

WORDS OF GRACE

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The Path of Metamorphosis

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:1-2

Once a person surrenders his or her life to Christ, God begins an extreme home makeover. Most of us just want some minor improvements. But what we need, and what God is committed to giving us, is a brand new house.

Romans 12:2 uses the word “transformed,” but the Greek here is “metamorpho,” from which we get our words like metamorphosis. God is in the process of making you into a new creation, as radical a change as the caterpillar becoming a butterfly. God offers you the possibility of total transformation, of radical metamorphosis, of becoming in this life a person of integrity and character, of living a life free of life-controlling addictions, of reaching your full potential as a human being and then, of becoming a glorious new being who will co-rule the earth with Christ for all eternity.

But personal growth does not come



easily or naturally. If learning an instrument or a sport or a language requires intentional dedication and commitment to practice, why would we think learning how to be a whole new person should come any easier?

Three ingredients are required for personal metamorphosis. Pursuing Christ-like character requires utter dependence on God’s grace, absolute surrender to Christ, and daily, intentional practice of the spiritual disciplines by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

These practices include daily time in the Word, worship, and prayer, and regular time in fellowship and service. There are also additional spiritual disciplines for different life seasons. And the one channel of grace we would like to leave out, but is mandatory, is suffering and trial.

These practices renew your mind, form in you the virtues of faith, hope, and love, and release through you the fruit of the Spirit.

Are you on a path that will leave you forever stuck in your self-destructive, de-humanizing thoughts, feelings, and habits? Or are you intentionally pursuing a plan of personal metamorphosis?

Pastor Chris


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- 7 Joe Burns
- 8 Sharon Baker
- 9 Margaret Fah

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Pauline Brimeyer

Friday Night at the Movies November 4th



Soul Surfer

You'll be inspired by how Bethany Hamilton overcome physical and emotional trauma to return to competitive surfing with the help of God and her family.

The doors are open at 6:45 and the movie begins at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Center. Theater-style refreshments will be served. Childcare is available to age 5.

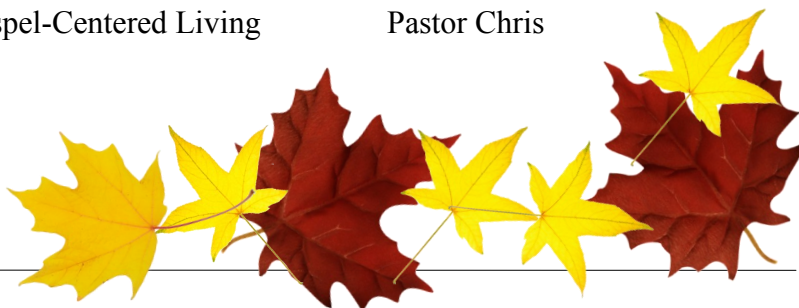
Save the date and invite a friend or two!

GRACEPATH MODULE TWO OCTOBER 16—DECEMBER 18, 2011

Three new discipleship classes begin in just a few weeks. Those in *The Story* should continue. All others need to move to a course they have not yet taken.

Stop by the equipping table in the lobby today to sign up for your next class. Books will be ordered soon so don't delay.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ☼ Spiritual Disciplines | Paul Jensen |
| Optional book = \$15.00 | |
| ☼ The Story Continues | Alan Crandall
Andy Baumann |
| ☼ Gospel-Centered Living | Pastor Chris |









CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Sunday, September 18th, we have donations totaling \$28,006.07, which is 43% of our \$65,000.00 goal.

The tiling of the parking lot has been completed. The next step will be the concrete work, which will begin the week of October 3rd. The following week, weather permitting, will be the removal of the asphalt and the grading of the lot.

Reminder: We will have use of the parking lot for most of this time as the contractor intends to work around our church schedule as much as possible. GracePoint members and friends/guests will be informed as far in advance as possible when the parking lot/driveway will be unavailable. [The Food Pantry has already been made aware of the proposed timing and is taking steps to ensure that their patrons are well covered during the project time.]

Please continue to pray for God's guidance and blessings in our endeavors to improve our property for His ministries. Watch the Bulletin and the Campaign Fund chart in the Fellowship Center to track our exciting progress.

65,000	65,000
55,716	55,716
46,430	46,430
37,144	37,144
	
	
	

*“Praise God from Whom
ALL blessings flow.”*

FAITH PROMISE CAMPAIGN 2012

Members/regular attendees have already received a letter from Pastor Chris regarding our 2012 Faith Promise Campaign. We decided to move the program up to the end of October rather than November to allow more time for budget review. The program will be kicked off the week of October 17th with pledge cards being received on Sunday, October 30th. Please begin to pray now for God's “whisper” regarding your part in this ministry.

*“Blessed is the man who
makes the Lord his trust.”
Psalm 40:4*

SHOEBOX PROJECT

It's time again to fill shoeboxes with items for needy children around the world. Covered shoeboxes and a list of acceptable items to put in the boxes is at the Connect Center. Please bring the filled shoe boxes back to GracePoint by October 23rd. If you have questions about the project contact Pat Kohler, 583-8978





Saturday, October 22
8:00am | Breakfast & Training
Westminster Presbyterian
Church

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others. Held annually on the fourth Saturday of October, millions of Americans are rallied into a single day of action to help change the world. Join us for the Dubuque Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Our Goal

The Dubuque project (formerly known as the Dubuque Area Weatherization Challenge) will focus on assisting senior citizens, handicapped, veterans, and others with a helping hand. Services may include both light duty and heavy duty chores around the home, curb appeal and yard work projects outside, socializing and playing games with homebound seniors, simple repairs, and weatherization activities such as applying window plastic or caulking.

All targeted homes will be selected in advance by Operation: New View Community Action Agency or local churches. The agency will conduct an assessment of each home in advance to determine what measures are needed and to develop a list of needed supplies and materials.

How does it work?

Each team will consist of six volunteers who will visit two homes on the day of the event. All volunteers will meet at 8am at Westminster Presbyterian Church for breakfast and training before heading out to their assigned homes. They will report back to Westminster Presbyterian Church after their homes have been completed.

Get involved!

We are looking for individuals and organizations to get involved in several ways!

- Volunteer your team or as an individual.
- Give in-kind donations of supplies and materials. For more information, call Tom Stovall at Operation: New View CAA at 563-556-5130 x32.
- Make a cash donation to provide for the great amount of supplies and material that will be needed for this project, make checks payable to "Operation: New View Community Action Agency." Please write "Dubuque Make A Difference Day" on all checks. Mail checks to Operation: New View Community Action Agency, 1473 Central Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001-4853.

All donations are tax deductible.

The Dubuque Make A Difference Day 2011 is a community partnership sponsored by Alliant Energy, Black Hills Energy, City of Dubuque, Diamond Jo Casino, Dubuque Area Congregations United, Iowa Utilities Board, Operation: New View Community Action Agency, Rentech Energy Midwest, Telegraph Herald, and Theisen's.



Global Missions Report



B. J. Weber, co-founder and president of the New York Fellowship, reaches out to people in need. From street people to ambassadors, B. J. and his wife, Shelia, open their hearts and home to questioning, hurting souls.

This past summer, B. J. cared for a number of different families who were experiencing strained relationships between the parents and their adolescents and teenagers. Common comments from parents went something like, “They want to be with their friends above all else,” and, “The cell phone is literally an idol.”

B. J.’s responses and recommendations for all of us were part of his July newsletter. Please read and consider the following excerpt.

This next generation reflects current trends. As an indicator of where we are headed for community and church life, they become the proverbial “canary in the mine.”

One parent sadly reflected, “Even in church the texting is non-stop. I feel I have lost my children and my community.” One of the teenagers put it this way, “This whole church thing is a fake. Yes, we are privileged, but my generation sees the hypocrisy of the church, country clubs, huge vacations, shallow friendships, idyllic homes, but no real service (occasional trips to Third World countries are seen as just adventurous vacation), no sacrifice, and very little joy.” Another teen went on, “At least my friends are willing to show up in my life.” A dramatic, and I must say, honest and alarming critique of life in the USA.

We must work to help and love the next generation. Children learn from what they see, and they observe how we live; they tend not to learn just by what we say. We must model truth. Jesus said “Come and follow me.” So here are a few thoughts for change that might help us win back our kids from the threatening new cultural norms:

- We must look for opportunities to care for the poor in our midst and reflect how this reflects a deeper level of the love of Christ. Children will respond with joy as we serve.
- We must build intentional community. Invite into your life and home people with whom you can grow. Hospitality is a huge attraction for kids, but it also builds bonds of community and friendship.
- Dr. Dick Halverson, former U.S. Senate Chaplain, told me 30 years ago that the gospel could be lived out in two words—love and service. That has become my mantra for all my years in NYC. So, love and serve!
- Kids need to see functioning parents who lovingly share their feelings of honesty, love, and respect; who argue but reconcile; and, who sacrificially serve each other. You cannot build community in dysfunction. Children see how parents treat one another.
- Model the value of solitude by having retreats, time away, daily devotions, and periods when you turn off your own phone.

For more information about the varied ministries of New York Fellowship, which GracePoint helps support, check out the website, www.newyorkfellowship.org. Please continue to pray for B. J. and Shelia as they love and serve.

Beverly VanDerZyl, Global Missions Team

2011



2011

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30a Traditions 9:30a Fellowship Time 10:00a GracePath Classes 11:15a Horizons 11:00a Guys and Gals 5:30p GraceUnderground	3 NO Food Pantry	4 6:30p Precepts	5 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00a Precepts 5:30p Bell Choir	6	7	8
9 7:45a Choir Rehearsal 8:30a Traditions 9:30a Fellowship Time 10:00a GracePath Classes 11:15a Horizons 1:30p Bethany Home 5:30p GraceUnderground	10 NO Food Pantry	11 9:00a Missional Project Ladies 6:30p Precepts	12 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00a Precepts 5:30p Bell Choir 7:00p Deacons Meeting	13	14	15
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CLERK'S REPORT

Membership to Date:

Active	152
Inactive	3
Perm. Inactive	<u>6</u>
Total	161

3rd Quarter Mission Giving was approved:

EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Furr, Chris & Kirsten	\$300.00
Hamd, Robert	575.00
Barber, John & Barbara	250.00
Total EPC Quarterly Giving	\$1,125.00

General Quarterly Giving

Aisenbrey, Lou & Debbie – Wycliffe	\$250.00
Busse, Durwood & Barbara – Presb. Frontier Fellowship	250.00
Dubuque Rescue Mission	225.00
Elangewe, Isaac (Cameroon)	250.00
Grote, Scott & Jessica – MMS Aviation	600.00
Hsu, John & Nellie – E Free Church	200.00
Jews for Jesus – Meyer, Stan & Holly	200.00
Leverington, John & Becky – Wycliffe	250.00
Prasad, Philip – Witnessing Ministries	275.00
Shiloh Christian Children's Ministries	200.00
Siloam Eye Hospital	250.00
Tri-State Pregnancy Center/Clarity Clinic	225.00
UD Theological Seminary	100.00
Welde, Matt – US Center for World Missions	275.00
Yeats, Ted & Karey – Navigators	250.00
B. J. Weber – New York Fellowship	250.00
Krohn, Jeff – SIM	250.00
Schoofs, Sam & Elizabeth – Frontiers	300.00
Total General Quarterly Giving	\$4,600.00

Other Special Giving

Dubuque Community Foundation Flood Relief	\$750.00
Total Other Giving	\$750.00

TOTAL MISSION GIVING FOR 3RD QUARTER \$6,475.00

Administrative Bookkeeper's Report:

General Fund Beginning Balance, August 1, 2011	\$38,819.43
Total General Fund Receipts	125,616.89
General Fund Disbursements	\$24,167.99
Allocations & Transfers	101,633.35
Subtotal Disbursements & Allocations	125,801.34
General Fund Ending Balance, August 31, 2011	\$38,634.98

Pat Kohler, Clerk of Session

GOLDEN OLDIES

Golden Oldies will meet on Wednesday, October 26th, 5:00pm, at Sunshine Family Restaurant.

Sign up at the Connect Center the Sunday before the event or call Bob Boelk, 557-9166.

**ALL SENIORS ARE
WELCOME!**



GUYS AND GALS

On the first Sunday of the month, after the service, a group of seniors meet for brunch at Chuck and Jo's restaurant on Iowa Street. All seniors are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Betty Muellich at 582-3505.



Monday
October 17

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Chris English
- 5 Elaine Boettner
- 6 Gerry Vandenberg
- 6 Pauline Brimeyer
- 7 Viola Wright
- 8 Kelly English
- 8 Shelly Montague
- 12 Karen Storlie
- 13 Zoey Roling
- 15 Ben Temple
- 15 Lynn Plisek
- 14 Samantha Fox
- 18 Lucas Perreard
- 19 Hannah Wilhelm
- 24 Verna Davis
- 27 Richard Hennings
- 29 Russ Trenkamp
- 29 Sharon Jensen
- 31 Morgan Carlson
- 31 Kirsten Pope
- 31 Rachel Lemon

**ANNIVERSARY**

- 4 Steve & Shirley Wilhelm
- 11 Jim & Vickie Fox
- 12 Andy & Ann Baumann
- 16 Tim & Connie Walsh
- 24 Richard & Ramona Hennings
- 26 Steve & Sue Lemon

Check Out the Library

We receive donations of new and used books and videos all the time. There is always something new in the library. The library is open Sundays from 8:30am till noon. If you have any new books or videos to donate to the library, contact Mable or Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



The Library is starting a wish list. If you have a particular author, book series, book, video, video series, or reference book you would like to have in the library, please let Bob or Mable know. Some of you may have items on the wish list that you could donate to the library. Again, contact Mable or Bob for a list of what has been requested.

MISSIONAL PROJECT LADIES

The Missional Project Ladies will be meeting Tuesday, October 11, 9:00am, until done. They will be developing and working on community projects. If you have suggestions or know of specific community needs they would love to hear from you. If you have questions or need more information contact Edie Ege, 583-4120

RED HATS

The Red Hats will be meeting at the Village Inn on October 20th at 11:30am. Please R.S.V.P to Edie Ege, 583-4120. If you haven't made a reservation, there is no guarantee you will be seated with the Red Hat ladies.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be closed October 3, 10, and 17 while the parking lot is being resurfaced. If you have questions or concerns, contact Gerry Vandenberg at 583-5338.

THANK YOU

Margaret Fah and her family wish to thank their friends at GracePoint for all the kind words, prayers, cards, and calls during Susan's suffering on her way "home." They also want to thank Pastor Dana for the special wake and memorial service.



Middle School and High School Youth

Revised Fall Schedule!

After hearing from some parents who had concerns about how many trips to and from the church they would have to take on a Sunday night, and after seeing the gifted and dedicated Emmaus students God has provided this year, I have revised the Fall schedule in a way that allows the age groups to be in separate spaces, but meeting at the same time:

- 5:30-6:00 Food—all ages—Fellowship Center
- 6:00-7:00 Middle School games, Senior High worship and teaching/equipping
- 7:00-8:00 Senior High games, Middle School worship and teaching/equipping

The senior high worship team will meet from 5:00-5:45.

Thanks, Pastor Dana



ACQUIRE THE FIRE RESERVATION SLIP

My child _____ will be attending the November 4-6 Acquire the Fire youth rally. I will fill out a GraceUnderground permission slip, and a transportation permission slip.

I (circle one) need a scholarship: partial _____, full / will pay the remainder for a total of \$72.

I will send my child with:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| -sleeping bag and pillow | -spending money for food en route |
| -toothbrush / toiletries | -a few snacks |
| -towel | -a Bible (Bibles available) |
| -clean clothes | -pen and paper |
| -a hug from a loving parent,
and lots of prayers | |

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Encl. \$10 (non-refundable)

PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler or Lois Trausch-Wolfe.

Daytime Prayer Chain

Pat Kohler
583-8978

Gerry Vandenberg
583-5338

Ramona Hennings
583-8739

Edie Ege
583-1974

Wilma Sanders
582-7346

Mable Boelk
557-9166

Sue Lemon
583-4454

Lois Trausch-Wolfe
583-0534

(Lois starts the evening chain.)

Evening Prayer Chain

Sharon Baker
588-2115

Glenda Temple
582-0464

Pam Hillary
556-5846

Karen Storlie
556-7548

Kim or Jerry Bell
582-4956

SERVANTS OF THE LORD**Traditions Worship Venue 8:30am**

Ushers (October)	Dan & Sharon Baker
Greeters (October)	Verna Davis, Eileen Schulze
Communion Preparers	Joe Burns, Bob Boelk
Communion Servers	Bob & Mable Boelk, Dwayne & Martha Intveld

Prayers of the People Prayer Ministry Team

Oct 2	Beverly VanDerZyl	Beverly VanDerZyl, Connie Walsh
Oct 9	Carolyn Arnold	Suz Birch, Mary Burns
Oct 16	Beverly VanDerZyl	Kevin & Mary Hirschey
Oct 23	Carolyn Arnold	Pam De Meester, Karen Storlie
Oct 30	Carolyn Arnold	Pam Hillary, Pauline Brimeyer

Horizons (11:15am)

Ushers (October)	Glen and Patti Scheer
Greeters (October)	Doug Mulder, Dixie Shaffer
Communion Servers	Tim and Connie Walsh

Child Care (Horizons)

	Infant	Preschool
Oct 2	Glenda Temple	Pauline Brimeyer
Oct 9	Sylvia Trofimchuck	Erin Barsima
Oct 16	Brandon English	Pauline Brimeyer
Oct 23	Bob Boelk	Mable Boelk
Oct 30	Liz Harknett	Angela Baumann

Thank You

Thank you, everyone, for the prayers, calls, cards, and support through my diagnosis, surgeries, and now radiation for breast cancer. I'm doing well, and ask for your prayers as I continue. I am so thankful for all of you!

Jennie Burns

NORMALS NOT ENOUGH

ACQUIRE THE FIRE: CHICAGO, IL, November 4–6, 2011

Above is the theme for this year's Acquire The Fire Tour. GraceUnderground youth, both Middle School and Senior High, will be leaving for *Life Changers International Church*, 2500 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, IL (West side of Chicagoland) Friday at 3:00pm and returning Sunday at 3:00pm. The cost will be \$72. Full and partial scholarships will be available for families in need or facing economic challenges. We will bring our own food for lunches and dinners (sub sandwiches and snacks) and students will need money for meals en route. Merchandise will be available at the event, too. ***To reserve a space (8 AVAILABLE AT THIS PRICE), return the form on page 9 with a \$10 non-refundable deposit. Checks can be made out to GracePoint with "youth" in the subject line. Cash is ok, but attach a note designating Acquire The Fire and Youth fund.***

Please pray immediately about this and talk to your teens soon. I saw a great leap in spiritual fruit in my kids after Lifest, and I expect amazing things to happen through this event as well. Thanks so much for your partnership in ministry. Give me a call with questions—cell—563-581-2672
Peace in Christ, Pastor Dana

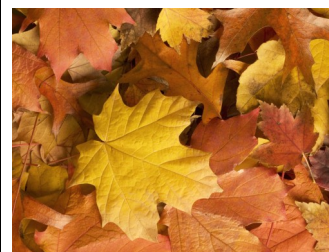
About Ron

I was raised by my mom in a broken home. I ran away when I was 15 and got involved in a bunch of bad news, drugs, and alcohol but about a year later Jesus changed my life in a big way. My friend took me to church with him and suddenly it seemed like the pastor was speaking English, the words he spoke were alive and made sense! Since then, He has inspired and compelled me to love people the way He loves them, and I've realized that the whole point of my life is to point a younger generation towards Him!

So, 24 years ago I married my wife Katie and she has been the perfect partner, best friend and everything I could have ever wanted in both. I know that God brought us together and everyday I grow more proud of her and love her even more. Together we started Teen Mania Ministries 22 years ago out of an old hatchback and since then we have been blessed to see it grow to be one of the largest teen missions and evangelism organizations in the world.

Every year we get to partner with thousands of churches and hundreds of thousands of teens from all across the country through our Acquire The Fire youth events and get to see thousands of teens go on missions all over the world through Global Expeditions.

Honestly, my life is a testimony to the fact that when God gives a dream and the tools to pull it off, He will bless it! I didn't want to start a ministry; I just wanted to preach and get young people saved and go on mission trips around the world. I couldn't have done any of this on my own so all the glory and repute and kudos and everything go to Him.





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Men's Steak Fry & Potluck

Saturday, October 29th

5:30pm

GracePoint Fellowship Center

Speaker—Music—Good Food—Fellowship

Cost—\$4.00 per person and a dish to pass

Table service and drink provided.

Sign up at the Connect Center or call 583-3929.