

# MARCH 2009

**Beginning in March...**  
"Why did Jesus Come?"  
Small Group  
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**March 14th**  
Kids Klub Pinewood  
Derby at 3:00 PM

**March 1st**  
What Not to Wear  
Teen Edition & Fashion Show  
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**Wednesdays**  
Guys Night Out  
in ROUTE 28  
7-9:00 PM

**March 2nd**  
Quilting  
6:00 PM at the Church

**AFM  
ORDER DATES**  
**Tues., March 11th,**  
from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM  
**Sat., March 14th**  
from 9:00-Noon  
**Distribution**  
Sat., March 28th  
9:30 - 11:00 AM

**March 13th**  
Love INC  
Informational Meeting  
at the Nazrene Church  
6:30-8:30 PM

**March 14th**  
from 9:00-Noon  
**Distribution**  
Sat., March 28th  
9:30 - 11:00 AM

**March 14th**  
Love INC  
All Day Training  
9:00-3:30 PM

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
March 8th**

## ROUTE 28

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

JUNIOR HIGH (6th-8th GRADE)	HIGH SCHOOL (6th-8th GRADE)
5:30-7:30 PM	7:15-9:15 PM

### SMALL GROUP

JUNIOR HIGH (6th-8th GRADE)	HIGH SCHOOL (6th-8th GRADE)
MARCH 1ST AND 15TH 4:30-5:30 PM	MARCH 8TH AND 22ND 6:00-7:00 PM

### MONDAY NIGHTS

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL & UP  
7:00-10:00 PM

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



# GOOD NEWS

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## Why did Jesus Come?

When you read the Gospels, you will see that Jesus states a number of reasons why He came. He came to 'seek and to save that which is lost' is just one. Beginning in March we will participate in a sermon/small group study of the reasons Jesus gives. If you haven't been in a small group before, this would be a great way to get your feet wet. Most of our small groups are going to participate in the study, and there will be some new ones established just for these 6 weeks. Get in one. You'll learn something. Also, bring that friend with you!

## What Not to Wear: Teen Edition & Fashion Show



**The What Not to Wear: Teen Edition & Fashion Show** is coming to Midland. Mindy Mulheron and Molly Humphrey will be taking 7-12 grade girls to this fun event and fashion show. Shari Braendel will be speaking at this uplifting, encouraging and off the wall fun event. Cost is \$12. Sign up Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> with Mindy, Molly or Steve (don't worry-he's not going).

## WHAT...IF ?

I have been wondering much lately about our church. What is it that makes a church effective? What makes it healthy? What causes it to grow?

There have been periods in BCUB's history when we have grown dramatically and other periods when we have grown slowly, but few periods in the last 30 years when we have plateaued for very long. The last three years have been a plateau for us. I don't like it, either. There's something in me that makes me uncomfortable when we aren't advancing the work of the Kingdom in a dramatic way.

Experts tell us that we are at a very comfortable stage as a church. We have high quality staff, programs, buildings, and enough money to pay our bills, so there is no hunger to drive us one. If we don't watch out, we could become

complacent. We could be quite happy with having enough. We could become resistant to change because we like things the way they are. We have our pew, our routine, and enough success to keep us going, so we don't see any need to push.

Revelation 3 talks about the church at Laodicea and we read that Jesus said that He would spit them out of His mouth because they were neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. By the way, in that part of the country there were hot and cold springs, and both were good, but lukewarm was bad. He complained that the church had lost its zeal. The church had become complacent and believed it needed nothing. It had enough. But Jesus said that what they lacked was zeal.

As I look at myself, I see that I have

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lacked zeal. I have looked at BCUB and have been satisfied. The church is full of wonderful Christian people. God has provided us with wonderful facilities. We have no debt. We are ministering effectively in many ways. It's easy to sit back and say, “We're doin' ok”. But as soon as I say that, something inside me says “No we aren't!” It means I have lost my zeal for the work, and Jesus doesn't like it.

As the leader of the church, the lack of zeal on my part spreads to others. Maybe you have sensed a lack of it in yourself. Maybe the ‘push’ isn't there like it used to be.

I have allowed us all to become happy with the status quo, and that's not good.

Jesus' remedy to complacency was to ‘be zealous and repent’. Right after that He says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me”. (Rev. 3:20)

Communion with Jesus is dependant on being zealous for the work.

I confess that I have allowed myself to be satisfied with less than zeal. I believe that God has given me the vision to have 1000 people in worship on Sunday mornings here at BCUB. I have sat on that vision since 1996 when we moved into the new sanctuary. It's time we got moving.

Jesus said that He will build His church, but we have a significant part to play in that building. We are His ambassadors.

What if you and I committed to bringing at least one person to church in 2009? What if our families committed to bringing at least one family to church in 2009?

God is using you to influence people out there, and experts tell us that if we

invited 4 people to church, at least 1 would attend with us. What if you and your family were to pray that God would move in the hearts of your friends and that they would be happy to come to church with you?

What if that person comes, what if you were to meet them at the door, or better yet in the parking lot? What if you introduced them to some of your other friends at church?

What if you took them to your SS class, then later in the week to your small group study? (What if you invited your friends to church this week? Then you could invite them to a 6-week Bible study Why did Jesus Come? This study will lead us to Easter when they will celebrate with you the wonderful news of Jesus resurrection. Wouldn't that be Great! )

What if you needed to learn more about sharing your faith with your friends, so that when they heard the gospel at church, it would reinforce what you had already explained to them? (I would have to offer the gospel more regularly, since more of our people would be unsaved, wouldn't I?) What if they became part of the body of Christ because of you? Wouldn't that be great! Do you realize that if each of us brought one person to BCUB and helped them be part of us, that we would double in a year, and that reaching 1000 would happen in a year and a half? It can be done! With God's help, let's do it!

–Pastor Chuck Malson  
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## The Unexpected



### Love INC

Ever pray for one thing and get something totally unexpected? If you open your heart to God's leading the unexpected can be an exciting adventure and a blessing.

That is what happened to me. I went on a retreat excited about getting direction with the ministries I was already involved in. I left feeling convicted about starting an outreach to our community, the unexpected. A month later, after working with a committee and not feeling like what we were considering was right, Love INC was laid on our hearts, the totally unexpected.

Looking back at what the Lord had been doing in my life, it shouldn't have been that unexpected. The ministries I had been involved in were all preparing me for this. The retreat we were at was all about thinking outside the box.

Thinking about starting Love INC was way outside my box. It meant contacting churches and getting them to work together to bring about an outreach to our community. Again, the Lord had gone ahead. Several people

and small groups in our county had been praying for church unity. He placed willing and encouraging people in this church and other churches to work with me.

And so the journey began with the Lord leading every step. Each time a church would come on board it would bring me to my knees at the awesomeness of God. His timing was perfect and all I had to do was be willing to put myself out there, go one step at a time and He did the rest.

Now we are 11 churches and growing, committed to serving the needs of people in our community and touching them with the love of Christ. The development part continues. The all day training on March 14th, at 9-3:30 PM will be on that. March 13th, 6:30-8:30 PM will be an informational meeting. Both are at the Nazarene Church.

We are all anxious to help you get plugged into service areas and start to work with people, but that will be in a few months. Until then, please come and get informed, pray for the development of Love INC, for more churches to get involved, and start thinking outside the box as to how we can best serve others. Be open to the unexpected, you won't be disappointed. Romans 12:11-12 states, *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.* Be ready not only to be a blessing, but to get totally blessed!

–Cindy Luther