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Transformational Discipleship

We will intentionally nurture all people in the life-changing truths of God's Word.

October Is

Operation Blessing Month

What project can your Small Group/Sunday School Class or whatever groups you might be involved in, do for our community?

One class will be collecting and distributing winter coats again this year. Collection boxes will be out after Communion Sunday, October 2nd.

Bring non-perishable food or household items to communion Sunday, October 2nd. But that is just the start. The WMS is challenging the congregation to "Fill the Van" with such items during the months of October/November to be distributed locally and to CrossBars Ministry in South Bend.

Be creative in ways you can help our community – globally, regionally or locally.

October Compassion Corner

Compassion Corner will be held on the first Sunday of the month, October 2nd. This month we will have a bake sale! All items sold will go to helping with expenses for the trip to Peru in December. There will be baked goods of all kinds. All chocolate baked goods will be lovingly made with fair trade chocolate.

When God's People Pray

By Pastor Kurt Stout

If you have been in church lately, you know I am no longer only praying in secret. It was not a long period of time that God "silenced" my prayers, but He certainly had something to teach me in those few weeks. I received an email recently asking me the following question, "What was the outcome of God's prompting you to refrain from praying aloud?" To the inquiring one, I replied,

My prayer life has increased and has become more intentional. I find myself more engaged and focused when

I find the Spirit at work in prayer as I invite Him to prompt me.

"listening" to others pray. I participate silently better allowing the Holy Spirit to guide me in prayer even when someone else is leading. There are still times when I am not focused or engaged. There are still times when I find myself saying words rather than praying prayers, but these are less frequent. I have a growing sense about the purpose and power of prayer in the life of a believer, and find the Spirit at work in prayer as I invite Him to prompt me.

The "refrain" was lifted as I was reading the Psalms. I found these prayer texts to be helpful in guiding my prayer life as I allowed the Word of God to also be the Prayers to God. In particular, it was Psalm 30 when I felt God lift the cloak of silence. This psalm ends with the words, "You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent." The journey back to public prayer was a process. I (nor God) certainly did not want to simply go back and neglect the practices and lessons taught to me during my season of focused private prayer.

Prayer is not a sideline position.

It was a spiral outward journey that began with praying aloud with Heidi, then my children, then praying over individuals, then in small groups, and finally congregationally.

The Holy Spirit has my attention more. He prompts me to intercede more. Late at night I am sitting outside the rooms of my children more often to pray. I hold my wife's hand as she sleeps and I

thank the Lord for her and pray. I am reading and praying the scriptures over those I visit. I am responding in courage to the new relationships God has

placed in my path. I am more watchful, more believing, more grateful. Thankful for God's patience with me and well aware that there is more for me learn and discover about prayer. "Lord, teach us to pray" (*Luke 11:1*). I really am thrilled and anticipating the impact that will come as a result of nearly 170 adults participating in the *When God's People Pray* small group series.

Finally, prayer has lead to action.

Prayer is not a sideline position. I am finding myself being prompted to respond to the things God is prompting me to pray about. God is

opening doors of service that I didn't have or notice before. I am viewing my life, my family, my time, my ministry more in the hands of God and therefore seeing Him use me and empower me for what He wants of me. This has led to more prayers of desperation and dependence. This has lead to more fulfillment too. Jesus said he came not to be a "consumer" and but to do two things: "serve" and "give" (*Mark 10:45*). I see more clearly that is my calling too.



BLOOD PRESSURE

SCREENINGS

will be on the third Sunday this month (Oct. 16th) 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.



Flu Shots

The Parish Nurses will be offering flu shots again this year on Sunday, October 16th between services. If you are on Medicare, the cost will be nothing to you and Medicare billed. For others it will be \$25. A sign-up is at the office door.

THANK YOU!

To the First Brethren Church Family, Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts, visits, and prayers you have given me while I am recuperating at home. All was appreciated very much.

Norma Slack

The family of Helen Conrad would like to thank everyone in the church for their prayers, concern, and thoughtfulness during her illness and recent death. Also, we thank the W.M.S. and the funeral dinner committee for providing food.

*Kay & Connie Conrad
Nancy Berger*

To my church family, Thank you so much for the donation to the K21 Health Foundation. Also, I appreciate the visits and concern shown for my dad and family during his illness.

*With Love,
Connie Burton*



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Ralph Dotson (Connie Burton's father) who passed away August 25th.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Helen Conrad, who passed away Sunday, September 4th. Services were held Thursday, September 8th at Timbercrest. Helen served as deaconess for nearly 70 years. We are grateful for her faithful service to the Lord.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Helen Edwards who passed away Tuesday, September 20th, in Florida.



Library Lines

Copies of Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala are available in the library for all those interested. While there, check out some of our other books focusing on prayer this month!



Spotlight on Missions

Mexico

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A Life of Prayer

In Mark 9, beginning with verse 14, Jesus and Peter, James and John had just come down from a mountain where Jesus had been transfigured. They came to the other disciples, and they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. Jesus asked what the argument was about, and a man told him about his son who had a spirit which was tormenting him. The man asked Jesus' disciples to throw the demon out, but they weren't able to. So Jesus commanded the spirit to come out, and it did. The disciples asked Jesus why they couldn't cast out the demon, and Jesus said, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

The reason the disciples were not able to get rid of the demon is not because they were not Jesus. The reason is that they had not prayed. They had previously been given authority over unclean spirits (Mark 6:7), and had successfully cast out demons before this incident (6:13). But apparently they had taken for granted the power they had been given, or had come to believe that the power was inherent in them. What they had seemingly forgotten was that they had to stay connected with God. It is interesting that before Jesus expelled the demon, there's no indication that He prayed. But whether He did or not in that instance, He was "prayed up." He lived a life of prayer, He was in constant communication with His Father, and so He was always ready when it came time to engage in spiritual battle.

There's a difference between saying prayers and living a life of prayer. When trouble comes, and we're not spiritually prepared, we may say a prayer, but we're probably saying it more out of desperation than confidence. We realize that we've been running on our own strength, and that our strength has come to an end. But if we're living a life of prayer, in which we're in continual fellowship with our Father, we're always ready to meet whatever comes our way, because it's our Father's strength which supports us. As the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength." What would happen if a football team played its first game without a training camp, and without conditioning? Probably more players than usual would get hurt, they would tire more easily, and they wouldn't play nearly as well. Players know that they're going to be in a battle, and they stay ready for it.

Many of us are in a group that is doing the "When God's People Pray" DVD study. My hope and prayer is that when the study is finished, the desire and commitment to pray will continue; that the emphasis on prayer will not just be for a season, but for a lifetime. The opportunities for ministry and the struggles of life are constant, and we'll be much happier and effective people if we're ready for them. Like Jesus, let prayer be our way of life.

Ron Burns
Discipleship Coordinator

Orange Magnetic Clips

At the Start of September, the Ministry of Children's Discipleship handed out **Orange Magnetic Clips** to all our 3 year through 6th graders. If your child did not receive yours, please see Teresa. The following is the letter that went with the clips to explain the intent and purpose of these clips.

The Orange Concept is, when taking the heart of the home (red) and combining it with the light (yellow) of the church- we get Orange - the working together of a strategy that is stronger than if we both work alone.

So, let's start working together more than we already have. Today your child is receiving an orange magnetic clip. It's cool and handy, but we want it to be more than that. We're asking that you hang your child's take-home Sunday School Paper on this clip each week and stick it to the front of your refrigerator. During the week then, talk about the lesson. One week it might just be asking them "What was your story today?" Another week, it's looking on the back of that paper for ideas of how to incorporate that story into your child and family's lives.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 says " ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ **Impress them on your children.** Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." These activities on the back of your paper are not intended to add one more thing to the long list of things a family has to do already - they are intended to help you Impress God's commandments as you sit at home, when you are out, when you go to sleep and when you wake up in the morning. Everyone needs ideas sometimes. Which is why and where the magnetic clip idea came to be.

This Orange Concept also works the other way - as you incorporate the things your child is learning at church into your home - We want to incorporate the things you are working on at home into our ministry. So if you ever have a fabulous story of

something that worked out great or if you ever need help in a certain area - let us know anytime and we will put it on our orange clip on the church refrigerator☺ There are times coming up that we will be asking for your specific things and we want you to share.

Together (Orange), we will work on the journey of your child's and your family's spiritual formation.

Trunk & Treat, Wednesday, October 5th

The Children's Ministry in Partnership with the Justice Team, would invite you to participate in our 2nd Annual Trunk & Treat. The purpose of this event is to invite families in our community to our church in a non-threatening, family environment. While here we would like to inform them about Fair Trade Chocolate and invite them back to attend the next 3 weeks of Club RIOT/K.F.C. We are asking you to sign up your trunk for a night of Great Treats!

1. Let Lisa Rice know you are planning on bringing your trunk
2. Arrive at the church at 6:00, then come and eat a Sub Way Sandwich with the other trunkers!
3. At 6:30, open up your decorated trunk - ideas include sports, things you collect, a favorite Bible Story - you choose to do a little or a lot!
4. Bring about 200 pieces of candy or inexpensive trinkets to hand out to kids and their families as they pass by. If you are interested in handing out chocolate, please see the Justice Team for information on Fair Trade Chocolate.
5. Plan on keeping your car there until it is over - 7:45. If it happens to rain we will move the event inside to the fellowship hall.

That's it - You & your trunk help out a little and in return our families in our community get more treats than just what you are handing out.

OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 1 – Hannah Ayres
Tova Green
Jim Mishler
Grace Miller
- 2 – Amber Ramseier
Nancy McIntyre
- 3 – Tracy Forrester
Emily Hofer
Ruth Miller
- 5 – Austin Metzger
Jennifer Meredith
Karsen Niccum
- 6 – Dennis Ayres
Abbie McKee
Mike McLaughlin
Pei Burns
Parker York
- 7 – Dylan Hernandez
Jim Garman
- 10 – Muffet Gray
Kevin McIntyre
Candie Petrie
- 11 – Larry Swihart
Taylor McLaughlin
- 12 – Kyle Wagner
- 13 – Karissa Cook
Joel Harting
Katherine Macfarlane
- 14 – Abby Taylor
- 15 – Greg Hicks
Amanda Taylor
Brenda Carver
- 16 – Sarah McIntyre
- 17 – Cynthia Johnson
Isaac Callaway
- 18 – Led Benton
Gary Purdy
Payton Jones
- 20 – Nate Birch

- 22 – Mike McKee
- 23 – Jo Hays
- 25 – Ralph Reiken
- 27 – Levi Bordeaux
Micah Bordeaux
- 28 – Alan Lauer
Romia Olsen
Bill Collett
- 29 – Lynn Blocher
Chad Duffy
- 30 – Imogene Hauptert
- 31 – Hanna Stout

Anniversaries

- 3 – Todd & Kari Speicher '81
- 9 – Caleb & Tracy Godoy-Forrester '93
- 11 – Jerry & Donna McKee '69
- 12 – Charles & Ruth Miller '51
- 14 – Jay & Linda Warner '61
- 18 – Tim & Jenny Taylor '80

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

Orphan Sunday

Sunday, November 6th

8:00 & 10:30 am

Services w/Special Speaker

Harvest Service/Dinner

Sunday, November 13th

All Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:15 am

10:30 am Service ONLY

Harvest Dinner to follow in the Fellowship Hall



Pack a shoebox of goodies to bring Christmas to a child around the world with Operation Christmas Child! Pamphlets are in the lobby and by the LOFT and Garden areas. Please check the information so you know what is allowed to be sent, how to pack certain items, and how to attach your label and envelope to cover expenses. Be a part of this world-wide effort to tell families about Jesus. Please bring filled boxes to the gathering area by November 14th.

Capris

There is freedom in wearing capris*. Capris weather means no socks or jacket as I head out the front door, and when I return home, no shoes! As the coolness of fall becomes evident, it's a challenge to see how long I can go without succumbing to restrictive big girl pants. Mother Nature eventually wins and I sadly replace my capris with warmer, heavier clothing.

For some, cooler weather and less sunlight signals a subtle slide into depression. Feelings of hopelessness, melancholy and lack of energy are a few of the symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). If you are prone to SAD, there are ways you can begin to prepare for winter. Follow the link below, stop by the bulletin board outside my office for a handout, or schedule a counseling appointment. Don't wait until you are in the middle of the winter blues. Plan to take care of yourself now—until the sun returns our freedom.

Suzanna

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/seasonal-affective-disorder/DS00195/DSECTION=symptoms>

*For the guys—capris are pants that are cut off several inches below the knee.



Congratulation to Jason & Heather Lauer on the birth of their son, Cooper Paul, born Friday, September 23rd, measuring 19 inches and weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. He joins the family with big brother Peyton. Proud grandparents are Alan & Trish Lauer.

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

Reading Plan Bookmark 2011

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II Samuel

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Children's Ministry



October is **Club RIOT** month!!! Be sure to plan on Coming for a Really, Incredible, Outstanding Time! This is our outreach event for ages 3-4th grade for the 4 weeks in October. This month our first week, October 5th, will be our Family Night of Trunk & Treat. This event is in Partnership with the Justice Team. (See Trunk & Treat Helpers for more information on helping) We are planning on inviting the whole community so we can also invite the families back to the other nights of Club RIOT. The other 3 weeks in October will be filled with Songs, Games, Crafts, Snacks, and Friendship as we focus on how special we  are because God made us. Truly realizing that God  made us for a special purpose is one of the first steps  in making good choices and decisions as children grow older. Please invite all the kids you know for this ministry!



K.F.C. - 5th & 6th Grade Kids for Christ! September's Bike Hike has been moved to October 1st due to weather. In October we will be meeting weekly 6:30-7:45 pm.



Club de Niño's (Kids Club) meets Wednesday night during the Hispanic Service as their Sunday School. They are using the same curriculum as our LOFT and Garden Kids!



Garden 0-1 We will be starting a new theme "God's Garden" this month.



Garden 2's This month our theme is *God Keeps Me Safe* by learning about David and Goliath from Samuel 17:45-50 . Parents, you can reinforce what we learn by reminding your toddler that God Keeps her/him safe throughout the week.



Garden 3-Kindergarteners In October, we are going on a Great Safari to learn about Moses! Our verse we are learning this month is Matthew 28:20 'I am with you always'.

Club RIOT

Wednesday, October 5th - Family Night Trunk & Treat
Regular Schedule for the other 3 Wednesday Nights in
October.

For Ages 3 through 4th grade, 6:30-7:45

KFC - 5th & 6th Grade Kids for Christ will meet during the same time



Camp Shipshewana - Our next Children's Ministry event at the camp is in January - Snow Camp is a fun weekend for our 3-6th graders.



LOFT- Where our 1-6th graders are learning to Love, Obey, Follow God, and Trust His Ways We continue our "In the Beginning..." theme this month, traveling back in time to experience the stories of Noah building the ark, the flood, the tower of Babel, and Abram following God as we focus on how God is always right, God is all we need, and that God is our guide. We enjoy singing our Genesis 1:1 song and focusing on all God has done and is doing in our lives!

Help is Needed: If you feel you are gifted in talent, time, or just a love for young families and kids - your help in these areas would be greatly appreciated:

2 year old teacher and/or helper - at the 10:30 service, weeks 1-3. See Jasmine Jones for more information.

Garden Nursery helper - once a month, check out the schedule on the Garden Nursery door for which Sunday's are open. See Jasmine Jones for more information.

5th Grade Sunday School Teacher - 2 times a month at the 10:30 service time. See Teresa Mize for more information.

FB C YOUTH MINISTRY

FALL SCHEDULE

CHAOS (7th-8th Grades) meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:45pm at *La Casa*.

Ekklesia (9th-12th Grades) meets on Sunday nights from 6 to 8pm at *Town Life Center*.

Orange Parents (Parents of Teens) meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 east end of the Fellowship Hall.

Dessert Club

High School Students are invited to the home of Ruth and Andy Ayres one night a week (typically Wed or Thurs) for Dessert and Conversation. Check Facebook or give Ruth your cell number

if you want to know when these are.

and Dessert Club JV

Once a month on a Friday night, Junior High Students are invited to Bill and Carol Collett's for Dessert, Games, and Bonfire.

Stay connected to know when this is happening.

***Ekklesia:** Sunday night, October 2, we will not be meeting at our usual time and place. Instead, you are invited to join our whole church for a special Communion service. Starts in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm and ends around 8.

Two more 5th Quarters this Fall:

October 7th

October 14th



Great Pumpkin Chase

Saturday, October 29

(High School Students only)

Meet at La Casa at 5pm; back at 10pm.

Chance to win a gift card to the mall!

Bring some money for dinner and shopping after the chase.

Turkey Bowl

Sunday, November 20

Leaving right after church and getting back at 8:30 pm.

This is a flag-football tourney, competing against other youth groups in the area. We can have up to two teams, with 5 to 8 people per team. If interested in playing,

let Pastor Tim know by the end of October.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A recent article from ***Friended By Christ*** – kick-starting spiritual conversations for families:

Once, a young man had the opportunity to go to lunch with a popular Christian leader he admired. The young man had anticipated the meeting for weeks leading up to the day, but as the meal progressed he found himself growing more and more disenfranchised by things the leader was saying and doing.

He was surprised to notice this Christian leader did not pray before eating and that some profanity was sprinkled into his conversation.

Finally, towards the end of the meal, he felt he must speak up and mention what was troubling him.

“Thank you for bringing those concerns to my attention,” the Christian leader said after a short pause. “But...”

To read the rest of this article, go to <http://friendedbyChrist.com> and read “Dinner and A Lesson.”

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