Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The mission of the church has always been and should always be the salvation of souls! The early disciples were commissioned to be His ambassadors in this world and we are to do the same. In Matthew 28:16-20 He gave them a clear direction or vision for what they are to do! He told them:

1. He would empower them for their work since He would be with the Church until the end of the age.
2. He told them to make disciples. A disciple is a person who follows another. In this case they were to make disciples for Him!
3. He told them to baptize these disciples.
4. He told them to teach these disciples His Word.

How would the church accomplish this in a time and setting of religious pluralism?

The night before He was sacrificed on the cross, Jesus told His disciples that they were to “love one another” so that all people would know that they are His disciples (John 13:34-35).

Paul told the church that in order to fulfill its ministry and grow that each one must remember that the Holy Spirit is in them and to use the gifts that He gives accordingly.

This is the only way that a body of believers can grow. Not just numerical growth but spiritual growth and strengthening of the entire fellowship happens when believers are engaged in Spirit-controlled ministry!

As WBC continues to grow, each and every person and worship service is important! God loves each and every one of us and has a special purpose for our lives. This for everyone, whether we are young or old or who like one type of music over another.

As the pastor I have to continue to do what God is calling me to do as well! He has commissioned me as the pastor of the entire church. No one is more important than another and I love you all!!!!!! If I can serve you better, come and talk with me! Just know that you are loved!

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

Idn’t It Great!

The biggest event by far for February was the Dare to Share Seminar we attended on February 8th/9th. There were 10 of us that were able to go and it is making a change in your youth department! We learned the importance of seeing people, friends or strangers, as eternal souls walking through this earth headed toward an eternity either in Heaven or Hell.

Let me tell you, it changes the way you look at people real quick! Our group went to a bookstore just to watch people, and it didn’t take long for a real hunger for souls to start burning in our hearts. One of our assignments was for each one of us to text someone for whom we had been praying. I watched as our kids pulled out their cell phones and started punching in numbers. There was no crowding around or giggling, these kids were serious and they were on a mission that had eternal results! You could see a true hunger for their friends, and a strong desire to pull their very souls away from Satan’s grasp as they were talking on the phone. And the fire that began on that cold weekend in Nebraska is causing an explosion in the schools. We’ve seen two high school students make a decision for Jesus Christ in the past two weeks. We’ve had 20+ high school students begin coming to the Connect Service.

One young man who prayed the sinner’s prayer with me said that he really didn’t understand exactly what had happened to him, but he KNEW something had happened because he knew he was different, and he was excited!

People, God is moving in such a mighty way in our area right now. We can’t slow down; we have to keep up. But, as I’m trying to teach these kids, not only do we have a mission, we’re also in a battle. Our enemy will not willingly give ground, we must take it by force. And while we are gaining ground in our fight for eternal souls, we are also having to fight.

Our Weapons are Spiritual, They’re Mighty and They Are Pulling Down Strongholds! We are using the Weapons of Prayer, The Mighty Name of Jesus, The Blood of the Lamb and The Word of Our Testimony. The Women’s Prayer and Bible Study Group has joined forces with us. They are daily lifting up our Band of Young Warriors through prayer and taking them straight to The Throne of The Most High God and they are CALLING OUT INDIVIDUAL NAMES!

People, please take up our cause and pray for OUR YOUTH. Get with Pam Sharp; she’ll give you names! I need our Mature Warriors to throw your Battle Scarred Mantles over these kids! You cannot imagine the warfare they’re in. Pray for them! Plead the Blood of Jesus Over Them—EVERY DAY! These kids are going to the battle front every day and THEY HAVE TO KNOW THEY ARE BEING PRAYED FOR AND COVERED FOR whatever MISSION THEIR COMMANDER IN CHIEF HAS PLANNED FOR THEM! Pray People, Please Pray.

Pastor Dennis
EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to have an Easter flower at the front of the sanctuary on Easter, you can purchase a flower (at the place of your choice) and bring it/have it sent to the church. Please let the church office know by calling us or sending this cut-out, for whom the flower is sent. We will have a list of memorials and honorariums in the bulletin.

My/Our flower is in memory/honor of

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.. will you come?

I remember reading a book by Bruce Larson where he commented that the Bible is not primarily a book of theology. He said the Bible is not a primarily a book of history or prophecy, although it obviously contains a lot of history and prophecy. He pointed out that the Bible is primarily a book of relationships with God, with one’s neighbor, and with one’s-self, and that if we miss the relational, we miss what life and the Bible are all about. It was with this in mind that I begin to understand the importance of people in my life, beginning with my Savior, my wife, my children, my co-workers and my friends.

One of the greatest tragedies in life is seeing people come to the end of their life and watching them waste it as I had been doing with poor and bad choices. It is witnessing the devastating consequences brought about by the bad choices they make as they pursued their own self interest apart from God. When I hear the story like the man this week who lamented the many “wasted years” of his life with disastrous results, because he failed to do what was right. He bullied his way through life only to come up far short of what he expected. It saddens me when I see people coming to the end of life and they haven’t a clue about the spiritual side of life. They are spiritually in the dark with no hunger for God. With only days or weeks to live, they will soon take life’s final exam before Almighty God, and they come up with empty hands, empty hearts, and even empty lives—totally unprepared. They somehow hope God will grade on the curve and not hold them accountable for their foolish choices and their stubborn self-will.

The good news and the most redeeming part about being a believer in Jesus Christ is that we have a message that can change lives, right now, today. According to the scripture, while God doesn’t grade on the curve, Jesus took the test for them [and for you and me]. If they will humble themselves, and ask for God’s forgiveness, which is free for all who will place their faith in Christ [John 1:12; 3:16, I John 5:11-13], then Jesus traded His test scores for theirs. Instead of flunking, God will mark down a perfect score [Romans 4:7-8].

By now it should be clear that eternal issues are at stake [for all of us]. If, for whatever reason, you have never seriously considered entering into a relationship with God, or through denial or avoidance, you have blocked God and eternal issues out of your mind, may I encourage you to please reconsider.

Ministry Coordinator,

Ted M Buckley
HELP FROM ON HIGH

- If you are impatient, sit down quietly and read about Job.
- If you are just a little strong-minded, go and see Moses.
- If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.
- If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.
- If you lack courage, read Daniel.
- If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.
- If you feel mean, let the beloved disciple, John, tell you about real love.
- If your faith is below par, read Paul.
- If you are getting lazy, watch James.
- If you are losing sight of the future, climb the stairs of the book of Revelation and get a glimpse of heaven.
- If you have other needs, read your Bible more and attend church faithfully.

— Authored by Robert E. Smith

PLEASE PRAY FOR …

- Lenny Burbank – undergoing testing
- Shirley Linter – undergoing radiation
- Edna Wyatt – health concerns
- Keith Churchill – health concerns
- Anita McDaniel – shoulder health concerns
- Nancy Courter – liver cancer tumors
- Reva Alumbaugh – health concerns
- Debbie McAuley – health concerns
- Tom O’Dea – health concerns
- Mike Moss – heart function so he can have a liver transplant
- Lynneda Martin – Lesley Breithaupt’s sister – ovarian cancer
- Linda Rother – Lesley Breithaupt’s mother – health concerns
- John Nielsen – Dee Kyle’s friend – health concerns
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- Family of Bill Lytle Sr. – Bill Lytle Jr.’s father – following his passing
- Gladys Clark – Vesta Burbank’s sister – health concerns
- AJ Turner – brain tumor
- Jared Eggleston – Lance Sessions’ son-in-law – undergoing chemo
- Roy Yaw – Nancy Lytle’s brother-in-law – needs a liver transplant
- Curtis Bremer – health concerns
- Dena Bremer – needs a kidney transplant
- Shannon Young – Bev McAuley’s daughter – health concerns
- Larry Linter – Shirley Linter’s son – undergoing chemotherapy
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- Heather Neel’s grandfather – on hospice care
- Thelma Miller – Callie Browning’s grandmother – on oxygen for COPD
- Gloria Mosebey – wife of Scott Coffman’s co-worker – undergoing breast cancer treatment
- John Tevis – Bob Moss’ friend – in OMC with heart problems

Amelia for Christ

The America for Christ (AFC) 2013 theme is “Building Communities of Hope,” based on Matthew 5:13-16. This scripture is a vital reminder that we are to be “salt and light” in the world. We are to live out an incarnational practice that makes a difference in our churches and communities.

Those first disciples would have been intimately familiar with the function of salt. Without refrigeration, the fish that they caught would quickly spoil and rot, unless they were packed in salt. Once salted, the fish could be safely stored and then used when needed. The spiritual health and strength of the Christian is to counteract the corruption in the world. Christians, as salt, are to be agents of change that thwart destructive forces in society. This in turn, creates opportunity for the gospel of hope to be proclaimed and received.

In Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His disciples, “You are the light of the world.” As “light,” we are to illuminate, or make visible. Our lives are to be an ongoing witness to the reality of Christ’s hope and presence in our lives. When we worship God with pure hearts, when we love others as ourselves, and when we do good without growing weary, we are lights shining. It is important, however, to know that it is not our light, but the reflection of the light of the world—Jesus Christ—that people will see in us.

Those who have counted the costs of discipleship and pay the price daily are different. They function as salt and light. It is a call to stand out and stand up for Christ—to change the atmosphere and to influence others with a transformational hope wherever we go.

This year’s theme—“Building Communities of Hope”—encourages us to be engaged. Join us in becoming salt and light by giving to the AFC offering to help us make a life-giving difference in the lives of others for the cause of Christ. We will receive the AFC during the month of March. Offering envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary or mark the memo line on your check AFC.

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**Anniversaries**
- 12-M/M Scott Moore
- 16-M/M Will Guthrie
- 20-M/M Bill Lytle
- 29-M/M Tom O’Dea
- 31-M/M Gary Bubeck

**Birthdays**
- 2-Kelli Thompson
- 4-Bill Kyle
- 6-Nakayla Hoshaw
- 13-Marie Moore
- 15-Nora Taylor
- 17-Randy Fouts, Patsy Shields
- 18-Judy Broers
- 20-Harold Neel
- 23-Gavin Fouts
- 24-Betty Coughenour
- 29-Darien Kerr
- 30-Dawn Neel

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