

Around The Conference

A Labor of Love to India 2010

(This month's "Around the Conference" comes from the Northern Illinois area. Area Rep Bob Schroeder asked Keith Ritchel, of Union Congregational Church in North Aurora, to report on a very recent mission trip.)

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints. Colossians 1:3-4

On February 7, 2010 there were eight people: Pastor Mark Alvis, Rachael Alvis, Keith Ritchel, Bryan Ritchel and Lynn Cate from Union Congregational Church of North Aurora, Illinois; Pastor Frank Volpe and Gene Sullivan from Homer Congregational Church of Lockport, Illinois; and Barbara Larsen from First Congregational Church of Cresco, Iowa, who boarded a plane in Chicago bound for India. We were going there to conduct six medical camps and two pastor conferences.



We came to support Thomas and Rhonda Curry, who are currently missionaries in India with the CCCC. All the churches we visited made us feel honored to be there.

The journey to these camps was long — sometimes it took hours to get there — and the drive was an adventure in itself. These camps were very remote and the people who came were the untouchables and outcasts. People who might never have even seen a doctor before came to these camps seeking medicine, and Christian or not, they wanted prayer. We gave them both. We showed them the love of Jesus as we tended to their ills, prayed for them and played with their children. We ministered to over 1200 people.

We conducted two pastor conferences that spanned two days each, with over one hundred pastors and their wives attending. Some of these pastors possibly never had any formal pastoral training. We had to travel hours to get to where they were, too. The curriculum was about understanding how to have a healthy church and how to reach the lost. We also had the blessing of having six converts who were baptized during this time. God is good!



We visited two orphanages while we were there. The children loved the attention. We came with gifts for the children made especially for them by our churches and just spent time one-on-one with them. They also loved to see the pictures we took of them. They were happy children and it showed in their big smiles.

When we left for India, some of us had never been on a mission trip before. Some had never been out of the country before; but we were all going to do God's work. We came back with a new respect for the things that we take for granted here in the United States, something to us as trivial as taking an aspirin or Pepto-Bismol were vital to these people as they had no access to anything like that.

We rode in vans, rickshaws, trains, and whatever means of transportation was available to get to these people to spread the gospel and for them to know that we

were Christians and that we loved them and cared for them.

A little over two weeks later, we came back — tired, suffering from indigestion from a different type of diet, most all of us with mosquito bites or bites of some kind

— but all of us with widened eyes about the conditions in which the outcasts and untouchables of India had to live, not to mention the transportation there. Words do not even begin to describe it, as it has to be seen to be believed. We gave of ourselves for this journey in so many ways, but we all came back having had a life-changing experience and knowing we were doing God's work. I know we all brought some special memories back from this mission trip. It was truly A LABOR OF LOVE TO INDIA 2010.

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Nothing Is Impossible with God!!

by Rev. Dr. Stephen Gammon, Conference Minister



How often have we faced a seemingly impossible circumstance? When we do, what can we do? Matthew 14 shows us.

For the disciples there was no possible way to feed all these people. They had 10 or 20,000 people who hadn't eaten for hours (5,000 men plus women and children). They all faced a considerable walk to the nearest town. With the compassion of Christ in them, they did not want the people to go away hungry, but they had no conceivable answer to this dilemma. So what could they do? They wisely brought the matter to Jesus! They were learning

an important lesson that Christians of every age must learn; that no "impossible situation" is impossible for God.

When I was a boy we sang worship choruses as part of our daily family devotions. One chorus went like this: "God can do anything, anything, anything; God can do anything but fail. He can save, He can keep, satisfy, joy complete; God can do anything but fail. He's the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. God can do anything, anything, anything; God can do anything but fail."

This principle was demonstrated that day as thousands of people flocked to Jesus in a remote area. There was no imaginable way for the disciples to logistically provide for all the needs before them, but they saw the Lord perform many miracles that day! At the end of the day, when the people were hungry and there was no way to get food, a seemingly impossible situation was an opportunity for the Lord to demonstrate His glory! This took place when the disciples presented the matter to Jesus.

We are living and ministering in a world that is full of seemingly "impossible" situations! We must keep in mind this timeless principle: our God can do anything!

On May 15, when Helen and I attended our daughter Amy's graduation from medical school, I remembered a time when God taught me this principle through her. When Amy was just 14 she excitedly asked me one day if she could go to Africa the next summer for two months of ministry on a short term mission trip. She said she believed God was calling her to go, and she wanted to know if I would allow it. Truthfully, my first inclination was "no way," but I didn't want to burst her bubble too quickly, so I asked her how much it would cost. When she said, "\$5,000," I replied, "Honey, that's a lot of money." At this, my daughter looked very disappointed in me, and she asked, "But Dad... is anything too hard for God?" Wow!

Needless to say, she went. That summer God changed her life, as she witnessed miracles of grace, experienced the joy of serving Jesus, and fell in love with Jesus! When she returned she said she knew now without any doubt that God's call for her life was to serve Him as a physician. And so on May 15 as Helen and I were celebrating Amy's accomplishment, I thanked God for this important lesson that Amy knew when she was young, and I prayed that she, and I, and our family, and all of our CCCC family would always remember that *God can do anything!*

In Christian ministry we have many reminders of this, don't we? If ever we deal with broken lives or homes or churches, let's remember that we represent the Lord. He conquers sin, heals the sick, and feeds the hungry, calms the storms and triumphs over evil! Should our circumstances feel impossible to us, we know what to do, don't we? Let's do what the disciples did, and bring the matter to Jesus!



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What's Happening in YOUR Church?

We receive dozens of church newsletters from CCCC churches every month. However, there are hundreds of our churches out there. We want to know what is happening in your church. If you publish a newsletter regularly, please include us on your mailing list.

Please send them to The FORESEE, Editor Ken McGarvey, 121 Chatuga Dr, Loudon, TN 37774. If you post your newsletter online, please e-mail a link to it. E-mail it to kmcgarvey@cccusa.com

Thank you for allowing us to have a part in your ministry.

Correction: We apologize to Ted Weis for inadvertently changing his name to Tim on page 1 in the May issue.

Repentance

by Rev. Terry H. Shanahan, Northeast Regional Minister

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins... Luke 3:3.

As anyone who reads this article on a regular basis knows, I visit a different church almost every Sunday of the year. The Sundays I am usually not invited to visit are at Christmas and Easter, as churches and pastors are holding traditional events at that time and are in little need of a Conference visit or services.

I am always eager to hear how those Christmas and Easter services have gone afterward, and I want to report that there are a number of wonderful stories coming from this past Easter: stories of repentance, stories of forgiveness and stories of transformed lives.



Every church that I have heard from approached the Lenten season with humble and contrite hearts, starting with Ash Wednesday services reflecting on repentance, and finishing with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and a glorious resurrection celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

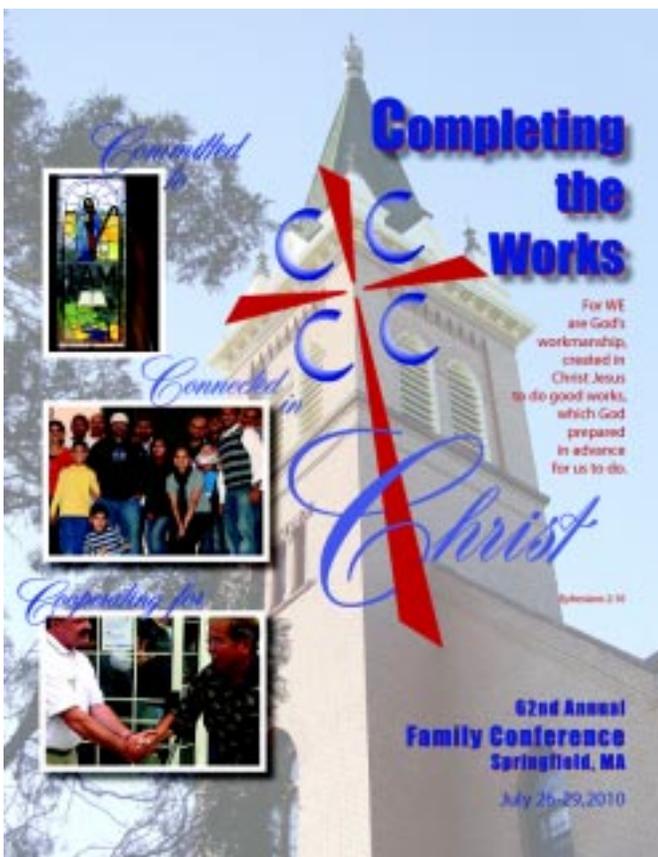
Several of the churches I heard from used the Lenten season to teach new and old congregants alike what repentance and forgiveness looks like when lived out in community. Some of the churches I was in contact with upheld the age-old Easter tradition of taking in new members and restoring fallen members who had repented.



One church (pictured) baptized 24 souls on Easter Sunday morning. Praise God!

The impact of the Lenten season in these churches truly hit home for me when I received a call from a church leader in a church I had helped to lead through conflict a year ago. He revealed that he had been bitter and angry with me and the Conference over aspects of the conflict resolution process. However the impact of this season of repentance had prompted him to call and ask my forgiveness. What a glorious conversation we had as we mutually confessed to each other.

When there is repentance, prompted by the Holy Spirit, lives are changed and God is glorified. We are thankful for the work God is doing in the hearts of His people and the exciting things that are happening in our faith communities because of that.



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CCCC
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A Church Restart...

by Dr. Ron Hamilton, CCCC Director of Church Multiplication



The Church Multiplication Committee is able to offer a “church restart option” to churches that have declined to the point where redevelopment is not an option. In essence, a church restart is a church plant that utilizes the facilities of an existing church to begin a new ministry in a community that has significant potential for ministry. This is the one option that church leadership should consider when the work of the

church is facing significant struggles.

While the CCCC is committed to assisting churches with revitalization, it is true that some churches cannot be redeveloped. There are cases in which there are not enough leaders available to guide a church into a new generation of ministry. There are also situations in which the health of the church is so poor that it is virtually on its deathbed. Some churches are located in communities where the demographics of the community have changed and the church membership is not capable of making the changes necessary to reach the population around the church. Each of these cases points to the need and opportunity for a restart.

The process for a restart begins with the decision of the

church leaders that the current ministry cannot reach the community. While this decision is very difficult, it is courageous for people to admit that the potential kingdom impact of a church work is limited. Such a decision should be made prayerfully and with the assistance of wise counsel of leaders from the Conference. Leaders of these churches determine that the ongoing work of the Lord is more important than protecting an institution that has lost its effectiveness.

Upon such a decision, the church would vote to turn its facilities and assets over to the Conference with the commitment that a new church ministry would begin in that location. The Church Multiplication Committee would then assess the potential ministry of the community and appoint a new pastor with the gifts and experience to develop a church in that location. This pastor would begin the work by recruiting a new leadership team for the church. Some of the current members of the church may choose to be a part of the new ministry or they might opt to join other churches in the community.

A church restart has significant potential because the planter and core leadership of a new church begins with some valuable assets to start a new work. The Conference leadership is available to provide guidance to any church considering the “restart” option.

Valuing a Church's Values

by Dr. John Kimball, CCCC Director of Conference Care and Church Redevelopment

Have you ever planned an event at church where people acted like they were interested but then very few actually showed up? Have you ever launched a new ministry that seemed to get rousing approval, but then fizzled out after only a very short time? Such experiences are frustrating; but there is often a fairly common explanation. What you are attempting simply does not resonate with the people's values (or worse, runs counter to them!).

Values can be both honoring and dishonoring to Christ. For example, it was the Macedonian church's value on generosity that led them to give sacrificially (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). On the other hand, it was the Pharisees' value on their traditions that brought them into constant confrontation with Christ (Matthew 15:1-9). So while my focus in this article is on those that are Christ-centered, we must be aware that there are some strong, worldly values that will cause challenges in many congregations. Some of these may atrophy as the body more purposefully lives out their Christ-honoring values, but others will have to be addressed more directly with prayer, biblical teaching and even discipline.

The values of a church family define who they are. In fact, values are central to the church's corporate identity. They delineate who we are in relation to God, and also in relation to our respective communities. It is a church's values that drive that body's behavior (see Acts 2:42-47).

Discovering a congregation's set of values can be tricky. Sometimes there are things we say we value (or we want to value) that really do not influence who we are or what we do. For example, in most churches, members may espouse the importance of intercessory prayer. But unless intercessory communion with God is truly a value, it will be impossible to get the congregation to gather for extended prayer. We call such values “preferred” values. Remember my opening questions? Most likely, any enthusiasm that was first seen for that event or ministry was based upon preferred values and not actual values — hence why the tangible behavior did not match the enthusiasm!

When leading a congregation through church development (or redevelopment), it is essential that we base our work on the real, Christ-honoring values of that church family. Lasting change and ministry fruitfulness depend upon it.

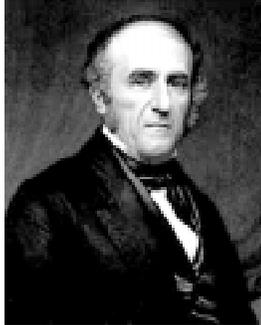
Stop and think about your church for a moment. What might your values be? And what worldly values may be driving worldly behavior within the congregation? For more information, contact my office at (651) 739-1474.



Mark Hopkins

Mark Hopkins, longtime president of Williams College, is most remembered today for a famous comment made by a grateful former student who would become President of the United States. James A. Garfield declared, at a Williams alumni dinner at Delmonico's Restaurant in New York City in 1871, "The ideal college is Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other."

Hopkins, unlike most college presidents today, was much more than an administrator. He was a licensed Congregational minister, a theologian and philosopher, and served as president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions for thirty years, from 1857 until his death in 1887. He was president of Williams College from 1836 until 1872.



He was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts in 1802, and was a great-nephew of the influential Congregational theologian Samuel Hopkins. He graduated from Williams College in 1824 and served as a tutor for two years after his graduation. He was intending to pursue a career in medicine and graduated from the Berkshire Medical College in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. But he was held in such esteem by Williams College that in 1830, at the age of twenty-eight, he was called there to become professor of moral philosophy and rhetoric. Six years later, when the health of previous Williams President Edward Griffin (subject of a previous profile — January 2009) was failing, Hopkins was chosen to succeed him.

During his tenure as president of Williams, Hopkins served as both teacher and pastor to the students. He taught courses on a wide range of subjects: anatomy, intellectual philosophy, moral philosophy, natural theology, apologetics and doctrinal theology. He was known for his methodical and systematic teaching. His published lectures on *Evidences of Christianity* became a favorite textbook of the nineteenth century. Besides his classroom teaching, he also preached weekly in the college

chapel. His Sunday morning sermons were usually on doctrinal theology, and the evening prayer meeting was more warmly devotional. Besides President Garfield, an almost endless succession of distinguished Williams alumni would testify to the pivotal influence he had upon their lives.

The continuing association of Williams College with the cause of world missions, beginning with the Haystack Prayer Meeting in 1806, was strengthened when Hopkins was chosen as president of the A.B.C.F.M. in 1857. His thirty year tenure in that position was the longest in the board's history. He served during what was perhaps its period of greatest impact, and provided capable guidance as it faced some difficult issues. The address he would give each year at the annual meeting of the board became one of the most eagerly anticipated elements of the meeting.

This is what he said at the board's 1880 meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts about the board's purpose: "We seek in the first place, to do for each individual for whom we labor the best thing. We seek to do for him the greatest favor which it is possible for one human being to do for another, — that is to say, we lead him to know and follow Jesus Christ, to lead him to be able to say, as I would humbly say, 'I know' — no agnosticism here — 'I know whom I have believed, and that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.'" (*They Lived Their Faith* by Fred Field, Goodsell, p. 356)

The career of Mark Hopkins reminds us of the almost forgotten days when Congregationalists were at the forefront of world missions and the colleges of New England were, in the words of Hopkins' biographer, "the most potent auxiliaries of the Christian faith." (*Mark Hopkins* by Franklin Carter, p. 51)

Recycled Ministry

Dr. Bob Wenz, a long time CCCC member, pastored churches in Michigan, New York, California and Washington, D.C. before a three year tour of duty as Vice President of the National Association of Evangelicals (Bob represented NAE at our annual meeting in 2004). At the end of 2005 he was forced to give up this ministry when diagnosed with interstitial pulmonary fibrosis and put on oxygen twenty-four hours a day. After thirty years of preaching, what does an "otherwise healthy" preacher do when he can no longer preach regularly?

That journey is one that continues to unfold for the Colorado Springs resident who acknowledges that developing a lung disease while living at an altitude of 6856 feet is not the ideal scenario. (He relocated there with NAE in 2005.) For Bob, the answer is found in his sense of calling:

I never felt a call to be a pastor, per se. I feel that calling

is related to giftedness, and that God had gifted — and trained me — as a communicator. I pastored four churches across the country because at that season of my life I could most effectively use my giftedness in that role. But I still am a steward of God's gift — I just have had to see how I could use it effectively now that I can no longer pastor a church.



The first avenue for Bob has been writing. When first coping with the crisis brought on by the disease and an "involuntary sabbatical" Bob went to the computer and rendered an old series of messages from John 13–16 into a book on how Christ instructs his disciples to prepare for life's crises. Reviewing and writing was encouraging because the Word

ministered to him and because it was really another form of preaching. *Navigating Your Perfect Storm* will be published this summer by Paternoster/Authentic Books.

As his health stabilized, “Dr. Bob” took on an adjunct teaching position at The King’s College and Seminary where he teaches hermeneutics, apologetics, sermon preparation and advanced preaching at the Colorado Springs teaching site and online. Bob finds preaching in a classroom setting to other students to be somewhat artificial, so he was excited when a couple of his former students who were pastors called on him for some individual coaching. While he will continue to teach preaching when called upon, the calling he feels is to coach preachers and leave a mark on the next generation of men in the pulpit. After all, most seminary students do not really grasp all that is involved in effective preaching until they have been out of school for some time and in the trenches every week. Bob recalls a cry for help from a pastor with two years under his belt: “HOW do you do this every week?”

Every preacher can benefit from coaching. If you are an average preacher, you can be better. If you are a good preacher, you can take to an even higher level. This usually does not happen apart from a mentor and his focused and constructive feedback. “Nice sermon, pastor!” — from those who like you! — feels good, but doesn’t help you improve. And, as painful as it may be, we have all had people leave because they “weren’t being fed.”

Recently Bob aligned himself with **pastorSERVE** ministries as Preaching Coach Coordinator. For pastorSERVE he will be coaching and working to develop a network of preaching coaches in various areas of the country. In New England, for example, there is the Center for Preaching at Gordon-Conwell which provides excellent coaching (The Sermon Doctor Rx) and training on a regional basis. Director Scott Gibson is a friend of Bob and has encouraged him to help multiply the coaching work at a time of great need across the country.

Bob is available to coach CCCC members (through video recording and interview) at a significant discount. Contact Bob at (719) 640-1900 or drbobwenz@gmail.com or visit his website at rtwministries.com. He is also interested in recruiting coaches for the pastorSERVE coaching network — perhaps others of the CCCC who have that gifting and calling for the task of preaching, but who want to strengthen the next generation of preachers.

(Editor’s note: Many pastors may be unfamiliar with the idea of having a “preaching coach.” Leith Anderson has been the pastor of Wooddale Church in the Twin Cities since 1977, a ministry marked by a passion for Christ and a passion for excellence. Wooddale has been proclaimed by one church consultant to be “the best church in America.” Committed to excellence in preaching, Leith has employed a preaching coach to enable him to elevate his preaching to the highest level.)

More from Haiti

(Last month we featured a report from Haiti by Karl & Ann Olsson. For June we have an article from John Eklund. We need to keep the suffering people of Haiti in our prayers.)

Where do I begin? Following the January 12, 2010 earthquake that rocked Haiti to the core, we asked the question, “What can we do?” along with most everyone else. The answer had a unique perspective for our mission board, Partners with Haiti, because we have been very active in ministry in Haiti since 1981, when our founder, Dr. Claude Noel started PWH. We have several mission works in Haiti and hundreds, actually thousands, of people involved in our more than 40 churches, several clinics and orphanages, with 1200 children sponsored through our Bethany Project program. We were seriously wondering how any survived, literally. It took several days for news to trickle down through phone calls, e-mails and the international news agencies to finally get through to us. The news was devastating. Eighty percent of the schools, public and private, were destroyed in Port-au-Prince. Thousands of businesses were leveled, along with tens of thousands of homes. Over 270,000 lives were lost, which is the latest estimate. This was the fifth worst earthquake in terms of loss of life in recorded history.

Our first course of action was to establish a “Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund” (HERF) to receive and distribute donations from people who wanted to help us meet some of the needs in Haiti. For all who have contributed to the HERF, we share

our deepest gratitude.

Again, “What can we do?” It was with this question on our hearts that three of us on the board of directors of Partners with Haiti decided to travel to Haiti and try to determine the extent of damage and come back to the board with a plan of action. The PAP airport was closed to civilian traffic, so we traveled to the Dominican Republic and rode the bus from Santo Domingo to PAP. The destruction was indescribable. Everywhere we turned there was one house or building after another turned to rubble: steel, concrete and cement blocks in total disarray. Our friend kept saying, “Two hundred people died in this building... one hundred fifty were lost in that one....” Most of the buildings have yet to be excavated and the bodies removed.

We were overwhelmed by the scope of damage as well as by the resiliency of the Haitian people. They were desperately trying to get their lives back to some semblance of normalcy.

We determined that our help for Haiti would be in two phases. The first phase was the most obvious: food, water and shelter. The immediate needs were widespread and pervasive. The international community of nations — the UN, was very active in coordinating these efforts; but unfortunately there were

many “gaps” in the receiving of the aid from around the world. The NGOs, (non-governmental organizations) were very, very active. However the task was overwhelming even with their resources; many people were falling through the cracks. The second stage of our efforts, we determined, is in the area of site clearance, restoration of damaged structures and rebuilding of homes of people in our ministry groups who lost everything. With this in mind, we returned home and began the work of logistics regarding the “how, when, where, and what” questions.

We decided to ship food and tents from the Dominican Republic, as well as establish a committee to oversee the fund. We designated monies for several of our agencies and for the repair of several of our buildings. We are very saddened to report that several of our people, and at least two of our Bethany Project children died in the quake. Miraculously, however, there was major damage done to only one of our buildings!

One quick story: The director of one of the orphanages that we are helping told the 120 kids, just 15 minutes before the quake hit, “Everyone go outside and play!” Even though the earthquake leveled the entire building, not one child’s live was lost!! The director and one of his employees, however, were trapped in the collapsed building for over 24 hours before being rescued!

Our plans are to continue helping our Haitian brothers and sisters rebuild their lives and homes. Would you consider helping? If you would like to make a contribution, visit our web-site: partnerswithhaiti.org and follow the link for “Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.”

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at: (860) 617-3923 or write me at: johnklund@juno.com.

Promotions to Glory

Rev Peter R.L. Parry, Cleveland, Ohio, born 11/12/41, died 4/14/2010. Joined the CCCC July 1993. Pastor of Jones Road Congregational Church in Cleveland for more than 30 years. (The church joined the CCCC in 2003.) He was the Ohio Area Rep and had also served on the Board. He is survived by his wife Ione and son Lee.

Rev. Jeff G. Evans, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, born 12/11/34, died 3/27/2010. Joined the CCCC May 1985. He faithfully served in many areas as a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Oshkosh. He worked for many years as a psychiatric social worker for the State of Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Damaris (Dee).

Eric Fox, born 1/21/70, died 4/21/2010 from ALS. Joined the CCCC in 2008 as a Lay Preacher. Had a profound impact as a layman for Christ on hundreds of people, He is survived by his wife, Lori, and two children.

Changes and Opportunities

Pastoral Changes:

Garner, IA	Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church *	Brian Lund
Medway, MA	Community Church of West Medway *	Travis Bond
Mantorville, MN	First Congregational Church *	Brian Egelston *

Pastoral Openings:

Carlsbad, CA	Carlsbad Community Church *
Pasadena, CA	Lake Avenue Church (Pastor of Adult Ministries) *
Pomfret, CT	First Congregational Church *
Buffalo Center, IA	First Congregational Church *
Treynor, IA	Zion Congregational Church *
Paul, ID	Ebenezer Congregational Church *
Rockland, ID	Rockland Congregational Church (Part-time) *
Chelmsford, MA	Immanuel Church *
Traverse City, MI	First Congregational Church (Ind.)
Kulm, ND	First Congregational Church *
Amherst, NH	Souhegan Christian Church (Ind.)
Berkshire, NY	First Congregational Church *
Lake Grove, NY	First Congregational Church of New Village (Youth & Music Pastor)
Lowell, OH	St. John’s Evangelical Church (UCC)
Scotland, SD	United Church of Christ (UCC)
Suffolk, VA	Cypress Chapel Christian Church *
Wilton, WI	Faith Congregational Church *

* = Conference member

+ = In process

Health Tips

Brushing Exercises

Gum disease is the main cause for tooth loss in adults. It is a silent enemy. Some researchers suggest there may be a link between gum disease and other health concerns, including heart problems, stroke and increased risk of premature birth in pregnant women.

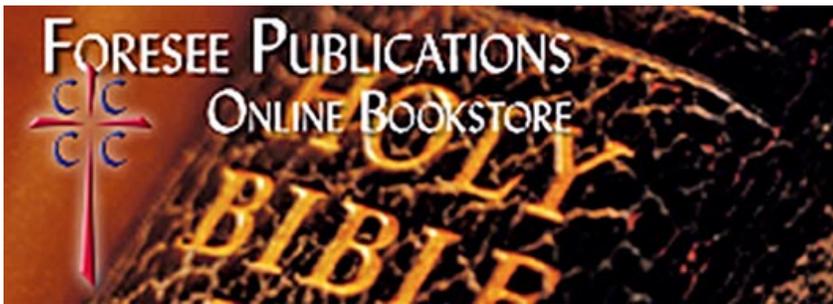
Besides regular checkups, evaluation for periodontal disease and eating properly, it is important to brush your teeth twice a day and clean between your teeth with dental floss.

To help make the time you take to brush your teeth more productive, consider some stretching and toning exercises. Do some light side leg bends, leg raises, toe lifts, twists, squats or another in-place exercise to help limber you up. Make your dental hygiene time an opportunity to help the rest of your body, too.

Gum disease can be reversed in its early stages or controlled with early diagnosis and a consistent routine of professional and home care.

Source: American Dental Association

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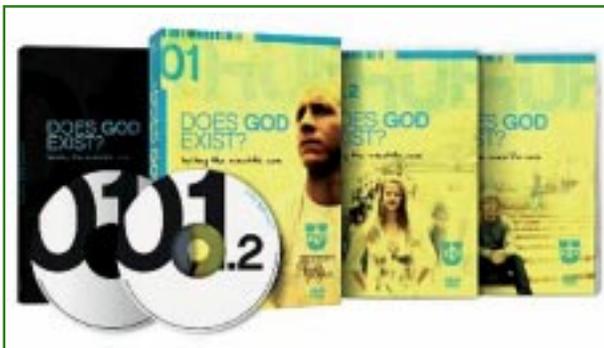


Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Timothy 4:2

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In this first DVD set of the *TrueU* series, Dr. Stephen Meyer plays a “philosophical survival game,” pitting four worldviews against one another in the quest to decide which one gives the best answers. Dr. Meyer examines the evidence and provides the tools needed for students to defend their faith and make it their own. This is the perfect resource for students preparing to enter college and a culture that may be hostile to their faith.

Included is a 64-page full-color booklet with discussion questions and the ten 30-minute lessons listed below:

- Faith and Reason
- The Big Bang Cosmology: “The Finite Universe”
- The Big Bang Cosmology, Part 2: “In the Beginning”
- The Big Bang Cosmology, Part 3: “A Finely Tuned Universe”
- DNA by Design
- DNA by Design, Part 2: “Doing the Math”
- DNA by Design, Part 3: “Information and Intelligence”
- The Return of the God Hypothesis
- The Moral Necessity of Theism
- The Moral Necessity of Theism, Part 2: “We Need God”
- **Bonus Extra: *The Toughest Test in College***

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