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Pastor's Corner

REVIVAL!

God has been speaking prophetically for years about the revival he is bringing to our area. He has promised a powerful outpouring of his spirit. It's beginning! We are hearing more and more reports of healings and miracles. People are coming to know Jesus as their Lord and savior. In the first quarter

of this year we've already baptized more than half as many as last year and there's



Pastor Phil and Naomi Waldo

another baptism coming up in just a few weeks. Also, a number of people have rededi-

cated their lives to God. Still others are hearing from God in new and unique ways. God is moving! Let's rejoice and thank the Lord for what he is already doing while we pray and pursue the growing revival that God has promised.

Pursuing Him,

New Small Groups Starting in May!

There are new small groups starting on May 1st! This summer's menu includes:

- Study of the Book of Job—Wrestling with God
- Financial Stewardship
- Celebrate Recovery
- Visitation
- What Happens When Women Say Yes to God
- Spirit Led Women
- Party With a Purpose
- G.T.
- L.I.F.T.

Sign up will begin Sunday, April 6 and will continue for the next three Sundays. Small groups are beneficial for relationship building, accountability and learning. Join one this summer!

Testimony of Blessing



Kassy, Tammie and Brian Foltz enjoying their new TV.

"Pastor Phil had asked the congregation to prepare for revival by fasting for twenty-one days. In the past, Brian and I have viewed fasting as an outdated, pointless activity, so we were not really thrilled by the idea. While we were in the service, I felt God telling me that we should fast television in the evenings and devote some of that time to Him. Well, I thought that was

crazy, but I suggested it to Brian, and he thought that was something we could do. So every night we would switch the television off at 8:00 regardless of who was at our house. During that time before bed we did a Bible study or just read books, but the television did not come on. At the end of the twenty-one days we felt good about completing the fast, and I at least thought that we would begin to see the results in our church. The fast ended on Sunday and on Mon-

day morning at 9:00 we received a phone call informing us that we had won a 42-inch flat screen TV! Out of thousands of entries in the box, Brian's name was in three times, and his name was chosen. No matter what anyone thinks, this affirmed for us that being obedient to God is noticed by our living Savior and, at least in this instance, He wanted us to know He was with us." **Tammie Foltz**

"Retirement means no pressure, no stress, no heartache... unless you play golf."
Gene Perret

Two long-time ISU Employees Retire



Joanne Nystrom worked at Iowa State University for over 25 years. She retired from the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology on Friday, January 18, 2008. She was honored at a retirement reception that afternoon. She was a

member of the 25-Year Club and also a past recipient of the ISU Award for Superior Service to Alumni. She is enjoying her retirement, having time to travel to Minneapolis to attend her grandchildren's school events and activities. She is also looking forward to spring where she will be able to enjoy some flower gardening.



Art Elsberry was employed at Iowa State University for over 18 years as a storekeeper at Central Stores and then later in Chemistry Stores. He retired on Friday, March 28, 2008. He is eagerly anticipating leisurely fishing trips, golf outings, and gardening.



Relay for Life

Elisa Huss wearing a Relay for Life medallion that was given to her by another cancer survivor.



The American Cancer Society's 2008 Relay for Life will be held on Friday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Goepfinger Field here in Boone. The event will continue through the night and end the next day at 7:00 a.m. Elisa Huss will be participating in the

event after her triumphant battle over cancer this past year. A team from our church is being formed in support of Elisa. We will participate in the various activities (fun laps, biggest eater contest, dizzy bat race, shave a balloon contest, water balloon toss, cake walk, scavenger hunt, fear factor

challenge and more!) for the duration of the event as well as raise funds for the American Cancer Society. If you are interested in being a member of the team supporting Elisa, please call Lisa Hoffman at 432-9095 or send her an email at thehoffmans@mchsi.com.



Celebrate Recovery!

Alechia Daniels knows what it is like to have an addiction. As a young mother, she found herself drinking alcohol to mask pain and to cope with life. She became a functional alcoholic, able to maintain a good standing at her job, but unable to control her desire to drink. One night, after passing out behind the wheel - she woke up only to discover that she had been headed the wrong way down the freeway. Sitting in the darkness, cold and sick, with no memory of the evening's events, and her car out of gas, she decided once and for all to be done with her rela-

tionship with alcohol. It was then that God supernaturally delivered her from this overwhelming addiction. Since that time over twenty years ago, she has been involved to varying degrees in recovery programs helping people with all kinds of addictions to receive inner healing. God moved her to Boone in 2006 after she initially came just for a short visit with her daughter. She has been immersed in intercessory prayer and has just now been called once again to a recovery ministry. "Celebrate Recovery", a Christian program from Rick Warren's Saddleback Church, addresses all

kinds of addictions and habits, including alcohol, drugs, co-dependence, food, pornography, anger and others. This group will begin on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. It is a duplication of an established group that meets in Ames and will be led by Alechia and overseen by Mike Boyd, an addictions counselor. Please e-mail Alechia at yrevocerplace@live.com to get more information or to express your interest in being a part of this group. It is a safe, confidential place to belong, receive understanding and to get support.



Alechia Daniels

What's Happening

Pastor Phil will tell you that one of his favorite things to do as a pastor is to baptize people. He's been excited this year to have already baptized



nine people! On February 3 Trevor Elsberry (pictured left) was baptized and on March 9 (pictured from back to front, left to right) Jeff and Kris Higgins,



Jacque Higgins, Kaleob Linglebach, Saydie and Kalista Howard, Sammie Ward and Taylan Howard were baptized. The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 11 with the informational meeting on Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m.



Introducing Ava Lynne Russell, daughter of Jacob and Deborah Russell! Ava was born on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at 8:05 p.m. at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa.

She weighed 8 pounds 4.5 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. She is the first child for the Russells. Congratulations to Jake and Deb!

Parent Education Project



Parenting can be overwhelming! New parents, single parents, young mothers, anyone with children (prenatal through age 5) can use support, education, confidence, and knowledge of parenting. The Parent Education Project, a program that is housed at the Family Empowerment Center at 724 8th Street in Boone, can help meet that need. They use a curriculum based

on the "Born to Learn" series of Parents as Teachers, a nationwide parent education network. They work with families, making in-home visits to help parents understand their child's developmental stages and offer support services and referrals. This program is free and open to anyone regardless of their income. There is a young parents support group in the works that

will hold monthly group meetings to build relationships among parents and to have fun. If you are interested, please call Janelle Keffer, In-Home Parent Educator, at 515-432-6035 or 515-432-6034 or e-mail her at janelle@familydirectionsiowa.org. She would also love to see you at their open house on Thursday, May 1 from 5-7:30 p.m.

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Giving Opportunities

Stork's Nest Traveling Play Pen

The Stork's Nest is a free community-based program that promotes healthy behaviors during pregnancy and infancy by providing education and incentives. During the month of April, Open Bible Church is hosting the "Traveling Playpen" in the Worship Center. You can help make a difference in the lives of many Boone County families by donating a new baby item or making a cash donation. Some needed items include diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, body wash and lotion, hooded towels and wash cloths, baby monitors, bottles, security gates, sippy cups, bowls and utensils, baby rattles, teething rings, crib sheets, receiving blankets and more! For a more detailed list, go to www.walmart.com to the gift registry and type in "Stork's Nest" or www.target.com where they are registered under the name Teisea Kostner.

APWAP Honduras Missions Trip

APWAP is going on a missions trip to Honduras this summer. They will be working with the orphans there bringing needed help and sharing the love of Jesus. To raise funds, they are **collecting redeemable beverage containers**. There is a barrel in the foyer at the church for collection or they will come right to your house and pick up your bottles and cans. *Please remember that if you buy your beverage from the machine at church, those cans need to be placed in the can collection by the machine.* They are also hosting a **spring plant sale** in the parking lot at Open Bible Church on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There are order forms in the Welcome Center if you'd like to order ahead (flats only) or join them on the 26th and select smaller trays of bedding plants, patio pots and assorted other flowers and plants that will be available.

Hands of Mercy

Hands of Mercy is committed to meeting the needs of children in Boone and all over the world. The **Compassion Café** is their primary fund raiser. The Café serves hot breakfast on Sunday mornings from 8:45 until 9:45 at the church. Another benefit to the Café is that you can enjoy getting to know others in the church body as you eat breakfast together. Loaves and Fishes is another facet of Hands of Mercy which buys groceries for local families in their time of need. If you have a **used ink cartridge** from your computer's printer or an **old cell phone** that you are not using, please bring them to the Welcome Center. We recycle them for cash benefiting Loaves and Fishes. There are also **cookbooks** that continue to be on sale in the Café area.

