

VISION

Bethel Baptist Church



June 2011

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Pastor Dave's Corner

One of the things that I hope to do while I am on my sabbatical is to run. This past winter and spring were not runner friendly, at least not for this runner. But now that the weather has warmed it is time to hit the trail. In order to motivate me to get out and run regularly I have signed up for a couple of local races. These become goals to strive for along the way. On days when I don't feel like running I remind myself that I have a race coming and that I need to be prepared. But I am not running to win races. I am running to be strong. In many ways my quality of life depends upon me being physically strong. My chosen way to accomplish that is running.

There is another area in my life where I want to be strong. That is in my spiritual life. Paul wrote in I Timothy 4:8, "**For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.**" Every time that I go for a run I am reminded that I am running a far

more important race that has nothing to do with the kind of running shoes I'm wearing. That race is the spiritual journey that is always before me.

Hebrews 12:1-3 blends the two images of running a race and our spiritual journey. **Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

We always do better in life when we have a goal that we are aiming for. Whenever I run I set a goal. I want to consistently run 10 minute miles on my training run. I want to run this race in under one hour. The goal keeps me



**Will You Run
With Me?**

motivated and energizes me. As Christians we have a goal and it is not to get to heaven. Our goal is to become more and more like Christ. Hebrews says; let us fix our eyes on Jesus. Paul said it forcefully in Philippians 3:10-11. **I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.** The measuring stick of our faith journey is Christ.

We also do better in life when we clear the path before us. Life is filled with distractions and obstacles. Some of these are good and some are bad. All

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Notes from Pastor Bruce (Adult Ministries and stuff...)

Praying and pondering the preaching opportunity ...

With Pastor Dave being on sabbatical, I will be speaking a number of times this summer.

After the misguided, end-of-the-world hoopla about May 21, I am looking forward to the opportunity to speak from 2 Peter 3 on June 12.

First off, you need to know that in the last days, mockers are going to have a heyday. Reducing everything to the level of their puny feelings, they'll mock, "So what's happened to the promise of his Coming? Our ancestors are dead and buried, and everything's going on just as it has from the first day of creation. Nothing's changed." 2 Peter 3:3,4 The Message

8-9 Don't overlook the obvious here, friends. With God, one day is as good as a thousand years, a thousand years as a day. God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change. 2 Peter 3:8,9 The Message

On May 29 and July 24, I get to speak on the grace of giving and I am very excited about what God says to us about joyous generosity. At this point it appears to me that we are in very, very good company when we give generously. "For God so loved the world that He gave..." Jn. 3:16 Please pray for me, for us ... that we may all listen to God and be transformed by His grace and truth.

VBS opportunity

Please pray for Ann and Rachel Winch and for the many adults who will be giving generously of their time and gifts as they minister in Bible School, June 12-16. Last year we had about 20 children trust in Jesus during VBS. So, pray for many children to attend and many to be transformed by the love of Jesus and His people.

Baptism

According to our understanding of the Word, we practice believer's baptism by immersion.

We plan to have a baptismal service at the lake later in August. If you are interested in being baptized or would like to visit with a pastor about this, please call the church office.



FROM THE
Pulpit



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Notes from Pastor Bruce-Continued



Discovery Class

Discovery Class update

We will be offering a Discovery Class in the fall. Due to some scheduling conflicts we will not have a class this summer. This class is the place to learn more about Bethel Baptist - what we believe, where we have come from, where we are headed, and how one can become a member of Bethel. Please let Christian Kohs or me know if you are interested in a class in the fall. We will meet for three hours in the evening. The date will be established later.

Great small group opportunity for the summer

"The Truth Project" will be the focus of the small group to be hosted by Mike and Kari Hennager. Please call the Hennagers (507-327-4355) to sign up or if you want some more information. The plan is to meet on Tuesday evenings, beginning June 7.

SUPER OPPORTUNITY / GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ... live satellite broadcast at Bethel



August 11 and 12. You can check out the great summit faculty and get more info at

<http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/index.asp>

BUT, if you plan to attend at Bethel (and we hope you will) please register on the Bethel website at <http://www.bethelbaptistmankato.com>

"My Story"



One of the ways we want to communicate the Good News of the gospel and share the goodness of God's transforming love is by sharing our stories. Please consider writing out your story of how God's love has transformed/is transforming your life and submit it to Pastor Bruce or the church office. We want to video some of our stories and show some short versions in our services as a means of encouraging people in the Lord. The initial step in this story-telling is getting it down in writing. If you have questions about this, please check with Pastor Bruce.



Bethel Worship Notes

Wow summer is almost here and my grass is growing like crazy! I am excited to think about family gatherings (not so much mowing) and vacation ahead. I hope all of you can get outside and enjoy what will be warmer weather and enjoy time with your families this summer. This past Sunday I had the opportunity to preach at Bethel on the topic of Peace. I titled my message "The Peace App." I had some great feedback and some good conversations and wanted to again look at 3 of the verses I referenced in my message. As I think of our "Worship" together, I am convinced the Peace that God offers us can and will change us as individuals and a church as we learn to apply it to our lives.

This "**Peace**" will be **countercultural**. Here are the 3 verses to look at:

Romans 12:18-20

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. **19** Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. **20** Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."

How can we respond to this scripture with a **Countercultural type of love?**

- If revenge is to happen, a perfect God will handle it. (Dt. 32:35)
This frees us up to forgive and let go of the bitterness.
- **We find this in Proverbs 24:17** "Don't rejoice when your enemies fall; don't be happy when they stumble."
- The Apostle Paul states in verse 20 "If your enemies are hungry feed them..." This teaching is found in **Proverbs Chapter 25** and **Jesus** quotes this as well in **Matthew 5**.
- With the constant unrest/ war in the Jewish culture (it's the same today) this would have been a countercultural type of teaching by Solomon, Jesus and Paul. (To let go and let God handle the judgment of those who have wronged us/ enemies)
- As you forgive your enemy and let your bitterness go, you will become countercultural. (not of this world) Our world will take note if we do this.
- "Heap burning coals" means they might feel shame for persecuting you or even more importantly, I would hope it would provide a way for the Holy Spirit to convict them and bring them to faith in Christ.
- Ultimately, the enemies of God will face His judgment.
- We do not do good things for our enemies to get a result (get even)...you love your enemy because our Lord has commanded it and will deal with it Himself.
- A Real "Countercultural" kind of **Peace** will result as we trust God in all of this.

May the way we "worship," respond and **lead others to respond to the grace, greatness and glory of God**. The Lord's richest blessings to you as we worship Him together!! May we experience this countercultural kind of love and peace today!

Blessings, Pastor Glenn

email: pastorglenn@bethelmankato.com





Young Adults Ministry by Christian Kohs

June Events

Young Couples Potluck!

Come and Join us on June 23rd@ 5:30 p.m. as we begin to grow relationships with each other! It is sometimes hard to meet and hard to find the people that are in our **similar age and life situations** and this is something we are going to begin to do on a regular basis. Please contact me if you are able to make it so we can work out food!

Your pay grade?

Your comfortable lifestyle?

Your current career to start a new one?

Your current home to move to a new one in a new city?

Your relationships that are holding you back or bringing you down?

Even your life?

What Is Your Vision Worth To You?

The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it."

(Nehemiah 2:4-5)

Nehemiah left a comfortable job with the Persian government and risked his life in the presence of the king for the opportunity to rebuild the walls. God's vision for his life was worth everything to him. His job security. His status of living. Even his life.

What is your vision for your life worth to you? Honestly. What would you give up for it?

Your time?

If not, the problem probably isn't that you're just not passionate enough about what your vision for your life is. It could be. Maybe you've just been lured into apathy and complacency for a vision that's truly worth everything. But probably not. The problem might be that your vision simply isn't worth being passionate about. The problem might be that you've got the wrong vision. Or at least a vision that's too small. People who are living in God's vision for them generally don't have to get psyched up for it. They have down days. Days where it's hard to keep chasing after it. Yet their passion sustains them because their vision compels them. Passion is what you're willing to give up for what you love. And the assumption is that what you love is worth giving something up for.

If your vision for your life isn't worth giving yourself up for, it's not worth giving yourself to. Stop wasting time spinning your wheels on something that can't stir passion within you. Go back to the drawing board. Pray. Seek. Dream. And acquire a vision worthy of your life.

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Youth Ministries

Thank You's...

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth at the Hot Dog Stands, raising money for the Cass Lake missions trip. Thanks to all the youth leaders continuing to dedicate countless hours to the mission of seeing the lives of youth in this city transformed. Thanks to the small group leaders teaching about moral boundaries and healthy friendships, and for Overtime leaders encouraging students to make a difference in their world. Thanks also to our amazing youth worship team that just gets better and better.



End-of-Year Extravaganza @ Applewood!!!

Wednesday, June 8th from 4-9 pm. Meet out at Applewood Restaurant (11 Telemark Dr., Mankato) at 4:00 pm. Be prepared for food, fun, fire, and flying things filled with fluid! Bring a swimsuit, towel & squirt gun. Contact Harrison for further details, (507) 351-6766.



“Don’t forget the End-of-Year Extravaganza! It promises to be a blast!!!”



June Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
6/1	Junior & Senior High-iMPLODE! Small Groups	6-8 pm
6/8	Junior & Senior High End-of-Year Extravaganza	4-9 pm
6/12-16	Vacation Bible School Games	5-8:15 pm
6/15	Vacation Bible School Obstacle Course	5-8:15 pm
6/22	Junior & Senior High Capture the Flag	6-9 pm
6/26-7/1	Cass Lake Mission Trip	—





Youth Ministries-Continued

VBS Games...

If you are interested in helping out with VBS Games contact Harrison or just show up an hour before VBS starts (5:00 pm) on Sunday, June 12th. As a Youth Group we will be creating an Obstacle Course on Wednesday, June 15th. Be there at 5:00 pm to help set up the course.

Capture the Flag...

This event takes place on June 22nd out at Minneopa Falls from 6:00-9:00 pm. Come to Bethel before 6:00 pm & make sure to be on time if you need a ride out there. Both Senior & Junior High will be playing this awesome game!



*"Pray for the Cass
Lake Mission Trip-
June 26-July 1."*

Cass Lake Mission Trip...

Some of our youth will be spending June 26-July 1 at Cass Lake doing mission work. Please pray for them that they will spread the gospel and do good works. Also pray for safety during their stay and their travel.



Host Family House Parties (HFHP)...

Summertime is here and during July and August the youth families hosting Wednesday nights at their homes! If you have a home you are encouraged to contact Harrison for a summer date. Hosts are encouraged to provide a small meal or substantial snack and think of activities unique to your home that youth might enjoy.

Children's Ministry

Nursery Schedule

Londa Krueger is our Nursery Coordinator. If you would like to help out in the nursery just give her a call at (507) 385-1374.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Preschool</u>
June 5	9:00 10:30	Steve & Amber Rick Jake & Angie Johnson	Nurseries Combined Ben & Amber Honsey
June 12	9:00 10:30	Joey & Shannon Ruzic Bryce & Jackie Anderson	Herb & Michlle Scott LeAnn Wilcox & Lauren Daly & Evelynne Larson
June 19	9:00 10:30	Mike & Kari Hennegar Chad & Brooke Riley	Monica West & Candace Kolander Peters Family
June 26	9:00 10:30	Donna Nelson & Carole Anderson Jackie Nagel & Jen Schommer	Philip & Abby Bailey Sarah Ruggless & Jan Johnson & Abby Cherney



Sunday School News

**Kids
Against
Hunger.**

A program of Feeding Children International

Thank You to all who helped raise money for Kids Against Hunger. We raised approx. **\$1500.00.**

We also want to thank all those who participated in packaging meals . A total of **5604 meals** were bagged to help feed starving children.

*"Kids Against
Hunger-raised
\$1500 and packed
5604 meals."*

WOW! MANY HANDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Children's Ministry-Continued

We have finished another year of Sunday School. We want to say "Thank You" to our staff for their commitment to teach our children each week and to encourage them to follow in God's way.

Sunday School Staff

Sunday School Coordinator: **Amber Rick**

2&3 year olds: **Abby Bailey, Philip Bailey, Angie Johnson**

4&5 year olds: **Cindy Larson, Evelynne Larson, Jodi Mansfield**

Kindergarten: **Londa Krueger**

1st Grade: **Michelle Scott**

2nd Grade: **Ann Winch, Rachael Winch**

3rd Grade: **Kim Peterson, Craig Peterson**

4th Grade: **Lori Coyour**

5th Grade: **Dani Burroughs, Roberta Olson**

Music: **Carma Carpenter, Pastor Glenn**

Kids Praise Staff

Thank you to **Julie Carlblom** for coordinating and teaching our children in Kid's Praise. Also, Thank you to **Dani Burroughs** for working with Julie to provide worship time for our children.



Children's Sunday School Staff

The Children's Sunday School Staff & their families are invited to Bruce & Donna Nelson's for Lunch on **Sunday, June 5th at 11:30a.m.** Let's gather and celebrate all God has done this past Sunday School season. .

Children's Ministry-Continued



Hit the Beach!
Vacation Bible School
June 12th-June 16th
6:00p.m.-8:15p.m
for Kids ages 4 yrs. to 6th Grade

It will be a great week of Fun in the SON

so bring all your friends!



Registration available on tiki table in the Flow
or on website: bethelmankato.com

Random Acts of Kindness Event

Let's be neighborly, so join us to put door hangers out to invite our neighbor kids to Vacation Bible School.

*We will meet at the church
Saturday, June 4th at 10:00a.m.
Everyone is invited so bring the
whole family!*

Wear your walking shoes!





Senior Adult Ministry

Men's Coffee & Sermon Talk - 9:00 a.m. Monday's

Come and discuss Sunday's sermon over coffee.



Women's Coffee & Sermon Talk - 9:00 a.m. Monday's

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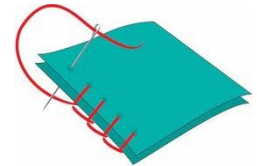


Senior Adult Lunch - 12:00 noon Wednesday, June 15

Join us for a delicious homemade meal while we fellowship.

Stitch 'N Time - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28

Bring your stitchery, puzzles, other quiet activities and have a devotion and snack as we fellowship.



*"Would you like to visit a shut-in?
Contact Carlienne at 507-387-8157."*

Game days have been postponed for the summer so everyone can get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. We plan to resume the games in September.

There are two special events that are coming up: One is "Pie with the Peterson's" afternoon, as we did last year. The second is to have a bus trip in early autumn to see the fall colors and to enjoy the day in one of the towns along the Mississippi River, perhaps Red Wing. Dates will be announced.

Anyone who would like to visit a shut-in church member. Please contact Carlienne at 507-387-8157.

Bethel Workday

We need your help

with yard work, landscaping and other jobs to make our building and the area around it beautiful and attractive to those visiting, driving by and our members! Bring your shovels, and your muscles and come join us on

June 4th from 8:00am - 12:00noon.

Lunch will be provided!

Sign up to help on sheet in foyer

or contact **Stef Burton** at 507-420-6089.



Praise & Prayers

There is a prayer group that meets on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. to pray for our attendees, their families & friends, and those in our community. If you would like to be part of this group, contact Suanne Banfield at (507) 388-4432 or banfield@hickorytech.net or come and meet us at church on Wednesday.

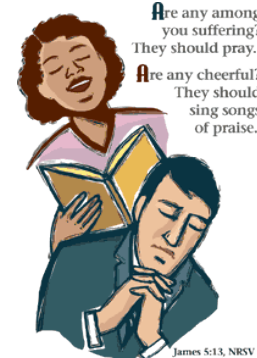
- ◆ Praise for the success of the **Lil' Angels Closet sale**.
- ◆ Praise for **all those who serve our country** in sacrificial ways.
- ◆ Praise that **Margaret Dawson's** eyesight has not diminished at all after yearly check-up.
- ◆ Pray for the **outreach of VBS** to our community.
- ◆ Pray for **Jim Moore** who has cancer & liver disease.
- ◆ Pray for **Sandy Wolter's dad** who is having serious eye problems.
- ◆ Pray for **Michael & Nghi Anderson** in the passing of Nghi's mother.
- ◆ Pray for **Tim Cherney** who is having back problems.
- ◆ Pray for **Lucas Schommer** who has been diagnosed with a rare disease.
- ◆ Pray for our **Missionaries of the Month: Gregg & Myriam Grano**
- ◆ Pray **God's leading and blessing** in our days of growth & change
- ◆ Pray that **Bethel** will be a church that is culturally relevant and a transforming power in our community
- ◆ Pray that we will see **people coming to faith in Jesus** at Bethel on a regular basis
- ◆ Pray that **we all** reach out to others & plant seeds of hope in Jesus
- ◆ Pray that **we as a congregation** will be able to warmly welcome & incorporate all of the new people God brings our way.
- ◆ Pray for our **sister churches in Votlivka & Tenovka, Ukraine & Cadunan, Philippines**

- ◆ Pray for the **peace of Jerusalem**, Psalm 122:6
- ◆ Pray for a **speedy resolution** to the crisis in Iraq



Family & Friends Serving Overseas:

- ◆ **Nick Berry** - nephew of Shawn & Gwen Berry
- ◆ Pray for **our troops** around the world



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Graduates

High School

Zach Kroehler - New Country School

Heather Lanners - East High School

Morgan O'Hara- New Country School

Kyle Peterson - East High School

Lukas Roust - West High School

Anna Wogen - Home School

College


Jodell Anderson - South Central College

Adam Banfield - Bethel University

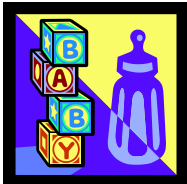
Nick Cachiaras - Bethany Lutheran College

Matt Neufeld - Bethel University




*“Take a moment
and congratulate our
graduates!”*

New Arrival



Congratulations to Scott & Angie Hoffman on the birth of their new baby girl, **Claire Addison!** She was born Friday, May 27th. Claire joins big brothers, Jordan, Elijah, & Luke.

Support Group



The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Mankato offers the Connection Sup-

port Group every **Thursday** at 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is for anyone who lives with a mental illness.

There is also a support group for

family members. It meets the **2nd & 4th Thursdays** of the month at 6:30 p.m. Both groups meet here at Bethel.

Missions Page

Missionaries of the Month:

Gregg & Myriam Grano

Gregg and Myriam Grano were a very active part of Bethel from 1987 to 1999. Gregg (originally from Duluth) taught Math at West High School and at Dakota Meadows, and Myriam (originally from Germany) acquired her Masters' Degree in French. While they were here in Mankato, their sons Peter, David and Joseph were born. Now the Granos are at Black Forest Academy (BFA) in southwestern Germany. BFA is an international school (grades 1-12) for kids whose parents are missionaries. Many of those in grades 7-12 live at the school.

Since arriving at BFA in August 2009, the Granos have been busy in ministry. Gregg is teaching high school math and Myriam works part-time as an administrative assistant in the business office. Her language skills (French, German and English) are much in demand, and she often translates for official events. Myriam has also gotten involved in the local Community Bible Study. David just graduated from BFA and Joseph has finished 9th grade. (Peter has been attending college in Florida.)

The Granos are also involved in the BFA church, which numbers about 600 people.

Gregg and Myriam will be with us at Bethel sometime this summer (Stay tuned for more details!)

Current prayer requests from the Granos:

- Pray for safe travel this summer from Florida (Peter) and from Germany, and safe travels within Minnesota
- pray for increasing prayer and financial support as they prepare for more years of ministry at BFA
- pray for a time of refreshing and reconnecting with friends and family in the U.S.



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About the Willow Creek Association

Founded in 1992, The Willow Creek Association (WCA) is a not-for-profit Christian organization that exists to maximize the transformative power of local churches.

We believe the local church is the hope of the world, because it plays a central role in God's chosen strategy to redeem and restore a need-filled world.

Convinced of the critical role the church plays in this redemptive drama, the WCA is committed to serve those churches and leaders most willing to fully devote themselves to this cause. We provide vision, inspiration, connection, tools, training, and resources, along with opportunities and platforms for these churches to learn from and support one another. Currently, WCA Member Churches represent more than 90 denominations and networks in 35 countries.

WCA's vision is to see every local church reach its full redemptive potential—becoming an unbridled conduit for the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

(from Willow Creek Association website)

“The local church is the hope of the world.”

If you believe that, you're in good company...and **you're a leader**. If you come to Bethel, you're a leader. If you've spoken to anyone about God's gift in Jesus, you're a leader. Over the last several years, a number of us have been attending an annual leadership event called The Global Leadership Summit which helps equip local churches with solid leadership principles and training. Each year, the conference has a wonderfully eclectic mix of speakers from pastors to not-for-profit leaders to CEOs of large corporations.

The Global Leadership Summit is by far the **leading venue for teaching Christian leadership** principles—and the teaching is very practical. Last year, Bethel was selected to be a satellite “Private View” conference site. Because we offered this event locally, we tripled our attendance numbers last year! This August Bethel hosts the Summit again, and we expect even more interest.

Register at www.bethelbaptistmankato.com to make sure your spot is reserved for this 2-day conference. The \$140 cost includes snacks and conference materials. Speakers include:

Bill Hybels—Pastor of Willow Creek Church, Chicago

Howard Schultz—CEO of Starbucks

Seth Godin—Business author

Michelle Rhee—Founder & CEO of studentsfirst.org
...and 8 other church and business leaders



“Register for the
Global Leadership
Summit now!”



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Pastor of Student Ministries: Harrison Musser

Pastor of Worship Ministries: Rev. Glenn Winch

Pastoral Intern: Christian Kohs

Summer Sunday Worship Services

Family/Traditional 9:00 AM
Contemporary 10:30 AM

Nursery is Available During All Services

BETHEL IS COMMITTED TO:

Connecting people to God and others

Equipping people to serve God and others

Engaging people in service for God and others

Pastor Dave's Corner-Continued

of them can get in the way of our progress if we let them. There is very little equipment needed to run. The most critical piece of equipment is your shoes. They can have a significant impact on your performance. Sometimes something as simple as tying your shoes well can become very significant. If a shoelace comes untied in a race it can trip you up and cause you to fall. Hebrews tells us that in our spiritual race we need to be mindful of those things that can "so easily entangle us." In our journey to become more

like Christ we need to clear the path.

In the end, the most important thing you can do in a race is keep running. Distance runners know the inner struggle that comes when all you want to do is stop, but the race is not complete. At that point you must persevere. There are times in our spiritual journey when all we want to do is stop. We are tired. Maybe we are in pain. We begin to question whether this journey is worth it. At that point we need to remember the words of Hebrews, **let us**

run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

There were many "off-ramps" for Jesus on his journey toward the cross, but he refused to take them. Satan will offer us many off-ramps on our spiritual journey. We need to have to courage to pass them by and to persevere toward the goal.

I intend to put in a lot of miles this summer. Only some of them will be on the trail. Many more of them will be logged in a journey of far greater significance. Will you run with me?

