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January & February Messages

by Pastor Rick Breusch

Here's just a quick snapshot of our Sunday morning messages in the first two months of 2012. As always, we encourage you to come to worship each Sunday ready to give glory to God for all of His blessings and eager to grow in your walk with the Lord.



“Stewardship” is an important Bible word that we don’t use very often in our everyday lives today. It’s an even more important scriptural concept that we need to incorporate into our decisions and lifestyles as followers of Jesus. This brief series of messages takes a fresh look at stewardship and how it can powerfully impact our world, our church, our family and ourselves.

January 15	“Blessings: The Resources Of A Steward”	1 Chronicles 29:10-16
January 22	“Consecration: The Requirement Of A Steward”	Mark 10:13-31
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January 29	“Walking in Confidence—Part 2” with Pastor Perry	Luke 10



Revisiting Our Church’s Mission and Vision

On Sundays, February 5 and 19, Pastor Breusch will be sharing messages from God’s Word that provide fresh insight into what God is calling our church to be and to become in the years ahead.



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.



Together > Belonging, Becoming, and Building for the Glory of God.

Wonderful Christmas Wonderland by Judy Summers

Buddies & Friends hosted the Faithful Chosen for a Christmas Wonderland Dinner. The Faithful Chosen guests each received a flower corsage or boutonniere (thank you, Creida) and were seated as special guests of honor at a balloon-decorated seat along with their invited friends and members of the Buddies & Friends. Jennifer Peck inspired us with her flute and a Christmas sing-along. After dinner, the Norris sisters entertained with some popular and familiar Christmas songs. Special guest, Kim Castaneda read a story “Jesus, the Best Gift Ever.” Dessert?? A chocolate fountain. A special treat was having Yvonne McNabb, current teacher and Peggy Brader, who along with her husband Jack, taught the Faithful Chosen Class for over 20 years.

A special thank you to those who supported and made our evening a success. Women’s Connection for table decorations, Jane and Dave Norris, Laura and Dave Rau, Dave Summers, Doug Lambert, and Lew Ash for their service and clean-up. And most important, Beth Ash, for her vision and inspiration.



Back row L-R: Yvonne McNabb, Joan Elbin, Lee Polock, Melinda Dillon, Peggy Brader, and Joyce Pollack Front row L-R: Carly Norris, Meredith Rau, and Cate Norris

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, January 21
8:00 a.m.

There will be eggs, sausage, biscuits, pancakes, coffee and juice. Cost—\$3 for men—\$2 for boys under the age of 10.

Tod Bowen will be giving his testimony at this month’s fellowship breakfast.

Hockey Night at the Schott
Friday, January 20
7:05 p.m.



Join us as the Buckeyes play Ferris State at the Schottenstein Center. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 per person. Contact Jeff Lashley @ 614-475-4273 for more information or to register your attendance.

Missions Update

from ABC International Ministries

Emerson and Ivy Wu have been endorsed by American Baptist International Ministries (IM) to serve in Macau, a special administrative region of China, with the supportive partnership of Evangelize China Fellowship (ECF).



Ivy and Emerson Wu

As IM Development Workers, the Wus strive to bring a new spirit to Macau. For a long time, Macau was known for its gambling casinos. Drug, alcohol and gambling addictions, crime and prostitution were rampant in this small congested region in which less than 1% of the population is Christian. However, under the new government, many changes are taking place. Better education and social service are two major areas that are creating opportunities for the younger generation. The Wus will serve in outreach to youth and college students and in the orphanage's after-school program.

The couple's home church is Karl Road Baptist in Columbus, OH. They have two grown children, Jack and Jessica, who will remain in the U.S. Emerson and Ivy are U.S. citizens and first-generation Taiwanese immigrants. Emerson currently works as Information Technology Manager at the Ohio Department of Taxation; Ivy is Pastor of the Taiwanese Christian Church in Columbus, OH. They will continue in these roles until the completion of their appointment period. The Wus have been Bible study leaders and teachers with international students at Ohio State University since 2007. They are bilingual in English and Mandarin, and will also learn Cantonese for their ministry in Macau.

"There are lots of opportunities to share the gospel with people in Macau and with visitors who speak Mandarin. We know we may confront many uncomfortable zones such as cultural difference, casino environment, the language barrier and the possibility of rejection," described Ivy. Yet they are strengthened by the gospel. "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

When asked why they believe they have been called by God to this ministry, Ivy responded, "The Lord uses the hunger in my heart for His Word to feed others wherever there is spiritual hunger." Emerson added, "He keeps opening doors for us to serve the Chinese community. God's direction guides us to see His leading in being a part of His great commission. That is why we firmly step up to IM's mission."

"The American Baptist Churches of Ohio is blessed to recognize and support Emerson and Ivy for missionary service in China under the auspices of IM," commented Dr. Lawrence O. Swain,

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MMI Award

Congratulations to Dr. Pete and Judy Obregon on being awarded by Medical Missionary International for their 25 years of medical missionary service. Judy was not with Dr. Obregon in the Dominican Republic for this staff meeting when the presentation was made.



Dr. Pete Obregon being presented award from Medical Missionary International

Missions Update—continued

ABC/Ohio Executive Minister. "The Wu's are active members of Karl Road Baptist Church in Columbus where their gifts are both recognized and used in the church's ministry. Emerson and Ivy have demonstrated faithfulness in their Christian life, and a clear sense of God's call and giftedness for missionary service. The Wu's will become another mission couple that ABC/Ohio will be proud to call 'their own.' ABC/Ohio has a long supportive relationship with IM and a number of Ohio-based ABC missionaries who serve in many locations around the world," Dr. Swain added. "I am pleased to lend my blessing and support to the Wus as they develop their Partnership Team."

As endorsed development worker candidates, the Wus will be working in the months ahead to build their Partnership Network. They will be inviting individuals, groups, and churches to partner with them by committing to share the spiritual, relational, and financial support needed for them to enter their ministry in Macau. They are now establishing their Partnership Team, the small group of volunteer coworkers who along with IM staff will assist them in building their Network. When their Network has demonstrated commitments of sufficient financial support, the Wus will be appointed and commissioned as development workers and shortly thereafter will depart for Macau.

Please join IM in celebrating this new endorsement and praying for Ivy and Emerson as they invite others to join them as active "partners in the gospel" (Philippians 1:6). You may send words of encouragement and communicate directly with the Wus at Wu@internationalministries.org.

Prayer—A Curious Activity

by Glenn Myres

I don't understand prayer. The more I read about it, and the more I do it, the less I understand it. What don't I understand about prayer? How can God hear each person who is praying at the same time? How does He keep all the requests straight? How can He understand all 6800 different world languages? Those are some of my "curiosity questions." But there are deeper, more gut-wrenching questions that keep forcing their way into my mind. Why didn't God answer my prayer? Why is He taking so long? Why does He let bad things happen, even though I prayed He would not? Why doesn't He change someone's heart, even though I have persistently asked for years?

Perhaps my questions point to my flawed thinking. Bob Sjogren and Gerald Robison point out in their book *Cat & Dog Theology* that most of us are like cats. You know the difference between a cat and a dog - "Dogs have masters; cats have staff." A dog says, "You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, **you** must be God." But a cat says, "You pet me, you feed me, you shelter me, you love me, **I** must be God." Oh, how often I find myself being "cat"! Often my prayers are all about me and what I want. Am I viewing God as a "cosmic vending machine?" Am I expecting to go to church, teach a class, read scripture and pray every day, and in return God will provide my every need and want - when I want it? Perhaps I need to reexamine my thinking.

In every sport, when a team has the potential but is not winning, the coach will say, "Let's go back and work on basics." The basics of prayer are taught in Matthew 6:9-13:

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in

heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Let's look at the basics at the beginning of this prayer:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." Jesus starts, not by spewing out his wants, his needs, his desires, but by praising the Father. Hmm.

"your kingdom come" - Jesus' concern is for the Father's kingdom to come. I often find myself more worried about "my kingdom" (my family, my 401K) than the Father's kingdom.

"your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." - Gee, not my will? But I want what I want when I want it. (Sounds a little like a two year old throwing a tantrum; doesn't it?)

Right away I am challenged. As I look at the "Lord's prayer," I see that **40%** of the words are focused on God, His kingdom and His will. Perhaps my focus has been far too much on what I want. Perhaps if I focus on God and what He wants, I'll find a whole new experience in prayer. As Charles Stanley says, "The people who pray the most effective prayers are the ones who have the greatest grasp of who God is." Are you willing to try an experiment with me? For the next month, let's get out our watches and, each day as we pray, see how much time we spend praising God and asking for His kingdom to expand and His will to be done versus asking for what we want. I'm convinced it will change our prayer lives drastically! Can you let me know how it goes? (To be continued next issue)



If you have a heart for children and families around our church, this is a great opportunity to get involved in a tutoring ministry to help children improve academically while experiencing the love of Christ.

Grade Level Range - 3rd thru 5th

Winter Session

Tuesdays, January 17 - February 28

5:45 - 7:00 p.m. (tutoring commitment)

If interested, please contact
Linda Campbell (croaky@wowway.com)
or

Jan Wilson (higee61@yahoo.com).

Wednesday Night Women's Small Group

7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel



There is a new DVD-based study beginning Wednesday, January 11 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

The study is called "Putting Plan B Into Action" by Pete Wilson. It is a 6-week study that will involve short (12-15 minutes) DVD sessions and then discussion questions. During the week, participants will use a guide to do 5 days of devotional work using the Word of God and reflection questions.

Cost for the participant guide is \$4.

It is our hope that after these 6 weeks, this women's group can continue on as a Bible study small group. There is, of course, childcare provided because of clubs, so it's a perfect opportunity for those of you with children.

Women of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

If you are interested, email katie.riedinger@yahoo.com



Sympathy to:

Krista Wood and Lisa Stroth on the death of their grandmother **Geraldine Warner**, January 3 in Wheelersburg, OH.

John and Lori Foor and family on the death of Lori's mother **Janet Lou Ray**, December 30.

Scott and Sandy Brader on the death of Sandy's mother, **Mary Lundborg**, December 28.

Ron and Carol Stults on the death of Ron's mother and Walter Stults' wife, **Dorothy Stults**, December 6.

Judy Worley on the death of her husband; Aimee and Sean Worley on the death of their father; and Alexis and Elizabeth Worley on the death of their grandfather, **Lacy Worley**, November 23.



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We have received thank you notes from Carolyn Bachman, Corene Grube, Louise Worlie, Ruby Holbrook, Marcella Oropesa, Clara Ellen Gussman, Joe Polock, Maggie Roberts, Bea MacLean, Bill and Dorothy Bowser, and Angela Pogue for the beautiful Christmas baskets with all the goodies made by the Branches class and delivered by several people from the church.

Secretary, Marty Moore

...There have been churches I loved because of the pastor's preaching or because the choir sings well. Karl Road is the only church that I can say honestly has everything and who knows every member; and cares and loves every member no matter who they are. I love everyone of its members. Thank you for loving me.

Cynthia Parrotte

I regret that I have reached the age (94) where I am unable to be in Sunday school and church as often as I would like to be, but I have many fond memories of the 20 or more years I had been very active. I have been a member of several churches, and Karl Road has always outshined them all in every way! God is going to continue to bless this dear congregation and talented leaders even more.

Marion Ehlschlager

The Stults family would like to thank the church for the planter sent in memory of Dorothy Stults. We have been blessed by all the concern and support we have received from our church family. The luncheon organized by David Suckow, Dave & Judy Summers and Beth Ash was wonderful. We appreciated Pastors Rick and Glenn making the funeral service so meaningful.

Walter Stults, Chuck & Sandi Wilkinson, Ken & Alyce Stults and Ron & Carol Stults

Jack and I have been blessed to be long time members of a loving—giving church family. I appreciate the calls, cards and your prayers this last year and a half while Jack was ill. Thank you for hosting Jack's memorial service and luncheon and to those that helped setup and serve. The planter was placed in Assisted Living as a tribute to Jack's life.

Peggy Brader

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 New Year's Day Observed Office Closed	3	4	5 7:00p Ministry Council	6	7 10:00a Emersons /Chapel til 2:30p
8	9	10 7:00p Long Range Planning	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 7:00p Out#/d/Lounge	18	19	20 7:05p CSB Hockey Night	21 8:00a Men's Breakfast
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 1-5p Suzuki / Sanc, FH & Kit 6:00p Prayer Gathering/Chap	30	31				

2012 Offering Envelopes

Located in the lobby are 2012 offering envelopes in alphabetical order. Be sure to pick up your box. Each member and regular attender is encouraged to give to the Lord. If you do not have a box assigned, contact the church office at 885-3929 or info@karlroadbaptist.org

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 9:00a Sunday School
- 10:15a Worship Prelude
- 10:30a Worship
- 5:30p Women's Group/Lounge

Mondays

- 12:00p Columbus Group/Lounge
- 6:30p Bowling
- 7:00p Westerville Group

Tuesdays

- 8:00a Work Team
- 9:15 a BSF Leaders
- 7:00p Rope Holders
- 7:30p Worthington Group
- 8:00p Young Life/210

Wednesdays

- 6:00p Worship Team
- 6:00p Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30p Men's Group
- 6:30p Club, Sewing
- 7:00p Choir
- 7:00p Women's Group/Lounge

Thursday

- 9:00a Bible Study Fellowship
- 4:30p Tutoring/FH
- 6:00p Manney Group
- 7:00p Connect Group

Friday

- 6:00a Northland Prayer/Chapel



fellowship news

Due to an increase in mailing costs and a shortage of writers/contributors, the church newsletter will be mailed every other month rather than every month. The Fellowship News will be published in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Deadline for the March/April issue is February 10. Announcements of upcoming events can still be in the weekly Sunday bulletin.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Teen Quest Ranch Snow Camp in PA	
5 Communion	6	7 7:00p Out#/d/Lounge		9 12:45p BSF Seminar	10	11
12	13	14 7:00p Long Range Planning		16	17 7:00p "3rd Friday"—Bowling 7:00p Pinewood Derby Sleepover	18 8:00a Men's Breakfast & Derby
19	20	21 7:00p Out#/d/Lounge		23	24	25
26 6:00p Prayer Gathering/Chapel	27	28 7:00p Ministry Council				