



# Chapel Call

January/February 2012

## The Pastor's Corner

### Finished!

*Dear Friends,*

As I write this, the days of 2011 "dwindle down to a precious few." By the time you read it, there will be a new calendar page, the Times Square Ball dropped and packed away, 2011 finished.

*Finished!* It can be a happy word. A student takes the last page of her term paper out of the printer, staples the completed pages, lays the fruit of her work on the teacher's desk. *Finished!* (Actually, I imagine, in this day and time, she'd just email it to the teacher.) A runner crosses the finish line, lifted over it by a sense of accomplishment, pride, or, if nothing else, relief that it's over.

*Finished!* A patient walks out of the oncology ward after the last of the grueling doses of radiation therapy. *Finished!* On the deck of the USS Missouri, US Army General Richard Sutherland watched Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister, Mamoru Shigemitsu scrawl his signature on a page. With that pen stroke, WWII was officially over. *Finished!*

*Finished* can be a sad word, too. Just ask the child whose last, desperate slurps of a milkshake sound like the suction tube the dental hygienist

hangs in your mouth. Ask the team that battles all year long, dreaming of raising the championship trophy before the cheering, hometown crowd. With one loss, they head home, welcomed by a few hardcore stragglers.

*Finished.* Those losses pale in comparison to those felt when a relationship comes to an end, or, worse still, when the chair across from you at the table is no longer filled, but empty. *Finished.*

The ending of a year is marked by both the joy and sadness of the word, *finished*. For some, the page is turned with a sense of joy, achievement, blessing, accomplishment. For others, there's deep sadness and even searing pain. The rest of the world rushes on, leaving them behind to wrestle with what has been lost.

John's gospel tells us that as Jesus drew his last breath, he managed a single word: *Tetelestai*. *Finished*. Matthew, Mark and Luke don't tell us the word, only that he shouted it. Jesus didn't whimper at the end, defeated. He shouted for joy. ***Finished!*** To the world, it looked like defeat, but Jesus knew that the victory had been won. ***Finished!***

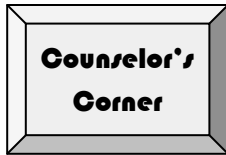
In that word, Jesus speaks to those who know the gladness of accomplishment, as well as the sadness of painful endings. By his death, he has made a way for us, a way back to God, from whom we have come. Because Jesus uttered, *Finished*, we know that nothing can separate us or those we love from God. The pain and brokenness we know now in this life will one day sign the surrender before Him. *Finished*. One day, we will turn the calendar page for the last time. The joy we will know when we cross the finish line will make all earthly joy pale in comparison. *Finished!* Until then, may Jesus Christ keep you through the sadness of endings, and through every joyful, earthly accomplishment, make you long for the greater heavenly one.



Warmly,

*Bob*

# Welcome to Our New Counseling Ministry *By Sally Bardin*



## By the time

you read this, I hope many of you have already had a chance to stop by and visit me in my new office. It is so nice to have a place to settle into, and invite you.

One of the visions that Dean and Lois Griffith have always had, along with the additional educational space at the Chapel, was to provide a counseling ministry. This is now a reality for us.

If you are hurting or know someone who is in need of counseling, I will do my very best to assist or refer you to the most appropriate place I know. If you're wondering if counseling is appropriate for you, I'll be glad to help you answer that question, too.

One can hardly pick up a newspaper today, turn on the television or go online without learning about some tragedy. Closer yet is the pain we may experience in our personal lives.

Christian counseling is anchored in the foundation of God's Word. The methodology and process may require periodic adjustments in order to remain relevant, and at times, the task may feel simply overwhelming and the obstacles too intimidating. Thankfully, we serve a big God and a God of the impossible. Jesus said in John 16:33



that *"In the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world."*

So how does one overcome the realities of the world we now live in? The Apostle John, who had to rise above his own persecution and banishment to the island of Patmos said, *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5).*

We can take comfort in the fact that we are not alone. Life, with its high calling to bear one another's burdens, was never meant to be a solo journey. We need God, who sustains us, and we need one another. Please know that I would be most honored to accompany you along your journey.

### ***Chapel Women: Let's Escape to the SeaSide***

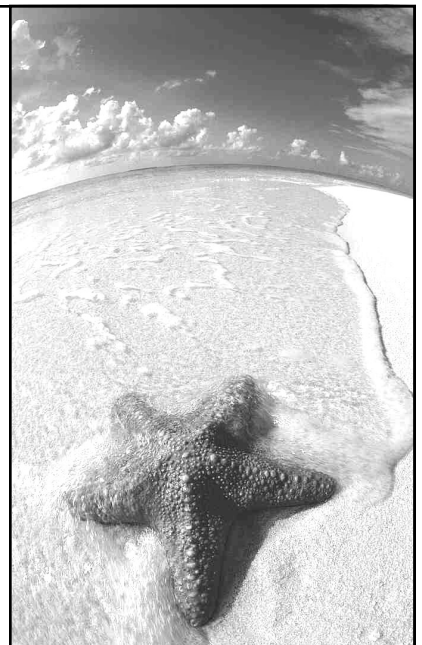
**Wishing you could sneak away for a relaxing time at the beach? We've got the perfect plan!**

**SeaSide Escape is a relaxing beach-themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, time for laughter and time for quiet reflection.**

**We'll begin our retreat with dinner on the evening of Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. and finish by 3 p.m. on Feb. 11. It will be held at George Williams University and the cost is only \$100 per person. This covers three delicious meals, fun and refreshing activities, as well as comfortable lodging.**

**Call the Chapel office at 262-245-9122 for more information.**

**Join us at SeaSide Escape to make new friends, worship and bask in the warmth of God's presence.**



## 2011: Things I Am Thankful For *By Cynthia Hoffman*



### Thank you

to all the folks who rang the bell for the Salvation Army this season. You rang the bell for 27 hours this year. Many of you signed up for more than a one-hour session. Several of you signed up to help ring the bell on short notice, and then filled in when others couldn't.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to host the Walworth County Emergency Homeless Shelter. Many of you shared your gift of hospitality by providing a meal or pitching in to help in one of a myriad of ways. Although "thank you" seems awfully inadequate, from the bottom of our hearts, *thank you Janet Nettekoven* for being our homeless shelter leader.

Thank you to Cheryl and Don Johnston for sharing yourselves with the Kenyan people. You share the love of Jesus Christ so beautifully!

Thank you to all the volunteers who so faithfully staff our food pantry, and to all of the congregation members who donate money and food to help keep the shelves stocked. There is great need in our community, and it is a blessing that we can help to be a light in the darkness.

Thank you to Gladys Mungo and all she is doing for the Haitian people, most especially the children. Thank you everyone who has dropped a coin in the jar, bought a bird or bag of coffee, or attended the pig roast to help raise funds for this mission project.

Thank you for a wonderful pig roast this summer, Yum! Mark your calendars for early August 2012 to be sure not to miss a wonderful opportunity to help raise funds. It will be an awesome time, great food and a wonderful cause to be helped.

Thank you for filling 37 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Children around the world will be blessed by your generosity, and you can rest assured that you will have put a smile on a young face. (Let's try to hit 50 boxes next year!)

Thank you for the Angel Tree, helping children in our own community to receive a Christmas gift,

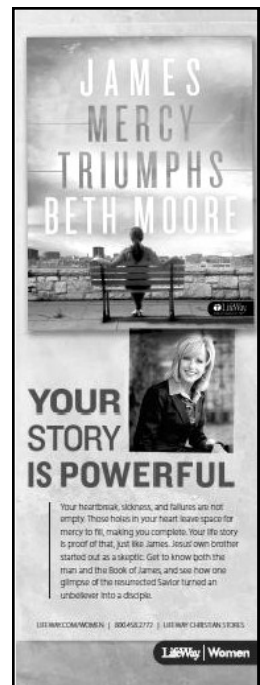
and thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for helping to supply warm scarves, mittens and hats to accompany these gifts.

Thank you to the Mary/Martha group for making stockings for our Chapel children. You warm the little hearts that soon will be our future.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make Missions one of the Chapel's most important ministries.

We could not continue to do what we do without you.

### **Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study Explores James - Mercy Triumphs**



Ladies bible study classes, centered on Beth Moore's seven-week series entitled, *James-Mercy Triumphs*, will begin Thursday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. Workbooks, priced at \$15.00, will be available at the introductory session. To sign up, call the Chapel office at 262-245-9122.



## 2011 Was a Very Good Year at CAC *By Jeff Quinto*

### We began 2011

with an amazing performance by world-renowned Christian pianist, **Huntley Brown**. To say that Huntley plays the piano does not fully describe the way he possesses the piano, the way his hands move so quickly that they appear as a blur. What a remarkable way to start the year! There is good news because Huntley will be back at the Chapel on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM. Tickets are \$10-\$20 and can be reserved by calling the Chapel office (262-245-9122).

In February, we presented the wonderful comedy, **Father of the Bride** directed by Sean Walker. It was a hit in large part due to my performance in the pivotal role of Red the Mover. Father of the Bride was great fun for everyone and a wonderful way to warm the cold Wisconsin winter with laughter.

**The Living Passion**, Alan Atwood's adaptation of the last days, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, was a beautiful, moving tribute to our faith's most important event. Donna Badtke ably directed the production that included dozens of Chapel members among the 45-member cast and crew. The choral music that accompanied the story was wonderfully led by Denise Olson. Mike Nordentoft did a marvelous job in the lead role. For all of us, Pharisees and Disciples alike, being a part of this important event made Easter 2011 especially meaningful. We, at the Chapel, have been given a great gift in the Christian Arts Center. Along with that gift comes the responsibility to use it in a way that honors God. The Living Passion powerfully accomplished that purpose and we shall all long remember the great experience that was The Living Passion.

**Go-go-go Joseph** – It was fully two months before I stopped uncontrollably singing "Go-go-go Joseph" after our summer production of **Joseph**

and the **Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. What a great show! What great fun! I was honestly sad when it was over...over of course except for my incessant humming of the song. Everyone in the cast and crew can be proud to have been part of such an entertaining production. To realize that it is a fairly faithful depiction of the Joseph story from Genesis is amazing. However, I do not remember anything in Genesis 47 to indicate that Pharaoh was dressed as Elvis.



**Huntley Brown**

**Amahl and the Night Visitors** was the perfect way to start the Christmas season. It was a lovely story set to beautiful music played magnificently by an instrumental ensemble and sung to perfection by the cast. The show was directed by Denise Olson and produced by Cindy Odden. The Musical Director was Rex Wilkinson and the Conductor was Rex's nephew, Mark

French.

**Looking to 2012** – As mentioned above, Huntley Brown starts our year in 2012 on January 21. We will be presenting **The Miracle Worker** directed by Sean Walker and produced by Colleen Walker on March 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11. Auditions for **Miracle Worker** will be January 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Christian Arts Centre. Why not try out? It is a great way to liven up your winter.

**Help Wanted!** – Why don't you resolve to make 2012 the year you try out for a play, serve as an usher or help make sets. The CAC needs your help doing whatever you can do. Not everyone has the talent to be a Red the Mover, but you can try out for a lesser role or do something else to support this joyous ministry. 2012 is going to be a great year at the CAC and I hope you will be part of it.

See you at the show.

# New Chapel Addition Dedicated in December 2011

## Twas the week

before Christmas, Sunday, December 18, when Pastor Bob Bardin led the congregation into the refurbished parlor to dedicate our new 7,500 square foot Chapel addition.

Twas also two weeks ahead of the estimated completion date, thanks to the skillful management and perseverance of our contractor, Sherrer Construction, and project manager, Greg Odden.

Pastor Bardin reiterated that the new space will enhance the Chapel's mission to be a community of faith where men, women and children can believe in Jesus Christ, belong to his family and follow him out into the world.

The new three-story structure adds five classrooms, several group meeting rooms, two offices, library, young adult area, choir practice room and elevator. Also, the Chapel office, mailroom and lavatories have been updated.



Architect, Ken Etten and Pastor, Bob Bardin



# Time to Be Thankful and Excited *By Anastasia Bouras*

Speak Out

... By the  
Kids

**For everything** *created*  
**by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected,**  
**if it is received with gratitude; for it is sancti-**  
**fied by means of the word of God and prayer.**  
**(1 Timothy 4:4-5)**

This is a time of year to be thankful and excited for the new things to come. First of all, the children would like to thank Dean and Lois Griffith for our beautiful new addition to the church. It will truly be a place of worship and will be used to educate everyone about God's love.

The youth group, Impact, is especially excited about their new room. We feel that being able to have our own room within the church will continue to strengthen the bonds between the church and us.

The little kids have been doing very well adapting to having class in the Parish Hall, but they all are very excited to have brand new classrooms. We

are grateful to the congregation for furnishing the new addition. Your donations not only will help buy new furniture, but also create a space for all of us to learn about the love of God and His importance in our lives.

The youth group has many fun and new things planned for the new space. We will be having lock-ins with special lessons, praise band practice with our new stage, and lots of planning will be going on for our next youth Sunday.

This new space is truly a blessing that is greatly appreciated the children. We cherish this gift and will put it to use in the mindset of glorifying God.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16: 34)**



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### January

1 Susie Flemming  
2 Amy Weckerle  
4 Jesse Basile  
8 Wesley Lindstrom  
9 Matt Johnson  
12 Lou Kowbel  
13 Annette Jett  
Brenton Klawes  
15 Roxanne Steen  
16 Lily Hinners  
Greg Odden  
19 George Hach  
22 Lisa Noel  
23 Wendy Regalia  
26 Tony Nettekoven  
29 Frank Licary



#### February

6 Bob Bardin  
8 Julie Muth  
9 Carol Starkey  
Katie Stearns  
10 Aaron Turner  
11 Lisa Kaczor  
Brittany Struble  
15 Marlene Remer  
Jake Steen  
16 Marie Nelson  
Thomas Santoy  
17 Greg Nettekoven  
18 Marge Venema  
20 Jeri Genz  
21 Cody Garlock  
Eileen Knutson  
Jennifer Licary

21 Dave Nordentoft  
22 Parnell Knudsvig  
23 Pat Carr  
25 Mariana Corpus  
26 Connor Daniels  
William Maack  
27 Doug Gerber  
Nancy Hoeft  
Sandi Lechner

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

#### January

1 Jeff & Toni Quinto  
6 Bill & Sandi Lechner  
16 Jim & Joyce Kennedy  
17 Steve & Ruth St. Clair



# The Crippled Woman *By Eileen Altenburg*

## Do you know

the story of “The Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath?” I didn’t remember the story, from Luke 13, when Beth Moore referred to it. In the story, Jesus healed a woman on the Sabbath, and then church leaders criticized Him for healing on the Sabbath. The greater emphasis seems to be on the second part of the story. But *my* attention was drawn to the first part.

“On a Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for 18 years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, ‘Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.’ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.”

She had suffered for 18 years! Can you imagine how her life was limited because she could not straighten up? I could empathize with her; at the time I heard her story, I had severe back pain that caused me to walk bent.

In spite of her limitations, she went to church to worship God. Jesus saw her in the crowd, called to her to Him, and He healed her. He picked her out of the crowd for healing.

I was referred to a neurosurgeon who suggested surgery as my best option for pain relief. With prayer and advice from Christian relatives and friends, I agreed. Within hours of the surgery, I could stand straight and walk — *without pain!* (I’m still overjoyed as I write this.)

When Jesus healed the woman, she straightened up and praised God. Amen! Amen! Amen!

The woman in the story was “crippled by a spirit for 18 years.” Was it a spirit of anger, a spirit of defeat, or an ordinary evil spirit? Are you crippled by something? Yours may not be a physical infirmi-

ty; it may be an emotional or spiritual infirmity that’s weighing you down.



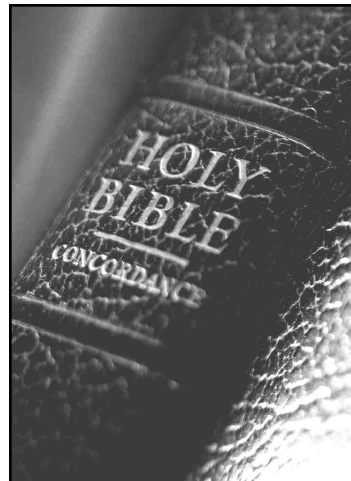
**As EI See It**

Before surgery, I knew I was being prayed for by members of five prayer chains and many other people, and I was under the care of a very reputable neurosurgeon and hospital staff. I went into surgery with total confidence in my God, who would either heal me or help me accept the result. Whether God

chose to heal me completely, or not, I trusted Him.

Psalms 30:2 says, “O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.”

James 5:13-16 encourages us to pray for one another. Prayer and trust in God make a difference. We pray for a specific answer, but we need confidence that God has a purpose and will sustain us through the answer He gives us.



Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

When we face troubles, it’s easy to ask, “Why me, Lord?” When I consider God’s abundant blessings, I also ask, “Why me, Lord?” and the song, “My Tribute,” comes to mind:

*How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?*

*Things so undeserved yet You gave to prove Your love for me.*

*The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.*

*All that I am, and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.*

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory*

*To God be the glory for the things He has done...*





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