

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Innovators and Loyalists"

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." (Romans 12:4-6)

Many of you are familiar with Rogers' theory of innovation diffusion which characterizes how people relate to new ideas and innovations.

Innovators: about 3% of people are venturesome risk-takers who envision new possibilities and thrive on change.

Early adopters: about 14% are the social leaders who recognize good new ideas and commit early to bringing about their realization.

Early majority: about 34% who are deliberate and cautious in their evaluation of new ideas and can be persuaded to embrace change.

Late majority: about 34% who are traditional, skeptical of new ideas, and resistant to change until change seems inevitable.

Laggards: about 16% who never do embrace change and must be dragged kicking and screaming into making any kind of peace with new innovations.

There is a place for each kind of person in the body of Christ. All are needed for healthy functioning of the body. New church plants often are led primarily by innovators and early adopters. That is one reason why they are most effective in evangelism and outreach to the unchurched. The older a church gets, the more traditional and inward-focused it tends to become, and more of the leadership tends to shift to early majority and late majority long-time members (many of the innovators having long since left the church for greener pastures).

Churches that are dominated by laggards in power will normally be stagnant or declining and fighting for survival. Their days are numbered.

Innovators and early adopters are essential to a church's success in reaching seekers, youth, young adults, young families, and the unchurched. But innovators are the least loyal to any organization, including the local church. Innovators become impatient when innovative outreach and ministry ideas are frequently shot down or delayed by tradition, bureaucracy, late majority people and laggards. When they get impatient or frustrated, they leave. They are vision-driven, not loyalty-driven.

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Who are the most loyal church members? Late majority and laggards.

Their faithfulness is essential to the church's stability (and financial health). They can be counted on to staff the church committees and work in the ministry programs and show up for the meetings and pay the bills.

They can also be counted on to resist change. They like the church the way it is (or was). When they don't like something, they know how to make their voice heard. They will grumble and complain and whine and criticize – but they will not leave. They will stay the course. They are loyal. Laggards make faithful, rock-solid members – but ineffective leaders. It's hard to lead a church forward by longing for the good old days. More than one church has died a slow death under the control of its most loyal members.

There is a place for both tradition and change – and for both innovators and loyalists – in the local church. Loyalty is a valuable character quality that is in short supply in today's world – and in today's church. Many Christians today are religious consumers who are also raising their children and youth to be

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1 Grades 3-6 AWANA Girls Parent's Night
- Oct. 4 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon/Iowa Machine Shed
- Oct. 5 & 6 No Limits Project Serve/Pine Lake
- Oct. 5 & 6 Hearts at Home/Rochester, MN
- Oct. 7 AM Communion Noon Moldova Chili Dinner 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Oct. 13 7:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting/Village Inn, Dav.
- Oct. 13 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Paintball Ministry
- Oct. 14 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Oct. 18 6:00 p.m. Heritage School Dessert Banquet, The Lodge 7:00 p.m. "Night to Honor Israel", Adler Theatre
- Oct. 20 Flu Shot Clinic & CPR Training/ROCK
- Oct. 21 11:45 a.m. No Limits SS Outing 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Oct. 25-Nov. 7 Moldova Missions Trip
- Oct. 26-28 Junior High Campout/Indian Bluff
- Oct. 27 6:30 p.m. Women's Night Out at Bennigan's, Bettendorf
- Oct. 28 Noon-All Church Potluck & Quarterly Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Oct. 31 7:00 p.m. No Limits Halloween Event

religious consumers. They stay as long as their needs are being met and they are satisfied with how things are going. But they will not hesitate to leave for greener pastures if they become dissatisfied or offended or if there is conflict or disappointment.

Every church needs loyalists who will stick with a church through thick and through thin. Every church needs loyalists who will continue to serve and continue to give even when everything is not going the way they think it should.

The problem is when loyalty to a church becomes loyalty to tradition or loyalty to the status quo or loyalty to one's own preferences on matters of style and methodology. Some loyalists will fight as hard for traditional practices as for biblical doctrines – and have a hard time telling the difference between the two. Churches ruled by loyalists tend to get stuck in the past, miss out on the fresh winds of the Holy Spirit's activity, and become ineffective at reaching the next generation.

New wine requires new wineskins. God is doing a new work in the world. All over the world, the Holy Spirit is manifesting His Presence and Power in ways reminiscent of His activity in the 1st century. While the church declines in much of the white, materialistic, naturalistic, Western world, the church is rapidly growing and expanding and sending out evangelists, church-planters and missionaries throughout the non-white, non-Western world. And God is bringing many of these unreached peoples of the world to the USA – and even to Iowa.

Church Financial Report

September's giving was well below budget and below year-ago figures. Giving to the general fund averaged \$7,084 per Sunday (compared to budget of \$8,823). Giving for the July – September quarter averaged \$7,170. For the second month in a row, money was not set aside for the Debt Retirement fund due to inadequate income.

Building Fund giving was \$5,756 during September.

Worship attendance was also below year-ago figures for September and for the quarter. In fact, September's average weekly attendance was the lowest in several years. This may be due partially to more regular attenders missing more Sundays, but we are also feeling the impact of 4-5 families recently leaving our church or attending elsewhere.

We have a GAP team that tracks attendance patterns. If you would like to help contact people who are missing or irregular in their attendance, please see Pastor Mark.

The future will belong to churches that are committed to need-oriented evangelism and Kingdom missions and are welcoming immigrants and the supernatural activity of the Holy Spirit. The future will belong to churches that effectively reach out to extend Christ's love to Hispanic and Asian immigrants (rather than merely clamoring for higher walls and more restrictive laws to keep them out). The future will belong to churches that learn how to evangelize and disciple the post-modern generation. The future will belong to churches that penetrate the darkness with the light rather than withdrawing from the darkness. The future will belong to churches that serve the needs of the surrounding community rather than cloistering more tightly together.

New wine requires new wineskins. Churches that fail to adapt to the new realities of the new millennium will be marginalized over the next 20 years. But what a great opportunity for churches that are Spirit-led and Spirit-empowered – that combine truth with passionate spirituality and compassionate love.

Loyalty is one of the marks of maturity. It enables us to grow through adversity and resolve conflict rather than running away from pain. Churches need faithful and loyal members. The question is: *will we be loyal to "the good old days" -- or will we be loyal to the Kingdom mission of the church – and empower innovative leaders who can help the church thrive and be fruitful in the future?*

Calling All 50+

ABF # 3 would like to invite all empty-nesters and men & women in the 50 + group to join us for a study of the Gospel of Matthew this school year. We meet Sunday mornings @ 9:00 in the Conference Room down the hall from the church offices. Pastor Scott leads the Bible study.

Just because your kids are now grown and out of the house doesn't mean that Sunday School is no longer for you. There is always more to learn and apply, and your wisdom and knowledge of God's Word can enrich and edify others. We need our more mature members to set the example that Bible-learning is a life-long habit for spiritual growth.

A Word From Pastor Mark

Thanks for giving us pastors the opportunity to grow and develop into more effective leaders. Pastor Scott & I (and our wives) just got back from the American Association of Christian Counseling Conference in Nashville.

Each class I attended gave me tools to use at church and in the home. I want to share some of the information that I gleaned from the week. Let me share what I learned from the last class of the week. It was titled, "Motivating Men to be Caring Communicators." The teachers suggested that men should be caring communicators because of victories that he will win. Most men are competitive by nature so winning appeals to us. I wanted to share the three victories husbands experience when they are caring communicators.

The first **victory is in the home**. Do you know what the probability is for winning a home for Christ based upon which person accepts Christ first? If a youth is the first to accept Christ there is a 3.5% chance the rest of the family will choose Jesus. If a mother is the first- there is a 17% chance. How about a father? If a father accepts Christ there is a 93% chance the rest of the family will accept Christ too. These are powerful stats. These stats are not to discourage a youth from reaching out to his/her family nor to a wife/mother from giving up. Each can be used by God to see family members accept Christ. What these stats do show is the power of a husband and father who is living for Jesus. I am writing to believing husbands so how does this impact them? Men, just think about it. Where do your kids get their clues on what is important spiritually? Moms tend to be committed to Christ (this is a generalization but seems to be consistent in the church. How many moms come to church without the father compared to the father coming without the mother?) So men if we want our children/youth to be committed to the church and following Jesus then we need to be showing commitment to the church and living for Jesus 24/7. If I have children who have no desire to come to church or follow Jesus I may want to look in the mirror as a man and ponder how I am affecting my kids negatively.

MTV did a study to find out what makes teenagers happy. MTV thought youth would respond with iPods, cars, money, friends, and so on. But do you know what the #1 answer was- **when mom and dad are happy**. If the parents are happy and love one another they make a happy and peace filled home and teenager. The second highest score was **family time**. It looks like parents have a lot of opportunity to be influential in their teenager's happiness.

The second **victory is in the workplace**. If we communicate lovingly with our wives our relationship will be growing. Statistics show that the year following divorce, employees lose an average of over 168 hours of work time. Also, a person with marital distress will lose 38 more days of work per year than someone with average marital stress. And those who are distressed may come to work in the body but may be absent in spirit (called presenteeism). The Harvard Business Review estimates that presenteeism costs American Business \$150 billion annually in direct and indirect costs. So if we men become caring communicators with our wives our homes will be peaceful enabling us to work without distraction resulting in being better employees.



And the third **victory is in the bedroom**. Now I really have men's attention! There is truth to the saying, "Happy Wife, happy life." If our wives are happy because of how we treat them then we will in turn love life. As we communicate with care with our wives starting in the morning they will be more open to enjoying the bedroom more frequently. For men sexual intercourse is the beginning of intimacy but for women it is the culmination of intimacy. As men it is in our interest to make sure we are communicating with our wives- more than "Uh huh" or grunts.

The teachers gave us four suggestions for men to be caring communications. They are:

Saying "**I love you**" and showing her how important she is to you every day.

Saying "**I respect you**"- letting her know she is a capable person (mother, employee, as a wife).

Saying "**I desire you**". A woman needs 7 significant non-sexual touches a day to feel desirable. Wives also feel desired when we guard our hearts and eyes and keep them only for and on our wives.

Saying "**I cherish you**"- letting her know you are committed to her and treating her special.

If we become caring communicators as husbands we will experience victory in the home, workplace and bedroom. Here's to making happy homes, happy workplaces and happy bedrooms.



Re-Leaf Fest coming November 10th!!!

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

So I am driving down to the west end of Bettendorf for an 11:15 appointment, and it is now 11:18. The story of my life...that is why I set my clocks ahead so I still have 2 minutes to get to my destination. All of a sudden, there is a woman stepping out between two cars ~ she walks right in front of me! I lock up my brakes and stop within what seems like six inches of this woman. Close! The strange thing is she makes no recognition of the situation she is in. She just keeps walking as if I am not even there. Even when I start moving again...now I am right beside her on the street...she doesn't even look at me and notice that this mini van has suddenly appeared out of no where. She just continues across the street and heads on up the road to wherever she was headed.

I still can't believe what has just happened! I am relieved that the brakes worked, and I offered up a thank you for the obvious protection I had just experienced. But I can't stop thinking, what was that woman's deal? I mean, was she stoned out of her mind? Or was she in shock or something? How can she be so oblivious to her world that she doesn't even see the danger that she just narrowly avoided?

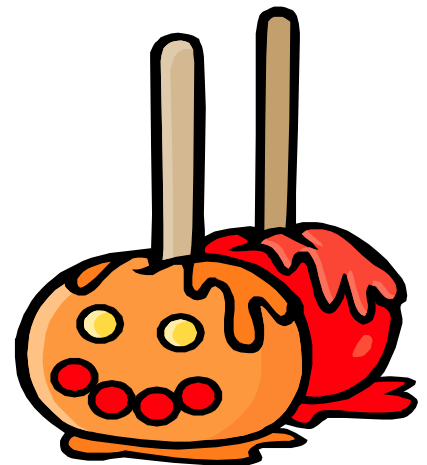
We were talking about how as Christians, we are in very much the same situation spiritually and don't see the true life we live. We are often so focused on the material world and its functions that we miss the spiritual reality that is around us. I wonder how many times I have walked off the curb into oncoming traffic (spiritually) and not even been aware of the near miss that God in his grace just spared me from. Or how many times I can't figure out why things are so much of a struggle. I don't even think of the spiritual spider web I just walked into. I struggle in my flesh with the entanglement...the more I fight, the more wrapped up I become. I often joke about my guardian angels and how they will one day seek to extract some well deserved repayment for all the dings and gashes they have taken on my behalf, protecting me from the spiritual attacks that I have blindly walked into. Or worse, the times I've willfully chosen to ignore the warning signs and run head full into situations totally unprepared in my own strength, like a Hobbit running into battle against a cave troll with only a small dagger to defend me.

Learning to see my life as apart of the kingdom of God and taking every moment as if I am a soldier in a spiritual battle that started before this world began, is a constant challenge. But knowing that I can't do anything good on my own and must rely on the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit to survive this challenge we call life is a good place to start. Thinking these thoughts is challenge enough, living them out is ever more difficult. So I must call on Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit to help me take each and every step. Open my eyes that I might see every moment in light of the truth of God's word and His purpose for my life.

Maybe that lady was more in touch with reality than I gave her credit for. Not that I want to ever be void of any consciousness of this world we live in. But may I learn to be less focused on it as reality and more focused on Christ and His Kingdom.

Upcoming Events for October:

Wednesday 3 rd	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00 pm – 8:30
Fri 5 th – Sat 6 th	Project Serve Pine Lake \$25.00
Sunday 7 th	Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 10 th	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00- 8:30
Saturday 13 th	Paint Ball Ministry 9:00 – 1:30 Cost \$ 5:00 and bring meat to grill
Sunday 14 th	Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 17 th	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00pm- 8:30 pm
Sunday 21 st	Sunday School Lunch Outing "BBQ" Leave Church 11:45 Cost \$ 5.00
Wednesday 24 th	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Fri 26 th – Sun 28 th	Jr High Camp Out. Indian Bluff
Sunday 28 th	Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 31 st	No Limits Halloween Event 7:00- 9:00



Faith Community Nurse Corner



Faith Community Nursing exists at Cornerstone Baptist Church to minister to the body of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, by helping to meet health care needs (Mt.25:35-36) to live life abundantly (Jn10:10b).

*FLU SHOT CLINIC — 18 yrs. & older AM
CPR Training (Friends & Family Training \$5) PM*

Saturday, October 20th

ROCK Center

Pastor Appreciation Month



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Please let your pastors and their families know how much you appreciate them.

The Deacons

Moldova Mission October 25-November 7, 2007

By Lucy Schmidt

During the last ten years, Cornerstone has been sending missions teams to Moldova, a tiny former Russian country in Europe between Ukraine and Romania. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe. Not only is Moldova financially poor, but also spiritually poor.

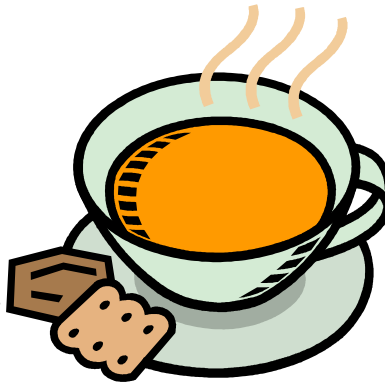
Deana Trotter, Kelly Ramsey and Lucy Schmidt will be joining Pastor Dewey Kraklow from Rock Island and Pastor Ron Allen from Oak Lawn, IL, on a mission trip to Moldova from October 25-November 7 to share the Good News about Jesus' love and forgiveness for them.

The reason they are going **at this time** is to help the Budai rejoice in the dedication of their new church building. This small but growing village church has spent **8 years** building their new house of worship. We have watched the slow progress on this building from the beginning and have even helped financially with it.

Cornerstone's Moldova Mission Teams work with the Orhei Baptist Church which is the mother church of all the new village churches. Several years ago they also built a new bigger church building. However, they still use the same short benches as before. This prevents growth as there is a lack of sitting room even though there is space for longer benches.

There will be a **Chili Dinner on Sunday, October 7, right after church** with all **proceeds going to the Orhei church**

to help them purchase new longer pews. Their shorter benches would then be given to the Budai church. This would help **both churches** with growth as there will be more room for people to sit.



While there, the team will visit schools and orphanages and teach the children and staff about the way to eternal life through faith in Jesus. They will do this through Bible stories, music, puppets, dowel rods, and the **Jesus for Children** video.

In villages they will do street evangelism sharing the Four Spiritual Laws with people and invite them to see the **Jesus for Children** video. Everyone will receive a New Testament.

Thank you so much for your support for this mission with your prayers and finances. If you feel God is leading you to support this trip financially, checks may be made to Cornerstone STEM with the word "Moldova" in the memo section. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support!!

We do hope you will stay for the **Chili Dinner on October 7th**. There will also be hot dogs for the kids who do not like chili. There is no set cost per person, but donations are appreciated!!

COMING TO CBC:

“Praying with Faith and Purpose” Conference

Friday – Sunday, November 2-4

Jonathan Graf, founding editor of *Pray!* magazine, will be guest speaker at an upcoming prayer conference at Cornerstone.

Join others as we learn:

- **The Keys to an Effective Prayer Life**
- **Hindrances to Prayer**
- **Kingdom Praying**
- **The Power of Praying Together**

There will be a pizza dinner on Friday night at 6:30 prior to the first session. Saturday morning will begin with a light breakfast at 8:30, followed by the remaining three sessions – ending at 12:30. Jon will also preach a message during Sunday morning’s worship service. You may attend any or all sessions. Admission is free. If there is interest, a nursery will be provided.

Mark your calendar for this event, and watch the bulletin for further information.

Contact Teresa Bivens with questions.

Cornerstone Communication Guidelines

Matthew 18:15-17 (New International Version)

¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

1. If I have a problem with another person, I will go to that person privately. If I have a problem with a Cornerstone board, committee, or team, I will go privately to a member of that board, committee, or team. If I have a problem with a Cornerstone ministry, I will go privately to the leader of that ministry.
2. If individuals have a problem with me or an area in which I serve, I want them to come to me privately, and I will try to be open when they come.
3. If someone has a problem with me or an area in which I serve, and comes to you, send that person to me. I'll do the same for you.

October Prayer Calendar

Wednesday, October 3
November Prayer Conference

Wednesday, October 10
Pastor Scott's Family

Wednesday, October 17
Moldova Mission

Wednesday, October 24
Pastor Mark's Family

Wednesday, October 31
Pastor Tony's Family



4. If someone hesitates to come to me, say, “Let’s go together”. I’ll do the same for you.
5. Be careful how you interpret me - I’d rather do that. I will be careful how I interpret you.
6. If it is confidential, I won’t tell (unless someone is harming himself or someone else).
7. I won’t send or pay attention to unsigned letters or notes. Information should always travel with a person’s name so it can be cleared up if necessary.
8. I will not manipulate; I will not be manipulated.
9. When in doubt, I will bring up my concern or question.
10. I will do my best to prayerfully follow the guidelines of Matthew 18:15-17; however, if my issue continues to be unresolved, I may seek advice from the Deacon Board.



October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch/Dotys 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery for grades K-6 (Grades 3-6 Girls Parents Night)	2 7:30 p.m. College-Career-Singles at Idekers	3 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 7:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits 8:15 p.m. Home Group Leader's Meeting	4 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon at Iowa Machine Shed 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK 7:00 p.m. Missions Mtg.	5 October 5 & 6 No Limits Project Serve at Pine Lake Camp, Eldora October 5 & 6 Hearts at Home, Rochester, MN	6
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14 8:40 a.m. Prayer Nurses Office Open 3:00 p.m. Sr. Puppets 4:00 p.m. Jr. Pup/ RODS 6:00 p.m. Home Groups 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet/ Pastor Tony's	15 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch/Dotys 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:30-8:15 p.m. AWANA for grades K-6	16 6:30 p.m. Singles Game Night/ROCK	17 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits	18 6:00 p.m. Heritage School Dessert Banquet/The Lodge, Bett. 7:00 p.m. "Night to Honor Israel", Adler Theatre 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	19	20 Flu Shot Clinic AM (18 yrs. & older) CPR Training PM ROCK
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October Birthdays:

1 Mary Sue Ryan
2 Curt Hansen
Rod Perrin
Ariel Swanson
3 David Newsum
4 Jessica Phillips
Mari Brewer
Jordan Olsen
5 Vickie McElhiney
Jim Skadal
Becky Ranfeld
6 Jody Boddicker
Rick Swanson
Marty Sickels
Zachary Wilford
7 Grace Hansel
Deana Trotter
Bill Wilford
Julie Farmer
8 Mallory Owens
Nathan Boddicker
9 Ray Greving
11 Lori Major
Samuel Brady
14 Tim Schwarz
Dana Runge
Lynn Conner

15 Edward Mohr
16 Clayton Birtell
Caleb Beer
17 Adam Kuster
18 Amy Bright
19 Ryan Greving
Tiffany Guge
20 Kyle Kirby
Julian Arndt
Seth Major
22 Katelyn Jones
Kinzie Johnson
23 Pat Reid
Charles Hageman
Mark Meyer
Joshua Brady
26 Emily Swanson
27 Andrew Green
Jason Lacey
Darla Lacey
Joshua Beer
28 Barbara Wright
Lindsey Armbruster
Mary Pillard

29 Ryan Trotter
Jill Munson
Mac Zevenbergen
31 John Green, Sr.

October Anniversaries:

1 Don and Jodi Green
3 Bill and Sheri Wilford
6 Kevin and Sandra Wohlford
7 Jason and Erin Tkatch
10 Stan and Sally Howell
11 Jim and Dee McGimpsey
12 Bryan and Sarah Payton
13 John and Kim Hawley
14 Dan and Vickie McElhiney
24 Dan and Karla Marti
Pat and Jodi Reid
25 Kevin & Laura Munson
29 George & Nicole Arndt

"Health-Producing Truths" Sermon Series

This fall Pastor Scott will be preaching a sermon series based on what he learned at the Christian Counseling Conference in Nashville Sept. 12-15. The series will be entitled: "Health-Producing Truths." The series began last Sunday with a message: *Where Do You Turn for Comfort?* (The manuscript is on the church website, and a cassette copy is available by request through the church office.)

The purpose of the sermon series is to help people grow in spiritual, emotional and relational health and maturity by connecting them with God's love, by healing emotional hurts with God's comfort, and by building healthy marriages and

families. Topics will include: *Truths that heal the brokenhearted; Love and Respect in Marriage; Grace-based Parenting; Receiving & Giving The Blessing; Healing is a Choice; Exchanging False Comfort for True Comfort; and God's unfamiliar passions.*

The series begins September 23 and will continue until Thanksgiving and Advent.

Pastor Scott is also looking for people who would like to share a testimony related to any of these topics. Contact him if interested.

Sonshine Ministry

Regarding Meadowlawn: I am not sure what is going on there. I have been in close contact with staff and residents. I have had the opportunity to pray and try to encourage both. The last time I visited there were only 14 residents. "Rumors" (I have not heard officially) are that they will be closed before the end of October. I will do what I can to keep in touch with at least some of the residents for at least a while. I will be praying for God's directions as to how He would have me proceed and will probably make a decision after the first of the year. He called me to this ministry and I have faith He will lead me where He wants me.

Mt. Joy: I will be looking at a mobile home on Thursday, Sept. 27. Please pray for clear direction and God's provision.

By Jan Kloss

There is a single mom who had a baby boy recently. He has had some difficulties and has been in the neonatal ward at the hospital. He is due to be discharged Monday, I believe. This mom is in need of baby boy clothes, a bassinet and pretty much anything one would need with a new baby. If you have some things you would like to donate, please call me and let me know. I will make sure the things get to her. Thanks for your help.

If you have any questions about Sonshine Ministry, please call. Support can still be given thru Urban Edge Ministry with "Sonshine Ministry" written in the memo of the check. Thank you for all who pray, support or encourage in anyway.

Sharing GOOD NEWS from BGC

(BGC stands for Baptist General Conference)

"Good news travels fast." How many times have you heard this cliché?

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Message from the Deaconesses

The deaconesses would like to thank our church family for the way you have ministered to brides and new mothers through showers. We would like to remind everyone that this vital ministry of showers will continue through the initiative of ABFs, small groups, church leaders and church friends.

Personal invitations are encouraged to be made and the bulletin may be used as a back-up "catch-all", with the statement to be included "hosted by (name)".

It would be a good idea to check with Sally and the church calendar when choosing a date to try to minimize conflicts.

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Family News

Congratulations to Neil and Melissa Chapman on the birth of their first child, Andrew Lee. He was born on September 23rd weighing in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 20" long.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Darlene Geist — she went to be with her Lord in September.

Ladies Luncheons

Thursday, October 4th at 11:30 a.m.

Iowa Machine Shed

Teresa Bivens and Lucy Schmidt will be sharing about the Moldova missions

Thursday, November 1st at 11:30 a.m.

Iowa Machine Shed

Andrea Ideker will be sharing about her African missions trip

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!!
Any questions? Call Pinky at 285-4936



Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School Opportunities

for the Family

Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

10:10 a.m.