



Dearly Beloveds,

We have recently considered these truths from 2 Peter 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, ***that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.***

We have done the math on this verse 8 and concluded that the conversion chart implies the following: I write to you during a heavy and windy snowstorm. I received word from James Adams last night that his father, Clarence (a real icon in our church family of a student of the Word of God), died yesterday in his recliner at home and today they will be informing his wife, Bonnie. This means that right now he's already been in the presence of the Lord for a thousand years...truly, it seems like only yesterday. And, by the reverse application, Clarence has only been with the Lord for .237 of a second and died at the age of 2 Hours 1 minute and 6 seconds. That sure doesn't seem very long. Maybe that's why the Holy Spirit of the precious living God breathed words through the pen of James (chapter 4) that our life is as a ***mist or vapor***, in chapter 1:10 we pass away as a ***"wild flower"***; from Job's pen (7:6) "My days are as ***a weaver's shuttle***" and verse 7 "My life is but ***a breath***". In Job 9:25 My days are faster than Aubrey Worden (***a runner***) also in verse 26 they "skim past like ***a boat of papyrus***". In 14:1 "Man born of woman is ***of few days*** and full of trouble. 2 He springs up ***like a flower*** and withers away; like ***a fleeting shadow***, he does not endure. . The Psalmist in ch 39:5 says "You have made my days ***a mere handbreadth***; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a ***breath***. Selah 6 Man is ***a mere phantom*** as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it. 7 But now, Lord, what do I look for? ***My hope is in you.*** 8 Save me from all my transgressions". Ch 89 words it this way "47 Remember ***how fleeting*** is my life. For what ***futility*** you have created all men! 48 What man can live and not see death, or save himself from the power of the grave". In chapter 90 we ponder "5 You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the ***new grass*** of the morning-- 6 though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is ***dry and withered***. 7, 10 The length of our days is ***seventy years-- or eighty***, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow" Chapter 102: 3 For my days vanish ***like smoke***; my bones burn like ***glowing embers***. Isaiah 38 :12 Like ***a shepherd's tent*** my house has been pulled down and taken from me. Like a weaver I have ***rolled up*** my life, and he has ***cut me off*** from the loom;

1 Peter 1: 24 For, "All men are ***like grass***, and all their glory is like the ***flowers*** of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 ***but the word of the Lord stands forever.*** Clarence knew that! It's been snowing hard now for perhaps a full tenth of a second...now many inches with wind on its way...and in short enough course we know that it, too, will melt away. Please pray for Clarence's family.

I love you, *Pastor Jake*

Director of Music & Worship Resources Search Update

Music is a tool with which we can release and respond with our heart-felt worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the greatness of His character and His works in and through our lives and in and through our world (*Ezra 3:10,11; 1 Chron. 15:14-16, 43; 2 Chron. 5:11-14; Psalm 149*). Many trades and ministries require tools. However, not everyone implements the same skill in the use of them. The other day, my son Joel was pretty proud of himself as he pounded a nail in a box of wood in 15 swings. I could do it with about 5, give or take, but my dad who was a masterful carpenter could pound in the nails we were using with 2-3. Skill in the use of even the simplest of tools makes a dramatic difference!

That's what we are seeking in a person to lead our worship ministries: a skillful musician, with a passion for God, an incredible heart for worship, and time to devote focused attention to this vital aspect of our church's ministry. A love for people, a heart to serve others, a passion to do so with energy and sacrifice—all flow from a heart that loves God which is greatly enhanced through excellent offerings of worship through music!

So what's the process and timeline for our search? First, our ideal goal would be to have someone in place by March 1, 2010 in order to provide 6 months of development and stability for that person and the teams involved before Pastor Jake and I fully transition our roles in September, 2010. Second, in order to reach that goal, we all must be seeking God's face in unity for Him to do a great work in leading us to the perfect person He desires for us. Third, calls have and are being made to various pastors, ministers, etc. in our area and beyond to receive any possible recommendations. In addition, there is a team currently being assembled that will be comprised of myself, Travis Kaufman, and members from the elder, praise, sound, and other ministry teams. This team will be responsible to review resumes, conduct phone interviews, and invite potential candidates to come to meet our leadership, church family, and conduct a worship service or two. Lord willing, this team will be fully engaged in the process by months end.

How can I be involved or provide input? In addition to praying together in unity for God's wisdom and direction, I would love any input from you that you feel would be helpful. Please don't hesitate to catch me in the hall, send an e-mail or call. If you know of someone who might be interested, I would encourage you to check out the finalized detailed ministry description we have posted on our website at www.monumentbiblechurch.com (by clicking on the Worship Leader Wanted Icon to see if the person you are thinking of would meet the criteria of what we're looking for before recommending such persons or having them contact me.

I love you. I love our church—what it is, what it's becoming, what it's doing and will do—and I'm looking forward to see how God is going to bless us and use this person and position to enhance all that He wants to do in us and through us! *Pastor Dan Anderson*

- **Reminder—AWANA will not meet on Wed., Nov. 25th. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!!!**
- **A Christian AA Group has started on Monday evenings at the Chuckwagon Church located at 522 E. Overland in Scottsbluff. If you are interested in attending, please call Steve Lovelidge at 436-5216.**
- **November Deacon Lock-Up—Jim Stolen**
- **Family photos sessions will be available again on Nov. 1st & 8th between services & following the 2nd service.**
- **FYI—No Xtreme on Sunday, November 29th.**
- **Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the Valley Mobile Pantry will be a week earlier on Fri., Nov. 20th. The December date will be Fri., Dec. 18th.**

Mothers of Preschoolers



Spaghetti Feed/Silent Auction

Fri., Nov. 6th 5:30-8:00 pm
 Tickets may be purchased from any MOPS mom.

Cost: under 5 free;
 \$3—age 5 & older; \$5—adults.

TURKEY BOWL

The 2009 "Turkey Bowl" will be held on Sunday, November 22nd 2009 at Bearcat Stadium in Scottsbluff. Kick-off will be at 2:00p.m. Young and old are invited to this annual flag-football game. It is open to all 7th grade thru older men. Young guys please wear black and "old" guys please wear white. Everyone is invited to come watch the game and then join us afterwards at the church for some fellowship and soup. If you have any questions please ask Travis 631-7914 or travis@monumentbiblechurch.com. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer for all those wanting to play.



Campfire Family Night: Friday, November 13th, 6:30 – 8p.m. @ Trails West YMCA Camp (behind the pavilion near the 3 crosses)
 To kind of piggy back on Russ Garrett's (our Children's CE Director) article below, we have planned for a real informal time for families to get together and just hang out and have fun around a campfire, marsh-mellows, sticks, and smores! In our increasingly fast paced world it is extremely important to be intentional about setting aside—not just quality time but also quantities of time—for laid back fun and conversation. That's one of the reasons we've planned this Family Night, which we invite not just Dads, Moms, & kids to come, but also grandparents and singles. This night has also been scheduled to continue to build increasing *relational and ministry bridges* with the YMCA and their staff. Please remember to thank them as they are providing this opportunity for us free of charge! *Pastor Dan*

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Education

Dr David Anderson once addressed a group of parents and asked how many of them wanted to see their children grow stronger in their faith. One observer noted that every hand went up. Dr Anderson commended them for desiring this for their children but noted that the faith we see in our children is a mirror image of our own, so the issue is not our children's faith but our faith as parents. A few years ago the Search Institute conducted a national survey of faith influencers and concluded that the influence parents have on their children's own faith development is more than twice as great as any program in the church. In light of these findings, the Children's Christian Education Dept would like to include in it's focus the equipping of parents in their role as faith nurturers by providing them with tools to assist them in this task. I would like to invite you to routinely visit our website at www.monumentbiblechurch.com and check out the "student ministries" tab and the "resources" tab to look at these tools. We remain committed to offering solid biblical instruction in all of our programs, but we are now equally committed to helping parents train their children in the ways of the Lord.

Russ Garrett/Children's Christian Education Director

MBC Giving & Attendance Report

Date	Giving	Budgeted	Difference	YTD Giving	YTD Budgeted	Difference	1st	2nd	Attn.
09/27/09	8419.30	7614.93	804.37	37872.97	30459.72	7413.25	111	204	315
10/04/09	11290.69	7614.93	3675.76	49163.66	38074.65	11089.01	91	152	243
10/11/09	7076.80	7614.93	-538.13	56240.46	45689.58	10550.88	105	170	275
10/18/09	5223.68	7614.93	-2391.25	61464.14	53304.51	8159.63	142	176	318
10/25/09	4793.00	7614.93	-2821.93	66257.14	60919.44	5337.70	114	205	319

Mission of the Month, John & Jessica Payton, Navigators

Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO

Building Generations of Laborers...

Last weekend, almost 130 students from Northwest joined 600+ other Navigators from around the Midwest for MAIN EVENT, our annual fall conference. Our student leaders invited well, which led to us giving away over \$3500 in scholarships to first time students. Thanks for your giving, which removed a financial barrier for many. At the following Nav Night we sat in awe as we listened to story after story of students whose lives were radically impacted at MAIN EVENT. A former atheist became convinced of the reality of God and the truth of the Scriptures; a young woman found hope in Christ after attempting to take her own life just three days before Main Event; and a fraternity guy shared how he convinced the hotel staff he was a football player and ended up in the Dallas Cow-boys film room sitting behind Tony Romo! The Cowboys shared the Hyatt with us in downtown Kansas City before their game with the Chiefs. Katie, a freshman, shared that she grew up attending a religious school and walked away not wanting anything to do with God due to the hypocrisy and legalism she experienced. At Main Event she began to understand grace, and her heart is now being drawn toward the God who loves her and gave Himself for her! We left Nav Night reminded that though the harvest is certainly plentiful on campus, the laborers remain few. Without months and years of intentional labor in these 130 lives, the lasting impact from this conference will likely be small. **Our aim is to see students, not just receive Christ Jesus as Lord, but learn to walk with Him, become established in Him, and grow as skilled laborers through Him, as they invest in the next generation of lives.**

PRAYER CORNER *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."* Colossians 4:2

- ✿ Pray that we would shepherd students well as we (and our team) seek to help them take steps of faith in response to what God did in their hearts at Main Event. There are many, many spiritual babies to care for!
- ✿ Pray that genuine friendships would form between existing Nav students and the African American students who came to Main Event, and that the gospel would advance among minority students at Northwest.
- ✿ Pray that our Greek students would persevere in loving their friends and pointing them toward Christ. In spite of the spiritual darkness, we are seeing greater levels of hunger and desire to seek God in the Greek system than ever before.
- ✿ Pray for John's family as his mother, Judy, will Lord-willing begin a bone marrow transplant in late October at Mayo clinic in Rochester, MN. It is a very difficult and lengthy procedure and any exposure to germs can be life-threatening. Pray for healing and that we as a family would put our hope in God and trust Him fully through this process.

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Missionary Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec 9—Bruce Powell Dec 15—Tim Sissel
Dec 17—Dan & Sharon Roberts anniversary
Dec 20—Isaiah Singh
Dec 23—Jerry & Kathy Singh anniversary
Dec 28—Luke Threath
Dec 29—Carol & Tim Sissel anniversary
Dec 29—Dave Hughes Dec 31—Rebekah Singh



WARRIOR RUN—Help Honor Our

Veterans in a 5K/10K Walk/Run on Sat., Nov. 7th at 9:00 am in Gering. The Warrior Run was conceived as a way to help honor our veterans & pay tribute to the memory & sacrifice of two local men who gave their lives in service of our country. There will be five age divisions for this event. Cost to participate is \$20.00 with all proceeds going directly to the Oregon Trail Community Foundation then forwarded to the Wounded Warriors in honor of the Wolf and Robles. Entry forms and view course maps may be download at www.thewarriorrun.com. For more info or questions, please call Brad Van Pelt at 631-4300 or email: brad@vanpeltfencing.com.

**'Magdalena,
Released from Shame'
@ the Midwest Theater,
Thurs., Nov. 5th @ 7pm
Tickets & info at
308-633-LOVE**