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WINNERS OF THE BASSMASTER'S TOURNAMENT 2005



Derek Dysinger, Andrew Wentworth, and Kevin Bates won the Bassmasters tournament by two points over Kevin Humphrey, Jeff Mulheron, and Mike Combs. Everyone had a great time. Thirty-two people entered the competition and several others helped by officiating.

Please Note ...

The offering envelope system begins July 3. If you don't have them, yet, pick them up at the table in the foyer. If you are using them, put your name on the envelope for about the first month so we can double check numbers with names so the right person gets credited with their offering.



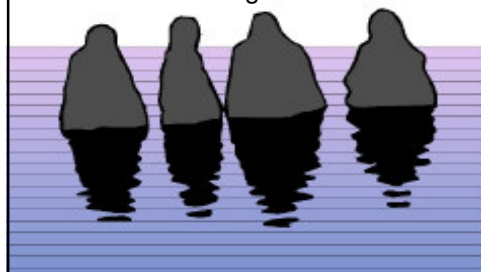
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BAPTISM

July 10th
At 6:00 PM

Larry and Judy Klienhardt's Pond

This is a highlight of the summer for me as new Christians express their new faith and obedience by being baptized. It is one of the most important steps of obedience as we proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ to our friends and family. Plan on bringing your loved ones to see your baptism. Contact Pastor Malson so we can make arrangements.

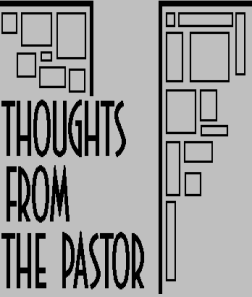
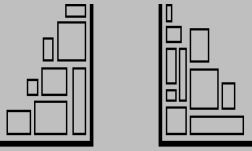


FUND RAISER

Help our church win a fund raising dinner provided by Fazoli's for up to 500 people. All you have to do is take your Sunday bulletins into Fazoli's 2111 S. Mission in Mt. Pleasant and drop them off. There is one bulletin per family or per person for each Sunday. This started a couple of weeks ago, so if you still have your bulletins from then, perhaps they will accept those as well.

Winners will be selected on August 2nd. To date, Mt. Pleasant Emanuel Lutheran and Rosebush United Methodist are in the lead.

This money can be used for playground equipment, mission trips or just eat and have fellowship.



Winning a friend to Christ involves three steps:

- ▶ **Cultivating**
- ▶ **Planting**
- ▶ **Reaping**

What is the church all about? A good question, don't you think? If you were here on June 4 for the Everyday Commission Seminar with Don Roscoe from Sonlife, you have been challenged in your thinking. Hopefully, it has changed your life.

If you weren't able to attend, I would like to give you some highlights that I took away from the seminar that will be emphasized in the future of BCUB.

1. Matthew 28:19-20 contains what we call the Great Commission, to go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey Christ's commands. The point was made that the only imperative is to make disciples. The word 'go' is actually 'as you go', not a command, but a word describing our everyday activities. We are commanded to 'make disciples' as 'we go'. That's why it's the everyday commission, making disciples as we go about our day.

2. Jesus said that the two great commands are to 'love the Lord with all your heart...' and to 'love your neighbor as yourself.' The great commission, or everyday commission what His charge to us before He left this world, and that is to 'make disciples'.

Don's contention is that we should not elevate in our minds Christians who are disobedient to the command to make disciples. Just because a person is in church, teaching SS, leading a small group, is a pastor, or is on staff doesn't mean they are making disciples. Truly obedient Christians are intentionally attempting to win their neighbors, friends, and associates to Christ.

3. The Everyday Commission carries 3 elements-Winning, building, and equipping.

Winning a person is sharing Christ with them by your life and words so that they can make an informed decision to follow Him.

Building is baptizing and identifying a person with Christ. **Equipping** is training them in the doctrines, practices, and obedience to Christ so that they may win others. The goal is not to just win a convert to Christ, but to reproduce in them the desire and ability to equip others.

4. **Winning** a friend to Christ involves 3 steps, if we can mix metaphors as little. **CPR** is taken from the medical field, but we

want to convert the letters to the agricultural field. **C-Cultivating** means to develop relationships with people who don't know Christ as Savior with the plan and prayer that when God opens the door for the Word, you will share the Gospel with them. **P-Planting** is sharing the Word of the Gospel when God provides the opportunity. This means that you have intentionally cultivated the relationships 'as you go'. **R-Reaping** is actually seeing the cultivating and planting bear fruit in your friend's life as they commit their life to Christ.

5. All these principles are to be **intentional**. Many of us Christians find that all our time is spent with other Christians, so we have no real friends outside the faith that we are intentionally impacting. We also find that many Christians think it's the job of the 'professionals' to win people to Christ. The 'everyday commission' is for everyone in the church, not just the pastor, staff, and leaders. As we all take obey the 'commission', we will find many more coming into the Kingdom of God. Who are the people you are getting to know in order to cultivate a relationship, plant a seed, and bear the fruit of the Gospel? You may have to get out and get involved in something not related to church.



6. Your friend needs to see Christ in your life and in the lives of other Christians in order to confirm the value of Christ in their life. You may be the only Christian they know. The need to get to know others, too, to confirm that you are not just crazy.

Keep your ears and eyes open for information and training on how to actively obey the 'everyday commission'. Learn to invite your friends to events that are not 'churchy', like concerts, movie nights, bass tournaments, and CSI groups. We continually provide lots avenues for you to be built up and equipped in your Christian life, like discipleship classes, small groups, SS, and special training. We also provide events for you to bring your friends that will help Cultivate, Plant, and Reap. But you have to be intentional about your witness in order for the events to make sense and be effective.

As you commit yourself to obeying the 'Everyday Commission', you will find that you will be much more aware of whom your friends are, why you take training, why you read the Bible, why you live a significant Christian life, and it will give meaning to all you do in life. Keep watching for more info and training that will help you in fulfilling that great commission.

Pasta Nelson

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Insight Ministries

Brown Corners Insight Ministry provides counseling that uses the Bible and best psychological principles that are Scripturally supported. It is available to those seeking God's answers to the questions and problems in their lives. After reviewing the following list of commonly asked questions about our counseling, please contact one of the pastors if you would like to schedule a counseling session.

What hope is there for my problems and questions?

In today's complex world, God's practical counsel is desperately needed. There is tremendous hope in the fact that God has provided His Word, the Bible, to give answers for your life's problems and questions. God says that He has provided everything for a person to know Him and to live in a way that pleases Him. God promises to help and bless those who obey His instructions in the Bible. Therefore, the one who seeks after and follows God's answers for life can have great hope, contentment, and direction to handle all the pressures of life.

Who can come for insight?

BCIM offers insight for individuals, couples, and families. One does not need to be a regular attendee or member of Brown Corners United Brethren in Christ Church to receive counseling. There may be a waiting period, depending on availability of counselors.

What kind of insight is offered?

Insight is made available to help with any problems you may be facing-- marriage, parenting, addictions, disorders, fear, anger, grief, etc. Our counseling approach is based upon truths of the Bible. Since God has fully provided His answers to life and all of life's problems in the Bible, it is superior to any other source of counsel. It is our goal, therefore, to skillfully and practically bring God's answers to bear upon the difficulties you are facing.

Who are the counselors?

The counselors at BCIM consist of trained pastors and other lay individuals trained in biblical counseling.

What does the insight cost?

The one hour sessions themselves are provided at no cost. If clients want to purchase counseling materials that are available, they incur those costs. If clients want to under go certain tests for more insight, they incur those costs.

When and where will I be counseled?

Counseling is available most Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings, afternoons, or evenings by appoint only. Sessions may be held at the church or in the home of the counselor.

How long will counseling last?

Counseling sessions normally last one hour each week for approximately 3-12 weeks. The number of sessions may be shortened or lengthened depending upon one's progress.

What will my counselor expect of me?

Your counselor will expect at least three things from you. First, that you will have a willingness to grow and change. Second, that you will attend each week's session. Third, that you will complete homework assignments between counseling sessions to implement and ensure lasting change.

Dave Luther
Pastoral Counselor



Prayer Team

The prayer team sponsored a prayerwalk around the Clare Schools in April. Twelve people took part in that prayerwalk. We heard back from one teacher that things improved at the school after the prayerwalk. We have had several suggestions that we have another prayerwalk before school starts again in the Fall. The prayer team has suggested we attempt to sponsor simultaneous prayerwalks at the three schools closest to Brown Corners: Clare, Farwell and Harrison. The date chosen by the Prayer Team is August 20th.

We would need information about the Harrison and Farwell Schools like we have for Clare: floor plans (fire escape routes), teacher names, special prayer requests, etc. and people interested in providing the information and in participating in the prayerwalks around the three schools. Brian Schmittner has agreed to collect information for Harrison Schools. We still need an individual to collect information and prayer requests for the Farwell School.

We are planning to invite children and teens to participate in the prayerwalks, as well as parents and teachers. It would be great if this could become a family event, with all ages expressing their concern for the school system and offering prayer on behalf of the school itself, the teachers, other staff and the students.

If anyone is interested in helping to organize information and people to participate in the prayerwalk at the Farwell School to take place on August 20th, please contact, Carol Hampton (386-9738) or any other prayer team member.

Carol Hampton

New Books in Our Library...

"His Needs, Her Needs"

by Willard F. Harley Jr.

"Join those who have seen spectacular changes in their marriages by following Dr. Harley's tried and proven counsel. You will discover that an outstanding marriage can be more than a dream — it can be your reality."



"Never Again Good-bye"

by Terri Blackstock

FROM THE PUBLISHER:

Normally, Wes Grayson would have been attracted to the striking woman with the camera. But this woman has clearly been stalking Amy, his adoptive daughter and the center of his life. And a threat to Amy is a threat to Wes. Laney Fields has no desire to threaten anyone, just a longing to see the child she'd brought into the world six years ago and then been forced to release for adoption. But when she learns that Amy's adoptive mother has died, Laney becomes determined to play a part in her daughter's life. Between a man and woman torn by past losses, present fears, and the paradox of their growing fascination for each other, stands one small child. She could be the object of distrust that will drive them apart or the agent of faith in God that can bring them together.



"The Revelation"

by Beverly Lewis

"...*The Revelation* brings this gripping three-generation story to an unforgettable multi-tiered conclusion."

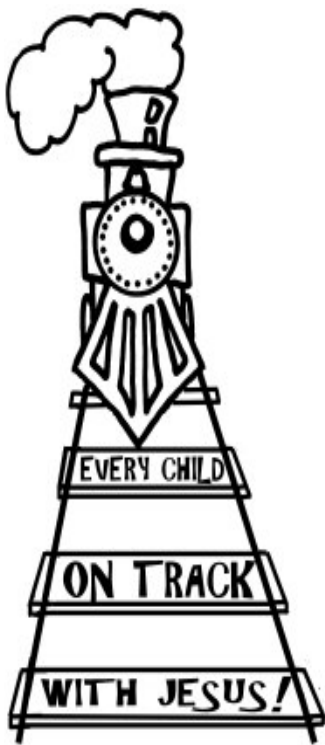


"Proof: The Great Awakenings 1857-1858"

by Bill Bright and Jack Cavanaugh

"I was swept up in this exciting tale from the very first page. The historical setting is vivid, the characters colorfully drawn, and the story of God's revival Spirit truly inspiring." —JAMES SCOTT BELL, author of *Glimpses of Paradise*.

Children's Ministry News



A big thank you to all who brought in various containers for VBS. The containers made some very neat crafts that the children really enjoyed making. We appreciate so much your willingness to help in that way.

Also, thanks to all who helped in VBS. Whatever part you had is greatly appreciated in giving the children another great week of knowing and growing in Christ.

Remember, there is something planned for the children on Sunday evenings. It is a time for learning as well as games, a craft project, and a snack. It begins at 6:30 PM.

Our next big event is August 28th which will be a family fun day. Watch for more details.

Leota Farrell,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Discipleship Ministry

New Sunday School Classes to Begin July 3rd

Beginning July 3rd, we will be offering three new Sunday School classes. "**As You Go**" is a class designed to further your understanding of your role as a disciple-maker. It also serves as a follow-up to the Everyday Commission seminar that was held on June 4th. Pastor Chuck will be teaching this class. The other two classes go hand-in-hand. Dave Luther and Pastor Jeff will be teaching "**Every Man's Battle**," and April Dice will be teaching "**Every Woman's Battle**." Both classes will take a biblical look at sexual and emotional fulfillment and how to protect your mind from the constant bombardment of sex from our culture. All 3 classes will meet through Labor Day. Hope to see you in Sunday School!

Please "SOCK IT TO US" "So We Can Sock It To 'Em!"



The 5th & 6th grade girl's Sunday School Class is collecting NEW pairs of socks to fit children ages 3 to 18. Our goal is to collect over 200 pairs of socks to send to Russian orphanages. So far we have collected 30 pairs and we need your help to reach our goal!! The socks can be white, black, colorful, striped or patterned. Please don't get 'cold feet.' Just put them in our sock box located by the north entrance of fellowship hall area. This project is a great way to not only warm a child's heart but also their feet!!



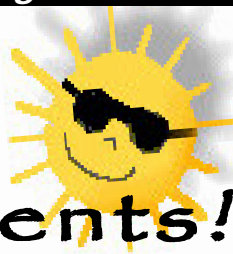
Thank you,
5th & 6th grade girls Sunday
School Class

do not know Christ, while encouraging one another

Wild Kingdom exists to equip students to reach those who

as we exalt Christ and seek opportunities to serve others.

WILD KINGDOM



Summer Events!

Junior High

July 3rd
No youth meeting

July 10th
Baptism Service
at Larry and Judy Kleinhardt's
6:00PM

July 17th
Fear Factor at Lucas Comb's
home 5:30-8:30 PM

July 24th
BC Family Theater

July 31st
No meeting (Fair week)

Senior High

July 3rd
No youth meeting

July 10th
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at Larry and Judy Kleinhardt's
6:00 PM

July 17th
No youth meeting

July 24th
BC Family Theater

July 31st
No meeting (Fair week)

Canadian
Fishing Trip
July 14th-17th
(just for guys)



The Clare County Fair
presents
Christian Recording Artists...

Mark Schultz with Band
and
Big Daddy Weave



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND
AT 7:30 PM

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

- ▶ At the Clare County Fair Office, located under the grandstands
Phone: 1.989.539.9011
- ▶ And through Tickets Plus at 1.800.585.3737, or at any Meijer's Store. Tickets are \$16 plus a service charge, which varies with the point of purchase.



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Clare County Fair**

**August 20th
PrayerWalk**
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**August 28th
Family Fun Day**

