



Dearly beloveds!

Enough is enough!

Have you ever used that phrase? Have you ever been told that enough is enough. Have you ever longed for more and more with a sense of never receiving enough? How do we know when enough is enough?

A synonym for enough is the word sufficient. With this in mind, the word of God has some deep directives to convey for our heart and our walk... Such as:

Mt 10: 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord

Discussion amongst the ten bridesmaids in Mt 25: 9 But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Jesus spoke to His disciples following Gethsemane's agonizing in ***Mark 14: 41 And he comes the third time, and says unto them, Sleep on now, and take [your] rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners***

Mt 6: 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof.

2 Cor2: : 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency [is] of God;

And ultimately in ***2 Cor 12: 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for you: 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.***

Enough is enough! Sufficient is sufficient!

So, what are your thoughts? Do you *have* enough? Do you *pray* enough? *Tithe* enough? *Believe* enough? *Trust* Him enough? *Serve* enough? *Read* His word enough? By now I usually sense some sort of guilt trip and failure...but then when enough time has passed and I have processed truth enough, there emerges a growing sense of peace and joy in evaluating and then acting on conviction to satisfy the call for "enough" For truly, enough IS enough.

Be it our angry outburst, our study and conclusions, our knowledge of His grace and sufficiency or the running out of time...enough is enough! I hope I have been loving you enough! Respectfully, *Pastor Jake*



Your Ghana Giving bought this chicken coop. Next, are the beds, mattresses, & mosquito nets.

There will be a **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** 13 week video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before starting on February 19, 2008, beginning at 7p.m. at Gering Baptist Church. A Pre-view of this course will be offered on February 5th at 7p.m. for those interested in finding out more about the group before committing to it. For more information contact 641-7513. For more information on the financial peace university curriculum, you can check out www.daveramsey.com for more details.



The next distribution of the **Valley Mobile Food Pantry** will be on Friday, Feb. 27th. Items needed are: canned corn and green beans, mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned stew, frozen meats (hamburger works great), or what ever the Lord leads you to give. Items may be placed in south entrance foyer. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Mike Blue @ 632-2798.

**AWANA Bible Quiz, Sat., Feb. 7th,
9:00 am at MBC ~ Pray for our clubbers!**



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- Feb. 3rd – 8:45 am – The Relationship Adventure DVD with Elisa Morgan
- Feb. 17th – 8:45 am – 'Safely Net'
- Feb. 28th – MOPS-n-POPS at MBC in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm



FREEDOM, THE CONQUEST '09
Pershing Center in Lincoln, NE
Saturday, April 18th 10:00 am—10:00 pm
▪\$25 event pass includes Spring Game ticket,
▪Worship with the Katinas
▪Challenging messages from Ron Brown
▪Impact the next generation ... bring a BOY
▪www.freedomnebraska.org
▪402-742-6821 or email@freedomnebraska.org

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The 2xtreme youth have some exciting events coming up, and we want all 7th-12th grade students to attend. On February 1st is our annual Super Bowl party Hosted by the Lacey home. Please bring a friend and a snack as we watch the Steelers take on the Cardinals. Pizza and pop will be provided. Also, there are plenty of other activities to enjoy if you aren't a big football fan. Kick-off is set for 4:00pm. The following Sunday, February 8th, we will be heading to LaGrange WY for "the Pulse" a young event which is hosted by Frontier School of the Bible. Get ready for a good time as the FSB drama team will be performing. Meet at the church at 5:00 and we will return around 9:00.

Students need a permission slip that can be found on our website at www.monumentbiblechurch.com or by the door of Travis' office.

KCMI Banquet, Thursday, Feb. 5th, 6:30 pm @ Gering Civic Center ~ Tickets available from KCMI.

**24/7 Valentine Party,
Friday, February 13th**

Join us for dessert, coffee, & games at 6:30 pm at the church. Desserts & drinks provided, please RSVP to Cassie Clement at 436-1867 by Wed., Feb. 11th.

No childcare available.

Nothing speaks more clearly of God's love than the cross of Jesus Christ.

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

- MATTHEW 7:7 INV

MBC Giving & Attendance Report

Date	Giving	Budgeted	Difference	YTD Giving	YTD Budgeted	Difference	1st	2nd	Attn.
1/4/2009	6968.81	7460.05	-491.24	106624.47	134280.90	-27656.43	91	246	337
1/11/2009	8860.00	7460.05	1399.95	115484.47	141740.95	-26256.48	94	262	356
1/18/2009	29423.86	7460.05	21963.81	144908.33	149201.00	-4292.67	110	269	379
1/25/2009	4017.23	7460.05	-3442.82	148925.56	156661.05	-7735.49	63	240	303

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!

As such, we would like to invite you to active participation in the following ways:

- To start praying! Ask God to use this event to bring many to Christ through you!
- Set aside to participate in two key events on your calendars:
 - Sunday, March 21st @ 6p.m. (A Pre-View Showing of the film for our church family)
 - Sunday, April 5th @ 6p.m. (An additional showing for us and those we invite to attend.)
- Plan to attend a three week Sermon Series starting on March 21st entitled ***Just Walk Across the Room*** that will challenge/help us in building relationships and sharing our faith in confidence with others as a lifestyle.

Watch and listen for more details as this concentrated time of outreach for us as a church family gets closer — and don't forget to pray!

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

MOPS International lists five attributes that describe the essence of the MOPS experience:



- 1. Relevant** – Understand the women around you, listen, and offer them the parts of MOPS that relate most to them. Being relevant is about how well we walk in someone else's shoes, how well we “get” someone by connecting in spite of our differences. **MOPS groups are relevant, so that every mom will know that MOPS is for her.**
- 2. Relationally Inclusive** – Do the faces in your MOPS group look like the faces in your community? That's the goal—that our groups reflect the variety of moms around us, that we engage to include both moms like us, and make extra efforts to reach out to moms not like us. **MOPS groups are relationally inclusive, so that every mom will feel welcome and accepted in community.**
- 3. Growth-Oriented** – Think about how MOPS has grown you in every area of your life. We have the opportunity to influence every mom coming through the doors of MOPS. She leaves MOPS a different person than when she entered—ready to face whatever challenges life will bring her way. **MOPS groups are growth-oriented, so that every mom will be challenged to grow as a woman, mother and leader.**
- 4. Purposeful** – Better moms make a better world! That means we have MOPS groups for a purpose. We purposefully work with mothers of preschoolers. We live out our purpose together. **MOPS groups are purposeful, so that every mom will know she's part of God's bigger purpose, picture and plan.**
- 5. Passionately Christian** – We lead from our center, which is Christ. Once we have personally experienced his unconditional love and grace in our lives, we are then able to extend this love and grace to others. **MOPS groups are passionately Christian, so that every mom (and her family) will be drawn one step closer to Jesus.**

Currently our MOPS group is serving more than 60 moms. We have an average attendance of 50 moms at each meeting. 10 – 20% of moms at each meeting request scholarship. Scholarship covers the cost of the \$23.95 MOPS International Membership required yearly from each mom as well as the \$6 per meeting fee collected by our local group to meet a portion of our expenses. Fundraising and donations make up the rest of our operating budget. Obviously, right now things are financially difficult everywhere. As a MOPS group we have found ways to cut our budget to make up for a fundraising shortfall (we raised only half our goal amount at the Spaghetti Feed fundraiser) and to ensure that we do not have to cut scholarships. We want to never have to turn away a mom because she cannot pay. While many of our moms are part of a church family, we do have a number of moms who do not attend church anywhere. We carefully select leaders who are strong in their relationship with Jesus so they can lead by example. When a mom feels that she is accepted and nurtured by our group, it is then she will be comfortable seeking to know what is different about those in leadership. We carefully add increasing amounts of the gospel message through our curriculum and speakers. Ultimately our goal is to bring moms to Jesus and to strengthen their relationship with him so they in turn can pass that legacy on to their families. Some of us in leadership have also been convicted that the faces in our MOPS group do not “look like the faces in our community.” We are praying about and researching what we might do to bring MOPS to the local Hispanic community. I can speak for our entire leadership when I say how blessed we are to have Monument Bible Church as our chartering ministry and host church. Thanks for everything you do! Our local group could not exist without the support of so many people at Monument Bible Church. I ask that you continue to pray with me for our moms and their families. Currently I am beginning selection committee meetings to identify potential new leaders. The reason I first got involved in MOPS leadership eight years ago was to help ensure that our MOPS group keeps its focus on Jesus and never becomes an organization that is Christian “in name only”. We want our actions to show that we are Christ followers! New leaders with that same vision are vital to the spiritual health of our group. I hope I have given you an over-all picture of our MOPS group, where we are, and where we want to be going. If you have any questions or want more information, please let me know.

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