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By Sharon Berg, Editor

Some of you will read this issue before the FEBC's annual convention; others won't receive it or just won't get to it until after the big event. For those of you who will not attend the convention, you still have something very important to contribute: prayer. Mel Friesen, one of the convention coordinators, has suggestions on how to pray on page 9.

It occurred to me that even if you're reading this issue after the convention is over, you can turn Mel's suggestions into prayer even then: Continue to pray for our new president, Blaine Donaldson (see his new column on page 3) as he carries out his responsibilities; for the spiritual growth of those who attended the youth and children's conventions; for the success of the convention project (page 9) in making a difference in the lives of the Ethiopians who will learn more about Christ because of it (or perhaps hear about Him for the first time); and for the continued work of the leadership and the volunteers who serve on the various commissions.

We've received more letters to the editor the last few issues than we have in quite awhile. Whether you agree or disagree with an article, like it or wish we would have used the space for something else, it so encouraging to hear from readers. Let us hear your opinions, ideas and musings by sharing them at:

fellowshipfocus@febministries.org

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Blessings,

Sharon

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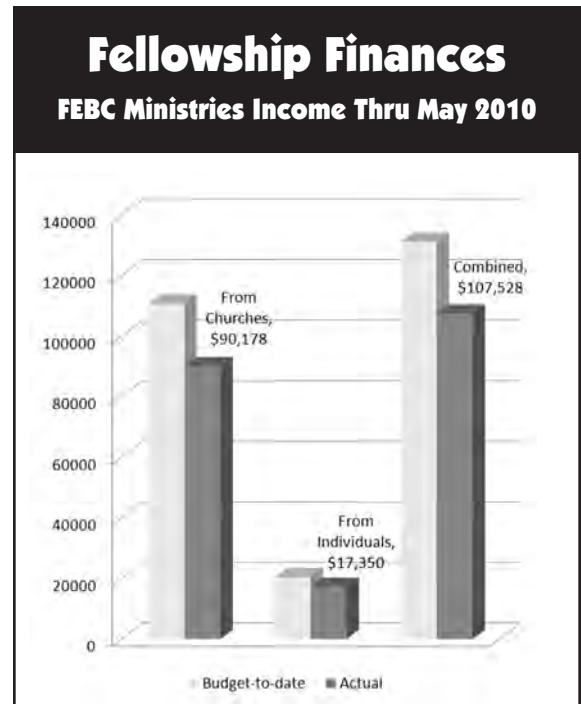
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It's not about us, anyway

The Westminster Confession of Faith got it right by declaring: "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." In our North American culture we are obsessed with self. Advertisements proclaim "You deserve this. Indulge yourself." Drinking a certain type of mocha promises to provide your "me time." Even some charities appeal to your ego, implying that giving will assuage your conscience and make you feel good.

The church is not immune to this cultural influence. Many have replaced the proclamation of the Gospel with a focus on social problems or felt needs. The larger church has a tendency toward seeker-sensitive services and feel-good theology. "Become the best you that you can be" is a common refrain. Portions of the church are emerging to ignore the truths about God so that they can focus on feeling good about doing something that matters. How they feel is more important than knowing who God is.

In contrast, biblical Christianity brings a culturally hard message. It's not about us — *it is about Him*. It is all about Jesus.

"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

Romans 11:36 (NKJV)

How can we stem the tide of our culture in this battle? We do this by glorifying God. To glorify God is to put God on display. It is to live in such a way that Jesus is seen plainly in our lives. Our goal is not to exalt ourselves, but Jesus. We make Jesus known to the

world around us when we focus on Him rather than ourselves. We are to lift up Jesus so that He will draw all people to Himself (cf. John 12:32).

Know the Lord

Through our study of the Word of God and our daily walk with Him, the Lord will make Himself known to us. We will learn of His character and actions. We will discover how much love He has for us. More than that, as we spend time with God in the Word and prayer, living out what we learn

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through faith, we will know and love Him more and more. God will be glorified in our understanding and experience.

"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord ..."

Philippians 3:8 (NKJV)

An interesting dynamic develops: the better that we know God, the less significant we become in our own thinking. We do not see ourselves at the center. Instead, we find blessing in bringing glory and praise to our great God.

Trust the Lord

While our culture is saturated by self, ironically, the best way to take care of ourselves is to completely trust God's care. We need to trust the Lord. As we

get to know God, we see the depths of His love for us. When we believe His love, we will trust Him with our needs. We do not need to take care of ourselves, because God loves us so much He will meet all of our needs. He will truly satisfy us. One of John Piper's favorite thoughts is, "God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him." God loved us so much that He gave the most precious gift that exists — Jesus. In Jesus, God will give us everything else that we need (cf. Romans 8:32).

Obey the Lord

We obey those we trust. Our trust in the Lord is displayed by our obedience to Him. We will do things that deny self, but again, it is because we trust God's provision more than we trust the things we are sacrificing. Obedience will often bring external battles and internal struggle. It is hard

to obey. Suffering is typically a result (2 Timothy 3:12). Yet, by God's grace and strength, we can obey the Lord. We display that Jesus is worthy when we obey Him. Jesus is glorified.

Although there are many areas that require obedience, I would like to highlight one in particular: the Great Commission. We are commanded to evangelize. While some aspects of this can be accomplished at the local church level, the heart of evangelism is when each individual member of the body testifies within his or her circle of influence. Jesus said that we are to be witnesses to Him (cf. Acts 1:8).

May we seek not our own glory or comfort, but rather let us seek to glorify Jesus in our love for Him, and in our words, actions, obedience, and faith. It is not about us. It is about Jesus. ■



A Lawyer of a Different Stripe

What is a lawyer supposed to do? Ensure that his client receives a fair trial. Attempt to prevent a guilty verdict. And if found guilty, secure the most advantageous sentence possible.

So, he seeks to:

- make sure that all the rules of justice are observed; if not, prove that the trial has been conducted unfairly
- prove that the evidence is bogus (it was planted; obtained illegally; it has been contaminated)
- prove his client's innocence (he didn't do it; he was framed; someone else did it)
- prove that his client was a helpless victim (he had no choice; he had a bad upbringing; he fell in with the wrong crowd who took advantage of him)

To that end, the lawyer may take one of several approaches:

- he will almost always begin with a plea of "not guilty"
- he will carefully search for flaws in the procedure used by the prosecution
- he may seek to suppress the evidence
- he'll do his best to discredit the prosecution and its witnesses
- he will, most likely, deny the validity of the alleged accusation

When it becomes evident that all else will fail and a "guilty" verdict will be returned, he may seek to short-circuit

the verdict and get a reduction of sentence by a clever plea bargain.

But this lawyer was different. He did none of that. He agreed wholeheartedly with the prosecution that his client was fully responsible and entirely guilty. He agreed wholeheartedly with the law that the sentence which had been declared was just. There was no flaw in the proceedings.

Yet his ultimate goal was to ensure that his client would not be sentenced or punished. He is an experienced lawyer. He has had many cases. And his approach never varies. In each case he has built his case on a simple declaration: punishment has already been meted out; the demands of the law have been fully met. **He has never lost a case.**

Who is he? He is Jesus Christ!

The Bible tells us that day and night the devil accuses us before our Judge (Revelation 12:10-12).

- He accuses us of having sinned. And he is right!
- He demands that divine justice be upheld. And he is right in demanding it!
- He demands our condemnation. And his demand is fully justified!

God cannot be a righteous Judge if He does not render a guilty verdict, condemn the sinner and carry out the sentence required by divine law.

Our lawyer agrees. He accepts the verdict. He agrees with the condem-

nation. But then he steps forward and stops the Judge from carrying out the sentence. "The transgression has already been paid for," he declares. "I paid it myself when I died on the cross. Judge, you accepted this payment. The guilty sinner accepted it as well. You cannot demand a second punishment. It has been paid in full."

And so, the apostle John, in writing to believers says: "... I write ... so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins ..." (1 John 2:1-2 NIV).

How do we know that His sacrifice was adequate? The Apostle Paul joins in and declares: "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25 NIV). His resurrection proves that his sacrifice was adequate. It met God's righteous demand. God can now be just when He justifies those who place their faith in Jesus (Romans 3:26). The sacrifice provides our lawyer with a perfect defense every time we sin. It is a sacrifice provided by the lawyer himself.

A lawyer who agrees with the prosecution. A lawyer who pays the penalty for every guilty person. A lawyer who wins every case. Truly, he is a lawyer of a different stripe!

He is *our* Lawyer. Have you thanked Him recently? ■

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors of Fellowship Focus,

I enjoyed reading your May/June 2010 edition of the *Fellowship Focus*. It is great to read about churches in the Fellowship and to be informed about events going on. I am excited with you as FEBC convention comes July 15-18. I generally take my copy of the *Fellowship Focus* and

have it in my hand before I get on the crowded Japanese trains. I cannot get it out if I don't have it in my hand. It sometimes touches the shoulder of the person next to me, but that can't be helped. I am sure that there are people on my train that are trying to read my *Fellowship Focus*. If I notice that they are trying

to read it, I generally try to angle it in their direction so that it is easier for them to read. I can usually read most of the articles by the time I get to language school. Thank you for your hard work in putting this publication together.

Darwin Stoesz (SEND), Japan



Six Biblical Principles for Upholding Your Pastor

By Mel Friesen, Community Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.

Mel Friesen, an elder at CBC, spoke to an Omaha congregation on the occasion of installing their new pastor. His message, highlighted below, is beneficial for any congregation seeking to better take care of its pastor.

A while back, an article appeared in a church bulletin by an unknown author titled "How to Get Rid of a Pastor." Here is the author's advice:

1. Look him straight in the eye while he is preaching and say "Amen" once in a while, and he will preach himself to death in a few weeks.
2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points, and he will probably work himself to death.
3. Rededicate your own life to Christ, and ask the preacher to give you a job to do, preferably some lost person you could win to Christ, and he will die of heart failure.
4. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher, and he will soon become so effective that some larger church will take him off your hands.

If only we could learn to pray for our pastors as men, and to show respect for them as men sent from God, many church problems would be avoided and the church would become an effective testimony in the community.

I want to share six "BEs" with you:

BE HAPPY – "Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him ..."

(Philippians 2:29, NIV, referring to Epaphroditus).

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER – "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it

with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak."

Colossians 4:2-4 NASB

BE A HEARER AND A DOER – "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was."

James 1:22-24 NASB

BE KIND – Start with being generous: "The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING,' and 'The laborer is worthy of his wages.'"

1 Timothy 5:17-18 NASB

BE WISE – Do not speak badly about him behind his back. Don't leave him in the dark – communicate with him so he can better serve your needs. "Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning."

1 Timothy 5:19-20 NASB

BE A BEACON, NOT A BUNKER – A bunker faith is separate from the world; it is a place where you go to get away, to hunker down, to survive, to remove yourself from the winds that

are a-blowing. A beacon faith sticks out in the world. It signals where it is and what it stands for. People look to it. It shines out on the harsh and frightening world. "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have **left your first love**. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will **remove your lampstand** out of its place unless you repent. Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate."

Revelation 2:1-6 NASB

Mel Friesen has served as an elder at CBC for 17 ½ years. He was ordained by the FEBC and served 13 years in pastoral ministry. After 29

years in various leadership roles at Grace University in Omaha, he is currently serving as the school's Director of Planned Giving and Alumni Relations.





The Federation of ...

Almost eight years ago I designed my first cover for this magazine. Proudly I sent the cover to Paul Boeker, FEBC Administrator, for approval. Imagine his shock to see on the cover “The Federation of Evangelical Bible Churches.” Sadly, it wasn’t a typo.

Even though we had been members of Evangelical Bible Church for eight years, I was, clueless of what the FEBC stood for, literally.

I knew we had a sister church, Community Bible Church in southwest Omaha, and that workshops and conventions were held, but I really didn’t know their purpose. It seemed as if the “older generation” in our church was involved, but not my generation. I remember when EBC hosted a convention and I didn’t even know I was invited! Maybe I was too busy with my children and their activities to pay attention, or maybe, just maybe, no one really told me what the Fellowship was all about.

Often when someone joins a church, small details are left out as to the church’s inner workings and history, but eventually people catch on; I didn’t.

Maybe you don’t know much about the Fellowship either. Maybe you think it is for a different generation or that it doesn’t affect you. But today I encourage you to not only learn about but to be active in the Fellowship.

The “Pepitone” side of my family has a yearly reunion. Growing up I had such wonderful memories of my mother and her sisters bringing piles of Italian food to a picnic site while my cousins and I played volleyball, took hikes and then ate and ate and ate. Afterward we would go back outside and play some more while my mother and her sisters cleaned up.

My mother was the last of that generation, and she passed away last year. Now we are somewhat at a loss as to how to do this “picnic” thing without them. They had been happy in their roles, and as children, so were we. Unfortunately, the spatula didn’t get passed down, and though some of us struggle to gather the next generation together for picnics, there doesn’t seem to be much interest. I feel that everything that my mother and aunts

built was for nothing. And now, my children barely know their extended family, and it is with much certainty that if my generation doesn’t do something to revive the tradition, the Pepitone family picnic will eventually be a memory.

The FEBC is much like this. We are a family. Our churches and missionaries are spread out to many corners of the earth, and we need to help and support each other. We don’t *just* plant churches, we plant *beginnings* and without the care and support of the Fellowship, they won’t grow.

Because of the Fellowship’s missionaries, we bring the Gospel to those who have not heard, and we bring a hope to the hurting by those willing to go in His name.

This is a new generation of the Fellowship. Find out how you can be involved. Find out how you can meet your “extended” family and how you can serve alongside them. The church you worship in today has benefitted by being a part of the Fellowship.

Grab the spatula and pass it on! ■

Legacy Giving

Today’s resources for tomorrow’s ministries

The Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches is pleased to announce an estate planning phone seminar in partnership with PhilanthroCorp:

Tuesday, July 20 at 3:30 pm CT • Thursday, August 5 at 6:30 pm CT

Stewarding the assets accumulated during a lifetime in the most effective manner is a large task. Join us for this **toll-free, 45-minute** phone seminar designed to help you understand the critical issues of:

- Providing for your family
- Reducing taxes
- Supporting ministries of your choice

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions and gain professional advice. This is not a sales call; no products will be sold. Following the phone seminar, you will be given additional resources that you can use to create your own estate plan.

Registering is easy! Visit www.febclegacy.org/tel to submit a registration contact form.

Our Nineties Club

By Julia Emblen
Evangelical Bible Church, Dallas, Ore.



While reading the church bulletin recently, Mother remarked about a birthday notice for a church member who was turning 90. Since she had turned 90 several years earlier, Mother commented, "Another one coming into the Nineties Club." And with that remark, a new club was born with a very distinguished membership.

Even as the organizer of our Visiting Ministry group, I had not really noticed the number of people in our congregation who already were 90 or would soon turn 90 years old. When we counted, our tally was 18 in this prestigious group that God is blessing with long life. Two in this group are quite confused and, because of hearing loss, have difficulty carrying on a normal conversation. Several still live in their own apartments and homes. Two are able to continue driving their own cars.

Members of our Health Care Committee discussed how we might plan for and develop some way to keep these people involved with our church body, even when they can't get out to church services very often. (Our church van does pick up some; others are driven to church by their family members.) Our goal has two dimensions:

- Provide current church attendees with information about the Nineties Club members, even though they have not seen some of them in services for several years.
- Involve Nineties Club members by providing information about current happenings at church, and ask them to pray for specific areas of need.

Becoming Reacquainted

Because of health conditions such as arthritis, some of these elderly have not attended church services for many years. With attendees continuing to change, some in the congregation may never have known a person in his or her 90s, even though that person was previously very active in the church.

We decided to take a photo of each of those 18 people in the Nineties Club and write brief details of the person's life, especially focusing on church activities. We included six photos with a brief biography in the Sunday bulletin for three weeks in November. We know that church attendees read these with interest.

We also plan to highlight Nineties Club members at our monthly Christian Endeavor programs, when interesting professional and personal backgrounds of those in our congregation are highlighted. We display the elderly person's photo on the overhead and either a family member or someone from the congregation who visits that person will share a few anecdotes about him or her.

We are asking that church attendees remember the Nineties Club member by sending them a card at least once a year. Older persons receive fewer and fewer friendly notes as their friends move to heaven. They get a little tired of only receiving bills in the mail.

Keeping Nineties Club Members Involved

Since most do not get to services reg-

ularly, these elderly need to be contacted by mail or phone. Mailed bulletins are helpful, but these do not solicit much interaction. (We welcome any ideas that others have found helpful.) Currently, we send monthly prayer requests. We have reduced the prayer list so that the focus is on fewer items.

It may be that you would like to begin a prestigious Nineties Club in your congregation. In this era of so many miracles of modern technology, the lifespan is continuing to increase. Soon we may be setting up "Century Clubs"! Since God has given us two decades and more years beyond the biblical "three-score and ten," He must want us to use the additional time to His glory.

Improving connections for the current church body and for those in the Nineties Club is one way to establish reciprocal relationships between both groups. As members of the current church and the Nineties Club work to serve each other in encouragement and love, we believe this honors the Lord as we use the time He gives us on the earth.



Julia Emblen is a retired nursing educator and coordinator of the Health Care Committee at Dallas' EBC.

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Isaiah 46:4 (NIV)



President Project

For this fiscal year, the position of president is being funded through designated gifts to the President Fund. To date, \$5,200 has been given to the President Fund. Two churches have just informed us that they are budgeting money for this fund. We are so grateful for this support. Beginning in November, the president will be funded through the budget, but this will still require an increase in church and individual giving.

What's Behind a Convention Project?

In 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 we see a glimpse into the complex behind-the-scenes activities that made it possible for churches in Macedonia and Greece to financially assist churches in Judea. Money had to be collected; converted into a transportable medium of exchange; and hand-carried through several countries over a 1,400-mile route. To accomplish this, at least three men were chosen by a group of churches and provided the means to make a round-trip of that 1,400-mile route!

Each summer our Fellowship raises money to turn people who live in another area to God. This summer's project will provide Bible studies for Ethiopians who can't read but who can listen to lessons on a solar-powered audio player. Your gifts allow the Fellowship to use its resources and personnel behind-the-scenes to advertise the project, to deposit and receipt the designated gifts, to distribute the funds and to audit the process. Thank you for your generous gifts to our Fellowship.

RECENT CONVENTION PROJECTS

— 2005 —	
Sat-7 TV program for Iranian children	\$22,400
— 2006 —	
Scholarship Fund and <i>Fellowship Focus</i> Upgrades . .	\$11,600
— 2007 —	
Building improvements for church plants in Asunción, Paraguay	\$29,600
— 2008 —	
Building and sponsorships for Lives Under Construction Boy's Ranch	\$18,500
— 2009 —	
Furnishings for Kremenchuk Bible College Library in Ukraine	\$20,700

The Papyrus Project

Help provide Bible Study courses on a Papyrus audio player for people in Ethiopia who cannot read. (See article on page 9.) Our goal is \$12,500. Any gifts above the goal will go the President Project. Gifts can be made through Oct. 15.

Thank you, Mr. and/or Mrs. Anonymous

For many years, someone has delivered grain to an elevator and has told the elevator to make the check out to his church. A note is included with the check, directing the church

to use the money for its ministries and for several other Christian ministries. Our Fellowship has been a beneficiary of this kindness, and this constitutes a major gift to the Fellowship each year. So thank you, Mr. and/or Mrs. Anonymous.

FEBC Audio-Visual Library

The Commission on Education maintains a library of videos to help churches with their training programs. An updated catalog can be found at www.febcministries.org/re-sources. The studies can be used by church boards, Sunday Schools, youth groups, small groups or any other area of the church. The only expense to the church is return postage. To request a study, e-mail orders@febcministries.org or call 402.965.3860. The library welcomes contributions of DVD studies that your church has used and probably will not use again for a few years.

A Few Good Women and Men

Volunteers from your church and other churches make our Fellowship work. This summer 36 people are needed be elected to one of the commissions. If you are interested in serving on a commission, or want more information, talk to your pastor or email info@febcministries.org. Qualified people are nominated by their churches and then elected at the annual convention.

20/20 Vision

The new vision for our Fellowship will be unveiled on Friday morning of the convention (July 16). A time for further discussion is scheduled for Saturday morning. No changes in structure will be made at this convention. But acceptance of the 20/20 Vision will prompt an evaluation of all that the Fellowship does and will refocus our resources and programs in line with the vision. Any constitutional changes will be considered at the 2011 convention.

Shepherd Search

Networking is often the best way for a church to find a pastor. You many know someone who would be a good shepherd for one of these churches, and you can pass this information on to qualified men with the Shepherd's heart.

- Tahlequah, Okla. — **Community Bible Fellowship** (pastor)
- Humboldt, Sask. — **Humboldt Bible Church** (pastor)
- Langham, Sask. — **Langham Evangelical Bible Church** (associate pastor of youth and worship)
- Vita, Sask. — **Vita Bible Church** (pastor)
- Wymark, Sask. — **Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland** (associate pastor)

For more information go to:
www.febcministries.org/opportunities_pastoral_openings.htm .
To request an FEBC Application for Ministry, e-mail
info@febcministries.org

Learning without Letters

By Paul Boeker, FEBC Administrator

If you can read this you are very fortunate. Not everyone can read. Illiteracy, blindness, or lack of written literature keeps billions from learning even the basic things about Christ. United Nations estimates that one in five adults cannot read print media.

Renew World Outreach has designed Papyrus, a solar-powered player to audibly read the Bible and study courses for these people. Source of Light Ministries International, Inc. (SLM), is developing audio editions of its Bible study courses for use by people who cannot read.

Our Fellowship is partnering with Source of Light to fund the Ethiopian Amharic language pilot-project of teaching Bible study courses through Papyrus players. Ethiopia has one of the highest rates of blindness and low vision of any country. Among the Amharic people, 1.4 percent are blind and another 4.9 percent are low vision. (This compares to .4 percent of people who are blind in the United States.) Even having sight does not mean a person in Ethiopia can read. A United Nations study estimates that less than 36 percent of people in Ethiopia can read (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Literacy_rates).

As Director of Alternative Media for SLM, FEBC Missionary Ben Watson is overseeing this project.

Here's the plan:

Stage 1: Amharic courses and their English counterparts will be recorded and placed on Papyrus players: Target date July 31.

Stage 2: A simple course will be developed to train the leaders how to operate the devices and how to use them for effective Bible teaching.

Stage 3: SLM personnel will travel to Ethiopia in the fall of 2010 to train national Christian leaders.

Stage 4: One year from the initial training, SLM personnel will return to Ethiopia to assess and receive feedback from the leaders who have been using the Papyrus players to teach SLM courses.

Projected costs:

100 Papyrus Solar Players @ \$50 = \$5,000
Translation and recording = \$2,500
Travel and Facilitator Training = \$5,000
Total cost for Papyrus Project = \$12,500

Our Fellowship's goal is to provide the \$12,500 needed to purchase the Papyrus players and train Ethiopian Christian leaders to use them to open the Bible to people who otherwise could not know God's love, commands and promises.

Will you join us?

Your church will probably receive an offering for this project. There will be opportunities to give at the FEBC Convention, or you can give directly to the Fellowship. All gifts are tax deductible. Any gifts beyond the \$12,500 will go to the FEBC President Project. You can give to this project through Oct. 15.



Not attending Convention? You still have a part to play ...

The 2010 FEBC Convention is about to begin. You have a vital role to play, even though you may not be attending: **PRAY and GIVE.**

PRAY: Make it a point to pray today and every day until the delegates are all back home.

- Pray for safety and health for all who are traveling.
- Pray for moderate weather (especially important for youth and children's activities).

- Pray for the convention speaker Dr. Roger Peugh.
- Pray for our new FEBC president Blaine Donaldson.
- Pray for the business session, particularly for "Clarifying Our 20/20 Vision."
- Pray for the host church and the many volunteers.
- Pray for the Youth Convention and speaker Dave Foster.
- Pray for the executive committee and the commissions as they meet.

GIVE: Please participate in the convention mission project. The goal is \$12,500 for the Papyrus Project, an Alternative Media ministry of Source of Light Ministries International.

Many delegates are already sacrificing time and money to represent you at the convention. You can be a great encouragement through your prayers and gifts.

Mel Friesen

EYES ON THE WORLD

By Fayth Boeker, Commission on Missions



The Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches has sponsored missionaries from our churches since the first couple left for India in 1906. This July the Fellowship will honor eight missionary units who have expended their lives as full-time missionaries. The FEBC recognizes them for their faithful commitment to missions, leaving behind a multitude of believers, trained nationals, local churches and various outreach ministries. These missionaries represent more than 300 years of missionary work! Churches have been established, the Bible has been translated and distributed; books have been provided, children have been saved at camps, mission buildings have been maintained, hearts have been healed. The question now is “Who will follow in their footsteps?”

Don and Elsie Elliott (1949–2010 — World Team)

The ministry of Don and Elsie Elliott is one of many contrasts. Since 1949 Elsie has served the Lord in one location or another. Don joined her, and together they have been a team for more than 50 years. After ministering in Cuba for many years, they volunteered to serve in Russia with the CoMission and continued far beyond their initial two-year commitment. Several years ago Elsie’s health required an extended time of recovery in Canada. Now the Elliotts have returned to Cuba and will continue to serve their Lord until He calls them home! The FEBC recognizes them for their continuous service these many years.

Menno and Barb Kroeker

(1959–2010 — Wycliffe Bible Translators)

In 1959 Menno Kroeker joined Wycliffe Bible Translators. Ten years later he married Barb. Together they have served for more than 40 years. The Kroekers lived and worked together among the Nambikuara people in Brazil. They developed a literacy program followed by a bilingual education curriculum, which involved training indigenous teachers. They have also produced a seven-volume series of 121 Old Testament stories, plus two books on Jewish culture. A few years ago, Menno recorded the entire Nambikuara New Testament. This was distributed on small audio players that are still being used in the villages. Today, Menno and Barb live in Dayton, Tenn. For as long as their health allows they will continue as facilitators for the Nambikuara ministry.

Phil and Ev Anderson (1964–2009 — GMU/Avant Ministries)

Phil and Ev Anderson joined Gospel Missionary Union in 1964, committing themselves as a young couple to go to Mali, West Africa. They had the privilege of working with scores of team

members; they saw God change lives in the midst of a Muslim-dominated population. It was thrilling for them to witness the growth of the national church of Mali, see the development of church leadership, the successful renewal of the literature production center and the completion of many other printing projects (Phil’s expertise). Pray for them as they continue living in Texas.

Vergil and Kathy Nelson (1971–2009 — TEAM)

Vergil and Kathy Nelson flew out of Taiwan on Jan. 21, 2009, after 38 years of service under TEAM, working in special projects and teaching English. They left behind a lifetime of memories, including camp ministry, managing a library, assisting churches and teaching English classes. The 13-year process of purchasing land for the Bible camp in Taiwan is still ongoing. Could you join the Nelson’s in praying for this? Living in Grandview, Mo., they enjoy being near the grandkids.

Clarence and Twila Gillett (1972–2010 — TEAM)

Clarence and Twila lived and taught in the Senaggo area of Papua (Indonesia) for about 30 years. During their first 10 years, they were involved in opening 10 very primitive villages to the Gospel. Their neighbors were cannibals; they were naked; their understanding of God was limited. Later, the Gilletts moved to Merauke to open a Bible school. During their career they were active in church planting, administration, Bible school teaching, operating a Christian book store, guest house management and as secretary to the field chairman. The Gilletts are active in Faith Bible Church, Lincoln, Neb., and help minister to a Vietnamese community.

Jean Reimer (1978–2010 — Wycliffe Bible Translators)

The Fellowship recognizes Jean Reimer for her 32 years of service with Wycliffe. During this time she saw God accomplish great things among the Gangams (Togo): the language put into writing, Bible translation and literacy programs developed, Gangam nationals trained to take over, 35 churches birthed, and the New Testament completed for publication! In 1998 she was fully cured of leukemia, and has since worked out of her Steinbach home. She plans to complete her Gangam linguistic work by Sept. 1, and begin a new assignment as executive secretary to the Wycliffe Canada Board and as public relations assistant to the Manitoba director. With her new assignment, she will attend, full-time, her Winnipeg supporting church (not with the FEBC). She is deeply appreciative of the years of partnership with the FEBC and Cornerstone Bible Church (Steinbach).

**William and Doris Dyck
(1984-2009 — Northern Canada Evangelical Mission)**

Bill and Doris Dyck worked for 25 years in missions. Bill was secretary-treasurer and Doris worked in the print shop in Prince Albert for Northern Canada Evangelical Mission (NCEM). In 1989 they moved to Winnipeg to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba Branch of Canadian Sunday School Mission. In 1997 they returned to NCEM to oversee the bookstore/warehouse on the campus of the NCEM Headquarters. Doris helped Bill by selling books published by NCEM, and ordering books geared to First Nations people. They are now retired in Prince Albert, Sask.

Herb and Marlis Klaassen (1985-2010 — HCJB Global)

As did many other older FEBC missionaries, Herb and Marlis met at Grace Bible Institute (Omaha). They worked in Omaha and helped during the establishment of Community Bible Church. Fourteen years later, in 1985, they felt the Lord calling them to Quito, Ecuador to assist with remote medical teams, literature distribution and facility/vehicle maintenance at HCJB Global. Ten years later they followed a call to HCJB at the home office in Colorado Springs, Colo. Herb continued in maintenance and Marlis worked in the office. In May 2010 Herb and Marlis retired, moving back to Omaha and again attending Community Bible Church.

We praise the Lord Jesus who called these servants to a life of willing obedience, no matter where the path led. We acknowledge the obedience of these missionaries and call to your attention their faithful service to the Lord. May the Lord continue to richly bless their lives for His glory as they continue to serve Him.

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COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Omaha, Neb.

Charles Tschetter, Senior Pastor

Daniel Bear, who has served as Pastor of Children's Ministry/Office Administrator since July 2005, is now Pastor of Family Ministries. He will continue to serve in children's ministry, but his primary role will be leading CBC's ministry to young married couples. **Sarah Wissink** is now Office Administrator.

Missions – New CBC Roster Missionaries are **Bob and Carolyn Lee**, who serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The Lees work with translation teams at the New Ireland Translation Institute in Papua New Guinea. We welcomed **Herb and Marlis Klaassen** back to Omaha and Community Bible Church after serving with HCJB for 25 years.

Summer Ministries – **Rebecca Tschetter** left June 15 for three months in Bougouni, Republic of Mali, to partner with the Evangelical Protestant Church of Mali. She will assist with computer skills and teach ESL. **Rachel Woolard** is serving with the Navigators in Jacksonville, Fla., with the focus on finding employment in the community, representing the Navigators and sharing Christ. She will also serve with a local church in the area.

Our Vacation Bible School registration goal surpassed 160, and we regis-

tered 167 children for this summer's program.

New Members

Andrea Burton, Boyd Griffith, Bob and Carolyn Lee, Jeff and Carol Peters, and Kevin and Barb Shoemaker

Sharon Berg, Correspondent

COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Tahlequah, Okla.

Community Bible Fellowship continues to enjoy the blessings of excellent speakers filling the pulpit.

A few changes have been made, or are in-the-works, to create a more family-friendly atmosphere at our church. We began by putting a door between two classrooms, allowing for expansion if necessary. The Missions Committee and the Elder Board placed information boards along the hallway leading to our Worship Center in order to keep the congregation up to date. It has served well in its purpose.



If you have not tried hosting an old-fashioned picnic with your church, we highly recommend it. We played favorite games such as horseshoes, croquet, volleyball and table games. We even engaged in an entertaining water balloon "fight" that rapidly escalated to a water bucket activity. Hamburgers and hotdogs were on the menu, and we enjoyed beautiful violin music played by **Brayden Wiley**.

Our prayers are with each of our fellow churches. God bless you richly in all your endeavors.

Bryn Smith, Correspondent

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Mountain Lake, Minn.

Nathan Janzen, Pastor



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Cornerstone recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church's building. In these historic photos, pastors Henry Brandt and Sam Epp are shown entering the new building, and the congregation gathered in the new sanctuary.

Our church will host Vacation Bible School together with the Community Bible Church. The junior department will again have a High Seas Adventure during Sunday school hours this summer.

On POW WOW Sunday, an annual city celebration, our church will hold an early service so that we can join the other churches in the park for a 10 a.m. worship service. The Mountain Lake Ministerial is bringing **Jason Gray** and band in for the evening service in the park. Cornerstone and other churches in the area are trying to make this event an outreach, since many people come into town for the celebration.

Our 11th annual open-air concerts in our parking lot will again be held during four July Sunday evenings for the churches and people of our town.

Several families from our church hosted foreign exchange students this winter. They now have farewell/graduation open houses to honor them.

The ladies ministries made quilts for all our high school seniors. Our church awarded Bibles to them.

Martha Baerg, Correspondent

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Steinbach, Man.

Jared Hiebert, Pastor

In May, we were privileged to have one of our missionary couples fill in for Pastor Jared during a short sabbatical to work on his dissertation. **Brad and Lori**

Quiring (TEAM) are home in Winnipeg. They have spent 15 years as missionaries to Arequipa, Peru, and offered to take Pastor Jared's place for the month. We were blessed to see Pastor Jared get some much-needed time off, and enjoyed the time here with the Quirings.

On June 13, we resumed our GK2 Summer Program for the third summer in a row (GK2 stands for Growing Kingdom Kids). We will study "The Lamb," a brief overview of Creation to Christ, with kids ages two to Grade 6

Carol Bercier, Correspondent

COUNTRYSIDE BIBLE CHURCH

Meade, Kan.

David Cummings, Pastor

Our church held a fund-raising dinner for **Trent Wiens** for his short-term mission trip to South Africa. Trent, a student at LeTourneau University, was a 2009 FEBC scholarship recipient. He will serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship through the university. In May, the **Cerak Family** shared their story of their daughter's "Mistaken Identity," and how they relied on God through the ordeal and after they found out she was alive.

Mother's Day was special in more ways than one. **Megan Isaac** gave her testimony and was baptized, and **Tiff Ediger** and **Jessica Spare** gave their testimonies and joined our church. Jessica will serve on a short-term mission trip to Cambodia with the Navigators.

Pastor Cummings recently offered a Greek class. Eight graduates of that class were recently honored.

In May, **Pastor and Kim Cummings** took a trip to Israel.

Ann Classen, Correspondent

DALMENY BIBLE CHURCH

Dalmeny, Sask.

Dennis Friesen, Pastor

Ladies' events included a community "Salad Fiesta" outreach, with fashions from Dutch Growers and guest speaker **Connie Cavanaugh**, an award-winning speaker and author of *Faking It Until Finding Grace*; a clothing exchange, where clothes are recycled for free; and a movie and popcorn night.

Global Connections: At a fund-raising dinner, **Bob Conrad** with Camp Kadesh gave a presentation about the camp; **Gordon Balfour** highlighted Gideons; **Fred and Mary Penner** with Canadian Sunday School Mission shared their ministry; and **Thomas McDonald** returned home from Haiti after serving there for five months under Youth with a Mission.

Baptisms

Kaitlyn Friesen, Jessica Lane, Eryn McDonald, Tammy Pearson, Cameron Robinson

New Members

Lorne and Sherry Cornish, Marilyn McDonald, Carol Peters

Marilyn Harder, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Omaha, Neb.

Dr. Don Pahl, Senior Pastor

A team of 10 members from EBC accepted the short-term missions challenge to fill a need in Guatemala through Bethel Ministries. Their main goal was



to distribute food and wheelchairs and build a house. They were able to help many people in need, and most of all to



share the message of love, hope and salvation through Jesus Christ by their actions and words. Members of the

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Guatemala team were: **Pastor Don Pahl, Keli and Bob Brindamour, Willa Vesely, Doug Paziak, Travis Brim, Ryan Friesen, Monica Lambert, Larry Kirkpatrick and Dillon Runyon.**

A tasty spaghetti dinner was the venue for a challenging message from **Dr. Jim Eckman**, president of Grace University in Omaha. "What's so Unique About Christianity?" was a great opportunity to bring guests to hear and understand the Gospel message.

Betty Masters, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Langham, Sask.

Greg Guarnett, Senior Pastor

A fundraising soup and bread lunch was served to raise money for Camp Kadesh. Four people from our congregation also participated in the Kadesh Bike/Walk/Run-a-thon.

Ladies from the "Willing Hands" brought a program to the residents in our local senior citizens' homes in Langham and Dalmeny. They presented a monologue about Easter, performed special music and sang with the residents.

Regular youth meetings wrapped up in May as summer approached. Please pray with us that God will soon bring us an associate pastor to lead our youth.

We look forward to holding Vacation Bible School for the community, in August.

Marilyn Friesen, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

Marion, S.D.

Randy Maass, Pastor

Pastor Maass has been teaching the class, "Ministry Presentation," at the Sioux Falls Seminary, and doing weekly visitation of shut-in members, for whom health issues have been a concern.

The Sunday school class has been studying selected passages from the book of Mark. The class will move to the cooler basement for the summer, and the pastor will begin a new series.

Ray Becker, Correspondent

FAITH EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Winkler, Man.

Mike Comtois, Pastor



Pastor Mike Comtois and "Uncle Lee," who spent 21 years in prison because of his faith. His grandfather was led to the Lord by Hudson Taylor. On the right is Joseph Hsiang, director for Trans World Radio's China Ministry.

Pastor Mike toured with Trans World Radio (TWR) April 19-May 8. The tour visited Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore and Johannesburg to see the work God is doing through TWR.

We enjoyed our first "FEBC Ladies Can Cook" event in March. We learned how to make Manti (a Russian meal), a Greek salad and a yummy dessert.

Our church hosted a regional quiz meet on April 10, with our team competing against other quizzers from Manitoba and Ontario. The quiz team had a great season and did very well in the various quiz meets.

Liane Thiessen, Correspondent

GOSPEL OF GRACE CHURCH

Hooker, Okla.

Chris McFarland, Pastor

Our spring Ladies Retreat was well attended. Exotic bags and accessories decorating the tables was suggestive of the theme "What's In Your Bag?" Workshops on budgeting time, household budgeting, major purchases and mortgages were led by **Jenifer Metcalf, Karen Foust and Sandy McFarland.**

Eugene and Wynette Kliewer, ministering in Panama with Avant Ministries, and their daughter, Alicia, en route to Italy with World Team, presented their respective ministries.

Melvina Wichert, Correspondent

GRACE EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Abbotsford, B.C.

Dr. Warren Schatz, Pastor

Pastor Warren was one of the featured speakers at the World Religions Conference, sponsored by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of British Columbia, and held here in Abbotsford. He spoke on the topic, "Life after Death: Myth or Reality?" on May 16. For a post of his presentation see warrenswanderings-warren.blogspot.com.

Spotlight on Missions: We have been privileged to hear reports from FEBC missionaries **Jerry and Connie Robinson** (Global Outreach Mission), **Clara Klassen** (SIM; on home assignment), and **Milton and Kathi Torio** (Tabita Ministries – Romania trip). It was wonderful to hear how God has blessed and worked both in and through them in their ministries.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Grace Church is again participating in *Operation Baby Bottle* for the Crisis Pregnancy Centre. Bottles were made available on Mother's Day for people to take home, fill with loose change and dollar bills, and return to the church by Father's Day. It is a wonderful way to make a difference in the life of a young mother and her child. One group is planning a baby shower where women have been encouraged to bring money to fill additional bottles for the crisis centre.

Grace Toews, Correspondent

For information about Grace Church and its ministries visit

www.graceabbotsford.com

HEARTLAND BIBLE CHURCH

Lincoln, Neb.

Scott Hecht, Pastor

At our Movie Night in April we featured the "Prince of the Mafia," the story of Michael Franzese who, as one of the most powerful members of the mafia, was involved in gambling operations, union kick-backs and a multi-billion dollar gas tax scheme. Then his whole life was changed when he came to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

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The M.U.M.'s group participated in the Crisis Pregnancy Life Walk in Lincoln in May.

A lovely setting greeted all who attended our Mother-Daughter Brunch in May. We enjoyed a delicious brunch, special music by **Dawn Auger** and her daughters, testimonials by four ladies on what their mothers meant to them and a devotional by **Trudy Reimer** based on a biblical mother and her daughter — Lois and Eunice.

Trudy Reimer, Correspondent

JANSEN BIBLE CHURCH

Jansen, Neb.

Paul Carpenter, Pastor

Summer Wednesday Bible Studies are held at the American Legion Hall, with evenings of question and answer and snacking around the tables. A class for grades 1-7 is taught at church.

Church fellowship is nurtured during the summer at "Fellowship After Church Tonight" (FACT), a program initiated by the church board. Since folks enjoy lingering in the foyer to talk, we adjourn to the parsonage once a month for snacks and fellowship.

Jeff and Steph Engleman and the youth group ran concessions at the Washington, Kan., rodeo again this year. Our annual women's retreat at the Leadership Center in Aurora, Neb., is set for Aug. 13-14.

Tena Dick, Correspondent

RICHER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Richer, Man.

Simon Cheung, Pastor

We held a barbecue outreach dinner in April. The weather cooperated and 90 people joined us. A musical group played dinner music, and a lot of people stayed later to visit.

The church ladies, along with the ladies of the German congregation that uses our church, held a very successful bake sale at the mall in Steinbach during Mother's Day weekend. We raised enough money to buy a good vacuum cleaner for the church, as well as enough to pay for cleaning the rug this spring.

Doug Small won our second annual Mother's Day Chili Cook-off. Ev-

eryone enjoyed testing the different chilies, but of course, only the ladies' votes counted!

Susan Reid, Correspondent

SALEM CHURCH

Waldheim, Sask.

Darrell Derksen, Senior Pastor

It continues to be exciting to see God call individuals from our church family to unique places of ministry. **Kendrew Friesen** joined Athletes in Action on a hockey ministry trip to Russia. God used the team to deeply impact "Larry," a local player who joined them after their team captain broke his wrist. Through living and travelling with the team he became a disciple of Jesus Christ. **Joel Heppner** concluded his year at Capernwray, New Zealand, by serving in Fiji.

In April we hosted the Watoto Childrens Choir. They have a powerful ministry to AIDS orphans in the country of Uganda. Check them out at www.watoto.com. And in May, Creation Ministries International (www.creation.com) provided an after-school seminar at the high school and an evening of teaching for the whole church.

Several couples in our church family are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this summer. They are **Don and Nettie Douma**, **Gerry and Ruth Epp**, **Ron and Gladys Schultz** and **Lorne and Margaret Willems**.

STUARTBURN GOSPEL CHAPEL

Stuartburn, Man.

Mark Funk, Pastor



A drama and music production called "Breaking News," was a retelling of the Easter story. "The Tolstoi Television Network" sent its ace foreign correspondent with their top cameraman to Jerusalem. Their mis-

sion? Track down Jesus of Nazareth, and bring home a documentary that will tell the world the truth about who He is and what He is doing. They're on the spot, but are they in time? Many participants and volunteers made the production come alive with the truth of the Gospel.

Teen Challenge reported on their work with men who face various addictions.

A soup and pie fundraiser was held to raise funds for three missionary families and for other projects within our church.

Justina Hopp, a woman from the community, presented the work of those involved with the local farmer's market at a spring tea hosted by the women's ministries. **Marilyn F. Thiessen** shared Bible verses about flowers and how we can grow in our walk with God by studying them.

"Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?" in May was a great time to get to know families and individuals within the church body.

Marilyn D. Thiessen, Correspondent

VITA BIBLE CHURCH

Vita, Man.

A pastor appreciation service was held May 2 for our resigning pastoral couple **James and Marie Mack**. We gave them a plaque, a scrapbook of the church families and activities, and a resort holiday. We thank them for more than three years of faithful service, and encourage them as they seek other opportunities to serve the Lord.

In April, our Sunday school presented **Harvey Martens** of Gospel for Asia a donation to buy one cow, two goats and four chickens for the ministry.

Our talent night gave participants a chance to demonstrate a variety of talents.

The youth rose early on Mother's Day to prepare and serve a delicious breakfast for the entire church family.

Jane Roman, Correspondent

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BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Cornerstone Bible Church Mountain Lake, Minn.

- Cora Ina to Crale and Rachel Swanson, May 19
- Tansy Grace to Phil and Tesa Goossen, June 6

Cornerstone Bible Church Steinbach, Man.

- Ashton Levi to Doug and Janelle Reimer, May 6; grandparents are Billy and Carey Reimer; great-grandparents are Albert and Liz Toews
- Logan Del to David and Amanda Winters, June 5

Countryside Bible Church Meade, Kan.

- Hudson Jeffery to Jeff and Lacey Gloystein, April 26; grandparents are Darwin and Roxanna Ediger; great-grandmother is Rosie Ediger
- Taylor Ann to Chad and Leigh Ann Ziebert, May 5; grandparents are Dale and Sara Deighton

Dalmeny Bible Church Dalmeny, Sask.

- Jett Jaxon to Mitch and Wendy Schultz, April 23; grandparents are Alvin and Emma Schultz; great-grandmother is Wilma Schultz

Evangelical Bible Church Omaha, Neb.

- Cade Weston to Courtney and Chad Krupa, April 4; grandparents are Roger and Carol Bottazzi
- Sarina Gale to Charlene and Mark Heppner, April 17; grandparents are Keith and Olivia Heppner

Evangelical Bible Church Langham, Sask.

- Cody Joel born to Marlon and Jennifer Friesen, May 17; grandparents are Henry and Elaine Friesen, and Harvey and Darlene Thiessen

Faith Evangelical Bible Church Winkler, Man.

- Braeden Cole to Vern and Lydia Martens, Feb 6
- Emery Shae to Keith and Stacey Friesen, Feb 19; grandparents are Les and Sara Thiessen

- Zoe Sophia to Willy and Agnes Sawatzky, April ?
- Sophia Kathryn to Artur and Tina Refler, May 8; grandparents are Alex and Svetlana Refler

Gospel of Grace Church Hooker, Okla.

- Ryan Judd to Luke and Jennifer Methvin, March 11

Grace Evangelical Bible Church Abbotsford, B.C.

- Stefon Marshall Barry, chosen son of Shawn and Rebekah Collick, Aug. 8, 2008

Heartland Bible Church Lincoln, Neb.

- Luke Tyler to Keith and Karin Peters, April 9; grandparents are Larry and Betty Peters

Salem Church Waldheim, Sask.

- Sadie Anica Laurette to Curtiss and Joeleane Klaassen, March 26; grandparents are Don and Laurette Thompson
- Myah May to Danny and Arlynn Redekopp, April 28; grandparents are Tim and Lorraine Redekopp; great-grandma is Wanda Ratzlaff
- Leif Edward Rumo to Travis and Robin Ens, June 7; grandparents are Russ and Lois McAlpine

Stuartburn Gospel Chapel Stuartburn, Man.

- Sydney Russell Sheldon Huntingkawk, to John and Anna Reimer, Feb.17; grandparents are Jake and Mary Friesen
- Brynn Olivia Page to Jeff and Teri Penner, April 14; grandparents are Bonnie and Dick Wiebe, Bob Lever, and David and Joyce Penner

Vita Bible Church Vita, Man.

- Kinley Noelle to Mike and Rachel Funk, April 8; grandparents are Jake and Mary Funk

WEDDINGS

Community Bible Church Omaha, Neb.

- Haley Calvin, daughter of Flint and Renee Calvin, to Derrick Dick, son of Dennis and Kathy Dick, June 12

Dalmeny Bible Church Dalmeny, Sask.

- Allyce Crawford to Lance Brown, son of Elmer and Maureen Brown, May 15

Gospel of Grace Church Hooker, Okla.

- Jamie Walters, daughter of Galen and Maria Abel, to Rex Cook, May 29

DEATHS

Community Bible Fellowship Tahlequah, Okla.

- Phyllis Lauer (87), May 26

Cornerstone Bible Church Mountain Lake, Minn.

- Jean Epp (52), Dec. 22, 2009
- Gladys Stoesz (78), April 20

Dalmeny Bible Church Dalmeny, Sask.

- John Goetz (86), Feb. 15

Jansen Bible Church Jansen, Neb.

- Martha (Mrs. Levi) Friesen (88), May 20

Gospel of Grace Church Hooker, Okla.

- Captain J.P. Thompson (38), Jan. 29
- Helen Hamm (97), May 4

Stuartburn Gospel Chapel Stuartburn, Man.

- Burnice Blunt (81), May 8

NO ENDORSEMENT



Focus on FEBC Church Planting

News and updates on our church plants and their pastors

By Harvey Schultz, Ministries Coordinator

Nothing like a good old-fashioned roofing bee ...

On Saturday, June 5, about 35 volunteers from nine Fellowship churches in Saskatchewan congregated in Humboldt. They rolled up their sleeves to help the Humboldt Bible Church remove shingles from a major portion of the roof and reshingle it. Of course, the Humboldt Bible Church congregation was there to provide refreshments and meals. By mid-afternoon, the work was done just as a shower arrived. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful day of work, fun and fellowship.



Who's next?