

The Monument Messenger ~ July 2008

Dearly beloved,

For some time now I have been stirred to better equip our family of believers in How to Share Your Faith, or more simply...to evangelize.



If someone I know or am just meeting were prepared and drawn by the Spirit of God to receive Christ as Savior...would I know, understand and be equipped to do the next grand step? Surely we can. And, surely we ought!

Therefore, throughout our fellowship classes, small groups and every other imaginable venue we are devoting time and training to "do the work of an evangelist".

Reservations: we cite many, including

- I don't know how
- I don't know how to answer all their tough questions
- That's someone else's responsibility
- I'm afraid to fail
- I already know all that
- I'm not equipped
- I don't know how to start
- I fear rejection...what will they think of me?
- ...and more

In preparation for a July training period we have purchased 100 individual training manuals on How to Share Your Faith as well as 5 training DVDs. The Pastors Fellowship has been invited to participate, youth will be trained, those who have gone through this before and any others as well are invited. But, especially YOU are invited to come for this training. We have been praying for the many "lost" in our community, and now we're preparing to lovingly share the Gospel of Christ with them.

When: The four Sunday nights of July at 6:00pm (90 to 120 minutes per night)
Cost: Each manual costs \$8.99 (The MBC policy and practice is that you only pay what you can afford. No one is denied participation because of cost!)
Where: MBC in the sanctuary

I am writing this from the home of our Michigan son, where Precious and I are enjoying the serious sniffs of three precious grandkids, times with my Dad and some other family. Julie, Brandon and Jon are serving near here this week as huddle leaders for the FCA golf camp. Thanks for your part in this high privilege. I love you and am praying for you and am eager to be with you.

Pastor Jake

MOPS will meet at
 Riverside Park @ 10:00 am on Tuesday,
 July 29th! Come and let your children
 play while we visit!

**Attention all Seniors
 and JOY Group!!!**
 Please set aside Sat., July 26th,
 at 6:00 pm for a picnic in the
 Fellowship Hall at the church.
 Further details will be
 forthcoming.
 Clara Winchell, Senior Director

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH
 A four week interactive training starting
 Sunday, July 6th from 6-7:30 pm
 Led by Pastor Jake. To register, please
 call the church at 632-4099. Handbooks
 cost is \$8.99.



AWANA Pastor, Commander, Director, Leader Meeting
 at Zion Evangelical Church, on
 Wednesday, July 23rd, from 7-9:00 pm



24/7 Lake Party, Sat., July 19th
 From 1-7:00 pm ~ just follow the
 signs. Bring your own lake gear,
 food, lawn chairs, etc.
KIDS ARE WELCOME!



*Scrap Booking is resuming
 on Thurs., July 10th, @ MBC
 from 1:00-4:00*



**Reminder to Ministry Leaders to please submit your budget proposal for the
 upcoming fiscal year by Monday, July 7th (please note the date change) for the
 Deacon & Elder meeting on July 8th. T H A N K Y O U!**

*This month for
 Xtreme!*

Details on dates & times
 will be announced!

- ☞ *The guys will be going camping!*
- ☞ *The gals will be going shopping!*

MBC Giving & Attendance Report									
Date	Giving	Budgeted	Difference	YTD Giving	YTD Budgeted	Difference	1st	2nd	Attnd.
6/01/2008	6434.07	7006.33	-572.26	259460.83	280253.20	-20792.37	91	201	292
6/08/2008	5427.92	7006.33	-1578.41	264888.75	287259.53	-22370.78	96	218	314
6/15/2008	5593.17	7006.33	-1413.16	270481.92	294265.86	-23783.94	102	201	303
6/22/2008	4286.46	7006.33	-2719.87	274768.38	301272.19	-26503.81	98	226	324

July Mission of the Month—Ken Trevithick, Director of Potter's Wheel (our local jail ministry)

Judy and I have recently returned from the International Foursquare Pastors / Chaplains conference in Houston, Texas. It was a great time of fellowship, refreshing, and training. The Chaplains' portion of the conference emphasized Christ-Centered Solutions for Trauma. It was a very interesting, challenging, and profitable seminar. As we have moved into our summer mode of operation at Potter's Wheel Transitional Living, we have begun our roadway clean-up grant project. This allows our seven (7) clients the opportunity to give back to the community, and to earn grant money for the program. This money is used for remodeling/building projects for the program. Our last project was the construction of a patio for our clients. We are looking to build at least one, and hopefully two, 24' X 12' storage sheds for the program. One will be utilized for storage for our food pantry needs and other items, and the other will be utilized for client needs and a workshop. We have already received some donations for the project. One of the local lumber yards has donated all the truss rafters to build the two sheds. One of the local construction companies has offered to donate the concrete and the labor for the foundations. A couple of other lumber yards have offered cash donations. We are still praying for additional funding for this project. Please pray with us that God will supply our needs according to His riches. As of June 4th we have a client in each of our apartments. This makes a total of seven (7) in all. All of our current clients are working full time and are doing well. One of our clients, Mark, is taking classes on line from both Chadron State and Moody Bible College. Another client, Roger, is filling the position of on-site manager, while he is also holding down a full time job. All of our clients continue to attend the weekly dinner and Bible study we hold in our home; and all are attending local churches. Judy and I are currently planning a trip to Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska to do intake interviews with four more potential clients. We at Potter's Wheel have a great prayer request. Would you please pray with us for wisdom as to our future plans. We are currently considering adding a women's program to the ministry of Potter's Wheel Transitional Living. There really is a great need in expanding the ministry to include more individuals who are being released from jail and prison. Please pray not only for wisdom for the Board of Directors, but also for additional finances and volunteers to expand the ministry. We continue to Praise God! – not only for your faithfulness in support of Potter's Wheel, but for all the creative ways in which He supplies all our needs according to His riches. This reality only confirms to me the passion God has for restoring lives broken by sinful behavior. This affirms to me Peter's words in 2 Peter 3:9 – "... not wanting that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." THANK-YOU for your faithful support.

Chaplain, Ken Trevithick, Executive Director



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*'Stand fast therefore in liberty by which Christ
has made us free.' Galatians 5:1*