

August 2008

The Messenger

made: CREATED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As the Constitution and By-Laws committee (CBL) discerned God's will for the organizational structure of our church, we brainstormed the various ways in which people serve and have served. We tried to think up every possible ministry that Broadway has ever engaged in. We ended up with a huge list of almost one hundred ministries! When we realized that 45 of them were not readily identifiable with one of our existing boards, we decided we needed to dramatically change our structure to foster unity, accountability, communication, and freedom to serve.

But changing our structure doesn't really change anything. One question that kept coming up in our CBL meetings was, "Where will we get all these people to serve in all these ministries?" Although we have changed our organization, this question remains.

Through August and September we will seek to answer this question through worship and small groups, through a forty-day spiritual journey into realizing that God has uniquely created each one of us to serve Him and to serve each other. In so doing we will experience the power of living for God's purposes.

This six-week series dove-tails beautifully into what we've talked about this summer. Now that we are working on our overall fitness – physical, emotional, and spiritual – we are ready to unleash our new-found, God-given power on building God's kingdom. To do this, there are a couple of commitments I'd like you to make. First, commit to attend each worship service. This is a healthy spiritual habit and each week there will be something special for you. Second, participate in a small group and/or use a forty-day devotional guide (available for \$5). As this is a church-wide experience, I hope your small group will dig deeper into some of these issues that come up.

Here's how the weeks are shaping up for:

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August 10 – Made for More

August 17 – Upside-Down Living

August 24 – Non-Refundable Gifts

August 31 – You're Not So Weird

September 7 – Let Go of the Past

September 14 – Live Out Loud

September 21 – Celebration Sunday with a picnic following worship!

On September 28, we change our Sunday morning schedule for Sunday School to begin.

So throughout these several weeks, we will be looking at how God has created, gifted, and impassioned each one of us to love Him and serve others. We will see how the Holy Spirit has given each of us specific gifts, talents, passions, and experiences – good and bad – that uniquely equip us to make valuable and incredible contributions to His kingdom. There is nothing more fulfilling in this life than realizing that you are using the particular gifts and unique experiences that God has given you to make huge impacts of eternal significance in the lives of others for God's kingdom.

Seeking to Serve Christ and His People,

Pastor Eric

Student Ministries

Buenas Dias! July has been full of pool parties, outside games, good food, intriguing talktime and relationship building. Both Overhaul and Roots have been busy. Here's the skinny:

Overhaul has been fighting the rain. We were slated to have our annual float trip down the Kishwaukee river on the 13th, however, it rained like crazy a few days before and the normally docile kish turned into a raging spillway and needless to say, our afternoon had to be postponed. Our Sunday nights have been quite fun as we've trekked out to Baumann Park and enjoyed great times at MaryBeth's, Waelti's and Anderson's. Thanks to all for their hospitality. This month we have been gearing up for our fall curriculum which will center on those hidden, life sins that afflict us all. In gearing up for that, we've been completing life question surveys, discussing the idea of accountability and beginning to understand the importance of addressing those hidden sins. It's sure to be an intense time full of self-analysis, God-centered discussions and accountability. God is good!

Roots is going strong as we're enjoying the summer. On the 19th, 15 of us met at church and headed off to Fiesta Cancun for some Mexican cuisine. Then it was off to North Towne Mall to see SpeedRacer. Everyone seemed to like it and it was a good mix of animation and real acting. Definitely worth the time if you've got younger kids. Then to top it off (no pun intended) we headed over to Coldstone for some ice cream. It was a great night and everyone had a blast. The rest of the month included arcades, mountain biking, water games, Frisbee, pool parties and other cool stuff. Thanks as always to Kristi, Dan, Sylvia, Brett, Annette, MaryBeth, and all those who provided their homes to us! Rock on!!

On Wednesday, July 30th, Overhaul is off to Mexico until August 7th. Below is our prayer calendar for the trip. Please keep it close and be praying for us as we serve. Things are a little up in the air currently as hurricane Dolly hit the area. Check our website at www.myspace.com/bccoverhaul for daily blogs on the goings-on down in Mexico.

Peace out,



Broadway Covenant Church

Overhaul's Mexico Mission '08

July 30 - August 7, 2008

Prayer Calendar



July 30 th	- safe air and ground travel - safe and fluid passage into Mexico!! - Lauren, Max, Annette, Derek, Mikrut family	August 4 th	- Lauren, Derek, Max, Karlee, Mikrut family - thank God for martin and his ministry in Zacatecas - For kids to trade their heart for Jesus' heart
July 31 st	- thank God for His provision - acclimating to the Mexico heat - Jared, Christina, MaryBeth, Amanda, Mikrut family	August 5 th	- MaryBeth, Christina, Amy, Skyler, Mikrut family - thank God for smiles on the kid's faces - For Noe's ministry and Jacinto's joy and testimony
August 1 st	- thank God for His majesty and power - for safety on the jobsites - for kids to embrace the Gospel message - Foster, Skyler, Matt, Amy, Mikrut family	August 6 th	- Amanda, Annette, Foster, Colton, Mikrut family - thank God for the generosity and hospitality of so many that feed us and work alongside us - For Gama's and Ignacio's ministries in Rio Bravo
August 2 nd	- thank God for the translators and their efforts - for health and energy for all involved - Taylor, Karlee, Colton, Eric, Mikrut family	August 7 th	- Jared, Eric, Matt, Taylor, Mikrut family - thank God for meeting us individually throughout the week - Safe passage and travel back into the States - Continued blessings on ministries and efforts in Mexico
August 3 rd	- thank God for praise and worship that transcends borders and languages - for adequate rest and Christ-centered attitudes		

Vamos con Dios

Thank you all!! We are so grateful for you! Jesus calls us to go, and we're going. We go with a network of prayer and financial support. We go with the thoughts and encouragement from those we love and who love us. We go to do what God has planned for us. We go under His protection. We go with grateful and humble hearts. We go seeking His face and direction. We go embracing what we've been given and looking to serve others. We go to teach and be taught. We go to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We go to build relationships and plant seeds. We go in knowing that God has gone before us.

Matthew 28:18-20 says "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" We sincerely appreciate your support and may God continue to bless you as you serve Him! Dios te bendiga!!

2008 Mexico Mission Trip Participants

Taylor Bamberger
Max Anderson
Karlee Swanson
Nathan Foster
Amanda Saunders

Jared Guerrero
Amy Hicks
Eric Saunders
Christina Wales
Skyler Retzlaff

Lauren Leidahl
Colton Gann
Annette Retzlaff
Derek Melin
MaryBeth Adams
Matt Link

Missions Corner

It is August and time to start thinking of going back to school. Our ministries to pray for this month are North Park University, North Park Theological Seminary, and Tim Sales, Leader of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Rock Valley College and Rockford College. InterVarsity's mission is to "build diverse witnessing communities of students and faculty who grow in love for God and express God's care for all people." They help people grow in their faith through Bible Studies, Leadership Training, Evangelism, Missions Projects and Multiethnic Ministries. If you would like more information about InterVarsity you may email Tim at tim_sales@ivstaff.org. Please pray for Tim and this ministry as the new school year begins.

Missionary Pray Calendars The new 2008/09 prayer guides are in and can be found on the information table in the Southeast Narthex. Please pick one up and pray for our missionaries. They are a good way to get to know our missionaries and how to pray for them.

Prayer and Praise:

Tim & Andrea Johnson, Japan

- Praise for the Tsuruki family who are the new staff at Akagi Camp- have recovered well from their auto accident in April.
- Pray for wisdom for those involved in Gunma Harvest as they plan fall events for Shinto-Mura and continue passing out literature in Uenomura, Kanna & Nanmoku.

Bob & Joyce Widman & MARC, Alaska

- Praise for the successful flights taking people to hear the Gospel as well as spread the Gospel.
- Pray for continued safety for Bob and the crew at MARC.

Read their newsletters and other letters from our missionaries in the book by the Missions Board.

Missionaries Broadway Supports:

Robert & Joyce Widman	Johnna Hayward
Leonid & Leanna Regheta	Peter & Ruth Dutton
Tim & Andrea Johnson	Jim & Barb Mikrut
Steve & Ellen Peterson	David & Judy Dolan
Byron & Sue Bruckner	

Save Your Aluminum Can Tabs

The Ronald McDonald House in Madison, WI collects the tabs from aluminum cans. You can help by removing them from your cans and bringing them to the marked container in the narthex.

We Need Your Help

Name: _____

Phone: _____

- Pray for Fun-Fest 2008
 - Set-up 8 am – 5 pm
 - Tear down 8 pm – until done
 - Sell tickets:
 - Prize table
 - Run Game Booth:
 - Take tickets at an amusement ride
 - Serve Food: Kitchen snack booth
- Times: 5-6 pm 6-7 pm 7-8 pm

Birthdays

2	Ethel Johnson
4	Linda Myers
7	Tracy Gauss Don Holmertz
8	Dave Lape
10	Rowena Dahlgren Janet Fraker
14	Wyone Leather Mark Pearson
15	Carma Blackburn
17	Cindy Beyerl
20	Maynard Carlson
21	Ralph Dirksen
22	Stephanie Link
24	Doug Gibson
26	Bertil Erickson Patricia Simmons Clarice Stark
28	Mary Gibson
30	Jane Larson

Anniversaries

8	William & Linda Evans
13	Matthew & Michelle Gustafson
18	Dan & Janet Fraker Bruce & Cindy Beyerl
19	Anders & Arlene Gredenius
22	Ewald & Lois Sorensen
23	Kent & Jean Drews
24	John & Carma Blackburn Troy & Paula Jackson
25	David & Kim Lape
28	Gordon & Pearl Wienke



Congratulations to:

Jamise (Retzlaff) and Jordan Van Otterloo who were married on July 12th.

New Addresses

Kara Renee Knight (815) 494-5213
4321 Denise Dr. #2, Loves Park, IL 61111

Remember in Prayer

The McCulloch family in the passing of Kevin's mother, Liz.

Eleanor Anderson home with knee injury.

Jennie Braun whose father passed away.

Thank You

Dear Broadway Family:

We are so grateful for our dear friends at Broadway. We can't thank you all enough for the overwhelming encouragement and support we received during Abby's journey to open heart surgery. Our precious little girl came through the operation very well. God provided us with a wonderful team of doctors who always made us feel that Abby was in good hands. They repaired three defects in her little heart. Abby breathes better and she will definitely grow stronger now that her heart is better. The Lord has given us a strength we never thought we would need. And you all have provided us with the guidance and constant support, through cards and prayer, which we needed to get through each day. We thank Him everyday for our beautiful twin daughters, Abby and Lily. We are so glad they will grow up in the Broadway family. We want to give a special thank you to Derek and Eric who visited and called often to check in on us. Sincerely, Jeff, Ann, Abby, and Lily Chapetta

I want to thank you for the flowers and many cards I received at St. Anne's during my recovery from my broken hip. I hope to be back in church soon. Thank you, Mabel Johnson

Contribution Statements

The contribution statements for the third quarter are available. To help save on the cost of postage, would everyone please pick their contribution statement up from the table near the east entrance. Thank you.



Attention KIDS and Parents

We have the following new books ready for you to check out:

1. Christopher and His Family
2. Christopher and His Friends
3. Gigi God's Little Princess
4. Will, God's Mighty Warrior

We also have a new Veggie Tale DVD –

Big River Rescue

Your Librarians, Ginny & Joan