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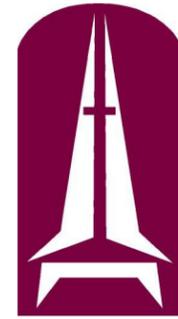
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# Fellowship News

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## Mission: Possible

By Pastor Rick Breusch

### Considering Our Church's New Mission and Vision Statements

For two and a half years, the Long Range Planning Ministry Team has been meeting together to pray, to read, to discuss, to dream and to discern. One important product of our time together was the creation of new mission and vision statements for our congregation. These were formally approved by our Ministry Council in April and were mailed out to all church members last month. Once again, here is our church's new mission statement:

**We seek to glorify God by building a family of believers passionate about Him where people are loved the way they are, urged to become more like Christ and equipped to share Christ in word and deed.**

I want to focus our congregation's attention on that statement over four weeks and try to unpack some of its potential meaning and significance for us. Here's each week's special focus:

**September 12**

**“The Target: God's Glory”**

We will focus on the phrase: “We seek to glorify God by building a family of believers passionate about Him...”

**September 19**

**“Tool #1: Belonging”**

We will focus on the phrase: “... where people are loved the way they are...”

**September 26**

**“Tool #2: Becoming”**

We will focus on the phrase: “... urged to become more like Christ...”

**October 3**

**“Tool #3: Building”**

We will focus on the phrase: “... and equipped to share Christ in word and deed.”



I urge you to be a part of each and every Sunday service – especially the first one on September 12! It's going to be a whole lot of fun! More importantly, this will be a time to hear about what God might have for us in the days ahead and also for you to share your thoughts and ideas for the future.

**One Great Hour - continued from page 5**

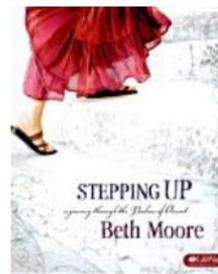
and the two aunts trucked Kwensykaira over very bad roads to Milot to consult.

The hospital is teeming with patients from the earthquake and their caregivers, both foreign and Haitian. Too small to hold all the patients, huge tents are being used as wards.

The surgeon told us that Kwensykaira was too small to operate on. Fortunately, the surgeon will return in September and wants to follow-up with her then. He encouraged the aunts to keep trying to gently stretch the baby's hand so it wouldn't contract. He felt that there is hope that her arm and hand can be restored to normal.

This is just one of many stories of loss, both physical and emotional, that the people of Haiti are still experiencing. In an effort to bring Jesus' love and healing to the people of Haiti, the Karl Road Baptist Missions Project & Giving Team is designating the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to the Haitian Relief efforts. Please prayerfully consider giving to the relief efforts.

For more information on the relief efforts and to specifically pray for our ABC missionaries in Haiti, please go to <http://www.internationalministries.org/places/haiti> to learn more.



**Ladies  
Beth Moore  
8 Week Bible Study**

beginning  
Wednesday, September 15  
at 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

Sunday, September 19  
at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel

**Wednesday Programs  
Starting Wednesday, September 8**

Fellowship Dinner 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
1st grade - 5th grade \$1 per person  
6th grade - adult \$2 per person

Clubs - Brigade for boys 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Clubs - GEMS for girls 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Sewing Rm 115 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Computer Classes Rm 202 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## Anointing with Oil

by Dave Merz

Today's practice within the church of dabbing oil on someone traces back to ancient times. Before Israel's existence, oil was used as a medicine for treating wounds. Also used sometimes as a cosmetic, it was often perfumed.

Anointing persons with oil within religious settings signified divine selection, empowerment and blessing. Kings, priests and prophets alike were anointed (1 Samuel 10:1, 16:1-3; 1 Kings 1:34-39; Exodus 28:41; Leviticus 6:19-8:36, 1 Kings 19:16). Scripture references to anointing are sometimes metaphorical, as in the case of Isaiah 61:1-3: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me: he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed..." The Old Testament even describes the consecration of inanimate objects with anointing oil, designating them holy to the Lord (Exodus 30:22-29).

The laying-on-of-hands along with the use of oil in clergy ordination ceremonies was practiced during the Middle Ages. Over time these came to be associated with the reception of the Holy Spirit. The Roman Catholic Church today concludes persons' catechetical training with the rite of anointing with "chrism," a perfumed oil, to signify the seal of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing has been practiced over many centuries in formal ceremonies for the installation of royalty in Europe. Queen Elizabeth II's 1953 coronation ceremony included anointing with oil.

We at Karl Road Baptist Church believe that Jesus Christ is God's Anointed One, the Messiah (as transliterated into English from the Hebrew word *mashiah*) or Christ (from the Greek *Christos*). The Heavenly Father spoke at Jesus' baptism: "A voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen,'" (Luke 9:35).

Turning to the New Testament, it says of the twelve disciples whom Jesus sent out on mission, "They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them" (Mark 6:13).

The passage we are most familiar with is James 5:14-16a (NIV): Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins

to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

James champions prayer for every situation of life, whether discouraged from trouble, exceedingly cheerful on the other hand or physically ill. Prayer is always appropriate, even when we feel too sick and forlorn to do so ourselves. We can still call on God's leaders in the church—elders—to come pray for us while we pray in our hearts.

The oil James refers to was not used medicinally but religiously—"in the name of the Lord"—symbolizing God's healing power and presence. Healing is the result of the prayer, not of the oil. Prayer as James advocates it signifies community, with strong leaders in the church joining in unity to support and encourage the afflicted brothers and sisters.

Is it appropriate to anoint sick believers with oil today? Yes. While we know that the oil itself has no inherent mystical power, our joining together in support of fellow Christians in crisis exemplifies Christ's compassion for the suffering. Prayer invites healing by our Great Physician and anointing with oil can beautifully depict the divine touch of care.

## Youth Ministry Update

by Aimee Worley

We had a great summer in youth ministry! A pool party, scavenger hunt, World of Bounce, and Zoombezi Bay provided a lot of fun and time to grow closer to one another. The High School group met each Wednesday during the summer to take a look at the 7 deadly sins and investigate what the Bible says about our sin and the victory we have over it as we walk by the power of the Holy Spirit each day. We spent one evening at the Dairy Queen on Tamarack Circle and watched several folks be blessed by having their ice cream treats paid for by our group, though they didn't know it was us.

Well, summer has come to a close and the youth are back to school. With the change of season, the youth ministry adjusts back to our school year schedule. We are looking forward to re-connecting with our Wednesday night groups in WINGS, Battalion, and GEMS beginning

September 8. Our Sunday evening Fishbowl gathering will kick-off on Sunday, September 12. We have events for fun, fellowship, discipleship, and equipping planned for the school year ahead. As we get the ball rolling on the fall, please pray for the youth ministry.

Ask God to...

- give wisdom and passion to each youth leader as we shepherd the youth God has given to us.
- move in the hearts of young people to gain a sense of belonging in the youth group and commit to attend events and gatherings throughout the year.
- give young people courage and passion to be witnesses of Jesus' love in their schools.
- pour out his grace in our lives and on this ministry.



On Sunday August 1, Jennifer Peck, Ketsia Bosenge and Faith Bittinger were baptized. Here are their testimonies.

**Jennifer Peck** - I was saved during VBS in 6th grade. I have been baptized as a recommitment after finding and now joining a great new church. Jennifer's favorite verse: John 8:12 *Jesus spoke: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

**Ketsia Bosenge** professed faith at Camp Kirkwood last summer. She was born in Congo and has been in the United States a couple years now and is very excited to be at Karl Road Baptist Church. Her favorite verse: John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.*

**Faith Bittinger** came to know the Lord after thinking about it for a long time, learning about Jesus in Sunday school and talking to her parents. In March she decided she wanted Jesus to live in her heart forever. She wants to do whatever God wants her to do—starting with treating others the way she wants to be treated. "Even if they are mean to me, I will still be nice to them just the way Jesus did."

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering *Haiti Earthquake Relief*

Excerpt from the International Ministries website -

<http://www.internationalministries.org/read/20800>

Letter from Nancy & Steve James (ABC Missionaries in Milot, North Haiti);

Adapted by Jennifer Whisler



A few weeks ago two women brought their tiny baby niece to the Ebenezer Clinic for consultation. They reported that the baby's mother, their sister, had died in the January 12 earthquake with her newborn baby, Kwensykaira, trapped alive next to her.

The baby's cries heard amidst the rubble led rescuers to her two days later. Imagine the horror of trying to reach the baby for two days, the joy they must have felt when the baby was rescued, and the sorrow of finding the body of her mother.

Kwensykaira was amazingly unharmed except for a crushed right arm. First aid had been administered in Port Au Prince, but now they were seeking help as the baby's arm was unable to extend normally. Her tiny hand was clenched, and she cried when we tried to open it.

Having heard there were visiting surgeons from the US working at the Sacre Coeur Hospital in Milot, Steve and I, along with nurses Laura Greenwood and Mercy Huessy,

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## Suzuki Music Center of Central Ohio 15 Year Anniversary Celebration



Alumni Concert on September 25, 2:00 p.m.

Play Down! on September 26, 2:00 p.m.

Karl Road Baptist Church Reception to follow each event.

The Alumni Concert on Saturday, September 25 will be presented by former students who have studied with Ginny Christopherson in some way, and by faculty. On Sunday, all current students plus available former students will join to play pieces from advanced violin literature to beginners, "Playing Down" from most advanced to least. You are welcome come and share in the celebration at either or both concerts. Please let Ginny or Larry Christopherson know if you will be attending the receptions for either concert (614-347-4917). Both concerts are at 2:00 p.m. Feel free to share this invitation with anyone you think would like to know about it.

## Baptist Bazaar



**Free** - Full-sized bed with mattress and box springs and a matching 4-drawer bedroom dresser. Call Dave or Judy Summers at 614-792-5617.

Deadline to submit your ad is September 10 for publication in the October Baptist Bazaar. Contact the church office at 885-3929.

## Out of the Blue?

by Jeff Lashley

It was September 1982, a very big year in my life...okay the biggest year of my life. In anticipation of getting married, Kari and I started attending the church she joined as a teen...Karl Road Baptist. We were married in March. In April, without talking to anyone, I went forward at a Sunday morning service to commit my life to Christ. *Out of the blue?*

That decision was followed by baptism in May. Though I made this commitment, I wasn't really doing much to change my lifestyle until after escaping serious consequences from a partying Labor Day weekend. I felt something had to change. Days later, Pastor Ballbach asked me to help out with something called Christian Service Brigade...or Brigade for short. *Out of the blue?*

Through Brigade, I first met Pete Obregon and had the privilege of working with many great men, but was especially mentored by working along side Gary Campbell and Ron Edwards. While serving in Brigade, I also had the privilege of seeing Sean, Matt, Cory, Paul, Jonathan, Justin, Sam, Johnny, Josh, Benj, Evan, ... grow up through the program and church, to become men themselves.

Fast forward to 2001. I was contacted by a young man named Jeff Moss. He was a

quiet boy in our Stockade program (3rd - 5th grades) for a couple years and in my cabin at Stony Glen camp one year. His family moved west. Beyond that, I didn't remember much. But he sought me out to tell me he was coming to Columbus to the Promise Keepers "Passage" event and wondered if we could meet. I had already agreed to help take some of our teens to this landmark event, so Jeff and I connected for a brief visit. He just wanted to share with me how God was working in his life. *Out of the blue?*

A couple times in the last few years, our own Cory Baugher has shared how men in the church were very helpful to him and his mother as he grew up without a father. I remember Cory growing up here at the church, and in Brigade, but I cannot put a finger on anything that I did for him to name me among three men who helped shape his life. Most of Cory's years were in Battalion (6th - 12th grades) and I haven't worked directly with that age group. *Out of the blue?*

Several years ago a boy named Remington started attending our Stockade program. Remington is the kind of kid that you wouldn't need to mention the last name. Everyone knew about Remington and the challenges he presented! One spring as we started promoting camp, Remington and his

grandmother (guardian) started talking about him going to camp. He did and to put it briefly, when asked how the week at camp with Remington was, my short answer was "I had a tough month that week." Remington's poor family situation got worse and he and his family moved to St. Louis a few years ago. July 10, 2010 as I was returning from camp with four young guys after another great but exhausting week at Stony Glen, Remington, now 15, gave me a call just to chat. *Out of the blue?*

Christian Service Brigade is a gender-specific program that we have had at the church for around thirty years. Its claim is to build boys into men. God has worked wonders in the lives of many boys and men through this program all across the United States and Canada. And though struggling through major financial crises and related challenges that other small mission-based organizations have, CSB is still developing boys and men to be "bright and keen for Christ." This author can attest to some real-life experiences where a providential and awesome God plucked a young Christian out of a life of searching to make a difference in others' lives as well as his own. Were these experiences *out of the blue?* No. This is a testimony of God's amazing grace and ability to build men for His service.



## Music Ministry

*How can you get involved in Music Ministry?*

**Chancel Choir** is open to anyone who has a desire to sing. We will be holding our "Meet and Greet Night" on Wednesday evenings September 8 and 15. Our rehearsals begin at 7:00 p.m. each week.

**Worship Team** is open to those who can read music and have a desire to sing, or play an instrument —no matter your level of expertise. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings.

**Technology/Audio** is a growing area of ministry which needs qualified people with computer experience, audio/sound experience and software capabilities.

If interested, please contact Mike Martin at mikemartin1003@yahoo.com or call the church office.

## Thank You Notes

It is so much to be thankful for to be reminded that I am not forgotten even though my attendance is so limited. The cards are appreciated very much. Maybe in answer to prayers, I'll be able to be active again. Thanks again and may God continue to bless you.  
Mary Frances Flowers



## Homegoings

Becky Post's mother, *Opal Garrison*, passed away July 30 in Florida.

Gary, Linda and Chuck Campbell's mother, *Florine Campbell* passed away August 17.

| September 2010 |  | Sun | Mon  | Tue | Wed  | Thu | Fri   | Sat |  |    |                      |    |                      |    |   |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |           |    |           |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |                                  |    |   |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |           |
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| 5              | Communion<br>9:00a Sunday School<br>10:15a Worship Prelude<br>10:30a Worship<br>6:00p Fish Bowl<br>6:00p College Group | 6   | Labor Day Office Closed<br>7:00p Westerville Group | 7   | 8:00a Work Team<br>7:00p Rope Holders<br>7:00p Out#/d/Lounge<br>7:30p No Worthington Grp | 8   | 6:00p Worship Team<br>6:00p Fellowship Dinner<br>6:30p Clubs<br>7:00p Choir<br>8:30p Choir Reception/FH | 9   | 7:00p MDO Orientation<br>7:00p Entryway Info Mtg/<br>FH<br>7:00p Whisler Group | 10 | 3:00p Organ Practice | 11 | 3:00p Organ Practice | 12 | 9:00a Sunday School<br>9:15a Worship Prelude<br>10:30a Worship<br>11-2p Branches/FH & Kit<br>6:00p Fish Bowl<br>6:00p College Group | 13 | 6:30p Bowling<br>7:00p Westerville Group | 14 | 8:00a Work Team<br>9:15a BSF Leaders<br>12:00p Prime Timers<br>7:00p Rope Holders<br>7:00p No LRP<br>7:30p Worthington Group | 15 | 10:00a Stepping Up/Chapel<br>6:00p Worship Team<br>6:00p Fellowship Dinner<br>6:30p Clubs<br>7:00p Choir<br>8:30p Choir Reception/FH | 16 | 9:00a BSF | 17 | 9:30a MDO | 18 | 12-6p Bridal Shower/Amy Lewis/FH<br>3:00p Organ Practice | 19 | 9:00a Sunday School<br>9:45a Congregational Business Mtg<br>10:15a Worship Prelude<br>10:30a Worship<br>6:00p Fish Bowl<br>6:00p College Group<br>6:30p Stepping Up/Chapel | 20 | 6:30p Bowling<br>7:00p Westerville Group | 21 | 8:00a Work Team<br>9:15a BSF Leaders<br>7:00p Rope Holders<br>7:00p Out#/d/Lounge<br>7:30p Worthington Group | 22 | 10:00a Stepping Up/Chapel<br>6:00p Worship Team<br>6:00p Fellowship Dinner<br>6:30p Clubs<br>7:00p Choir | 23 | 9:00a BSF<br>7:00p Whisler Group | 24 | 9:30a MDO<br>4-6:30 Suzuki Anniversary Celebration/FH & Kit | 25 | 9:30a-5p Suzuki Anniversary Preparation<br>10-Noon Suzuki Practice<br>3:00p Organ Practice | 26 | 9:00a Sunday School<br>10:15a Worship Prelude<br>10:30a Worship<br>2-4:30p Suzuki/Sanc/FH & Nursery<br>6:00p Fish Bowl & College<br>6:00p Prayer Gathering<br>6:30p Stepping Up/Chapel | 27 | 6:30p Bowling<br>7:00p Westerville Group | 28 | 8:00a Work Team<br>9:15a BSF Leaders<br>5:00p ASC<br>7:00p Rope Holders<br>7:00p Ministry Council<br>7:30p Worthington Group | 29 | 10:00a Stepping Up/Chapel<br>6:00p Worship Team<br>6:00p Fellowship Dinner<br>6:30p Clubs<br>7:00p Choir | 30 | 9:00a BSF |