our hope is that we can help change the perception that Christians don't have any fun and spend all their time and energy protesting the things non-Christians like to do. Maybe that way we can bring some of them one or two steps closer to a relationship with Christ. That's what this event is all about."



Keller Park Missionary Church (Ryan Yazel) shares a praise for the 102 children attending their VBS with only 10-15 of those being from the church. Ryan shares, "God clearly was giving us favor in our neighborhood. Please keep us in prayer for our children's ministry."

Networking Together...

Camden Missionary Church (Rev. Brian Colby) spent a weekend in July with **River of Life Missionary Church (Rev. Roderick Hoffman)** to work on their building. The work ended with a message by Pastor Brian with about 100 in attendance. "The weekend was very effective, in that a number of the homeless guys spent the entire weekend with us," shares Pastor Roderick. "I love that. The Urban Ministry is growing in the hearts of the Missionary saints. Thanks for your support and prayers."

The Revolution (Rev. Ryan Flemming), was joined by **Camden (Rev. Brian Colby)** and **Redeemer Missionary Churches (Dr. Jason Nicholls)** collaborating on a clean up effort in the neighborhood. Ryan was particularly impressed with the people in the neighborhood that came out to help. Following the clean-up the local paper's *Neighbors Sharing* section stated, "I want to commend the young residents of Monroe St. in Gary for having the pride to clean their neighborhood. They have the right idea to save Gary—pride. Perhaps some of them can lead our city back to one that is proud of itself." That's a great testimony!



Network News



Congratulations to ...

Dan and Angie Brenneman on the birth of twins, **Daniel Cole** and **Catherine Jo**. They were born on August 21st.

Rick and Carlyn Schultz (Crossroads) on the birth of **Elijah James**. He was born August 23rd.

Gospel Center Missionary Church hosts CCN Simulcast Events: chusted@gcmc.info
Sept. 20 Confident Parenting
7:30-8:30pm

Sept. 21 **AVALON** in concert
7:30-9:00pm

Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" 13 week course starts **Sept. 6th**. Call the church for registration
574-288-4477.

Wakarusa Missionary Church invites you to a High Quality Children's Clothing and High Quality Resale on Saturday, September 22nd from 8:00 am-12:30 pm. Contact: Sarah Freitas, Resale Coordinator at 574-862-1628.

The North Central District has set up a benevolence fund for credentialed persons. Contributions should be made payable and mailed to:

Missionary Church N.C. District
3301 Benham Ave.
Elkhart, IN 46517

If your church would like to list items to sell or give away in this column, please send an email to: cheryl@mcncd.org by the 20th of the month.

We reserve the right to edit what is listed in this *Networking* column.

ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

MIKE PETERS, ASSISTANT TO THE D.S.



Dr. Stan Toler

Building Kingdom Stewards

With Dr. Stan Toler

Saturday, September 29, 2007

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church

“Your church will never be the same after you attend this practical, encouraging seminar.”

WHO Should Attend

- Pastors and Church Staff
- Church Treasurers & Finance Committee Chairpersons
- Church Board Members
- Finance Ministry Team Members
- Interested Laypersons

WHAT You'll Learn

- Exciting ways to increase your weekly offerings
- Building a church budget
- Financing ministry in the local church
- Planned giving & estate planning
- Teaching people to be financially free
- Current trends in paying the pastoral staff
- Capital stewardship campaigns & debt reduction
- Financing church building programs

HOW You'll Benefit

- You'll learn to think globally as well as locally
- You'll learn how to develop stewardship leaders
- You'll learn how to develop your leadership base
- You'll learn how to create positive stewardship attitudes

Featuring the teaching of best-selling author and international seminar leader, Dr. Stan Toler. He is currently the senior pastor of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

Register now: www.mcncd.org or cheryl@mcncd.org or by calling the District Office 574-293-1332.

This seminar is provided free of charge for pastors and their key lay leaders. Attending this seminar will meet 1/2 of a credentialed person's annual continuing education requirement.

Network News

Looking ahead:

JOY

Sept/Oct Fall Trip to the Michigan City/Gary area. Contact Hilda Brenneman (574) 258-5020.

Pastor's & Wives Retreat

Oakwood Inn

September 10-12

Women's Retreat

October 12 & 13 @ Essenhaus

Contact your church's Women's Ministries Director or Missy Bayer at 574-259-5971.

Volunteer Training Event

World Partners is working to train team leaders to prepare & direct effective short-term mission teams. A CultureLink Seminar hosted by Beulah Missionary will be held October 4-6, 2007. Jeff

Blejerveld and Michael

Mortensen will be the presenters. Brochures & coupons have been sent to your church. Contact Jeff Blejerveld (Assist. Director of World Partners): 260-747-9439 or jeb@wpartners.org

Hillside Gospel-Bluegrass Jamboree 3rd Thursday of every month, 6:30-9:00pm, 21567 W. Ireland Rd., South Bend IN. For information call the church: 574-292-2864. Bring your instrument and join in.

Please inform the District Resource Center of your special occasions so that we may share them with others.



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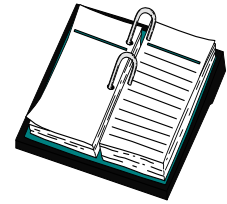
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day—
District Office Closed
- 4,6,18 Lay Officials Orientation
- 5 Stats due
- 9 Grandparent's Day
- 10-12 Pastors & Wives Retreat
- 14-15 Hispanic Boot Camp
- 26 See You at the Pole
- 29 Enrichment Seminar

OCTOBER

- 5 Stats due
- 8 Columbus Day
- 14 Pastor Appreciation Day
- 18-19 District Office closed
- 20 Children's Quizzing @ Brenneman
- 26 Youth Worker's Luncheon

DISTRICT PRAYER UPDATE

Recent Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Continue to pray for the family of **Art Reifel** who went to be with the Lord on August 30th.
- Remember the family of **Angel & Marilyn Crespo** (Casa del Alfarero). Marilyn's sister was killed in a car accident in New York. Marilyn was able to be with family in Puerto Rico for the burial.
- **Rev. Bill Hesse** praises God for the report of his cancer being "suppressed!" Continue to pray for his continued healing and praise God with him that he's "feeling great!" Mary and Bill thank you all for remembering them during these past 9 months of care.
- Pray for the congregations that are searching for their next pastor: **Berea, LaGrange, Sturgis.**
- Continue to pray for the health issues of some of the spouses of our pastors: **Nancy Lee Ashley, Angie Lamason, and Davida Swisher.**
- Praise God for His movement at **Prairie Camp!** Continue to remember those who have made decisions while *desperately seeking* at camp.
- Preparations for the **3DYC** event on December 28-30 in a new location, Grand Rapids, MI.

HUBBARD HILL ESTATES CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

A celebration will take place September 7, 2007, to commemorate 30 years of faith-based quality senior care at Hubbard Hill Retirement Community. The event will focus on honoring the faith of Hubbard Hill founders and the recent growth of the organization which includes Medicare Certified private Rehabilitation Suites.



"We responded to the demand in the community for private rehab suites by expanding our services and opening this fabulous new unit," states Patrick Pingel, Executive Director of the facility. Mr. Pingel further added, "Everyone is aware that Hubbard Hill is an incredible place to retire and now we offer even more ways to serve the community."

For additional information regarding living opportunities and services contact Hubbard Hill at 675-295-6260 or www.hubbardhill.org.