

June 2010

The Messenger

What Do We DO Next?

Throughout April and May, our sermons have focused on discerning what God is calling each of us to DO in light of the gifts and experiences we have had. We have also sought God's direction in discerning what we should DO as a church together to serve our neighborhood. God strategically placed us here when Broadway began to be a light for a new neighborhood, and I believe that God has kept us here in our location to continue to shine God's light and meet the needs in our neighborhood. In light of the incredible success of our building campaign, Broadway can do amazing things when we unite around a common vision.

At our Annual Meeting on May 19, I invited those present to participate in a *Congregational Conversation* in three parts. We spent the first part brainstorming the needs in our neighborhood. This is what we see:

- *increased crime/illegal drugs, unemployment,*
- *a lack of communication with and maintenance at schools in our neighborhood,*
- *hunger,*
- *home disrepair,*
- *absentee landlords,*
- *afterschool care,*
- *medical needs,*
- *an aging population,*
- *issues involved in increased ethnic diversity.*

Next we brainstormed what we can DO to meet some of these needs. We can't DO everything, but we can do something. These are some ideas of what we can DO:

- *liaise with Rolling Green and Whitehead Elementary Schools to improve them inside and out and determine additional needs of the children and their families;*
- *increase communication with community and neighborhood leaders to learn of individual family needs;*
- *expand our Thanksgiving Basket ministry;*
- *open Fellowship Hall to retired and unemployed people for coffee and conversation and community;*
- *begin a food pantry using a "Grocery Bag Ministry" model whereby folks are invited to buy groceries each month according to a specific set of guidelines and bring the bags filled to worship for distribution;*
- *create a job posting network.*

We noticed that hunger is a foundational need. If we can satisfy people's hunger, then they can get to the doctor, mow their lawns, care for their homes. Perhaps the schools and community leaders are helpful sources of information of those needy in our neighborhood.

Lastly I challenged each one of us to us think and pray about our own participation in one of these areas. I asked "what might you DO?"

Over the next few weeks and months, the Leadership Team will be digging into these ideas, researching what can be done and the details involved in tackling these issues. In addition, Janel Leidahl is developing a survey to be sent to our neighbors to ask them about needs they see in our neighborhood. Please pray that God would inspire our church to dream big dreams, and pray that God would inspire each of us to participate, because together we can DO something great!

We're in it together,
Pastor Eric

BCC Student Ministries

We celebrated with Kelsey Ecklund and Dylan Peronti as they were confirmed here at Broadway on May 16th. Congratulations to both of them! It was a great blessing to hear them talk about their lives and how the Gospel has come alive and ignited a passion and joy within them. Surrounded with supportive families, friends, and church family, these two exceptional students publicly declared their intent to continue daily to learn and seek the face of our Risen Lord and to introduce others to the joy of following Jesus. Confirmation ends a two year journey through the Bible and creates a framework for those involved to study daily, develop and sustain an authentic prayer life, begin to understand the Bible's lessons, and to see God's commitment to and love for His people. Personally, I had the opportunity to pray for each of them as those young and old who have been confirmed here at BCC came forward to lay hands on and encourage these two lights.

Our thanks go out to the parents, families, and church family of all our confirmands; past, present and future. Thank you for teaching and setting examples for your children. Thank you for investing in their lives and leading them to Jesus. Thank you for helping them along and for not giving up on them. Thank you for living a life that they can emulate. Thank you for sharing lessons learned and providing them with a sturdy foundation. Thank you for praying for your students. Your support is vital and God clearly is working through all of you to help propel our students into a deeper relationship with Christ and I encourage you all to continue to pray for them. I hope all of you are as excited as I am to see what our God holds for them. Finally, a huge thank you goes out to Sylvia Bowman, Marcia Johnson, and Pastor Eric for their wisdom and love and support over this past year as we all worked together. Much commotion came from my office on Wednesday afternoons as we unpacked all those challenging lessons and questions! Love it, love it, love it...

Now, ordinarily it's bad to shoot people, but hear me out! Dan Schweitzer introduced me to a very cool paintball place located not too far from here. On June 12th, Overhaul and others who want to join us are heading up to Trevor, WI (about an hour away) for a paintball day at a Christian, evangelism-focused paintball park! How cool is that? If you and your family or just you or you and your spouse or you and a bunch of friends or you and a breakfast group is interested, let me know! The more the better! Complete with lunch, a swimming beach(HUH??...yes you read it right!), and a great atmosphere, this will appeal to anyone 12 to 112 years old. So there ya go...! A word to put your mind at ease: Derek is horrible at paintball. If it weren't for gravity, I couldn't hit the ground...seriously! However, I love to play, and I know you will too. Great great times! Check out www.promisedland.com for more details and talk to me if you're interested! Game on...☺



Promised Land Paintball Park
Saturday, June 12th 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Overhaul and Roots are taking an "end of the school year" break. Kids are finishing up those last finals and shutting things down for the year. This year we have quite a few seniors graduating and moving on to college and a good number of 8th graders moving up into Overhaul. In addition to that, we have a new 5th grade class moving up into 6th and will become part of Roots. Congratulations to our Seniors! Well done Gang! You have been a unique class in many ways. I have learned much from you. I pray you continue to walk in the light!

Congratulations to:

Kourtnei Anderson	Victoria Doiel	Courtney Houghton	Andrea Seagren
Max Anderson	Nathan Foster	Luke Janssen	Jason Street
Taylor Bamberger	Colton Gann	Lauren Leidahl	Karlee Swanson
Amanda Bearth	Chelsea Gulley	Jessica Lindquist	Amanda Terrinoni
Trevor Christianson	Kevin Hartenberger	Amanda Saunders	Christina Wales
Elliot Day	Amy Hicks	Michelle Saunders	Katrina West

Mission Report

As summer approaches it is time to think about camping. The Covenant has 2 wonderful camps: **Covenant Harbor** in Lake Geneva and **Covenant Point** in Iron River MI. In addition to offering fun things to do both in the water and out they are places to learn more about Jesus, yourselves and make friends. They have counselors who get to know their campers quite well in the week that they are together. They cry with them, laugh with them and pray with them. Their goal is to offer the love of God in Jesus Christ and to share the truth, mercy and hope he provides for their situation. The camps are not just for kids. They offer family camps, and there are a lot of fun things to do in the winter too. We are also praying for **Covenant Children's Home and Family Services** in Princeton IL. They are home to ministries and services that provide help to those in need. They provide free medical care through their clinic and mobile unit. They offer a place for women and children who have experienced domestic violence and provide services through Easter Seal for handicapped preschool children.

Peanut Butter Update: We took 29 pounds of peanut butter to the Rock River Food Pantry.

Habitat for Humanity Lunches: On Saturday July 24th we will be making lunches for those working on the houses. We will be providing 60 lunches. If anyone would like to donate bread, fruit, chips or cookies or if you would like to help that morning to prepare the lunches please let Sue Warren know at 397-3158.

Prayer and Praise:

Peter & Ruth Dutton, Thailand:

- Praise that VK, their Lao friend was released from prison where he was being held for more than six months with no charges being made against him.
- Pray for that God would supply their business with orders they need to produce their products.

Tim & Andrea Johnson, Japan

- Praise that the whole family is back together again in Geneva IL after several months apart while Sam finished school in Tokyo and Tim did some traveling on the West Coast.
- Pray for them as they travel and visit churches in Minnesota, Illinois & Michigan. They will be here at Broadway on Sunday July 4th.

Birthdays

2	Kathy Melin
5	Werner Hoffman
7	Janel Mamer
8	Stacey Parlapiano
9	Aina Hitchcock
	Jim Page
	Cari Filkin
10	Darlene Edwards
12	Maynard Adolphson
13	Laura Schweitzer
14	Mary Beth Adams
15	Amy Bliss
16	Paula Jackson
17	June MacAskill
21	Michelle Gustafson
22	Becky Damrose
25	Erin Clark
26	Patti Franzen
	Martin Nelson

Anniversaries

7	Rowland & Eleanor Holmertz
8	Dick & Paula Rasanen
	Dan & Ann Mary Ferguson
	Larry & Deloris Whitsel
10	Bud & Pat Johnson
	Eric & Kristi Holstein
11	Doug & Kristi Swanson
	Matt & Stephanie Link
13	Gerald & Shirley Johnson
18	Neil & Maggie Kasicki
	Dick & Shirley Peterson
21	Kurt & Cyndy Miericke
24	Derek & Christina Melin
25	Doug & Mary Gibson
27	Albert & Gladys Damrose
28	Royce & Beth Cates
	Loren & Julia Heinzeroth
29	Bruce & Michele Johnson
	Robert & Arlene Schweiger

Remember in Prayer

Doris Hartman recovering from a stroke.

Robert Brown recovering from a stroke.

Jeff Irelan recovering from 2nd degree burns.

Doug Swanson recovering from a minor fall.

Justin Murdock and **Mary Sue Bjurstom** serving in Afghanistan and **Craig Anderson** in Iraq.

2010 Annual Meeting Highlights

During the annual meeting on May 19, Broadway Covenant members elected officers and new leadership team members, and heard several reports on church activities.

Copies of the 2009 Annual Report are available on the information table at the southeast entrance to the church.

Pastor's Report: Senior Pastor Eric Filkin led a discussion on outreach opportunities in our neighborhood. The congregation discussed the needs in our neighborhood and what we might do to meet those needs.

Care Ministry: Joyce Cosman, minister of pastoral care, thanked those who participated in care ministries during the year and invited members and friends to get involved. The Care Ministry involves many activities, such as refreshments on Sunday mornings, visitations to members and friends, card ministry, ride/errand ministry, several holiday events, and prayer teams.

Student Ministries: Youth Pastor Derek Melin reported that quite a few neighborhood youth are attending. The strong group of high school seniors graduating this year provided transportation for many senior high and junior high activities. Derek will need drivers next year, so please consider helping. Anyone interested in helping with student ministries should talk to Derek.

Financial: Treasurer Dave Holmertz summarized 2009 church finances, which are included in the annual report, and summarized the 2010 financial situation. Through April 30, general fund receipts are under budget by \$15,773.63. Capital campaign pledge payments are coming in steadily, bringing the Building Remodel Fund balance to \$173,446.89 as of April 30. Auditors Carolyn Augenson and Cheryl Ecklund said they found the church's 2009 financial reports in order, and the congregation approved the auditors' report.

Building Committee: Chairman Keith Holmertz reported that our process of remodeling an older building sometimes brings surprises when walls are opened. The Building Committee is being flexible during construction to deal with those surprises. Construction is proceeding at the front of the church and in the main-floor bathrooms. Prospects are good to have the bathrooms completed by the beginning of Skills Camp, which is the week of June 14.

New Members: On a recommendation from the Membership Team, Broadway members approved membership for Kathi Engstrom and Theresa Gregorcy.

Elections: The congregation elected Marcia Johnson and Wayne Augenson to the Leadership Team. They fill seats that opened when Kim Schweitzer and Eric Holstein completed their terms this year. Gary Ecklund was elected to a second term. Elected as officers are: Chairman, Carl Ecklund; Vice-Chairman, Kent Drews; Secretary, Laura Price; and Treasurer, Dave Holmertz. Carolyn Augenson and Cheryl Ecklund were re-elected as auditors.



June 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 Corporate Prayer	2 12:00 Prayer 6:00 Roots	3	4	5
6 9:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	7	8 8:30 Corporate Prayer 6:30 Leadership Team Meeting	9 12:00 Prayer 6:00 Roots	10	11	12 10:00 Meeting for Skills Camp Volunteers
13 9:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	14 S K	15 I L L 8:30 Corporate Prayer	16 S 11:30 60 Plus lunch at Capri & Forrest City Queen 12:00 Prayer 6:00 Roots	17 C A M	18 P	19
20 <i>Happy Father's Day</i> 9:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	21	22 8:30 Corporate Prayer	23 Messenger News Due 12:00 Prayer 6:00 Roots	24 COVENANT	25 ANNUAL	26 MEETING
27 Joyce Cosman's Ordination in MN 9:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	28	29 8:30 Corporate Prayer	30 12:00 Prayer 6:00 Roots			



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Return Service Requested

60 Plus

Plan now to join 60 Plus for these outings! Join 60 Plus for lunch at the *Capri Restaurant*, 313 East State Street (remember to enter from the back parking lot), on Wednesday, June 16th at 11:30 AM. (note not the usual day). Please call Peggy, 282-0640, with your reservations or questions by Sunday, June 13th. After lunch we plan to go have a ride on the "*Forest City Queen Boat*". The cost will be \$3 if we have a group of 10 or more and please let Peggy know if you want your name added to that list when you make a reservation for lunch. Once again 60 Plus will be providing the program and serving food at the June monthly birthday party at Fairhaven Retirement Home, Tuesday, June 22nd in the hospitality court on the lower level in the evening. Please let Karen Holmertz know if you can bring sandwiches (they request a specific kind) or help serve. We need to be there by 6:30 to get set up.

2009 Annual Report

Pick up your copy of the 2009 Annual Report on the information table in the southeast narthex.

Skills Camp 2010



Pray for Skills Camp campers, counselors and leaders the week of June 14-18 and plan to join us on Sunday, June 20th for the Skills Camp Sunday celebration.

June Head Usher

David Roen

June Counters

Jim Page & Sue Warren

Celebration for Kellen Price

Kellen Price's Eagle Scout Court of Honor is Sun., June 13th at 1:30pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2821 N. Bell School Rd. for anyone wishing to attend. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. If you need transportation please call the Price's at 815-397-3548.