

Focus

Spirit-Led Worship

With yielded and receptive hearts, we will worship God in joyous praise as a sincere expression of thanks.

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Our Core Values

- Healthy Loving Relationships
- Spirit-Led Worship
- Persistent Passionate Prayer
- Empowered Servant-Leadership
- Transformational Discipleship
- Need-Based Evangelism



Disciples Make Disciples

By Pastor Kurt

Here is a million dollar question, “What did Jesus mean when He said, ‘Go and make disciples’” (Matthew 28:19)? There are books, seminars, commentaries, and blogs about this topic. And since this is our Great Commission from Jesus it certainly is worth discussing. However, what Jesus wants of us is more than words. He’s looking for action. Jesus didn’t say “Go and make worshippers, givers, or bible scholars.” Jesus said, “make disciples.” A disciple is a follower of Jesus. A follower is one who does what the leader does. A follower not only observes and learns, but puts to practice. It is not enough for us to accept the teachings of Jesus and neglect applying them to our lives. To believe something is more than knowing something to be true, it’s living it out. If someone says he believes something, but does not live accordingly, than he, by true nature of the word, does not really believe it. Hear how the Apostle John put it, “*The man who says, ‘I know Him’, but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did*” (1 John 2:5-6).

God is saying through John that there should be evidence in our actions that Jesus is not only alive in us, but that we are alive in Him. His priorities becoming ours. His attitudes becoming ours. His selflessness becoming ours. His joy becoming ours. His schedule

becoming ours. His compassion becoming ours. This is what it means to die to yourself: an intentional, willful act of sacrifice on our behalf to lay down our life (Matthew 16:24 – “*Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me’*”). This is surrender, and to be honest, it’s not as convenient, comfortable, and common place as most of us think. Too many of Jesus’ followers are worn out and weary because we are trying to live in two worlds: God’s and ours. We want the kingdom of God, as well as our own. A double life, packed with purposeless mundane activity, is exhausting.

A result of this is that we consume the things of God, but don’t live the things of God. This can lead to spiritual boredom, instead of spiritual vitality. When we’re mere consumers, we tend to look around for something to gain, rather than something to give. Consumers tend to criticize because they are dependent on others to receive their “spiritual food.” The author of Hebrews warned about getting stuck in this kind of spiritual condition. He writes “*11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But*

solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:11-14). Disciples make disciples.

Living the life of Jesus is not for the faint of heart, double-minded, or self seeking. It cost Jesus everything and He is looking for such followers. Jesus has high expectations and standards. He certainly is gracious, especially to those who don't know any better – those outside the kingdom, but he is

also harsh to those who're just hanging around without clear commitment and devotion to His mission. How devoted are you to continuing the work of Jesus? What's getting in the way of greater commitment, greater faithfulness, greater maturity? Discovering and surrendering these stumbling blocks could be the most freeing and exhilarating step in your walk with Jesus. We're here to help you on your journey.

Ushers In August

8:00 a.m.

Todd Speicher**
 Mark Westafer
 Recruit
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 Recruit



9:15 a.m.

Loren Blocher**
 Mike McKinley
 Marvin Gish
 Mark Hill
 Brett Miller

10:30 a.m.

Craig Haecker**
 Tim McLaughlin
 Chad Vawter
 Chris Walters
 Kyle Wood

** Denotes head usher for that service

Any questions, please call
 Carl Petrie 260-417-2246.

Prayer Cards in Pews

The green prayer cards in the pews are available for any prayer request. A group meets to pray each Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. You may place the card in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.



Check the bulletin for upcoming events.

WMS

Summer Picnic

Monday, August 1st

4:30-6:00 p.m.

at Linda Immel's home
 2001 East St.

No Cost,

Just Bring a Side Dish to Share

Call Linda Immel (982-3828) or
 Sandy Burch (982-2219)
 if you plan to attend.

All Women Are Invited

"Come see what we're all about!"



BLOOD PRESSURE

SCREENINGS will be on

the third Sunday this month
 (Aug. 21st) in Pastor Ron's office. They
 will be held after first and second services.
 Blood pressure cuffs are available for
 loan/check-out in the church office.

Brethren Missions

Philippine Flood Relief:

The Indiana Missions Ministry

Asks for Your Help

June 2011 – Imagine waist to chest high water everywhere! Tropical storm Falcon released massive amounts of heavy rain to the Philippines yesterday and today. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Service Administration reports that fourteen times the daily average of rainfall for the month of June has fallen within a twenty-four hour period. The storm is expected to exit the Philippines Saturday morning (July 2).

Twelve people are missing (so far) and at last count 32,118 families in 132 villages in the northern provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, Rizal and Albay and the National Capital Region are affected by this flooding.

With over a half-million people affected by the latest round of flooding to hit the Philippines, our brother, **Pastor Gary Castro**, gives us an update from Bulacan:

I just found out that almost all towns of our province (Bulacan) and other nearby provinces (including Metro Manila) was hit badly by the storm and flood. As of now, there are still lots of places under flood water including Bocaue. It will be great if we can give away relief goods like rice, sugar, canned foods, noodles, etc. In the effected public schools, I am sure that the students will appreciate to have papers and notebooks. I know that it impossible to help all the effected people but whatever we have we will maximize them to benefit the community in Bocaue. I am still communicating with our two churches to know how they are doing. I will let you know when I receive text message from them.

The Missions Ministry will contribute \$200 to this need, and we ask churches and individuals to match that amount by August 21.

To help serve these great needs, please send your offerings and make checks payable to: **The Brethren Church, 524 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805**. Clearly mark your check memo: **Philippine Flood Relief**.

<http://www.brethrenchurch.org/news/2011/06/28/philippine-flood-relief-needs>

(Reported by Brenda Higgins)

BRC Volunteers Needed

There is an **urgent** need for volunteers at Camp Shipshewana. If you could help out for a day or two or a week, please contact Camp Director Rick

Miller, 260-336-2470 for areas needed, or contact Mike McKinley, 578-0656 for any questions.

August Compassion Corner

This month in Compassion Corner you can support the great work being done in Papudo, Chili. Our own missionaries, Tracy and Caleb Godoy are opening doors and creating vocational opportunities for needy single mothers at their ministry called Puertas. They bring new hope by offering them a fair wage, but more importantly, the gospel of Christ. Hear what one young mom, Kata, says about her experience at Puertas: "It has helped me spiritually and financially. Coming to Puertas each day is a breath of fresh air. Sometimes I hear something said that is exactly what I need to hear that day. Now I see my need to be more patient, humble and not be so angry." These women's beautifully handcrafted jewelry and knitted items will be available for purchase on Sunday, August 7th. You may also purchase fair trade chocolate and coffee as usual.



Library Lines

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy: A Righteous Gentle vs. the Third Reich by Eric Metaxas is one of our new additions in the church library. Bonhoeffer



is a story of moral courage in the face of Nazism. After discovering the fire of true faith in a Harlem church, Bonhoeffer returned to Germany and became one of the first to speak out against Hitler. Bonhoeffer presents a profoundly orthodox Christian theologian whose faith led him to boldly confront the greatest evil of the 20th century. Check it out in our biography section this month!

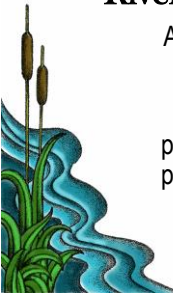
(Review excerpts from Google.com)

River Baptism

A river baptism is set for Sunday, August 21st.

If you're interested, please speak with a pastor.

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward commitment.



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Elaina Johns and Josh Wolfe, who were married at First Brethren on Friday evening, July 8th. Elaina is the daughter of Tova and Rich Green.

Congratulations to David and Kim Pyle on the birth of their son, Finley David, born July 11th, weighing 7 lbs, 1 oz., and measuring 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mike and Cindy Pyle and great grandparents, Leonard and Linda Pyle.

Generosity

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.
(Frank A. Clark)

So many times in family life, as we serve or give to other family members, we desire recognition. Inwardly or aloud we ask, "What! I don't even deserve a thank you?" Expressing appreciation is important; it's a habit worth teaching our children. But when a request for a thank you becomes a demand for recognition, joy seems to skip out the back door.

When our youngest daughter moved to NYC this spring and was unable to pack clothes for summer weather, she asked me to mail her a box of summer outfits. Among the clothing, I tucked in a box of Cheese-it's, some cookies and something silly to make her laugh. She later texted a "Thanks for the box, Mama." Not being one to use the iron much, she may never have even noticed how I carefully ironed each outfit so they would be ready to wear once they arrived. As I anonymously pressed each top, dress or pair of shorts, I thought of how much I loved her and wanted to help her back home in Indiana. It was a pleasurable part of my afternoon.

I have been tempted to ask my daughter if she noticed her nicely pressed clothes. But I kind of like doing something in secret to bless my child so I choose to keep quiet. Maybe we could challenge ourselves to give generously to a family member and enjoy keeping the secret with God.

Feeling generous may be enough of a reward in itself.

But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Matthew 6:3

Suzanna Hicks,
Director Counseling and Care



Our deepest sympathies to the family of Mike Walters who passed away in Florida, Wednesday, June 29th. Mike is the father of Chris, Cary and Craig Walters, and son of Edna Landis. A memorial service was held at Timbercrest on Sunday, July 24th.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Maxine Ruppel, who passed away Saturday, July 9th. Services were held Wednesday, July 13th.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Doug Olsen, brother of Steve Olsen, who passed away Monday, July 11th. Services were held Thursday, July 14th in Kendallville.

Our deepest sympathies to Chris and Joyce (Immel) Martin, on the loss of their baby, Thursday, July 14th.

LOOKING AHEAD SEPTEMBER

Family Camp

September 2-4

@ Brethren Retreat Center

Church will pay portion of weekend.

Orange Core Value: RESPECT

Did you know some restaurants don't allow children to eat in their establishment? When asked why, unruly behavior and lack of table manners were among the top reasons for their restrictions. Whose fault is it? The child? The parent? I'm sure we could easily argue both are contributors. Many kids have never been taught good manners. Perhaps it's because kids rarely sit around the table with their family. Here is a list of some basic table manners to teach your kids...and spouse!

**No elbows on the table *Place your napkin on your lap*

**Wipe your mouth with your napkin, not on your hands or sleeve*

**Chew your food with your mouth closed*

**Say "please" when asking and "thank you" when it's received*

**Do not talk with your mouth full *Do not tip back your chair*

**Place your utensils on your plate between bites*

**When finished, ask to be excused before leaving the table*

Have You Ever Wanted To Go On A Missions Trip?

But you couldn't get away for a week at a time? Or you couldn't afford the cost?

WELL.....You can be on a missions trip right here in North Manchester!

Our church has a mission to the Hispanics living here in town. Your "missionaries", Joe and Jan Burgos, could use some help. Do you feel called in any of the following ways?

- Club de Niños: You can't imagine what a wonderful ministry this is to the children. We are so grateful to Teresa Mize, Jasmine Jones, and all the other dedicated helpers. The children are being reached for the Lord.
- Teen big brothers and sisters: Were you read to as a child? Do you know how much this helped you succeed in school? The children's parents don't read English. Some of the children are struggling with school work. Could you adopt one as a little sister or brother, read with them now in the summer several times a week, continue the relationship during the school year, perhaps tutor them in the subjects they are having difficulty with?
- Adopt a family: At the end of VBS and Club Riot there are family gatherings. Could you find one of our families that has children close to the ages of your children, sit with them, get to know them, help them feel a part of our total church, not just the Spanish ministry? Continue the relationship as the Lord leads you?
- Joe and Jan need a small group of people to pray with on a regular basis. The problems of some of the families are overwhelming and they often feel depleted emotionally and spiritually. We feel we have no one to go to on a regular basis. Could you listen to us and pray with us?
- Who Will Fill The Gap? As the people of Israel returned to Jerusalem in Nehemiah's time, they found that the walls of the city had been torn down. They had to fill the gaps where the walls were missing until the new wall was built. The city of God could not be secured without people helping out.

During the year Pastor Joe and Janice feel called to go ministering in Mexico, Spain, and sometimes South America. Their grown-up children are in missions and they love doing mission work. Their concern is: What will happen to the people ministered to in North Manchester? In the past they have invited individuals to supply the pulpit while they are gone. The supply person comes but nobody shows up.

You ask why? Is it because Joe is so special? No, definitely not. The reason is that a trust has been built with the people and they respond to that trust. That is why they come to church. If we are going to have a Hispanic ministry during the year, you as a church have got to "fill the gap". The key to the whole thing is that you will not be able to "fill the gap" while Joe and Janice are gone if you have not spent enough time with the people while they are here, so that when they are gone they respond to you because they know you and trust you. Only then you can "fill the gap".

How can you do that? You can do that by attending the services in Spanish. Even though you may not understand, you can minister by being there with them. You can invite them to your homes and even though you struggle with the language, you may find it enjoyable anyway. You can attend with Joe the Bible studies in the homes and get to know the people and become their friends. You can put on your "plate" their struggles and the difficulties they face as they live, and you can show that you care for them.

People are needed that will "fill the gap" while the Burgos are gone. Are you one of them? The whole church needs to own the outreach to the people ministered to, not just when they are gone, but now. Pray about how God can use you. It is a challenge. It may turn out to be a real blessing to your life.

Pastor Joe and Janice will be in Spain from September 7th to October 20th. There is urgency in this message.

August

Birthdays

- 1 – Sharon Fruitt
Vivian Miller
Kolby Haecker
Jennifer Miller
Kathie Sites
Todd Floor
- 2 – Ted Ihnen
Chris Metzger
- 3 – Diana Music
Evan McLaughlin
- 4 – Ella Peden
- 5 – Carrie Vineyard
Kyle Wood
- 6 – Joe Frantz
Carl Willmert
Rhonda Hernandez
- 7 – Robert Michel
Peggy Workman
- 8 – Doug Rice
Kathy McClure
- 9 – Marieta Steele
- 10 – Kristi Sparks
Malery McKee
Nathaniel Miller
- 11 – Bud Lindzy
Tracy Trump
- 12 – Carl Petrie
Eldon Rager
Trish Lauer
- 13 – Nancy Knapp
Mary Ann Swihart
Nathan Dockter
- 14 – Dee Grindle
Raimi Vawter
- 15 – Diane Metzger
- 16 – Kara Hill
Mattie McKee
- 17 – Ron Eberly

- 19 – Logan Parrett
- 20 – Pattie Webb
Faith Miller
- 22 – Trescott Duffy
Katie Cumberland
- 24 – Chris Walters
Ethan Rice
- 25 – Madison Dockter
Peyton Lauer
- 27 – Rita Haecker
- 28 – Kurt Stout
Caitlyn Pratt
- 30 – Liam York
- 31 – Janice Chapman

Anniversaries

- 1 – Jim & Evelyn Garman '81
- 2 – Kevin & Janean Watson '86
- 4 – Kent & Teresa Coble '85
- 5 – Ron & Joyce Eberly '72
Chad & Rena Vawter '00
- 9 – Randy & Sharon Fruitt '70
- 12 – Nathan & Janell Dockter '94
- 13 – Jeff & Kathy Parrett '94
Matt & Deana Kendall '94
- 14 – Tim & Tawn McLaughlin '93
Terry & Kathie Sites '93
- 18 – Mike & Cindy Pyle '84
- 19 – Ray & Gerry Eberly '73
- 24 – Led & Nancy Benton '57
- 25 – Joe & Janice Burgos '62
Rick & Martha Music '79
- 26 – Ray & Julia Felgar '67
- 27 – Kurt & Heidi Stout '94
Roger & Chris Metzger '88
- 28 – Ron & Carol Munson '74
- 31 – Andy & Shannon Cook '02

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

First Brethren Church,
 Thank you so much for everything that you have done for me and my family. I can't put into words how much I appreciate all of it. Also thank you so much for the bible. I will take that to college that way I always have something to get me through hard times.

Thanks again,
 Stephanie Sparks

First Brethren Church,
 Thank you, for the bible you gave me for graduation. It will be great to have a study bible during college. Thanks!

Kayla Blocher

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel towards all of you, our church family, and especially all the men who labored under the HOT sun to put a new roof on our house.

Thank you, Joe and Jan Burgos

When God's People Pray

Discover the keys to powerful prayer by joining a small group that will study the DVD series *When God's People Pray* by Jim Cymbala, pastor and author of the book Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire. The series has six sessions, and the groups will begin the series after Labor Day. Watch the bulletin for information about signing up to join a group.



Tuesday, August 2 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, August 9 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday, August 11 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, August 18 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 All games at our local sports complex

First Brethren Church Learn From Me ... Matt. 11:29

Reading Plan Bookmark 2011

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1 Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening – \$60.00

Ultrasound evaluation of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque – the leading cause of strokes.

2 Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) – \$60.00

A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat at the time of the screening.

3 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening – \$60.00

Ultrasound is used to screen for the presence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

4 Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening – \$60.00

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease.

5 Osteoporosis Risk Assessment – \$35.00

An ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

Lifeline Screening

Where: First Brethren Church

When: Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Pre-registration is required.

Call 1-800-690-6313

****Vascular packages range from \$129 - \$159****

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Not By Aiming For It

How is success achieved in the Christian life? Not by aiming for it. That's the assertion of Dallas Willard, author of several books on Christian spiritual formation. Willard's contention, and I believe it's borne out by Scripture, is that we as Christians should aim at becoming the kind of people who obey God, and God will grant success. For example, in Joshua 1:8 the Lord tells Joshua, "*This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.*" Joshua's task was to be transformed by meditating on God's word, obeying that word, and then success would follow. And we see that come true in the book of Joshua as God gave the Israelites success over their enemies when the Israelites obeyed God. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.* As we put the Lord first, He gives us straight paths to follow.

We see this principle at work in the life of Joseph in Genesis. He was a righteous man, and after his brothers sold him into slavery and he ended up in Egypt, we're told, *The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands* (Genesis

39:2-3, ESV). The world would have us believe that we can create our own success, but the Bible teaches and demonstrates that success is a gift from God, and that He grants it to those who obey Him. Psalm 127:1-2 says, *Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. ² It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.* Without God, we could work 24/7, to no avail. When we obey Him, He's at work on our behalf, even giving us sleep.

Jesus uses this principle of God working on our behalf to help us dispel anxiety. Near the end of a section in the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus is teaching us not to worry about the necessities of life, He says, "*But seek first [the Father's] kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things (life's necessities) will be added to you*" (Matthew 6:33). The phrase "will be added" is in the passive tense, and in this context it's what theologians call the "divine passive," which means it indicates that God is the One who's acting. As we seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, God will give us what we need.

We all like to be successful. True success comes from God, and He grants it to those who put Him first and do what He says. Let's aim to be the kind of people who obey Him.

Ron Burns, Discipleship Coordinator
(All Scripture references are NASB unless otherwise noted)

Children's Ministry



PandaMania where God is Wild about You! Is our Vacation Bible School Theme this summer. It is based on the 139 Psalm. Each night we have a different story from God creating the world, Elijah and the prophets of Baal, Jonah tries to escape, and Jesus dying on the cross – but every night we come back to the fact that God know us and loves us very much – the 139th Psalm. If you haven't read this Psalm in a while, take some time to read it and discover for yourself why God is so Wild About You!

Teresa Mize, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Garden 0-1 We are continuing to work on Noah's Ark this month as our story we learn through songs. We are learning that God watches over us just like He watched over Noah and the Animals.

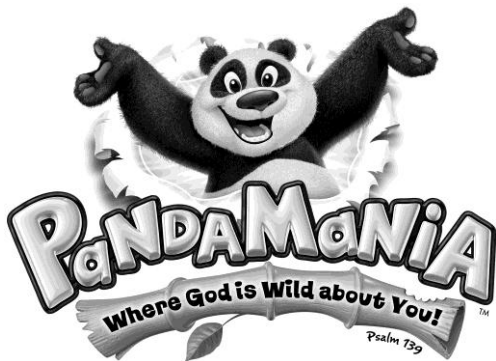
Garden 2's This month our theme is Noah and the Ark - God is with me from Genesis 7:1-5. We work on this story and its meaning through our story, songs and play. Parents, you can reinforce what we learn by reminding your toddler that God is with us throughout the week.

Garden 3-Kindergarteners In August, we will be entering the Wonder Room with the stories of Jonah, The Leper, and the Good Samaritan. Our theme verse for this month is Colossians 3:20 as we tie that into making good choices.

Tune of "Row your Boat" Children, obey your parents in everything, For this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20
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Club de Niño's (Kids Club) meets Wednesday night during the Hispanic Service as their Sunday School and as an activity night on Mondays while their parents are in class. We will be working on the real meaning of Easter and then on the Early Church.



Vacation Bible School: August 1-5, 2011

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ages: 3-6th grade

Vacation Bible School Helpers be there by 6:10, to meet at 6:15

All Helpers also plan to meet at 6:30 on Sunday, July 31st



LOFT: *Asian Adventure* wraps up in August as we focus on forgiveness, service, purpose, and faithfulness. We'll hear about Nehemiah, Esther, and Job as they help us know that God is working in our lives. We will learn that God forgives us, helps us, and brings us hope. We'll end the summer with a special family event- be watching for info later this month!

Summer Bible Memory Challenge continues through the end of August! Keep memorizing verses and earning tickets to shop on August 21st and 28th.

K.F.C. - 5th & 6th Grade Kids for Christ! August 16th from 6:30-8:00 Before School Bash & Crash - just a fun time of hanging out together. Girls bring drinks, boys a snack to share. Watch for details on the place- but mark your calendars now!

Looking Ahead: In September we will be in need of an Elementary Sunday School Teacher interested in teaching at 10:30, two or three times a month. We also are still in need of a just a few more 2 year old helpers and Nursery helpers. Let Teresa know if you are interested.

FB C YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Schedule

The Sunday morning schedule remains the same. Ekklesia (HS-*Sunday nights*) will start meeting weekly again on September 18 and CHAOS (JH-*Wednesday nights*) will start up again on September 21.

The High School Camping Trip that was planned for July 29-31 has been cancelled due to lack of interest. We will try to reschedule something like this at a later date.

Interested in getting baptized?

There is a baptism planned for Sunday, August 21. Talk to Pastor Tim if you feel ready to be baptized.
*Join us for the baptism, and afterwards we'll head to DQ for ice cream! Bring \$5.

High Schoolers and Your Parents:

On Sunday, August 14 we are having a Lake Party for you and your parents. Right after church, we'll drive up to Gary and Rosie Purdy's lake cottage to play games, eat food, get to know each other better, and do some tubin'!

Guys: bring a 2-liter and a bag of chips.

Ladies: bring a dessert and a fruit or veggie.

We will return to the church at 8pm.



Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is valuable in every way, because it promises life both for the present and for the future.

1 Timothy 4:8 (GNB)

**This is the final month of TXT90X!
The theme for August is "MISSION."**

A DAILY PRAYER ON MISSION

God, bless me with discomfort

at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
so I may live deep within my heart.

God, bless me with anger

at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people
so I may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God, bless me with tears

to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war
so I may reach out my hand to comfort them and turn their
pain into joy.

And God, bless me with enough foolishness

to believe I can make a difference in the world
so I can do what others claim cannot be done –bring justice
and kindness to all our children and the poor.

(adapted from **A FRANCISCAN BENEDICTION** as posted at
<http://friendedbyChrist.com> under 'Prayers')

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