

The Messenger

Renew + Rebuild = Revival!

Can a building bring **revival**? That's the question behind our campaign. The answer is, of course, no, a building cannot bring **revival**. **Revival** only comes through the power of the Holy Spirit and the faithfulness of God's people. But by being faithful, we can create the environment for people to come and for the Holy Spirit to work in people's lives. That's what our **rebuilding** campaign is all about. The essence of **Renew + Rebuild = Revival!** is doing all we can so that the Holy Spirit can transform people's lives into fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

For our **rebuilding** campaign to be successful each one of us must ask, "Am I being faithful? Am I doing all I can to help Broadway create an environment for the Holy Spirit to work in my life and in other people's lives?" We might be tempted to believe that the bottom-line answer to the faithfulness question is merely financial. But it is not. While our financial devotion is a sign of our faithfulness, our giving is not the only measurement. It's like saying the depth of our patriotism is based upon our voting record. And while our willingness to participate in the electoral process is a sign of our patriotism, there is more to patriotism than just voting. Likewise, there is more to faithfulness than just financial contributions.

Faithfulness in fomenting **revival** and the **rebuilding** of the church entails a deep examination of our willingness to participate in the life of the church. For example, take a look at attendance. Are you worshiping with us each week or so, or are you just here for big events like weddings, funerals, and holidays? If you are here most weeks as health and travel allow, then your faithfulness on that most basic measurement of attendance is right where it ought to be. However, if you haven't been a regular attender, then you might not be fully committed to seeing **revival** at Broadway. Each one of us need to ask if we're truly committed to Christ's mission at Broadway Covenant Church.

As mentioned above, attendance is merely the most basic measurement of faithfulness. Other ways of evaluating our faithfulness as disciples and our commitment to **revival** include thinking about how we treat each other, do we serve the church using our gifts, do we spend quality time with God, and do we love our neighbors as ourselves? Our answers to these questions disclose our commitment to Christ and divulge our true desires regarding **revival**. Put another way, when we faithfully love one another, use the gifts God has blessed us with, spend time in Bible study and prayer, and love "the least of these," then the Holy Spirit will come in power. Then we will see lives changed. It all hinges upon our faithfulness.

Alpha is one new way to be faithful and change lives. Please pray for your friends who don't know Christ yet and invite them to participate in our Alpha course beginning in March on Wednesday nights. Alpha engagingly teaches the basics of the Christian faith, and in so doing lives change. As a sign of your faithfulness, think and pray about whom you might invite.

Remember Broadway's beginnings. The faithfulness of our founders led the Holy Spirit to bring five hundred kids to our Sunday School! As one senior saint told me, "In the beginning our whole lives revolved around Broadway. Everything we did centered on church. All our friends were at church, and if our friends didn't attend Broadway yet, we'd invite them until they came." Notice the faithfulness, notice the commitment, and notice the results. For Broadway to experience **revival**, we need that same faithfulness, that same commitment. Then the Holy Spirit will come in power and lives will be transformed.

So our **rebuilding** campaign is about more than just bricks and mortar, entrances and elevators, dollars and cents. Our campaign is ultimately about building faithful followers of Jesus Christ. As we faithfully make disciples, we will witness **revival!**

Student Ministries

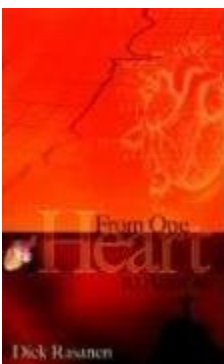
NO OVERHAUL INJURIES!!! NO BCC INJURIES AT ONE LIFE 2010! No, you're not excited enough! This is a huge deal because it's so rare (insert chuckle here! ☺). We made it up there and back with everyone intact. On January 15th, 26 of us loaded up and headed north to Covenant Point for our annual ski retreat. Thanks to Jason Holmertz for driving the other van which proved to be in better health than the one I had. We had to pull off and deflate one of our tires because it was waaayyy overinflated and then after defrosting the windows on Sunday morning, I tried the windshield wipers and they most definitely did NOT wipe our windshield but luckily we didn't need them at all over the weekend...big blessing!! Our guys didn't end up in the Nature Center and that's my fault. The retreat leaders knew I was recovering from knee surgery and set us up in the appropriately named "Infirmarium" for the weekend.



They were somewhat bummed until we got there. We were positioned very close to the dining hall and Tab and had primo accommodations including a fridge and toaster oven! Sweet! Thanks Cov Point for the kind gesture. Our weekend was full of worship, skits, a public service announcement which was absolutely hysterical (thanks Joe Lamantia), skiing, NERTS, talktime, prayer, great food, and pranks (o yes, they came in full form this year!) Kathy Khang brought the message of "Reveal, Live, Desire" and hit home with our kids as they strive to become or remain unstuck in their faith. North Park College's worship band provided the music at large group and the rest of the time each night was spent in great

talktime and bonding as we decompressed on the events of the day. The kids had a chance to write letters from Christ addressed to them that they'll receive in the mail sometime this year. It's a great reminder of the truth that can sometimes become hidden in life. Myself and 7 others experienced SkiBrule from the upper deck of the Homestead Lodge. It was a bit difficult watching everybody enjoy a great day on the hill, but I was blessed to have a number of students join me and spend the day playing cards and chatting. Great times were had and lives were changed! Thanks to all who participated, led, and supported!!

On February 5th, Roots is heading up to Covenant Harbor Bible Camp for Deep Freeze 2010! This is a great experience that blends sports, scripture, music, skits, food, no sleep, ghost stories, sledding, prayer, and talktime together to help us build relationships with Christ and those around us. Kids that have gone in the past have been telling their friends that they need to go this year which is really exciting! Please be in prayer for this retreat as economic times are difficult and the interest level is great! God is good and I look forward to what He has planned! We'll be back on Sunday the 7th around 1pm. Thanks to Kristi Holstein and Dan Schweitzer for their leadership once again at Deep Freeze! Check back next month for the 411!



Confirmation will continue on each Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 and student Sunday school happens each Sunday morning at 9AM. For those of you that haven't checked it out recently, we're working through a book entitled "From One Heart to Another". It's the amazing story of Pastor Dick Rasanen's both physical and spiritual journey towards a heart transplant. From 6th grade to Senior class, you can take great stuff away from this so I encourage you to join us in my office each week.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!
How might you be able to help??

Peace,

Derek

Mission Report

This month we are praying for Tim and Andrea Johnson and their children Sam, Allegra & Skye who are located in Japan. They work in Gunma Prefecture as part of a cluster of five Covenant churches. They are mainly involved as cooperating missionaries at the Isesaki church but help all of the congregations through discipling, teaching, reaching out to people through English conversation classes and music.

They also work with the Akagi Covenant Bible Camp and "Gunma Harvest" which is an attempt to pray for and reach out to towns and villages in Gunma that still have no church or known Christian presence. Tim & Andrea will be in home this spring and summer. Please watch for details on when they will be at Broadway. Also if anyone has a car that they can use or rent for the months of April-August please let Sue Warren know at 815-397-3158 or ssnwrr@aol.com. Please pray for comfort for Tim and Andrea and family as they mourn the loss of Tim's brother Rick and his mother Lucille who passed away recently. Pray for safe travel in March when they come to the U S.

Coins for Congo: A check was sent to Congo Technical Support in the amount of \$77.23. We sent a total of \$166.00 in 2009. We are still collecting change in the church bank for needs in the Congo.

Peanut Butter Update: We took 17 pounds of peanut butter to the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. In 2009 we collected 201 pounds of peanut butter. There are boxes at each entryway for donations.

Prayer and Praise:

Jim and Barb Mikrut, Mexico

- Praise for their Wednesday night Bible study and their Movie ministry.
- Pray that those they minister to are re-energized and encouraged by God's Spirit working through them.

Bob and Joyce Widman, Mission Aviation Repair Center, Alaska

- Praise for all of the safe flights that MARC had last year and the need that they fulfill.
- Pray for Bob and Joyce as they continually seek to serve God with all their heart, mind and strength.

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

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

60 Plus

The next event for 60 Plus will be the Capital Campaign Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, February 16th at church at 11:30 AM. An invitation letter with all the details will be sent to you next week. Please save the date.

We have reserved 28 tickets to go to the Fireside for the Christian concert, "The Anchormen" Matinee on May 18th. The Fireside's Fish and Chicken Buffet and Concert is \$34.95 per person, plus tip. Please give Karen a \$1.00 deposit to reserve your place as soon as possible. The rest of the money needs to be paid to Karen by April 15th. We have reserved the Salvation Army Eden Express Bus and some will be riding in cars or vans.

Opportunities at Covenant Harbor

Unplug, a prayer retreat - February 12-14: (Two nights: \$55 or One night: \$79). Unplug from your routine and reconnect with that still, small voice within. Turn off the cell phone and let God fill the silence during this self-guided retreat.

Biscotti Workshop - February 27: Learn to make sweet and savory recipes, bake them and take home a mix of your favorites. From 10 am – 3 pm, \$25 per person includes lunch. Register for either event at www.covenantharbor.org or call 262-248-3600. See bulletin board for more details.

Alpha is coming – Are you?

- A** anyone can come – invite your friends
- L** learning and laughter – non-threatening environment
- P** pasta – enjoy a good dinner
- H** helping each other – caring about each other's lives
- A** ask anything – no wrong questions

Although the full Alpha Course will not start until March, everyone is invited to preview the course by attending the adult Alpha Sunday School class that is currently meeting in the alcove of the dining room at 9:00 am.

Skills Camp 2010

Mark your calendar to save the week of June 14-18, 2010 for Skills Camp. Be planning to send your children, grandchildren and notify your neighbors so they don't miss this fun and important opportunity.



Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer Braun
- 3 Lois Sorensen
- 5 Noel Carlson
Kent Drews
Paula Rasanen
- 7 Kim Lape
Colleen Straley
- 9 Carrie Pretzer
- 10 Eileen Elliott
Justin Holmertz
Dan Schweitzer
- 11 Doris Hartman
- 13 Gary Ecklund
Mary Miller
- 14 Kathryn Rowl
- 15 Sandy Creedy
Doug Swanson
- 16 Al Damrose
- 19 Nancy Norman
- 20 Roy Leidahl
- 25 Marilyn Dirksen
- 26 Pearl Engstrom
- 26 Donald A. Swanson
- 28 David Holmertz



Anniversaries

- 16 Marvin & Joyce Goodsell
- 20 Roger & Sandy Creedy
- 23 Paul & Kim Anderson
- 28 Larry & Patti Franzen

Remember in Prayer

Wally Filkin recovering from a stroke.
Peggy Frint recovering from a fall.
Joyce Cosman's ordination interview on 1/25.
Eleanor Anderson home from the hospital.
Alecia & Jeff Jones following a car accident.
Justin Holmertz & Justin Murdock serving in Afghanistan and **Craig Anderson** in Iraq.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the generous Love Gift we received at Christmas. It is a blessing to serve here at Broadway and be remembered in such a special way. Joyce Cosman, Alice Nelson, LeVon Todd & Sue Ippolito

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in making the Love Tree successful. All your help was greatly appreciated. Laura Price



Church Family Military News

Please pray for Justin Holmertz during the final weeks of his deployment and transition to the states. We will continue to collect hard candy, body powder, and deodorant, National Geographic – adventure series, phone cards, chapstick and crystal light in the southeast narthex.

Financial Update

from Dave Holmertz, Treasurer

Thanks to all of you, we were able to pay all of our bills and pay our missions commitments per budget. Our 2009 receipts toward budget were \$307,548 which is slightly below the 2008 total of \$309,523. The November and December 2009 receipts were \$14,400 higher than 2008. We need to keep this good pace going into 2010 because January & February are high expense months and we have very little general fund balance starting the year.

Notice from your Financial Secretary

Please, please... use your offering envelopes. The envelopes have numbers that identify you. This helps in the accurate recording of your contributions. If you have concerns or questions about this process, please call Jill Page 815-332-4541. Please call me if you did not receive or if you want envelopes. Thank you.

To help the church save on the cost of postage, please pick up your 2009 Giving Contribution statement. They are available near the southeast entrance.



February 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 Patchwork Quilters	2 8:30 Corporate Prayer Election Day	3 12:00 Prayer 4:30 Journey 5:30 Supper 6:00 Crosswalk/Roots 6:30 Choir	4 11:30 Circle of Concern at Benson Stone	5 Jr. High leave for Covenant Harbor	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 2:00 Home Cluster Jr. High return from Covenant Harbor 6:00 Overhaul	8 7:00 Home Cluster	9 8:30 Corporate Prayer 6:30 Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 Home Cluster	10 12:00 Prayer 4:30 Journey 5:30 Supper 6:00 Crosswalk/Roots 6:30 Choir	11 7:00 Home Cluster	12	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 2:00 Home Cluster 6:00 Overhaul	15 9:00 Patchwork Quilters 7:00 Home Cluster	16 8:30 Corporate Prayer 11:30 60 Plus at Church 7:00 Home Cluster	17 12:00 Prayer 5:30 Supper Ash Wednesday 6:30 Choir	18 6:30 Homeless Breakfast Pgrm 7:00 Home Cluster	19	20
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	22	23 8:30 Corporate Prayer 7:00 Mission Mtg.	24 Messenger News Due 12:00 Prayer 4:30 Journey 5:30 Supper 6:00 Crosswalk/Roots 6:30 Choir	25	26	27
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REBUILD + RENEW = REVIVAL! Campaign News

The Lord evidently has greater plans for us than what we anticipated. He has blessed us with **OVERWHELMING** support! We have just finished the “Ministry Partners” phase of the capital campaign. The Ministry Partners were made up of church pastoral staff, our Leadership Team and leading financial contributors. **Your leadership has pledged over \$320,000 to this project!** Like Gideon, they let God be **BIG** by stepping out in faith. Praise His faithfulness to us!

What does the level of commitment mean to the rest of us? The Timothy Group projects that leadership in a campaign typically supplies 60% of the funding for any campaign of this nature. Given this statistic, we are in a position to expand the work to be done by the building committee. They had a laundry list of \$800,000 worth of projects when we first started this project. We can add some of those items to the “To-Do” list. For instance, how about an elevator car to fill the shaft we will build? Or, how about replacing terribly inefficient and leaky windows on the south side of the building? Improve the lighting controls in the sanctuary? Replace the boiler? How big is your God?

The Ministry Partners phase is the first of three phases to the campaign. Our next phase is the “Congregational” Phase which will consist of Home Cluster Groups for the purposes of stewardship education, a Congregational Gathering to describe the project in detail and answer questions, and then the Harvest Celebration where we will be asked to present our financial pledges to the **REBUILD+RENEW=REVIVAL!** Campaign.

Your leadership has given sacrificially. If we **ALL** give sacrificially, as commanded by God, He will do more than meet our expectations. We can allow God to be **BIG**. **The Lord has been faithful to us.** We **must** respond by supporting His campaign boldly. In the upcoming month, we will have opportunities to answer the question “How big is our God?”

Your Campaign Co-Chairs,
Steve and Kim Schweitzer