



Pastor Dave's Corner



Giving Courage to One Another

How are you at encouraging others? If I were to rate my own efforts as an encourager on a scale of 1-10 I would have to give myself a 4. I am a below average encourager. It is something that I have to consciously work at, and when I get caught up in the demands of life it slips into the background. I really admire those people who seem to be effortless encouragers. They are an inspiration to me.

The word "encourage" means to instill with courage, spirit and hope. In other words, when we encourage someone we give them courage to face life. All of us need that. The demands of life can wear us down and cause us to drag through life. The opposite of being encouraged is being discouraged; or having our courage drained away. On numerous occasions in the New Testament we are instructed to encourage

one another. It is an important part of helping each other advance in our journey of faith. There are a few general principles about encouraging one another that can help us all get better at this important aspect of our faith.

Encouragement must be genuine. We all know how hollow it sounds when someone tells us that we have done a good job and we know that we have not. In order for encouragement to give us courage it has to be real. Some of the best encouragement is when someone is honest with us. "You didn't do a very good job with that assignment but here is a way that you can improve." Coming along side of someone and helping them deal with the challenges of life is truly powerful.

Encouragement needs to be substantive. True encouragement is not just saying nice things

to other people. It is recognizing specific things about that person. Paul was a master at this. He begins his letter to the Philippians with a classic example of genuine encouragement.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)

Paul was specific about the reasons why he felt so positive about the Philippian believers. Too often we take the short cut and just give some general statement of

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Pastor Dave and Suanne Banfield

joyfully announce the marriage of their son

Jonathan to Abigail Tissot

on Oct. 29th in Michigan!

Please join us for an Open House Reception on

November 26, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at church. RSVP to 388-4432

Note from Pastor Bruce & Donna

Bethel Baptist Family,

Thank you very much for the special event held for us on October 16. Many of you stopped by to express your thanks for our years of ministry at Bethel and your prayers and best wishes for our future. It was a happy time and a time of affirmation and encouragement for us. In addition we received many generous gifts for which we also thank you.



We repeat what we have already told many of you: we are genuinely thankful for our years at Bethel and now we are looking ahead with hope, peace and joy as we trust in our Savior and Lord. "HOPE 15:13" may be a good name for a ministry of encouragement for all as we face uncertain, challenging and good days to come (Romans 15:13).

May we all grow in our trust in Jesus and experience wonderful hope, joy and peace in Him. Blessings ...

Love in Christ,

Bruce and Donna



Wow, Thanksgiving is just weeks away, and Christmas is right around the corner, can you believe it? As we enter into this season of “Giving Thanks” and Celebrating Christ’s birth, what might the Lord be encouraging each of us to do this year? As I was thinking about worship, I was impressed by this scripture and the link between worship and giving thanks.

Hebrews 12:28 says; *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken let us be **thankful**, and so **worship** God acceptably with reverence and awe.*

How can we this year express our worship to God that is filled with thanksgiving, reverence and awe? A lesson that I continue to learn is that the more we praise and thank the Lord for the blessings in our life, the closer we draw near to Him and the more of Him we experience. Plainly put, God loves it when we give and express our praises to Him. Having the proper perspective and mindset that ‘everything we have belongs to God and is given to us by God’ honors Him and can help us cultivate a “Giving Thanks” lifestyle. Here is a scripture I think speaks to today’s culture and its struggle to give thanks and praise to God for the blessings in life God supplies.

Luke 17:15-17 says: *One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him – and was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “**Were not all ten cleansed?** (the ten He had just healed of Leprosy) **Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”** Then He said to him, “**Rise and go; your faith has made you well.**”*

How am I doing with this, how are you doing? Are we quick to be like the first Samaritan that returned to Jesus to thank and give praise to God or are we like the other 9 lepers that were healed and didn’t return to Jesus to give thanks? I had a mortgage banker once tell me that he had never received a thank you letter for helping someone secure a mortgage. Many of his clients promised a note of thanks, yet after their loan closed, they never delivered. After our loan closed I sent him a letter thanking him for his work and service. He was very surprised and encouraged to have received it and told me so.

God blesses us and provides miracles daily, I believe, lets PRAISE GOD and give GOD THANKS, today, right now. I am convinced as a church body the more we share our praise and thanks to God the nearer we will draw to Him. Our worship will become more authentic, genuine and pleasing and glorifying as we remember and give credit and praise to the ONE who owns it all, The Lord God Almighty. May the Lord bless all of you and may your lips be filled with GIVING THANKS and PRAISE to God. Let us give thanks by proclaiming to one another how God has blessed us.

The Worship Ministry at Bethel is committed to leading others to respond to the grace, greatness and glory of God. I pray God’s richest blessings to all of you as we enter this time of Giving Thanks.

Serving our Lord Together, Blessings,
Pastor Glenn

Let’s Sing about the HOPE of Christmas!



Join the Christmas Choir! Starting on November 10th we will rehearsing every Thursday night from Nov. 10th - December 15th (with the exception of Thanksgiving Day) from 5:30-6:30pm. We will also rehearse on Saturday Dec 17th from 10am – 11:30am and will be singing on December 18th. I hope all of you that love to sing can join us. This will be a joyful celebration in the Hope we have in Christ. Please contact me if interested.



Fall Hayride

Saturday, November 5th, 4:00-11:00 p.m. Drop off and pick up at Bethel. Make sure to dress warm in your Sunday worst and come hungry for food, fun, games, and as much hot cocoa as you can drink.



MegaRally

Sunday, November 6th, meet at 3:00 p.m. at Bethel. Starring Super Chick and Jason Strand. \$10.00 at the door.

Bring a sack dinner and/or \$\$ to stop at McDonalds on the way up. We will call on the way home around 10:30 p.m.



Planet Wisdom

December 2 & 3, Early Bird cost is \$51 until Nov. 3. After Nov. 3 it is \$56. If you would like to volunteer for this event contact Harrison.

Theme: 24/7:66 Living with the Word

Speakers are Mark Matlock, The Skit Guys, EJ Swanson. Music by Dulton. For more information visit www.planetwisdom.com

November Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Events</u>
Nov. 2	6-8 pm	Senior High-iMPLODE! Junior High-Xplode! Bigger or Better
Nov. 5	4-11 pm	Hay Ride
Nov. 6	3-10:30 pm	MegaRally
Nov. 9	6-8 pm	Youth Worship Nite
Nov. 16	6-8 pm	Senior High-Xplode! Bigger or Better Junior High-iMPLODE!
Nov. 23	—	NO YOUTH GROUP
Nov. 30	6-9 pm	Senior & Junior High- Xplode! Bowling Blitz



Youth Worship Nite



Youth Worship is where the Youth Band has an opportunity to come together and worship God with their musical talents. If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing in the Youth Band contact Rob Milton at 507-388-7412 or rmiltonjedi@yahoo.com. Our next Youth Worship Nite is **November 9th**. Come prepared to eat a great meal, worship a great God, and hear a great message on establishing quality friendships and paving a way for the great future God has for us. Our theme for the fall is How to Get and Keep Meaningful Friendships based on Proverbs 13:20 which speaks of walking with the wise and becoming wise rather than walking with the unwise and, well... getting hurt.

Youth Ministry

Bigger or Better

Starting with only a penny...your quest is to go into the community and find something more worthwhile or just larger. Continue on until you find the most expensive or largest item you can. (No live animals, please!) Junior High will play on Nov. 2nd & Senior High will play on Nov. 16th.



Bowling Blitz

On Nov. 30th both Junior & Senior High will be heading to MSU for a few games of bowling & pool in an atmosphere of light & music as never seen before! (OK, since last year.) Bring \$5.00 for all the games of bowling & pool that you can play. Oh yeah, bring your friends!!



Children's Ministries

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>
Nov. 6	8:30	Rich & Carissa Delestre	Steve & Amber Rick
	9:45	Matt & Kristi Borowy	Chad & Brooke Riley
	11:00	Angie Cherney & Jodi Mansfield	Jerry & Gretchen Bohl & Sam Mansfield & Rachel Anderson
Nov. 13	8:30	Rick & Londa Krueger & Anthony White	Carolyn Baker & Amber Lundsten
	9:45	Joey & Shannon Ruzic	Sunday School
	11:00	Scott & Angie Hoffman & Evelynne Larson	Jody Bryant & Family & Ashley Anderson
Nov. 20	8:30	Mike & Kari Hennager	Melanie Burton & Megan Cherney
	9:45	Carol Edwards & Coralyn Musser	Sunday School
	11:00	Chad & Brooke Riley	Caryl Zernechel & Jennifer Neufeld & Ally Kroehler
Nov. 27	8:30	Dawn & Natalie White	Melissa Alexander & Boys & Lauren Daly
	9:45	Candace Kolander & Monica West	Sunday School
	11:00	Gwen & Shawn Berry	Sarah Ruggless, Sandra Tambi & Faith Milton



Children's Sunday School



Starts at **6:00pm** on **Wednesday** evenings.

Awana is for children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2011 – 6th grade.

Register when you come or on-line at: www.bethelmankato.com

November Themes

- 2 - Regular Club Night
- 9 - Girls vs. Guys Night
- 16 - Gobble Gobble - bring non-perishable food item for food pantry
- 23 - NO Club - Thanksgiving
- 30 - Regular Club Night



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 11th

4:00pm



Senior Adult Ministry



Men's Coffee & Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Monday's

Women's Coffee & Bible Study

has stopped meeting for the winter. Will resume in the spring.

Pie at the Petersons'

2:00 p.m. Mon., Nov. 7th
(Meet at church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool over.)



Senior Adult Lunch
12:00 Noon,
Wed., Nov. 16

Senior Adult Game Day
12:30 p.m., Sat.,
Nov. 12



Free Health Check-Ups

9am-3pm, Wed., Nov. 16, Summit Center, Mankato or **Thur., Nov. 17**, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Peter

Vine Faith in Action & Rasmussen College School of Nursing are offering free senior health check-ups. Services provided by nursing students under the supervision of their clinical instructors.

Services provided include:

- Blood pressure checks
- Foot care
- Ear care
- Blood glucose screenings
- Fitness information
- Medication review with a pharmacist

Gifts for St. Peter Regional Treatment Center

Do you know that over 70% of clients at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center do not hear from friends or family? This holiday season, please think of donating a gift to the Christmas Shoppe. This program goes to show that around Minnesota and beyond, we care for those with mental illness. This program brings a lot of love and happiness to the patients; and we appreciate your support!



Please remember we serve ages 17 to 101 when thinking of what to purchase for a gift!

Clothing: The Elves ask for gift cards to C&S Supply for clothing in patient sizes, as well as donations of men's socks (any size) and men's pajamas. **Slippers:** Men's sizes 9-16, Women's 5-11

Alarm Clocks	Watches	Wallets & Checkbook Covers
Craft Kits	Art Supplies	Word Search/Sudoku Books
Pen/Pencils	Markers/Crayons	Winter hats/Gloves for men

Hygiene Items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash, shampoo, Axe and Old Spice products, packs of Irish Spring and Dove soap, men's no-alcohol after shave in plastic containers, etc.

Would like to donate but don't know what to purchase? Our "Secret Elves" would appreciate gift cards to **C&S Supply, Barnes & Nobles, Shopko, Target, the Dollar Tree, and HyVee** to purchase items wished for by patients that are not usually donated, such as clothing or books.

Please send your gift to SPRTC, Volunteer Services Department, 100 Freeman Dr., St. Peter, MN 56082 by December 1st. You can also make arrangements to **meet someone to pick up gifts in Mankato** by calling Lisa at 507-995-1299.

Missionaries of the Month: Jeff and Barb Chapman

Jeff and Barb Chapman, along with their children, Caleb and Anna, are serving with Converge Worldwide (BGC), our group of churches. They are planting Christ Community Church in Ikoma, Japan. Ikoma is near Osaka, Japan's second largest city (7 million people).

The BGC has been planting churches in Japan since 1948. We work cooperatively with the Rengo (Japan Baptist Church Association). Church planting in Japan has been a very slow process, as Japanese people face many times pressures and strong family, cultural and religious traditions.

The Chapmans' two older children, Chris (20) and Rachael (18) are attending college in the U.S. Chris is attending Northwestern College in St. Paul and Rachael is at Biola University in Los Angeles.

Christ Community Church rents a house to use for a Sunday afternoon Celebration Service and a once-a-month Kids Church. The Chapmans also hold English classes and a monthly English worship service at the local Community Center.

This summer, Jeff led a team of 8 people to work for a week in the disaster zone in Northern Japan. They helped resi-

dents clean and repair their homes which were damaged by the earthquake. The Chapmans have seen a new spiritual openness in the Japanese people since the earthquake.

Some prayer requests:

1. Pray for Chris and Rachael in the U.S. Pray for safety, good Christian friends, successful classes and jobs.
2. Pray for the Chapmans' financial situation as the dollar's value continues to drop against the yen. This causes a shortfall in their level of support.
3. Pray for a spiritual harvest from a distribution of tracts called "The Bible and Me" to 10,000 households in the last month. Pray for these to fall into the hands of people searching for God and that they will recognize God's leading them to Himself.
4. Pray for the country of Japan as they slowly recover from the earthquake and tsunami. Pray for the people to seek eternal security in Jesus Christ.



IT'S SHOEBOX TIME AGAIN!!

Operation Christmas Child demonstrates God's love to hurting children in over 100 countries. We have the opportunity to fill shoe boxes with small gifts and these will be delivered to children in refugee camps, orphanages and other needy situations.

Brochures with shoebox packing instructions will be distributed on Sunday, Nov. 6. Bring your filled shoeboxes to church on Nov. 13 or 20. *This is a great activity to do as a family, small group or with a few friends!*

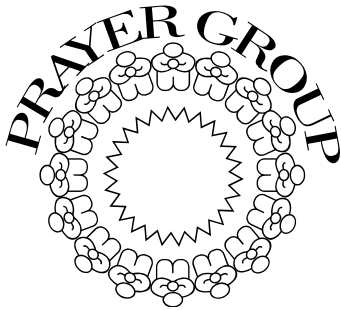


A local ministry, **Birthright** is looking for volunteers. Birthright offers a positive response to those facing an unwanted pregnancy. Volunteers seek to provide whatever help is necessary to bring a woman's baby to birth, so that

she will not have to turn to abortion. Volunteers are only asked for 2 hours a month of being available in the office (with a partner). A training session will be held this fall for new volunteers.

Call 387-7818 and leave a message to learn more.





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 Wednesdays.

- ◆ Pray for **Mike & Kari Hennager and family** in the loss of Mike's mother.
- ◆ Praise for **Rollie Rowe** who is out of the hospital and doing quite well
- ◆ Praise that **Kim Peterson** is doing well after brain surgery. Continue to pray for her as she recovers
- ◆ Pray for friends of Monica West who were severely injured in Iraq: **Mylan Franklin & Darrel Charles**
- ◆ Pray for **Pastor Dave, Suanne & family** for safety in their travels
- ◆ Pray for **Dave Lechtenburg & family** as they grieve the passing of his wife, Betty
- ◆ Pray for **Pastor Bruce & Donna**
- ◆ Pray for **Bethel's Leadership Board members**
- ◆ Pray for our **Missionaries of the Month: Jeff & Barb Chapman**
- ◆ Pray for **God's leading and blessing** in our days of growth & change

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Colossians 4:2

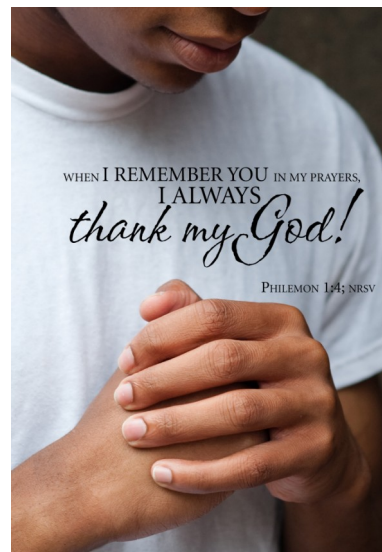
- ◆ Pray that **Bethel** will be a church that is culturally relevant & a transforming power in our community
- ◆ Pray that we will see **people coming to faith** in Jesus at Bethel on a regular basis
- ◆ Pray that **we all reach out** to others & plant seeds of hope in Jesus

- ◆ Pray for our **sister churches in Votivka & Tenovka, Ukraine & Cadunan, Philippines**



Family & Friends Serving Overseas:

- ◆ **Amanda Larsen** - granddaughter of Mike & Alice Jensen
- ◆ **Ryan Marti** - brother of Kris Edwards
- ◆ Pray for **our troops** around the world



From the Leadership Board



October 27, 2011

Dear brothers and sisters at Bethel,

Thank-you for your kind participation in the question and answer times with the Leadership board on October 23. I want to summarize some of the information presented and some of the ongoing concerns.

We began the year with a greatly reduced budget – about \$40,000 less in expenditures. Beginning in July we reduced the benefit packages for staff resulting in a reduction of \$2300 per month from the budget. On September 23, the position of associate pastor was eliminated. With these actions, we expect to have a balanced budget. Before the end of the year, however, we may need to borrow from some designated funds in order to meet ongoing obligations. We are working to expand capital fund giving through the “Go the Distance” campaign. We are also exploring the use of part of our building by a local daycare for a few months while their facility is being remodeled. This would also result in some income for the church.

Pastor Dave, Glenn and Harrison are working to fill in the gaps caused by the elimination of the associate pastor position. We are in need of lay directors and ministry team members in several areas, including children’s ministry, adult ministry, greeters, and Awana volunteers. The board will be working on a listing of ministries at Bethel, and the areas of need for those ministries.

We realize that many were surprised by the sudden elimination of the associate pastor position. The Leadership Board will try to do a better job of communicating challenges and financial needs. With the Constitution changes from three years ago, the Leadership Board was empowered to make decisions without having congregational votes at business meetings. This increases the need for communication from the board to the congregation. We apologize for the lack of communication and for any communications that were not clear. We need your help in knowing your concerns for the church.

Some questioned whether there were spiritual issues that have led to our financial difficulties. The church is not a business. The church is not a building. We are a spiritual community. Please continue to pray for the pastors and leaders at Bethel. Encourage one another:

He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. ¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. I Thess. 5:10-12.

In Christ,

Mark Lindahl – on behalf of the Leadership board

Congregational Survey Free Response Results 2011

The following is a summary of the issues raised in the free response sections of the congregational survey that was sent out in August. Total numbers for individual responses do not add up to the total of respondents because some people gave more than one response to each question.

What do you like most about Bethel? (68 RESPONDANTS)

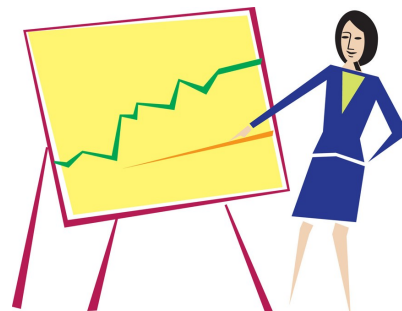
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| 1. Preaching | 35 of 68 |
| 2. Community | 35 of 68 |
| 3. Worship | 10 of 68 |
| 4. Children's ministry | 2 of 68 |
| 5. Misc. topics | 11 of 68 |

What changes would most improve Bethel Baptist Church? (60 RESPONDANTS)

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| 1. A need for more programs | 13 of 60 |
| 2. A greater sense of community | 9 of 60 |
| 3. Better leadership & clearer vision | 7 of 60 |
| 4. Music volume | 5 of 60 |
| 5. Pastoral issues (unity, sincerity, number) | 4 of 60 |
| 6. Financial issues/reduction of staff | 4 of 60 |
| 7. Name change | 3 of 60 |
| 8. Need for more volunteers | 2 of 60 |
| 9. 11:00 AM Sunday School | 1 of 60 |
| 10. Revamp Youth program | 1 of 60 |
| 11. Improved communications | 1 of 60 |
| 12. Misc. comments | 10 of 60 |

What is the biggest challenge facing Bethel? (63 RESPONDANTS)

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| 1. Finances | 31 of 63 |
| 2. Attendance & Community Outreach | 9 of 63 |
| 3. Spiritual Issues | 9 of 63 |
| 4. Building Community | 8 of 63 |
| 5. Leadership | 5 of 63 |
| 6. Too much Staff | 4 of 63 |
| 7. Lack of staff unity/Pastor Dave's leadership | 4 of 63 |
| 8. Too much emphasis on small groups | 1 of 63 |
| 9. Watered down preaching | 1 of 63 |



Go The Distance - GTD



What is “Go the Distance” (GTD) and what’s it all about? It’s much more than a capital campaign. It’s much more than the building. It’s much more than paying off the mortgage. These seem to be the first things we associate with a church capital campaign because they are necessary. But we should think more broadly, more spiritually and answer the question from God’s perspective. What are we striving for that is in the distance? God brings into the picture both eternal and temporal perspectives. Eternally there is a place where God wants us to be that we can only get to by having a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. Temporarily there are things that God wants us to do for Him and others here at Bethel for His glory and His purposes. You can also think of the GTD acronym as ... What is “God going to Do” (GTD)?

GTD is about:

- Advancing the Kingdom of God.
- Serving God and others through Bethel’s ministries.
- Others coming to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Our relationship with the Lord and personal spiritual growth.
- Building community among the body of Christ here at Bethel.
- Reaching the community as ambassadors of Jesus Christ.
- Contributing to GTD as God directs you.

The GTD team members are: Pastor Dave, Lon Nagel, Tim Cherney, Monica West, Helen Neir, and Toby Schommer. We are open to any suggestions related to the GTD campaign. If you have questions feel free to contact any one of us.

One of the team's objectives is to inform the congregation about what God is currently doing at Bethel. We will be doing this by sharing short stories and testimonies in the bulletin, newsletter and website. This will also serve as a “thank you” to those serving, and as an encouragement to keep “Going the Distance” for the glory of God.

Bethel has been blessed with much. It is very important to recognize how God has blessed us, what He has done and what He is currently doing here. On Sunday evening Nov 20th, there will be a Thanksgiving celebration to express our thanks to God. There will also be a “Go the Distance” presentation. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. Further details will be posted in the bulletin and on the website.

FYI: The monthly GTD need is \$14,705. Over the past year the monthly contributions to the capital fund have not been keeping up with the need. The shortages have caused the reserve (cushion) to be depleted. However, the average giving to GTD over **the past few months** has been very close to covering the monthly payment. In the case where the monthly giving is short, and the reserve is depleted, the difference must come out of the General fund. We recommend that GTD contributions are over and above your general giving. This allows the day to day operations and ministries of the church to continue as planned.

Contributions: July: \$17,056 Aug: \$10,063 Sept: \$12,655 Oct(4 of 5 wks): \$12,024

What can you do? Go to God in prayer and listen for what He lays on your heart. Then let the Holy Spirit guide.

In His Service,
“Go the Distance” Team

Heb 12:1b-2a NIV: **And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

It's Coming SOON(er)
Than you think!

The Global Leadership Summit 2012 – (TGLS 2012)

I am excited to announce that the Willow Creek Association has made contact with us this past week. The WCA has begun working on the faculty line up for 2012. We also must begin our prayer and preparation for our part in this conference, being a "light on a hill" to communicate strong Christian values not only in homes, but in the work places of our community and surrounding areas.

I praise God for the vision and enthusiasm Pastor Bruce Nelson brought to Bethel as many of you have been active participants in this event. His dedication to making this conference accessible to our congregation is evident; from the multiple road trips to the Bloomington

premier site for 5 years, to working directly with the Willow Creek Association to provide a Private View status to Bethel Baptist Church - right on our home turf for the past 2 years. This year Bruce will not be our coach and encourager in this endeavor, but many of you have experienced the transformational effects of participating in the Summit. I ask you now to step forward and help in planning:

Now is the time to commit. Will you accept the invitation to "Lead Where You Are"?

It is my hope that this event continues to grow, that each year attendance exponentially expand and that this will be an annual tradition not only for Bethel, but for reaching the larger community of Mankato and extending throughout Southern Minnesota.

We must begin building our event team

Save the Dates:

August 9-10, 2012

now.

There are a few large decisions that must be made by mid-December.

Additional volunteer roles will vary dependent on the outcome of the initial committee decisions.

If you desire, a bold spiritual change in your life and community, join the Summit Team.

Please join me in prayer for the Summit Team as we listen for and follow God's whispers, begin to assemble the volunteer teams He has already formed before us and to break the hearts of those resisting His call to attend.

The Global Leadership Summit 2012

- Mark your calendars August 9-10, 2012 – Leadership Summit 2012
- Pray Sincerely, Listen Carefully, Is God calling you?
- Plan appropriately – set aside \$5-\$10 each week to cover registration
- Request time off from work – NOW – for August 9-10, 2012
- Christmas is coming – give a gift of registration
- Volunteer – contact information below

The Hope for the World, is the Local Church ~ Bill Hybels

Heather Milton, Summit Team Member
507.388.7412 or hnmilton@hotmail.com (Subject: SUMMIT)
In person, before or after services on Sunday

"Mark your calendars now for
the Global Leadership Summit
August 9-10, 2012"

Support Groups



The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Mankato offers the Connection Support 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.

Bethel Baptist Church has been awarded NAMI's Faith Community of the Year Award. This award recognizes a faith community that has reached out to



include people with mental illness. Bethel has opened up its doors to people with mental illness and their families. In addition, you have welcomed the NAMI Mankato affiliate into your building, providing a space for their meetings, support groups and classes. As the person who nominated your church said, "Bethel has opened their arms and embraced NAMI."

DIVORCE Care.

Do you know someone who is hurting due to marital separation and/or divorce? It is very likely that they would be greatly blessed by some sound Biblical teaching and some caring support and encouragement from others who have also suffered loss. Please let them

know. They can check our web-site and/or give the office a call if they want more information about DivorceCare.

We will be meeting **September 20th through December 13th.** We will meet each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. You

"Bethel Baptist Church
Received a Special Award
from NAMI!"

can
start at

anytime. To register contact the church office or go to our website www.bethelmankato.com

Kwik Trip Gas Cards & Milk Moola Program



Gas Cards

Help pay the church mortgage by purchasing Kwik Trip cards.

When you purchase cards through Bethel, all your money goes for your gas and goods. Kwik Trip in turn gives 10% to the church. Fill out a Kwik Trip envelope

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Traditional 9:45 AM

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encouragement. I guess that is better than nothing at all, but it doesn't hold the power of targeted praise. Everyone wants to know that what they are doing matters and is appreciated by others.

Encouragement needs to happen regularly. The greatest complaint that many people have about their workplace is that they get little or no regular feedback. The shelf-life of encouragement is very short. It needs to be renewed often. Hebrews tells us to do it daily. **But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.** Hebrews 3:13 (NIV) Regular encouragement is one way to help each other stay on track spiritually. Regular encouragement keeps us from losing

heart and giving up.

Encouragement needs to be personal. Have you ever wondered why Paul included lists of names at the end of some of his letters? I think that in part he did it to encourage individual believers. We all know what it feels like to be singled out in a positive way. I have always been impressed with the cross country coaches at East High School. At the end of the season "banquet" they take the time to say something positive about each athlete. I think that is what Paul was doing as well.

I want to get better at encouraging others. It is a huge growth area for me. It may be for you as well. Let us encourage one another to get better at encouraging one another. **Therefore en-**

courage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

