

CONNECTIONS

Connecting People With God and His Family

Join us for



Vacation Bible School

We will be exploring the mighty love of God this year at Vacation Bible School. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center in the church lobby. We hope that you can join us for the exciting High Seas Expedition!!

June 1-4 from 6:15-8:30 PM
June 5 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

For Kids Pre-Kindergarten
(going to kindergarten in the fall)
through Grade 8

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Prayer is a great concern for the young, as well as the older members of our church. Some of our young people are reaching a plateau in their lives as they graduate from either high school or college. We, as a church, need to hold them up in prayer, as they go out into this uncertain world. If we would bring our petitions, no matter what they are, to God at His altar, He would bless our church greatly. There is a need for Godly people to bow before the Lord at His altar in prayer.

"THE ALTAR OF OUR CHURCH"

I read the prayer list and pray.

I hear and see the need.

The younger generation have fears of daily problems,

While the older seniors concern for health is what they plead.

Fear is for loss of jobs for the young and how to cope.

They have a need for prayer as they deal with life.

Health for seniors goes down hill with speed.

That failing health calls for prayer, whether it's a husband or wife.

The altar of the church,

With pastors and people, should be a place of healing,

As they come forth in an outpouring before God,

To lay their heart's desire on the altar where they are kneeling.

A church who prays to God, openly and beyond restraint,

Will be a church that grows -- a church to behold.

Prayer laid at the altar

Will come back from God, -- twofold.

God has gifts to give His people.

Ask and you shall receive.

Let's take our cares to the feet of Jesus, at His altar,

Where life's problems are healed by Him, when we believe.

by Marla J. Starry



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Don Roth, Chairman of the Miracle Camp Board, is pleased to announce that the Miracle Camp Board has chosen Dale A. Boone, as the new Director to succeed Larry Brovont, who is retiring this summer.

Dale and his wife, Janice, currently reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For the past ten years Dale has been serving as Director of Advancement and Operations for Ada Christians School, Ada, Michigan.

Dale's wife Jan, began the ministry, GEMS, Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Both singly and together, Dale and Jan will provide effective leadership for Miracle Camp.

Dale has been approved for this position by the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches with headquarters in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dale will begin his new responsibilities this summer.



Library News...

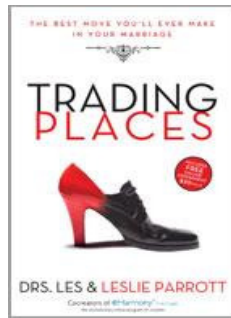
New to our Library:

Adult Non-Fiction Resources From the Focus On Marriage Seminar:

Trading Places by Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott - Couples who are stepping on each other's toes should try walking in each other's shoes. Trading Places reduces conflict, deepens your commitment, and helps you live as better friends and lovers. Mutual empathy---the revolutionary tool for instantly improving a relationship--can be learned and practiced, say the authors of this groundbreaking book. Their guidance will transform your marriage.

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas

The Five Languages of Apology by Gary D. Chapman



Magazines Now Available:

Answers

Christianity Today

Guideposts

Men of Integrity

Thriving Family (previously Focus on the Family)

Sports Spectrum

World Magazine

Adult Fiction:

In Harms Way (Heroes of Quantico 3) by Irene Hannon

The Right Call (Sophie Trace 3) by Kathy Herman

Take Three (Above the Line 3) by Karen Kingsbury

The Telling (Seasons of Grace 3) by Beverly Lewis

Abbie Ann: A Novel (Daughters of Jacob Kane 3) by Sharlene MacLaren

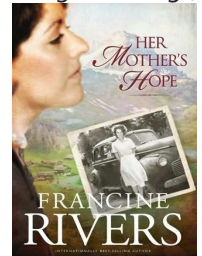
No Distance Too Far (Home to Blessing 2) by Lauraine Snelling

Plain Paradise (Daughters of the Promise 4) by Beth Wiseman

Greater Love (Tides of Truth 3) by Robert Whitlow

Her Mother's Hope (Marta's Legacy 1) by Francine Rivers - Swiss-born Marta Schneider was her Papa's least favored child, and his abuse pushes her to leave home and achieve great things,

first in nearby Interlaken, later in England, then Canada, and finally in California, where she and her German husband, Niclas, settle down to raise their four children in the lull between the two world wars. Niclas is a godly and trusting man with a university degree who nonetheless has a powerful desire to work the soil. So it falls to shrewd and ambitious Marta to protect them all from greedy and unscrupulous folk who would take advantage. Romance Writers of America Hall of Famer Rivers' eagerly anticipated, first full-length Christian novel since 2003 is an emotionally rich exploration based loosely on her own family history as it follows world events through the first half of the twentieth century.



Leadership Team Communications...

From time to time, we, as your Lead Team, get inquiries regarding projects, activities or issues we are working on. Some of these are new and some have been open items on the agenda for an extended period of time. To keep us as a church family better informed, we will share some highlights of the Lead Team agenda in each newsletter. This will keep you better informed so you can pray more specifically for God's leading as we plan and process. Your comments and questions are always welcome. We, as your Lead Team covet your prayers:

This Month's Lead Team Agenda Highlights:

~ Executive Pastor Search

• The Search Committee has narrowed candidates down to two, and is now in the process of conducting follow-up interviews.

~ Sale of Church Properties

• We have received 4 inquiries since the "For Sale" sign was posted for the 5 acres on Park Street, south of our old church. Included in this acreage are the bus barn, the parking lot, and the open, grassed area west of the parking lot.

• We are also pursuing a party potentially interested in the

Franklin Street lots east of the old church.

~ Sign Update

• Drawings have been completed for a permanent church sign to be located along the planned extension of Lafayette Street. Lead Team will review the plans at their next meeting. Funds, gifts-in-kind and volunteer help have been donated to cover the full cost of the sign.

~ Conference Budget

• Our conference budget is experiencing a \$40,000 short fall. The General Board took action to request that each church prayerfully consider a one-time gift equal to 50% of their monthly faith promise. Through the faithful giving of our church family and less-than-expected expenses, our local budget is carrying a positive balance with 3 months remaining in our fiscal year. We therefore are in a position to respond with a "one-time" additional gift of \$5,500, which is 50% of our monthly faith promise. We are thankful to be in this position, especially since we have found it necessary to reduce conference giving in the recent years.



Church Family Supper

All ages are invited to the Church Family Supper on Sunday, May 2 at 6:00 PM in the Multi-Ministry Room. There will be a lunch and dessert buffet. Come and join us for a wonderful meal and show people from our church family that you care. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 30 we will have a combined worship service at 10:00 AM. There will be no Sunday School and no evening activities.



Women's Cookbook Potluck

Join us for a Women's Cookbook Potluck on Thursday, May 13 at 6:00 PM in the Multi-Ministry Room. Bring a dish from one of your recipes that you entered in the church cookbook. If you didn't enter a recipe, please bring one of your favorite dishes! We will have something for children to make and decorate. There will also be a guest speaker. The event is FREE and is open to women and girls ages 2 and up. Drinks and table service provided. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Come and Worship!

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Sunday Worship	8:30 and 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening	7:00 PM
Junior High Quiz (6:45 PM)	
Evening Service	High School Aroma
Wednesday Evening	6:45 PM
Junior High Alive	Connection Club
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM
Adult Bible Study	Worship Teams
High School Small Groups	Discipleship
Men Alive	

Senior Pastor:
Jesse Kahler
Pastor of Pastoral Care:
Stuart Rex
Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries:
Trey Sonnenberg
Director of Christian Education:
Deb Neuenschwander
Worship Coordinator:
Nancy Wyse
Administrative Assistant:
Buffie Vereecke
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Linda K. Rupp

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