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Fellowship News

February 2012

“USE YOUR WORDS”

WRITTEN BY BRIAN BOOM

I was recently at a family get together with all my aunts, uncles, and cousins. My family is quite close and we had a blast catching up, playing games, rough housing (lots of young guy cousins), watching the Lions (the one sporting team we can all agree upon, Go State!), and eating a delicious meal. While there, my youngest cousin was struggling to let his mom know what he wanted. He kept pointing, grunting, and motioning for something. He was getting frustrated because she wasn't understanding him. Then she said, "Use your words," and he opened his mouth and said what I thought was "think" but what she knew to be "drink." She got him a drink and he went back to playing with his cousins.

evangelism." "Lifestyle evangelism" is the idea that we share our faith with other people through our lifestyle. We are kind to others because Christ tells us to be kind (Ephesians 4:32). We give to the needy because Christ calls us to care for the poor (Luke 3:11). We abstain from drunkenness, viewing inappropriate TV shows and movies, gossip, lust, etc. because that isn't what is best for our lives according to Scripture—according to God.

you do. Anybody can be different. Anybody can strive to be a good person. But only Christians have the good news of Jesus and the Holy Spirit to help guide them. Only Christians have hope for the future.

It's time to start living a "lifestyle of evangelism" which is actively living out your faith *and* verbally sharing your faith at every opportunity. The opportunity to share your faith will come when you're living like Christ calls you to. We need to be prepared to use our words when the opportunity to reach someone for Christ arises (1 Peter 3:15-16).

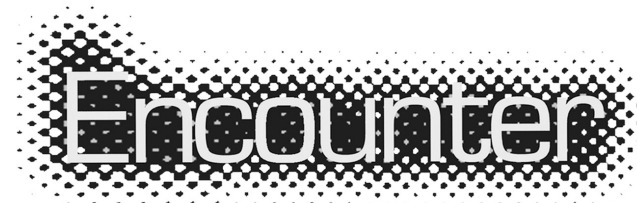
This story didn't mean much to me until I read a paragraph written by youth evangelist, Greg Stier. In it, he coined the phrase "lifestyle

Doing all these things is great, but it doesn't make you a Christian. In and of themselves, these actions will not effectively reach others for Christ. You see, reaching others for Christ requires you to "use your words." Your actions in the workplace, on the field, at home, in the car, at the grocery store, at the mall, etc. need to be accompanied by words. People need to know why you live the way

The question becomes, are the people you are trying to reach hearing and seeing the message of Christ, or just witnessing a good person? "Use your words" and reach others for Christ.

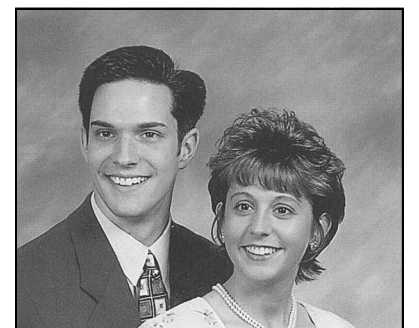
Sunday, February 12

-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



Join us for a contemporary, interactive worship service in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 12 at 6:00pm. We'll be moving, singing, praying, listening and discussing the reality of relationships. Relationships can be difficult. It doesn't matter whether it's a bully in elementary, a friend making unwise decisions, a dating relationship or a marriage, they all take work.

Pastor Shawn and his wife, Susan, will be sharing how they had to, and continue to, work at their relationship. Did you know they went through three marriage counselors in their first two years of marriage? They'll be sharing their experiences and applying what they learned to all age groups. You won't want to miss this!



Shawn and Susan - 1996

After the service, there will be games, fellowship and free food in the Youth Room and Gym until 9:00pm.



OUTREACH ROOM

Did you know that some of the things that you consider junk are very valuable to others? We have collections for many different items in our Outreach Room in the southwest corner of the lobby. Please check it out. Following is a list of different items and what they are used for:



HOTEL SIZE TOILETRY ITEMS

Used at God's Kitchen or Mel Trotter.

PAPER GROCERY BAGS

Used at FRC Food Pantry or Love INC.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Used at FRC Pantry, God's Kitchen or Jehovah Jireh Ministries.

YARN

Used to make hats for preemie babies.

CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS

Used for recycling for Christian Literature at Love INC- Leave 1/2 inch paper all the way around the stamp.

COUPONS

Used to purchase things for the FRC Food Pantry.

GREETING CARDS

Fronts of the cards are laminated with a verse in Spanish and sent to Honduras.

USED EYEGLASSES

Sent to Russia or DeGage Ministries.

POP TABS

Used to recycle and generate much-needed funds to support the Ronald McDonald House and the nearly 500 families they serve each year.

BATTERIES

Recycled to keep them out of our landfills.

EGG CARTONS

Jehovah Jireh Ministries re-fills these with eggs and distributes them.

TWIST TIES

Jehovah Jireh Ministries uses these for distribution.

CLOTHING

Kid's and Maternity Clothing for Lakeshore Preg. Ctr.

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers can be put in the Paper Gator in the parking lot. All funds raised go to our Youth Ministries.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



Children in Worship is a unique and dynamic program written and published by Helene Zwyghuizen. We are thrilled to be bringing it to the children of Fellowship during our morning worship services, beginning in April.

Because of its very unique teaching style, volunteers must be trained in teaching *Children in Worship*. If you would consider being a leader for this program on a rotational basis, please come and see what it is all about!

Children in Worship Training/Demonstration
Fellowship Hall
Saturday, March 3
9:00am-noon

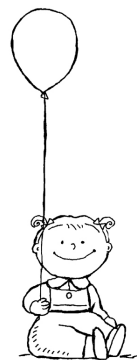
Sign up on the Education Bulletin Board
so we know how many refreshments
to provide that morning.

FREE BABYSITTING

Want a night out with your spouse?

Take advantage of the **FREE BABYSITTING** service provided by the New Life Youth Ministry on Friday, February 10.

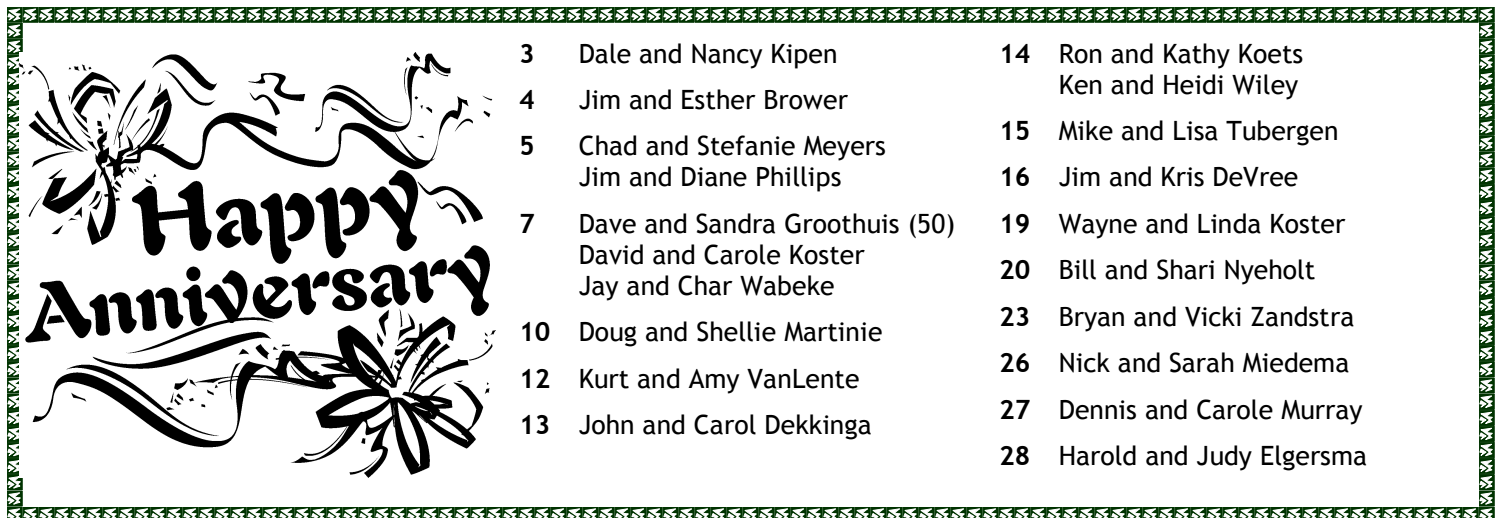
You simply need to sign up your children on the Youth Bulletin Board, drop them off by signing them in at the nursery beginning at 6:00pm, and pick them up by 9:00pm. This service is open to all children through 6th grade. Those under 3 will remain in the nursery. Those 3 and over will be in the Youth Room and Gym doing various activities and games led by the New Life students and adult volunteers.



Free
Babysitting



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|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1 Jodi Terpstra | 6 Zachary Groendyke
Sarah Miedema
George Miller
Charlie Miller
Jeff VanHouten
Angie Wabeke
Kendra Walters | 10 Dean DeBoer
Ellen Feenstra
Penny Hower
Kate Sietsema
Sue Wynsma | 16 Ashley Rusticus
Ken Snyder
Ellie TerHaar | 23 Gord Beerens
Lori Bekkering
Jessy DeVlieger
Jayse Hill
Wayne Koster
Dan Luth |
| 2 Sarah Bruins
Kaleb Kortman
Joshua Timmer
Jim VanGeest
Jucille VanLangen
Breanna Veldman
Brooke Veldman
Nick Wabeke | 7 Grace Bakker
Sara Belke
Cindy Bolhuis
Mary Bosker
Brian Duimstra
Michael Frankfort
Ella Haarsma
Deb Klein
Anna Lenters
Jan South
Danielle Wagenmaker
Kenneth Westhuis | 11 April DeJager
Ryan Fredricks
Paul Graeser
Lauren Hermance
Todd Kortman
Susan Patmos | 17 Clark Folkert
Andrew Jonkman
Lorraine McElwee
Dennis Murray
Kaden Takens
Irelyn Ulberg
Amanda Wynsma | 24 Ron Aardema
Sue Boschma
Michelle DeGraaf
Sydney Elders
Morgan Gibbie
Laura Laninga
Scott Sawyer
Casey Schaner
Gene Ulberg |
| 3 William VanSolkema
Sue Vredevoogd
Douglas Vriesman | 8 Haleigh Denhof
Peggy DeVree
Evan Higgs
Alton Kalman
TJ VanRhee | 12 Evan Dreyer
Sue Hoekstra
Rachelle Nauta
Carol VanderWall | 18 Hailey Elders
Mary Hinken
Alexa McElwee
Tom Peck
Aaron Ripley | 25 Nicholas Beery
Aiden Grysen |
| 4 Junior Bruins
Randy DeYoung
Tessa Everts
Mike Terpstra
Ellen Tuinstra | 9 Carol Burman
Pam DeGlopper
Gary Dyke
Jerry Herrema
Emily Jonkman
Carl Kemme
Eugene Lynema
Brayson Miedema
Ann VanderHeide
Wyatt Zeilstra | 13 Todd Brower
Irelyn Jeltema
Charles Olney
Kevin Roon
Malyn VanderWest | 19 Pat Hall
Sam Hamming
Greg Johnson
Camden Richards
Steve Strowenjans
Andrew Volpe
Kim Vrugink | 26 Dan Arnson
Becky Biesbrock
Taylyn Bruins
Noelle DenHartigh
Kim Fryling
Doug Klynstra
Louis Kraay
Rebecca Raj
Melinda Uitvlugt
Verna VanOss |
| 5 Scott Folkert
Patrick Grysen
Shawn Hulst
Evan Kramer
Trena Nauta
Rob Schrock
Kevin Wolffis | 15 Justin Brandt
Bernard Emelander
Jenn Groendyke
Emma Grysen
Luke Nederveld
Katie Nelund
Kendyll Samora
Kelsey Smeckert
Will Smit
Scott TenHarmsel
Drew VanHouten | 14 Ashley Bennett
Judy Elgersma
Zander Peters
Kimberly VanEss
Jim Visser
Judy Walkotten
Jake Webster | 20 Eliana Brower
Connor Hawkins
Leanne Hoffman
Richard Kleinheksel
Stacey Nederveld
Brooke Oldenbroek
Susan Rottschafer | 27 Susan Brown
Kiley DeVries
Linda Kraak
Delane Matthyse
Lexis Matthyse
Joelle Matthyse
Noah Matthyse
Ava Nykamp
Ryan Snoeyink
Mark Williams |
| 6 Judy Bohl
Cindy Bordewyk
Nelson Bouma
Kurt Brower
Dan Burrill
Mickela DeBoer
Pam DeVlieger
Skylar DeWitt
Jim Dunn | 16 Susan Beery
Quinn Brower
Dan Buikema
Benjamin Levander
McKenna Levander
Shelly Reyers | 15 Joel Brouwer
Mark Mulder
Michael Peterson
Hildy Rusticus
Jack VanderHulst | 21 Kurt Barber
Perry Brower
Linda Cook
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James Meyer
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Sarah Wind | 29 Craig Longstreet |



CONSISTORY MEETING RECAP (JANUARY 9, 2012)

BAPTISM REQUESTS:

- ♦ Aaron and Lisa Haarsma for Kendall Gene
- ♦ Mitch and Sarah Miedema for Trevor Layne
- ♦ Kurt and Amy VanLente for Drake Allen

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH:

- ♦ Jordan Koster (also Adult Baptism)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- ♦ 539 individuals were served Communion on Saturday, December 24.
- ♦ Don Beery has decided to devote one year to the La Casa de mi Padre ministry, therefore, resigning from the Consistory. Kevin Bosch, the next highest vote-getter at our last Congregational Meeting, has been asked to fill the remainder of his term. Kevin has accepted and will be ordained at the evening service on Sunday, January 15.

FELLOWSHIP'S CONSISTORY

Elders:	Deacons:
Steve Burman (12)	Dave Beemer (12)
Chuck Hinken (14)	Tom Beltman (13)
Roger Huisingh (14)	Kevin Bosch (14)
Bruce Kleinjans (13)	Greg Dodge (12)
Glenn Kooiker (12)	Andy Odehnal (13)
Dezi Noteboom (14)	Steve Palmbos (13)
Cal TerHaar (13)	Chad Rhoderick (14)

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Have you gotten rid of your
land-line telephone?

Don't forget to call the office at
669-1213 or email
lfolkert@fellowshipudsonville.org
with your cell phone number.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

HOUR OF POWER

We've made room for you. The pounds and inches are coming off. Join us on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm in the gym.



Each class is designed to work out every muscle group plus cardio. What have you got to lose? Bring along a mat, hand weights and water. Still just \$3.00 a class.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hey guys, if basketball is your game, the gym is the place to be every Thursday night at 8:15pm. What a great way to stay in shape during these cold winter months.



CROP CIRCLE

It's time to get those photos organized and made into beautiful memory albums! Join the Crop Circle on Friday, February 3 from 6:00pm to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your scrapbooking supplies, a drink, and snack to share.



SEW WHAT

This month we will be continuing with the personal care kits made from washcloths. If you are a seamstress, please come to this morning of fellowship while helping those in need.

We will meet on Monday, February 6 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in Office Area C. Bring your straight stitch machine; all other materials will be provided.



YAK AND YARN

No matter what time of year it is, warm hats, mittens, scarves and baby items are always welcomed by Love INC and the Pregnancy Resource Center.



The meeting for this month is on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00pm in Office Area C. We have yarn, needles and patterns to help with your projects. Donations of these items are always welcome. Let's keep providing for those in need!

SALT (EMPTY NESTERS)

The Big 4F event is coming. On Saturday, February 18, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, you will be able to chase away those winter doldrums. The 4 F's:

- Friendly "Family Feuding"
- Free
- Food (snacks and beverages)
- Fellowship

Reserve your spot today by signing up on the Small Group's Bulletin Board. The event is sponsored by the Salt Group.

A NIGHT OF ORGANIZATION

The Women's Ministry Committee is excited to announce an upcoming event. Andrea Dekker, owner of the professional organization company Simple Organized Living, will be leading us in "A Night of Organization" on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00pm.

This is a FREE event filled with great tips, appetizers, and exciting door prizes! Look for a sign-up sheet on the Small Group's Bulletin Board today!



Andrea shares the following: "I'm a firm believer in 'less is more,' and am constantly on the lookout for ways to simplify and organize every aspect of life - from the way I manage my time and money, to the recipes I make each day, how I clean and organize our home, and especially in my role as a work-from-home mom, wife, caregiver, volunteer, business person, etc!"

We look forward to having Andrea share with the group on topics including: 10 steps to staying organized, Quick simple clutter control - tame your hotspots, and Get your family involved - tips to make organizing fun and family oriented. Check out Andrea's blog!
www.simpleorganizedliving.com

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TURNING POINT YOUTH MINISTRY

(9th through 12th grade)



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MIKE:

Have you wanted to ask Pastor Mike a question? Any question? Now is your opportunity! Every Wednesday we have Family Night, Pastor Mike will be leading a Bible Study based upon your questions. Meet in Office Area C at 6:45pm. If you're looking for straight-forward, honest discussion on tough questions with Biblical answers, you need to be in this class.

SUMMER TRIP:

We are headed North for the week of July 9-14. This will be a rustic adventure complete with tents, outhouses, survival skills, navigation skills, hiking, and ropes initiatives. We'll take a day away for a tour of the Soo locks and also use the skills we learned throughout the week when we explore Lime Island. We'll be staying near Raber, MI. It will be a great way to get away from the distractions of life and focus on your relationship with Christ and others. Cost for the week is \$250. You need to sign up by February 26.



FUNDRAISER-TRIVIA NIGHT:

Saturday, March 3
Every person you get to attend will provide you \$12.50. Ideally, you'd get a whole team (eight people) to participate. Teams of eight will compete against one another in a game of trivia. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. You'll be expected to help at this event from 5:30pm-9:00pm.



FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

February 5 - Youth Service!
All high school students need to be in the Youth Room at 7:30am. You'll receive a t-shirt to wear during the morning services that display our theme. We'll go over everyone's role in the service, (there is a role for everyone, even if you haven't signed up for anything) and pray together before making our way to the Sanctuary. There will be a pancake breakfast in-between services in the Youth Room for all high school students. You will be free to go once the second service concludes.



February 5 - Super Bowl Party
Join us in the Youth Room to watch the game and commercials for the duration of the game. Food and drinks will be provided.

February 12 - Encounter
6:00pm-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
See Encounter description on the front page.

February 19 -TP 14
"Serving Like Jesus"
7:00-9:00pm in the Youth Room.
We'll be in Impact Groups for discussion.

February 26 - TP 15
"The Ultimate Worship Experience"
7:00-9:00pm in the Youth Room.
We'll be in D Groups for discussion.



THANK YOU

Thank you for all the recent pastor visits, cards, meals and prayers offered on my behalf. All were greatly appreciated during my recovery following a hip surgery. God has been working in my life to get me ready to accept help from others during this time, which is not an easy thing for me. God's blessings to you all!
-KayLynn Beltman

Thank you for praying for me. Thanks also for the dinners that were sent over and for the cards. The last 16 weeks were trying. Thanks also for the pastor's visits and prayers for me which we felt gave God all the glory. Thanks again for all the prayers.
-Harriet and Al Dykstra

To our Fellowship Family: thank you for your tremendous outpouring during Advent and Christmas. Your words, gifts and culinary expressions were much appreciated—and very delicious! We are thrilled to serve God with you at FRC.
-Pastor Shawn and Susan Hulst, Davis, Gramm and Hudson

We want to thank the pastors for the visits and prayers with us. We also want to thank the church family for the visits, prayers and cards. The home-going of our grandson, Chad King, made it clear what it means to be a part of the family of God.
-Ken and Yvonne Jeltema

Thank you for all of the prayers and support during this difficult time. Thank you also for the beautiful plant.
-Chad, Stefanie, Mikaela and Ashlan Meyers

I wish to thank the pastors for their visits and all the cards and prayers from my recent surgery. I appreciate all the prayers and still need them to help me deal with my chronic pain. Thank you again my Fellowship friends.
-Faith Smit

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia plant. Thanks also for all of the heartfelt words, thoughts and prayers during our dad's illness and passing. We are so appreciative.
-Bruce and Cheryl Takens and family

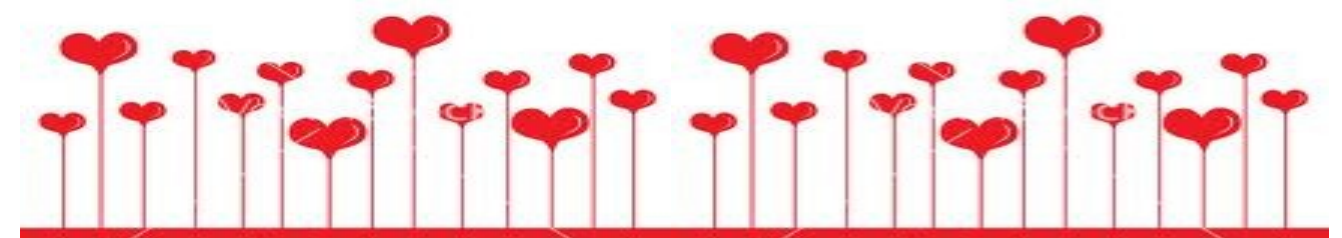
I would like to thank the people that brought meals, sent cards and offered prayers following my surgery. It was greatly appreciated.
-Sandy Timmer and family

Thanks to the pastors and the congregation for the prayers after my recent knee surgery. Thanks also for all the cards that were sent to me.
-Roger VanderMeulen

We would like to thank everyone for the plant, cards, and prayers at the time of the passing of Henry VanGeest-father of Jim, Jack and Greg. A special thanks to all who made the meal and to the pastors for the visits to the families. During a time like this, we realize how much a great church family means to us.
-The families of Henry VanGeest

Thank you so much for your outpouring of generosity over the Christmas Season. Our family was so blessed through Sharing the Joy. Thank you also to Pastor Shawn and all of his time in coordinating this project and for personally delivering the gifts. Fellowship is truly an extension of Christ. Thank you again and God bless.
-Anonymous

The Board of Directors and staff of Love INC express sincere thanks to the Yak and Yarn friends and partners in Christ at Fellowship Reformed Church for the donation of a selection of beautiful hand-made hats, mittens, scarves and afghans. Many lives will be touched by your loving generosity. Thank you!
-Norma Berens, Executive Director



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

ADULT FAMILY NIGHT CLASSES

Adult Family Night Classes are in full swing, and it's not too late for you to get "sharpened" on Wednesday evenings.

- ♦ Are you a Fan or a Follower? The dictionary defines a fan as "an enthusiastic admirer." Fans want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not close enough that it requires sacrifice. Jesus was never looking for admirers. It's not fans He's looking for. Not a fan, challenges you to consider what it means to call yourself a Christian. The not a fan class continues through the month of February, and you're encouraged to join those of us who have made the commitment to nurture an intimate relationship with the Master. This class meets on Wednesdays at 6:45pm in Room 027.
- ♦ February would be a great time to sharpen your spiritual disciplines. A new phase of the "Deepening" Bible studies is beginning this month. We will meet on Wednesdays in the Prayer Room at 6:45pm. Everyone is welcome.
- ♦ Community Seminar is Coming: During the month of March, Fellowship will be welcoming several local "celebrities," politicians, athletes and educators. We want them to have fun communicating with us about how they've been able to use the platform of their notoriety as a way to share their faith. Mark every Wednesday night in March as a "Must-See" event at FRC. Community Seminar begins March 7 with Sen. Arlan Meekhof.
- ♦ HABLAN ESPANOL? If you answered "Yes" to this question quit reading this. However, if you don't have a clue what "Hablan Espanol?" means, but you'd like to know, read on. This April, Jose and Terri Duran are considering offering a six-week long "Spanish Class." This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn how to HABLA ESPANOL, (Psst, that means, "speak Spanish.") but we need to know how many people are interested. So, if you want to be able to HABLA ESPANOL, sign up now on the Small Groups Bulletin Board. Do it PRONTO.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- ♦ "There are two equal and opposite errors [that humans can make concerning demons]. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. The devils are equally pleased by both errors." Join the Screwtape Letters Sunday school class and find out more than you ever knew about the manipulative plotting of "the devils." This class meets in Office Area C.
- ♦ The Café is gonna be great in February: The first two weeks, Craig VanderWall will host a fantastic two part series on "The History of Music in the Church." Listen to the evolution of "our kind of music..." Wink, Wink. Then Joel Baar will launch a brand new video/discussion series entitled: Out Live Your Life.
- ♦ The Sunday School Guide class meets in the Prayer Room every Sunday morning and always "sharpens" the participants. Everyone is always welcome.
- ♦ Being God's Man: By Walking a New Path, is our Sunday school Men's Bible study designed to help men grow and possess a heart that is loyal to God and His ways. The guys meet in Room 108...get in there.
- ♦ Those of you who are, or who want to be RADICAL Christians need to join the New Boomers in Room 109 every Sunday morning. The RADICAL study series is guaranteed to challenge you.
- ♦ The Beth Moore Bible study continues to challenge and grow the gals of FRC with classes meeting during Sunday school, on Wednesday mornings, and every other Tuesday evening.
- ♦ Women's Bible Studies: As we conclude our *David: Seeking a Heart Like His* study, please join us for a seven week study - Faithful, Abundant, True by Beth Moore, Kay Arthur, and Priscilla Shirer. This study will cover the following topics: God's Abundance, the Holy Spirit and Discernment, and God's Faithfulness. The Sunday and Wednesday class will be showing the DVDs only, while the Tuesday evening class will feature the DVDs and workbook. This would be a GREAT time to invite a friend to attend this short and captivating DVD session. Classes will begin in March, so watch the bulletin for dates and times! Let's take our Bible study deeper still!



NEW LIFE YOUTH MINISTRY (7th and 8th grade)

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

February 1- NL 17

"Run Away!" - 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room.

February 8 - NL 18

"Boy Meets Girl" - 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room.

February 10 - Free Babysitting

6:00-9:00pm - As a service to our congregation, we'll be providing a free babysitting service for them at church so they can go out as a couple for Valentine's Day.

Plan to be here from 5:30-9:30pm.

February 15 - NL 19

"Talk With Your Ears" - 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room.

February 22 - NL 20

"Know The Basics" - 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room.

February 29 - NL 21

"Knock, Knock" - 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Join us at 6:45pm in Room 041 for a Bible study/discussion time. We are reading through 1-3 John for the next few weeks, then going to 1 & 2 Samuel.



MISSIONARY UPDATES

FRIENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST; INTERSERVE

As we spend time in the Middle East and in the U.S., we are continually confronted with different views about how best to reach the region with the gospel, and how to interact with Muslims in various places. When we talk about building bridges, we are talking about building a connection through which people can encounter Jesus. And always it is with a clear representation of who we are as Christians and where we stand. We virtually never meet Muslims who are offended by our beliefs, or that we hold them strongly, rather they respect us for it. We are not ashamed of our identity as Christians, nor of our relationship with Arab brothers and sisters in Christ. That is the starting point of our approach to our neighbors. Please pray on our behalf—for wisdom and fruitfulness.

DICK AND DONNA SWART; ETHIOPIA

We want you to reflect back with us on projects you have helped with this past year.

1. Eight families have received a windmill, bringing the total up to over 60.
2. Five new donkey carts are in use for people to transport produce to market.
3. 237 women have been part of the pre-natal program. Many, many others received medical care for a variety of ailments.
4. We have begun the translation on Bible Lessons using Chronological Presentation of the Gospel into Daasanech.
5. We both received our permanent Ethiopia ID's so we will not have to worry about work permits anymore.

None of this could have happened without your support and prayers.

KEITH AND MARY BEAVON; WYCLIFFE

Keith has been working with a co-worker on translating the New Testament in Njyem and Badwe'e. Mary has been working with putting Scriptures together with pictures. This enables small groups of people to read a text as it is presented to them with illustrations. In addition to teaching the Bible, it also teaches reading. Keith has recently met with doctors in Cameroon regarding hearing problems and his treatment for skin cancer. Keith is very aware of the Lord's care in his life.

JAKE AND JENN TORNGA; MALAWI

Jenn and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season this year. Celebrating these days in Malawi was a wonderful experience for us as we spent the day with other missionary friends living and serving here in Malawi. It is amazing how half-way around the world, with people we have only known for a few months, Christians can come together and celebrate the coming of our Savior together. What a great God we serve. We definitely missed our families during the holiday season, but we felt God's love and support for us in all the different cards and notes we received from so many people at Fellowship. Thank you for that, and thank you for remembering us and all the other missionaries Fellowship supports around the world.

We are happy to report that our teammate, Innocent, has returned to Malawi, however, his wife, Florisa, and their daughter, Mwiza, remain in Italy due to ongoing health issues. This past week we had a team retreat to plan for the 2012 year and we truly felt God's presence during our meeting times. Our vision for work in Dzaleka this year is to make our organization, There is Hope, have a direct spiritual impact in the lives of churches and refugees living in Malawi. Last year we spent a large amount of time and finances on charitable acts such as blanket distributions to the elderly and disabled, along with income-generating projects to help alleviate the economic burdens of refugee life. Our vision was to target the most vulnerable refugee groups, and with your support, we were able to meet that goal. This year, we want to bring our church ministry and pastoral training programs to the forefront of our work in the refugee camp. We know that the good news of Jesus Christ is about meeting the spiritual, physical, emotional, and psychological needs of His children, and our desire is to do the same for refugees through our work.

FRIENDS IN ASIA; INTERSERVE

We had a mini-basketball tournament recently and the people in the stands continued to comment on the good sportsmanship of our players and coaches. It is such a great testimony. We are getting to know others through the outreach program at our church. It is very exciting to be a part of and we have invited many people. We are so thankful for the past 10 years and so excited to see how the Lord has been using us and opening doors.

MINISTRY TO MEN

WE'RE ALL SERVANTS OF THE LORD

Written by Albert Dykstra (with help from Jim De Horn)



“Give God all the glory in everything you do.”

“To evangelize, just be yourself. They need to see Jesus in you. They can see it in your eyes, and in your smile.”

“Your [message] is what you “do,” more often than what you say.”

“To be a good witness to others—to all people—be ready and willing to just be yourself.”

“Stay humble, don't get proud because you're a servant of the Lord.”

“You can't find fault with people who are 'dirty' and [repulsive]; you have to love them just the same.”

“Always carry the Bible with you, it tells people where your love comes from.”

I want to spread the message that we all need to be witnesses to the world around us; to everyone no matter how much money they have, what color they are, where they live, or how they smell. God has called us to go into all the world and evangelize, and that means that we can't leave out people who aren't like us.

For nearly fifty years (47), Harriet and I have volunteered at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. As an Honorary Volunteer Auxiliary Chaplain, I have spent as many as 1,000 hours a year, helping the 750 vets who live there. It all started when I was called on to “help out” because the church I was attending was responsible for a worship service at the Veteran's Home, and they couldn't find anyone to lead it. So I got the job. But after just one time, I knew that I could be a real “servant of Christ” in that place. And the rest is history. We found that we can hug men who don't have anyone else to hug them, and read Scripture to guys who don't have any legs, or who are too crippled to get out of bed. And we can give creme curls and sing *The Old Rugged Cross* with a group of guys who are never able to get off the property of the Home. When we do any of those things we are letting those men “see Jesus in [us].”

*“What a friend we have in Jesus, - All our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry - Everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit - O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry - Everything to God in Prayer.”*

Those words make it clear to the vets that God loves them, and that He will bear their burdens if they bring them to Him in prayer, but at the same time, they should also make it clear to all of us that we need to use the gifts that God has given us to bring his “message of love” to those in need.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Hey Guys, Every Man is “revving-up.”

Every Man is working on tremendous plans for the future. We're working on strategies that will help us, help God grow the men of Fellowship into powerful warriors for Christ.

Pray in February for members of your leadership team as they participate in a Leadership Training Seminar hosted by Man in the Mirror.

