

Upcoming Events

- Feb 18-19 Marriage Retreat
- Feb 18-19 Children's Retreat
- Feb 20 Widow/Widower's Banquet
- Feb 23 Wednesday Night Meal 5:45 pm
- Feb 23 Deadline for Youth M3 sign up
- Mar 2 Budget Committee Meeting
- Mar 5 Youth M3 Conference 8am-4pm
- Mar 6 Youth Winter Jam @ FedX Forum
- Mar 7 Young at Heart Breakfast
- Mar 9 Wenesday Night Meal 5:45 pm
- Mar 9 Business Meeting
- Mar 13 Blood Pressure Checks
- Mar 13 DU Ends
- Mar 13 Youth SNAC

Greeters & Ushers

Sunday, February 20th

AM: Greeters: Bill Van Dyke Jason Koch
 Ushers: Adult Men II
 Parking Lot: George Crum

PM: Greeters: Mark Walgenbach Jim Farrar
 Ushers: Glen Sprayberry Steve Pyles
 Parking Lot: Dave Wittrock

Sunday, February 27th

AM: Greeters: Harold Allen Steve Trent
 Ushers: Adult Men II
 Parking Lot: Matt Rushing

PM: Greeters: Mark Walgenbach Greg Hurtt
 Ushers: Bob Brown David Willman
 Parking Lot: John Groves

Nursery Schedule

Sunday, February 20th

SS: Marion Grove & Sherry Ferrell
AM Babies: Diane Trent & Melody Kelly
AM Toddlers: Joel & Heather Strahan
PM: John & Jennifer Groves

Wednesday, February 23rd

Wanda Farrar & Trista Pannell

Sunday, February 27th

SS: Melanie Harris & Kay Morton
AM Babies: Grace & Carl Jackson
Toddlers: Katy Gunter & Lorena Watson
PM: Grace Lantz & Michelle Betts

Wednesday, March 2nd

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Coming Soon!

IBC Spring Spruce UP

March 19th



**Blood Pressure Checks
 Every 2nd Sunday**

Please stop by the kitchen and claim any dishes that may be yours. Thank You!



The Encourager

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Worship Times

Sunday

- Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
- Morning Worship
10:45 a.m.
- Visitation
3:45 p.m.
- Discipleship
University
5:00 p.m.
- Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

- Adult Prayer Service
- Youth
- Children
6:30 p.m.

Faith Comes by Hearing

Kevin G. Harney

Over the years, I have heard people say things like, "Serving is not evangelism. It is a great thing to do, but serving alone does not present the message of the gospel." Or, "Inviting a person to church or to a Christian concert is not evangelism. It is pre-evangelism." I have even heard people say, "Sharing your story is not enough. We must tell Jesus' story." To these comments and many others like them, I say, "I agree 100 percent!"

In the Book of Romans, the apostle Paul says, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" ([Rom. 10:17](#)). Paul makes it clear that it is not enough just to love and care for people; we are called to communicate the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Over the years, I have heard many variations on the statement, "Proclaim the gospel wherever you go. Use words when necessary." I understand the spirit of this quote, which has been attributed to many different historical figures, but I feel it is misleading. A more biblical version would be, "Proclaim the gospel wherever you go. Words will always be necessary." The apostle Paul puts it this way: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" ([1 Peter 3:15](#)).

There are many approaches to evangelism, but all of them include the wonderful moment when we tell the story of God's gift of salvation. When we serve someone and they ask us, "Why do you care so much?" we let them know how much God has cared for us. We articulate that God cared for us so much that he sent Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins. We tell them our service flows out of this understanding. When we invite someone to a church service or a faith-based event and they ask us, "Do you really believe all this stuff about Jesus?" we have an open door to share how we came to faith, what we believe, and how God has transformed our lives. We are given an opportunity to articulate the message of the gospel. No matter what our personal style, we all should be trained and ready to express the core message of the gospel, and we should know how to lead people to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

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YOUTH

Dates to Remember

- March 5
M3 Conference
@ MABTS
- March 6
Winter Jam
@ FedEx Forum

Upcoming Events

Nathan Washburn

Missions Conference at MABTS

- When:** March 5 (Saturday)
- Depart from IBC:** 8:00 a.m.
- Arrive back at IBC:** 4:00 p.m.
- Cost:** \$15
- What's included:** Conference Fee, Lunch, T-shirt
- Deadline:** Register by February 23 (Wednesday) (Money and T-shirt size)
- Where to sign up:** Sign-up sheet outside Nathan's office

Winter Jam at FedEx Forum

- When:** March 6 (Sunday)
- Depart from IBC:** 4:30 p.m.
- Arrive back at IBC:** ???
- Cost:** \$10
- What's included:** Lots of loud music and general mayhem
- Where to sign up:** Sign-up sheet outside Nathan's office

Children

Dates to Remember:

- February 18 - 19:
KIDS' RETREAT
WEEKEND
- March 6:
SS REVIEW WEEK
- March 14 (Monday):
SERVICE PROJECT
MALCO TRIP
- April 1-2
SHINE CONFERENCE

SS Memory Verses

February 13 ~ WEEK 4

JOSHUA 6:2 -
And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor."

February 20 ~ WEEK 5

JOSHUA 7:1 -
But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi...took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

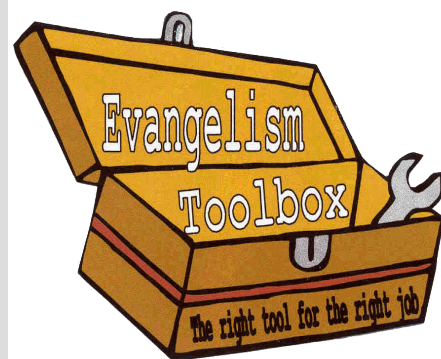
TAMMIE DANIEL
DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY
1ST - 3RD GRADERS: BIBLE SKILLS, DRILLS, & THRILLS
TEACHER: SARAH JONES



4TH - 6TH GRADERS: PRAYKIDS!
TEACHER: MISS TAMMIE



SHINE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE



- WHEN:** April 1 - 2
Drop-off @ 4:00 p.m. (04/01)
Pick-up @ 4:00 p.m. (04/02)
- WHAT:** Ev Training for 4th-6th Graders
- WHERE:** Ervin Brown Training Center
- COST:** \$25/student

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!!!

Who's In Charge?

Paul Betts

This is a question oft asked when there is a problem. It is also a question that I imagine the LORD could have asked Moses. In Exodus 4, we have an account of a conversation that took place between the LORD and Moses. God has come to Moses in a burning bush to commission him to go back to Egypt to lead His people out of captivity into freedom to the land promised to Abraham. As if being spoken to from a burning bush was not enough to believe God, Moses began to outline all the reasons that the people of Israel may not believe him when he says God had sent him. To prove His power, God gave Moses two more signs—a rod that turned into a serpent and back to a rod again and a hand that turned leprous and then became whole again. Still Moses continued with all the reasons that God had made a mistake in calling him. In v. 11, the LORD begins to put to rest Moses' objections. He says, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." As I read that this year, it struck me that the LORD was saying in a sense to Moses, "Who's in charge?" The answer the LORD would give is "I Am!" Moses was missing the whole point of his call. It was not about him, his eloquence in speech, his abilities, or his own strength and power. It was all about what the LORD was going to do. In chapter 6, we see what the LORD was wanting to do all along. Verse 1 states, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land." Verse 2 emphatically declares, "I am the LORD." Not you, Moses; not Pharaoh; not all-powerful Egypt. I AM! I will do what I will do for my glory that you (and all others) may know that I am the LORD and there is no other. I am in charge, Moses...of everything—your mouth, Pharaoh, and Egypt.

Moses mistakenly thought that the LORD was calling him to do something in his own power what only God could do in His. How many times do we miss out on seeing the Lord do great things through our lives because we make excuses about how inept we are when all along God's desire is to show His power through us. He is not calling us to perform the miracles—He is calling us to obey His voice so that He can.

R.E.A.P.

Feb. 20
A-Team
Meet at 3:45

Feb. 27
P-Team
Meet at 3:45

Dates to Remember

Mar. 9th
Wednesday Night
Meal @ 5:45 pm
Beef Tips, Potatoes,
Squash Souffle,
Dessert & Drink

**Widow & Widower's
Banquet
February 20th**

In the fellowship hall, immediately following morning worship services.



**Wednesday Night Meal
Feb. 23rd @ 5:45 pm
Chicken Pot Pie, Dessert & Drink
Please sign up in the foyer.**



**YOUNG AT HEART
BREAKFAST**

MARCH 7TH



Immanuel Baptist Church,
Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, and food while B.J. and I were in the hospital. Thanks for being a caring and loving church.

Love in Christ,
BJ & Janet Woolbright

Two Weeks in Review

	<u>2/6</u>	<u>2/13</u>		<u>2/6</u>	<u>2/13</u>
Offerings:	\$ 8,296.51	\$ 6,513.00			
Sunday School:	174	144	Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,175.00	\$ 8,175.00
Morning Worship:	190	177	Offering to Date:	\$ 49,364.16	(thru 2/13)
Evening Worship:	—	95	Needs to Date:	\$ 57,225.00	(thru 2/13)