



Beloveds,

These are troubled and *triumphant* times! April promises to be a month of some pretty amazing ministry in our midst. With our outreach for the film FIREPROOF, Palm Sunday, Easter and hopefully another baptism there will be opportunity for new believers, discipling and caring for one another in special ways.

Precious and I are frequently reflecting on how deeply we have valued and continue to appreciate “doing life together”. And that conversation spills over into how special it is for us to “do life together” with you at Monument Bible Church. We continue to await some upcoming births, anticipate graduation season, doing some weddings as well as wondering when the next funerals, salvations, baptisms and other life events will take place. The cadence of this Master’s drum-beat persistently beats its pacesetting tempo, and we march daily toward the GREAT reunion with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I surely appreciate how lovingly you have rallied around our beloved Clara in the death of her grandson, Phillip. What a time of experiencing God’s sufficient grace. Clara has marvelously modeled and spoken before us her trust in, experience of, and reliance upon... GOD’s sufficient grace!!!! Thank you God, thank you Clara! That’s what I would like to convey to you in this letter. His sufficient TRUTH. The sufficiency in, and for, our troubled times the matchless Grace of God. By God’s Grace!

Jesus said in John 16: 33, ***“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”***.

And in His sermon on the mount in Matthew 6:34 He taught, ***“Take therefore no thought for tomorrow: for tomorrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof.”***

To the church at Corinth (2 Cor 2:15), ***“For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one [we are] the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who [is] sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.”***

2 Cor 3:5 ***“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency [is] of God; 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”***

And this overwhelming TRUTH in 2 Cor 12: 9 ***“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”***

Please rejoice together in our all-sufficient Lord God Almighty!!!! I love you!

Pastor Jake



April 1, 8, & 15 are regular Awana club nights.

The T & T store will be open on the 15th.

Mark your calendar for the **AWANA AWARD NIGHT** on Wed., April 22nd @ 6:00 pm—invite your grandparents!

Travel to Rome with Paul to the Underground Church

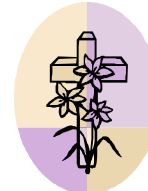
Have you ever wondered what it may have been like to walk the streets of ancient Rome as a member of the early church? Then come and join us as we get ready for Vacation Bible School, coming up during the week of June 15-19. This year we will be spending a week in Rome with Paul and the Underground Church.

Planning has already begun, and as you know, it takes many volunteers to make it happen. Men, women, and teens are needed to help in areas such as: crafts, games, drama (adults only), decorating, family leaders, kitchen workers, registration and nursery workers. Would you mark your calendar and prayerfully consider what part you could play in VBS this summer? Keep watching your bulletin for more information, and please contact either Kari Grasmick at 220-4023, Virginia Garrett at 635-9209, or Ilona Anderson at 436-4701 if you have any questions.



Children's Carnival Night, April 5th

The Children's Christian Education Dept is having a "carnival night" Sunday evening April 5th from 6 to 8:00pm in conjunction with the showing of the movie "Fireproof". We are planning hand/face painting activities, food, prizes and balloons. 'Jillybean' will be our special guest for the evening and will be presenting a program of illusions, music, and puppets for the kids. Volunteers during the evening will be needed to help supervise the kids and to clean up after the program. If you would like to help with this outreach ministry, please contact the church office at 632-4099 or one of the following members of the CE Team: Russ Garrett, Josh and Mindy Lively, Sarah Hatch, Chris and April Hasse, Twila Griffiths or Tisha Thacker. **Please be in prayer for this evening of outreach!**



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

We will be having our regular two services at 8:00 & 10:45 am. In place of having bible fellowship classes is an Easter Brunch at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Families are asked to bring a breakfast/egg casserole, and a fruit plate or a type of bread. Drinks & table service will be provided. *Thank you to the 24/7 class!*

Nursery volunteer workers are needed for the 1st & 2nd Worship services on Easter Sunday . If you would like to help, please call Nicki Ceplecha at 436-3627. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!



24/7 VOLLEYBALL

Friday, April 24th, 6:30 pm in the MBC Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided. **NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE this night!**

MOPS April Schedule

April 7 - The Perspective Adventure DVD with Carol Kuykendall; craft - scrabble tile pendants

April 21 - MOPS Spring Brunch "Picnic in the Park" with speaker Angel Armstrong

MOPS is now selling **Antiquities** coupons. The cost is \$10 for the sitting and includes a FREE 10x13 black and white photograph with a splash of color. There is no obligation to purchase any other photographs. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used for MOPS leadership training. To purchase a coupon, see any MOPS mom or call Jennifer Reisig 635-6831.



MBC Giving & Attendance Report

Date	Giving	Budgeted	Difference	YTD Giving	YTD Budgeted	Difference	1st	2nd	Attn.
3/1/2009	7271.90	7460.05	-188.15	181395.85	193961.30	-12565.45	117	229	346
3/8/2009	7190.10	7460.05	-269.95	188585.95	201421.35	-12835.40	97	275	372
3/15/2009	2798.39	7460.05	-4661.66	191384.34	208881.40	-17497.06	114	246	360
3/22/2009	5192.40	7460.05	-2267.65	196576.74	216341.45	-19764.71	120	181	301

FIREPROOF

You have probably heard a lot about this film already, and maybe you've seen it.

The same film makers of *Facing the Giants* produced this film with great ministry purposes in mind.

First, it was to sound an obvious alarm regarding the state of marriages in our country and to call and help couples experience greater heights of love, commitment, and joy in their marriages. Second, it was designed for churches to use as a ministry tool—not only for those who are married, but also those who are single, contemplating marriage, and young people who may not have a concept of what a biblical committed love in marriage is. It was also designed with the specific purpose of churches being able to use it as an avenue to invite family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers to a non-threatening, “come and see what Christianity is all about” type of an event.

We are excited to share with you our desires to use this tool for all the above and then some!

Keep praying, asking God to use this event to bring many to Christ through you!

Please invite others to this outreach showing on Sunday, April 5th @ 6p.m.

Follow-up Small Group Opportunities on the 6-Week *Fireproof* & *Just Walk Across the Room* (4 weeks)

Small Group Options:

For those from our church family (and from those who attend the outreach showing of the film on April 5th) who are interested, there will be a sign-up through the Communicator Card in the bulletin for 2-3 weeks (or via website under ‘Fireproof’ or JWAR tab) for those who would like to explore going deeper with the scriptural messages presented in our *Just Walk Across the Room* Sermon Series and in the *Fireproof* Film to participate in one of the following groups:

- ✠ *Fireproof Couples Group Study* (Wednesday evenings @ 6:30—starting mid April; facilitated by Mike McCoy)
- ✠ *Fireproof Couples Group Study* (Sunday evenings @ 6-6:30p.m—starting early June; facilitated by Chris Geary)
- ✠ *Just Walk Across the Room 4-wk Study* (Sunday evenings @ 6p.m.—starting April 19th @ Capp. & Co.; facilitated by Pastor Dan)

There will be more information on these groups as it becomes available on our website at

www.monumentbiblechurch.com

Dear Friends at Monument Bible Church, It is a privilege to be a part of your missionary family, thank you so much. We are thankful for the special

**APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH
Dan & Sharon Roberts serving in Japan**

prayer in April. We sure need it. We are always thankful for the regular prayer and support. We have been working steadily to build a local church in central Japan. The city is Saku City, at the base of one of the active volcanoes in Japan. It is called Asama Mountain if you want to google it. The city is growing, from about 70,000 people ten years ago, to over 200,000 now. This growth is due to the building of a highway and bullet train line. We are now only an hour from Tokyo. We have been in Japan now 25 years and here eighteen years. We spent our first four years in this area, working in a church in Nagano City and studying Japanese. We have been running in our church between twenty and thirty in attendance. It is difficult for many reasons; mostly the Japanese are gospel resistant. They have idols everywhere, including in their homes. There is demonic religion is everywhere. We have a large exorcism shrine right close to us. We must be very close to the Lord to maintain and it is difficult for those who get saved to fight the family and community battles. We try to maintain a strong Bible study attitude with love and encouragement. It is a blessing that my daughter Hannah and son Benjamin have graduated from Bible College and are in the area helping us. Hannah is especially active in playing the piano and personal work with Bible study and much English teaching. Our daughter Bethany is coming home in a couple weeks. She is graduating this Spring also from Northland Baptist Bible College. That's four down, and we can only thank the Lord for His wondrous mercy and grace. Joel our youngest is a sophomore at Clearwater Christian College near Tampa, Fl. He should be coming home soon also. We just had a young couple visit us for a week. They are on deputation for Japan and thinking of coming to work with us when they raise their support. Please pray for Mark and Rhanda Smith, also with our mission. If they come here, it won't be for a couple years at least. We have special meetings with Dr. Jim Norton coming up this spring and also a Pastor and his wife coming late this summer to visit. So we have some special meetings we are looking forward to and need much prayer for. I am building a guest/fellowship house and it has been a lot of work. I did roofing today, which was really nice because it was our first really warm day of Spring. I think we will be seeing some flowers soon. Thank you again for all you are doing. We love you and think of you often and pray for you also. His for souls, Dan & Sharon Roberts