

Open Bible Church, Boone, Iowa

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Church Schedule

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Celebration
K.I.D.S. Church

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study & Prayer
L.I.F.T. for teens
Sonlight for kids

Pastor's Corner

Welcome to the first edition of Boone Open Bible Church's newsletter! Our purpose is to share news, introduce new families, spotlight ministries, keep you informed of current events, etc. We are planning to produce this letter every other month.

Did you notice that our newsletter doesn't have a name? We need your help! And there's going to be a contest... Please submit your idea for a name to the church office by April 15. Entries will be reviewed by Pastor and the church office staff. The winning entry will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate to Lemstone's in Ames. So, think hard, be creative and let's come up with a great name!

This first letter features a number of newer families that have made Open Bible their church home. I just want to say how blessed we are to have so many that feel they can make their church home here with us. These are fine additions to our extended families. Welcome! As a Pastor I am humbled by the thought that God would entrust us to care for so many good people. We are truly blessed. Let's continue to represent Christ well and to make people feel at home with us.

As always, continue "Pursuing His Presence." This has to be the central focus of what we do, both individually, and as a church. Everything we need comes from him.



Pursuing His Presence,

Care Groups

Monday

INSTE I, Discipleship
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

Max Lucado Study
7:00 p.m.
1206 26th St., Ames

Tuesday

Marriage Matters
7:00 p.m.
Comfy Room

Power of a Praying Parent
7:00 p.m.
1320 Clinton St., Boone

Women's Support Group
7:00 p.m.
Activity Center

Thursday

Men's Devotional
7:00 p.m.
215 W. 5th, Boone

Saturday

Youth Discipleship
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room

Prayer, Fasting & Outreach
7:00 p.m.
Worship Center



Hands of Mercy

“Children around the world are touched by our Hands of Mercy.”

Hands of Mercy are far reaching

Hands of Mercy is a group dedicated to raising funds to benefit needy children in Boone and all over the world. Most recently \$1,400 was raised selling handmade craft items. Thanks to everyone who made and donated crafts! A special thanks to Raylene O'Tool and her care group that worked hard all summer long making many craft items for the sales. We have sent five boxes of small toys to Bill and Fayth McConnell who work with underprivileged children in Mexico. By giving them a toy they have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with these precious children. We also sent three boxes of socks to Karen Rose, our Open Bible missionary, who works in Romania. Many of the children there are in great need of basic necessities, like socks, just to keep warm. In addition to socks, we have also sent warm quilted blankets, baby gowns, baby bottles, and other baby supply items that Karen gives to the hospital there.

We have several marked containers in the foyer for McDonald's Happy Meal toys, used black and white or color computerink cartridges, used cell phones, and used eye glasses. If you have any of these items you would like to contribute, please do!

Loaves and Fishes is an extension of Hands of Mercy that specifically focuses on providing food for the hungry. Through the Younkers fund raiser, about \$800 was raised. We have already been able to help two Boone families buy groceries during their time of need. Thank you to each of you who purchased a coupon or gave a donation towards this cause!

New Members!

On Sunday, February 15, Jan Dreesman, Janelle Keffer, Arlen and Judy Shafer, Don Riemenschneider, Robert and Kim Abbey, Scott and Christine Toms and their family, and Michelle Waldo were all publicly accepted into official church membership. Welcome!

L.I.F.T. news

Thirteen young people from our youth group traveled to Kansas City for Breakaway 2004 "UPLINK DOWNLOAD." Jeanne Mayo, from Atlanta, Georgia, was the featured speaker. The first night, Jeanne challenged each one to "Be a Bomb for Jesus" by impacting their world with the truth. The next evening, she used the story of Gideon and his weapons to bring the message; the trumpet (God uses dead people), the clay jar (God uses broken people), the torch (God uses on-fire people) and the shout (give a voice to righteousness). Both evenings were powerful nights and lives were changed! There were over 1,000 teens in attendance from



Youth and leaders in Kansas City

across Open Bible's Central Region. A Christian rock band, The Mint, played before services, and Through September led worship. Master's Commission was there (our own Heather Eime included!) to minister in various skits and human videos. Outside of the meetings, we enjoyed bowling at the Lunar Bowl, rock climbing and various activities at the sports complex.

The youth would like to express a big thank you to each one who bought candy, ate at the potato bar and gave donations!

THANK YOU!

Praise Fest IV Highlights



Denise Bravard and Anita Duncan



Denzil Acuff



Bailee Biersner and Don Riemenschneider



Carol Elsberry, Shelby Elsberry and Morgan O'Tool

Business Feature

This issue's featured business is:

Impressions Salon Etc.
1409 14th Street
Boone, IA 50036
515/432-2788 (phone)
nitasplace@mchsi.com

Impressions is owned and operated by Anita Duncan. Anita is a talented, licensed stylist who specializes in cuts, perms, colors, highlights, and styles. She has been trained in Dallas and Los Angeles and has been licensed for twenty years.

If you own a business or know of a business that is owned by someone in our church body, please let the church office know so it can be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters!



Newest Arrival!



Kale David Munson was born on Monday, March 8, 2004, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. He lives with his family in Ogden – his parents, Joel and Doreen, two older sisters, Karissa and Kaley and one older brother, Kolby. Welcome Kale!

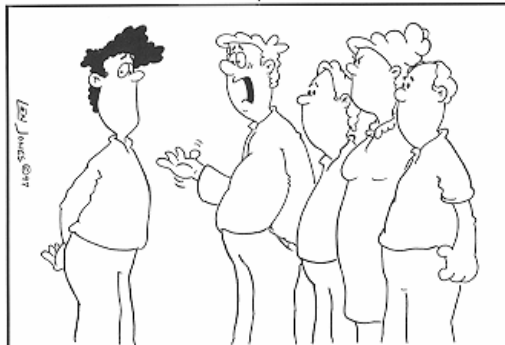
WATER BAPTISM



David Ward, Rylee Ward, Jamie Phipps, Cassie Allen, Joy Siver, Millie Freeman, Joshua Freeman and Jessica Brown

Just for Fun...

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"Pastor, we appreciate your efforts in fund raising, however, renting the Baptismal Pool out as a Holy Hot Tub during the week is just not acceptable!"

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Upcoming ...

Sunday	March 28	Summer Menus Due	
Sunday	March 28	International Outreach Offering	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	March 28	Potluck	12:00 p.m.
Sunday	March 28	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	April 1	LPL Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 4	Daylight Savings Time begins	2:00 a.m.
Sunday	April 4	VHS	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	April 4	Summer Menus Finalized	
Sunday	April 11	Easter	
Sundays	April 11, 18, 25	Care Group Sign Up	
Saturday	April 17	Sonlight Angels/Knights Quiz Team Competition	
Saturday and Sunday	April 17 and 18	Holy Spirit Conference with Burliss Parker	
Sunday	May 2	Gospel Magic – Bubbles the Clown	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	May 2	VHS Huddles	
Week of	May 3	New Care Group Semester Begins	
Wednesday	May 5	Sonlight Awards Program	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	May 6	National Day of Prayer	
Sunday	May 9	Mother's Day	
Sunday	May 23	Potluck at the Park	
Friday through Sunday	May 28-30	Jesus Fest	
Monday	May 31	Memorial Day	