



Dearly beloveds,

August is a very important time in the life and direction-making for our church family.

We are a “Congregational” polity which means that the membership ultimately is responsible for voting for the direction of MBC. **Our fiscal year ends August 31** each year. Important dates will include

The ANNUAL MEETING (August 23rd right after the 2nd service...noon)

THE FORUM (One week earlier, the 16th at 6 pm)

By August 9th we are required to have a proposed budget published, all nomination forms are to be submitted and any special matters specified. Though only members can vote, any and all attendees are invited to come and participate in these meetings. The Forum is designed to be a relaxed and informal time of discussing what is to be the content of the annual meeting. Hope to see you there!

For your consideration: In preparation and anticipation of the pastors role transitions in September of 2010, we are including a separate vote this year regarding establishing a new part-time paid staff position to serve as “Director of Music and Media Resource”. If approved, for this next year (2009-2010) we will be defining that job description and then beginning a search to fill this part-time role around mid-year. This would likely mean approximately \$7,500 being added to the 09-10 budget, noting that for the following year (2010-2011), my salary will be reduced by half and would easily free up budget funds for the position to continue. Further, we’re hoping to free up budget funds as rapidly as possible by retiring the building debt (Currently at about \$175,000 with monthly payments budgeted at \$2,200)

Frankly you amaze me. Having watched you think, pray, respond over the years is a joy for me I can barely express. Truly, I love you and pray for the unleashing of God’s ministry in and through you. Dare we continue to trust in the Lord with all our heart? Not lean on our own understanding? Acknowledge Him in all our ways? He WILL direct our paths. May He be praised and worshipped fully...in spirit and in truth!

Respectfully, *Pastor Jake*



The fiscal year of 2008-2009 for Monument Bible Church will end on August 31st. A Question & Answer Family Forum will be on Sunday, August 16th, at 6:00 pm. Then on Sunday, August 23rd, following the 2nd worship service is the Church Annual Meeting. Though members are only authorized to vote, others are welcome to participate in the process. May God's leading be evident and prevail in our proceedings.



Community Christian School is still collecting box tops, Coop receipts, & Our Family bar codes. A drop off box is located under the foyer announcement stand.



The church office will be closed on Fri., Aug. 14th and on Mon., Aug. 17th. We are moving our youngest to Omaha and officially become empty nesters. Kind of sad☹! Also, don't forget to bring me your child's photo for my office bulletin board. Thanks so much, ☺ Vicki

Mothers of Preschoolers

The **MOPS No Frills Scrapbooking** dates have been changed to Fri., Aug. 14th, from 6-11 pm then again on Sat., Aug. 15th, from 8am-5pm in the large classroom area. Scrapbooking tools will be available. Cost is \$20.00. Please call Audrey McCracken to register 632-7969.

- Tues., Aug. 4th—Play time at Gardner Park in Gering from 9:00-10:30 am
- Tues., Aug. 18th—Registration Day at Frank Park in SCB
- Tues., Sept. 15th—First day back to MOPS @ MBC 8:45 am

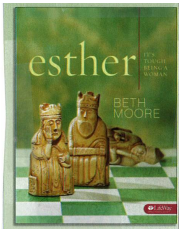
Upcoming AWANA events in September:

- Basic Training - Sat., Sept. 12th, from 9-noon at Zion Evangelical Church in Scottsbluff
 - AWANA Leadership Conference, Sat., Sept. 26th, here at MBC from 9am—4 pm
- Interested in helping with our growing AWANA program this upcoming year? Please contact Kevin or Shannon Kaufman at 632-6638.



Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman begins Wed., Sept. 9th @ 9:00 am or 6:30 pm



The latest study by Beth Moore explores God's providence and the hope and encouragement He offers women facing challenges in our society. Esther includes 10 video sessions and nine weeks of personal study. Moore explains how God placed a young Jewish woman who fulfilled her destiny "for such a time as this: and saved the Jews living in a pagan culture from certain destruction. Participants will learn strong lessons of faith that will equip them to live a courageous life. Sign up on the foyer announcement stand. Books will be ordered on **August 10th** & cost is \$20.00 which includes the member book and cost of DVDs.

MBC Giving & Attendance Report

Date	Giving	Budgeted	Difference	YTD Giving	YTD Budgeted	Difference	1st	2nd	Attnd.
6/28/2009	7221.91	7460.05	-238.14	295150.42	320782.15	-25631.73	112	251	363
7/6/2009	6481.72	7460.05	-978.33	301632.14	328242.20	-26610.06	73	210	283
7/12/2009	11012.71	7460.05	3552.66	312644.85	335702.25	-23057.40	128	219	347
7/19/2009	6555.36	7460.05	-904.69	319200.21	343162.30	-23962.09	84	217	301
7/26/2009	4969.85	7460.05	-2490.20	324170.06	350622.35	-26452.29	94	187	281

Mission of the Month—Jerry & Kathy Singh of One-Way Evangelistic Ministries

We remain very excited about what God is doing through One-Way, and we are honored to represent Monument Bible Church in this amazing work. As you know, we just completed another international mission trip in June and were truly blessed to have Pastor Dan Anderson join us. We also were blessed to have all of our family join us on this mission trip. The decision to bring our family or leave them behind is always a difficult one to make, but we felt God clearly opened the doors for this to happen this year. In addition to Jerry leading the team and speaking at the crusades, Kathy was able to speak at the ladies' conference, and our kids were able to help with VBS as well as personally interact with the national children (remember, they are half-Trini, after all ☺).

Since our return, our summer has been packed with camping ministry and administrative/ leadership/planning work here in Cheyenne. The next couple of months include the kids getting back into school. Daniel will be in Jr. High, and Rebekah and Isaiah will attend our local school, Baggs Elementary.

The beginning of the school year also marks the resuming of our local ministries with the detention center, nursing home, and community college. While grounded in Cheyenne during the week throughout the school year, we still do a lot of weekend ministry trips. We are looking forward to several in the next couple of months, which will include Iowa, North Dakota, Montana, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Arizona. We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue on in this ministry we share. Included below are a few more specific areas we would truly appreciate a prayer covering:

- o We praise God for our move to Cheyenne. It has really helped to be right down here with the ministry—especially for Kathy's health.
- o We praise God for an amazing mission trip to Trinidad. It was one of our best mission trips ever.
- o We praise God for a great time of ministry at Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je (I'd Rather Have Jesus). The kids were campers and we were the missionary speakers.
- o We seek God for resolution with our house in LaGrange (either to rent out or sell).
- o We continue to ask God for healing and strength for Kathy's health struggles.
- o We pray for wisdom, direction, discernment and all the rest that goes with directing One-Way.
- o We praise God for our family. We are so blessed to have Daniel, Rebekah, and Isaiah and to have each other. This December 23 we will celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary.
- o We also pray for His guidance in raising our kids, and His hand in blessing our marriage.
- o Finally, this is a pretty big one for us.... We have outgrown our current office space. In fact, we are already doubled up in offices and are looking at another full-time missionary couple joining staff. So, we are in real need of moving the ministry. Our hearts' desire is to move to a facility of our own, where we can hold out-reach meetings right in our own building. Please pray with us for God's timing, direction, and provision for this tremendous need.



Jerry preaching at the tent crusade



The Singhs in Trinidad
Jerry, Kathy, Rebekah,
Isaiah, & Daniel



Rebekah hanging out with some
of the local girls.



One-Way '09 Trinidad Team Members:
Back: Vic, Nathan, Evan, Kervan, John, Chris
Middle: Linda, Ken, Kathy, Jerry, Daniel, Dan