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**AROUND THE CONFERENCE**

## Life on Life Ministry

by **Larry Wood**, *Michigan Area Rep  
and pastor of Emmanuel-Bethel Church in Royal Oak, Michigan*

Last week Michigan pastors and wives gathered for a little life-on-life experience. Life-on-life is a phrase used to describe how we believe we ought to do discipleship. We are called to live our lives in community. One aspect of discipleship is sharing what God is doing in our experience. We invited Larry Stroble, Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Beavercreek, Ohio to share how intentional intercessory prayer has unlocked the Holy Spirit's work in Beavercreek. Mt. Zion has developed an ongoing process to utilize spiritual gifts within the fellowship. Intercessory prayer was the first and broadest gift developed. Being intentional and faithful in seeking God's will has resulted in an awesome demonstration of God's grace. It has required the congregation to commit to purposefulness in identifying and authorizing spiritual gifts, rigorous training, and trusting God to implement. The result is exciting and satisfying as God's love is lavished upon his people. God's people are being equipped to minister effectively, the church is touching the community for Christ and an excitement about the Holy Spirit's leadership is pervasive throughout the church.

Mt. Zion's intercessors pray fervently, faithfully and constantly. They pray for all the burdens God lays on their hearts, all the needs of the ministry and all opportunities set before them. They pray specifically and pointedly. One example of the specificity

is in asking God for the dollar amounts needed for his work. The prayer is not just "Lord, please provide," but "Lord, we need 10,000 dollars this week to complete the work you've called us to complete. Another example of this directness is that every staff meeting, board meeting and worship service is conducted under the umbrella of present prayer.

Intercession was the first step in Mt. Zion's journey to unleash the Holy Spirit in their midst. Building on the prayer foundation the church intentionally releases

its members to exercise their spiritual gifts. The plan is straightforward: allow the Holy Spirit to identify the gifts within the fellowship; then train God's people to exercise the gifts appropriately for God's purpose; then authorize and release for ministry. The consequence will be amazement at God's results.

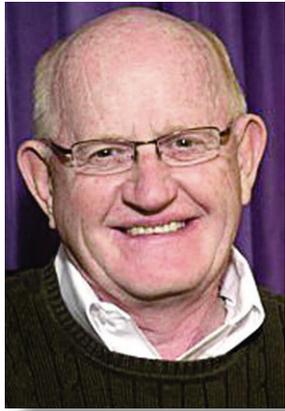
Larry and Lynne Stroble blessed us with a great history of God's using this plan for his purpose. However what was taught was already being utilized in many ways by those in attendance. Jeff Meyers and his leadership team from First Union Church, Cedarville did an outstanding job of envisioning and creating the event. The staff and hospitality of Cedar Campus (InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's training center in Cedarville) were a delight to experience. Sherri and David Balicki and Rose used



## CM COMMENTS

## Devoted Staff

**Ron Hamilton**, *Conference Minister*



We enjoyed some time together last month as the ministry staff gathered prior to the Nineveh Project conference sponsored by the Church Multiplication Committee. This gathering reminded me how fortunate I am to work with such gifted leaders. These people were chosen for their roles because of their devotion to the Lord and His ministry in the Conference, as well as their gifts and ministry experience.

**John Kimball** has served as the full-time Director of Church Development since 2007. He shared duties as Director of Conference Care until 2012. He has pastoral experience that helped him develop a heart for revitalization. He has been instrumental in developing the church development process in the CCCC. John is relocating this month to central Florida, where he will serve as the planting pastor for Palmwood Church in Oviedo. He will continue his service as Director of Church Development on a part-time basis. The focus of this new position will be to create Church Development hubs across the nation.

**Lenn Zeller** has been the volunteer Director of Conference Care since 2013. He has a strong passion for the needs of our member pastors and churches. He has vast pastoral experience and currently serves as the pastor of St. Paul's Church in Stowe, Pennsylvania. The Director of Conference Care will become a part-time position in January, 2015, and Lenn will spend about one-fourth of his time in this ministry. Lenn is a trained facilitator for Peacemaker Ministries and has many gifts to lead the restorative care portion of our care ministry. He has also been trained in pastoral interim ministry and understands the needs of churches in transition.

**Rob O'Neal** was appointed as volunteer Director of Church Multiplication in July, and will lead our church multiplication work as the part-time Director in January 2015. He has served as the founding pastor of the Brookwood Community Church in Shakopee, Minnesota since 2010. This new ministry has grown and flourished under his leadership. Rob served as a member of the Board of Directors for the past three years, and has assisted in developing new systems and structure in the CCCC. He has been an active part of the

Northstar Center for Church Multiplication and is excited about the potential for church multiplication hubs across our nation.

**Terry Shanahan** has served as the Northeast Regional Minister since 2008. He works tirelessly in ministry to our churches in the Northeast, and is highly respected by the pastors and church leaders in that region. He has been instrumental in introducing the Conference to many pastors and churches leading to significant numerical growth for the CCCC. His is a gifted pastor who cares for our members in the northeast.

I am privileged to work with these gifted staff members. Our Conference is stronger because of the devoted disciples who serve our fellowship. Please join me in praying for these leaders as they guide the work of the CCCC in these exciting and challenging days of ministry! ♦

### CCCC OFFICERS & STAFF PROFILES:



#### **PRESIDENT, Todd Venman, Russell, PA**

Todd and his wife Dawn and their three sons have been serving the Russell community, pastoring Wiltsie Community Church for the past fourteen years. He has served in various roles in the Western NY and NW PA Fellowship, served on and chaired the Church Development Committee, was a member of the Guiding Coalition, and served as Vice President.



#### **VICE-PRESIDENT, Matt Milligan, Hudson, WI**

Matt is Founding Pastor of CCCC plant Living Pathway Church. He has served on the Board of Directors, Guiding Coalition, and Structure Team. He works with the Northstar Center for Church Multiplication, coaches church planting pastors and is active in the leadership of several community organizations, including the Board of Directors of Uwezo International, which ministers to people struggling with addictions.



#### **SECRETARY, Alvin Helms, Carlsbad, CA**

A CCCC member since 1994, Alvin has served several churches in the Pacific Northwest and California. He is currently the Senior Pastor of Carlsbad Community Church in Carlsbad, CA. Alvin has served as a member and chair of the Lay Ministry Committee and on the CCCC Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He and his wife Melodee have four children: Adam, Shane, Zachary and Grace.

## NE REGIONAL NEWS

# Bearing Fruit for Forty Years

**Terry Shanahan, NE Regional Minister**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.*  
Galatians 5:22

It is always a privilege to be part of the life of a church when they celebrate a special event. And I love to share these happy times with you. This past July one of our CCCC pastors, former CCCC president and current denominational standards professor passed a milestone in his ministry career. His church celebrated this event on September 22. First Congregational Church, Revere, Massachusetts, honored their pastor, Rev. Nicholas Granitsas and wife Joan for forty

years of faithful service.

Hundreds of people were on hand to join in the festivities. Nick was honored by the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representative, Robert De Leo and the Mayor

of Revere, Daniel Rizzo, who read proclamations from the State and the Town. A letter of congratulations from CCCC area representative Rev. Steve Burkett was read and a certificate was presented from the CCCC along with congratulatory remarks by yours

truly. Past president Paul McPheeters and his wife Nancy were in attendance. The church was filled with people joining in the happy time.

There were three generations of people sharing about how Nick had made a difference in the lives of the people in the church and the people in the community. The many ministries he birthed over the years were highlighted. The many people he came alongside were there to testify. A video made by parishioners of all ages included poignant and humorous stories; we all know more about Nick than we did before!

Surrounded by their large family, Nick and Joan sat while people gave gifts of music and testimonies to their ministry.

Forty years in one church. Not many have that distinction. It reminds me of a memorial plaque I saw in a church in Windham, New Hampshire, which states that the named pastor was "Minister to the Church and to the Town." That is certainly true in Nick's case. The mayor expressed this, as he spoke of all that the church meant to the community and all the ministries that helped the people, from food pantries to English as a second language. Nick has served the church and the town of Revere faithfully with leadership, compassion and vision.

On behalf of the CCCC I applaud this ministry which has made a difference in so many lives, and thank God for the faithfulness of Nick and Joan. ♦



## CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

# Creating the Environment for Discipleship

By John Kimball, *CCCC Director of Church Development*



This year there has been an ongoing theme in my life. It has been prominent in both the work I do in Church Development, and also in the new adventure we have undertaken to plant a church. I am learning to be mindful of the environment I set for making disciples.

My entire life has been related to farming in some way — my dad ran a farm when I was a kid, and my first pastorate was in a farming community. If there's one thing farmers understand, it's that environment matters. It is necessary to pay attention to soil condition, rocks, and even topography when planning a crop. The soil must be properly prepared for the desired yield. And as farming science continues to advance, it is amazing to see how much technology is now available to best "read" the land in order to produce an abundant harvest.

In the same way, we must be mindful of the environment surrounding our spiritual harvest. It is our job to partner with the Holy Spirit to "prepare the soil" for discipleship. When a pastor or a church spends a majority of time and resources to maintain what is already there, it is unlikely that there will be much advancement for the rule and reign of Jesus. Thinking of the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13), we understand that it takes "good soil" to produce an abundant harvest. Rocks, weeds and unbroken or shallow ground work against us. Likewise, if we do not work diligently to remove obstacles to discipleship, directly deal with people's "stuff" to give them freedom to grow and be very strategic in what and how we teach God's Word, we can see the same results as the sower who sowed along the path, in the rocks and in the weeds.

## THINK THROUGH THESE QUESTIONS:

What current systems, traditions or other practices in our church are actually impeding the mandatory work of disciple-making among us? How do we identify such obstacles? What plans are we making to address those issues?

What "cares of the world" are derailing the members of our church family? What tactical steps are we taking to help our people overcome those cares?

In what ways do the members of our church family best learn to practice God's Word? What steps are we taking to ensure that we are using the most effective discipling techniques and conveying the most-needed biblical principles?

What atmosphere is most conducive for true transformation in our people? How are we creating and replicating that atmosphere for the greatest impact?

When it comes to environment, intentionality is critical. What steps are you taking to mentor and disciple your congregation transformationally? Would you like to know more? Give your Church Development Team a call at the CCCC Office at (651) 739-1474. We'd love to hear from you! ♦



The Renovate! 2014 National Church Revitalization Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, November 3-5, 2014.

FREE admission passes available to CCCC members, go to [www.cccusa.com](http://www.cccusa.com) for more information!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# A Season of Change

By **Todd Venman**, *Conference President*

In Northwest Pennsylvania we are surrounded by signs of change. Another season has ended. Farmers are busy gathering the last of the harvest. Leaves are beautiful shades of yellow, red and brown. Days are filled with less sunlight. Temperatures are falling. Deer are chasing. Squirrels are gathering. Black bears are gorging. Geese are migrating.

I've got to admit... I'm not ready for winter yet! I've been preparing. My wood is cut, split and stacked. The hay is in the barn. The small garden is put to bed. Whether or not I'm ready is immaterial, as winter is coming! I've known about it for a number of months. As a matter of fact I've known for a long time that winter arrives every year. I've even made decisions years ago that prepared me for the hardships of this winter. When I made those decisions, I didn't know I would still be in Northwest Pennsylvania for the upcoming winter. Even then, however, I instinctively knew I would be better off to prepare as if I would be here.

So how did I know how to prepare? My policy was and is to use my abilities to the utmost and trust God to provide the rest. Simply put, I will be faithful while trusting a great and faithful God.

Signs of ministry change also have been evident for years. I have been quick to voice my frustration at the change. Yet voicing frustration towards change does little to delay its arrival. Instead, I must be faithful while trusting a great and faithful God.

I've preached against unhealthy movements. I've debated and discussed eroding trends. I've spent time persuading people to my opinions. All this was

deemed as sacrificial kingdom work in my mind. However, it is better to obey than sacrifice (from 1 Samuel 15:22). While these things have value, they should not replace obedience. I was commanded to love God and love others, all the while making disciples. I wasn't trusting a great and faithful God; if I had been, I would have been faithfully obedient instead.

The Board of Directors has experienced change in the last few months. New leadership and new members have begun new terms. Again change has taken place. I'm grateful for the constant of an unchanging God! I'm equally grateful that His commands don't change. Prayerfully listening to the Holy Spirit's counsel and comfort, holding firmly to the Truth, Jesus Christ, I invite you to prepare for the ongoing ministry change. We've seen it coming. Signs have been evident for some time. We don't fully know how difficult this season might be. So we must prepare faithfully with our utmost effort while trusting in our great and faithful God.

Please pray with us. Pray that the CCCC would have ears to "hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Pray that we would faithfully obey His commands. Pray that we would live out the Seven Guiding Values. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers. Ultimately let's not pray that God would bless our events and efforts but that we would faithfully obey so that we are blessing Him with our events and efforts.

Thanks for your prayers for the CCCC. Thanks for your partnership in the season of ministry change. ♦



## WORLD OUTREACH

## Multiplication

*(Tim and Mary Lou Tiner are CCCC missionaries serving with International Training Institute on several continents.)*

As Tim and Mary Lou Tiner look over this past year, this is the one word which best sums it up. From the jungles of Africa, to the forests of South America, to the bustling cities of Europe, the Tiners have watched in awe as the Lord is producing fruit — much fruit!

The Tiners are serving with Network Beyond and the International Training Institute (ITI). It is thrilling for them to invest in the lives of these indigenous pastors and leaders through the vehicle of this “Bible School on Wheels.” Along with their team, the Tiners have traveled over 50,000 miles this year alone, bringing Biblical training to areas of the world where it is otherwise unavailable, inaccessible, or unattainable. The key leaders who attend these intense days of training commit to completing a four-year course of study, which lays a solid Biblical foundation for those in ministry.

But what has been truly thrilling this year has been watching multiplication take place. A number of the students who completed this training, have now taken the material, in some cases translated it, and expanded this work by organizing and teaching new training schools.

In June two graduate students (one from Kenya and another from Uganda) took the International Training Institute material, translated it, and traveled to the Congo to lead the first training school there. Anthony and Alfred are amazing men of God. During a fact-finding trip, Anthony was captured



by terrorists as he crossed into the Congo. After being held at gunpoint for over four hours, Anthony was miraculously released, unharmed. But did that deter his desire to return to the Congo this June? No! Together with Alfred, the two men organized and taught 55 pastors and leaders from the Congo. This is an area that would be difficult and perhaps impossible for Americans to travel to. But through these national African leaders, the work is expanding and multiplying. Anthony and Alfred had both completed the training in their respective countries, and last May they both co-taught with our team in Uganda, as they prepared further for this new outreach. The Tiners

are planning to return to Uganda this next year, and are looking forward to the opportunity of meeting many of these new Congo students, who are hoping to travel across the border and join the training in Fort Portal, Uganda.

The Tiners saw more multiplication taking place this month. For some time, students and graduates in Peru had been telling the ITI team, “You need to go to Ecuador. They need you and this training.” But the ITI team replied: “No... YOU need to go, and we’ll walk alongside you.” This year that became reality. Key leaders from Peru stepped forward and organized a new school in Ecuador. Tim and three other members of the North American ITI team, along with two Peruvian teachers (graduates of the training) taught a group of 80 men and women in Ecuador. This training school is just the beginning, as these Peruvian brothers and sisters have a vision to expand even more.

On yet another continent, the Tiners have seen more multiplication taking place. One of the men Tim had discipled for years in Austria has become active in ministry as an evangelist and pastor. For many years Tim and “R” have ministered together in many Arab-speaking countries, such as Egypt and Israel, as well as European countries that have large Arab populations. “R” recently called and shared that he has started two new Arab-speaking churches in Austria. The Tiners feel like proud grandparents — watching their spiritual children.

And then this summer in Africa, the Tiners led a marriage seminar for Kenyan leaders and their wives. These leaders are working in dangerous northern regions, and truly are front-line ministers. The couples were

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

# The Sovereignty of God: His Greatest Triumph

by Rev. Bernie Michaud *Family Life Pastor, Evangelical Congregational Church of Tyngsboro, MA*



God's greatest act of power — the act that turned the world upside down; the act that saved us sinners, and defeated the power of death that once ruled the earth— is raising His son Jesus from the dead.

The day when Jesus hung on the cross, the world looked as dim as it could ever be. On that day, nothing made sense. The One that [his followers] had expected to deliver them was dying. All hope was gone! While Jesus was on the cross, it looked like Satan was winning. Certainly the people who saw this, who were followers of Jesus, believed that Satan had won. But by the power of God, Jesus was brought back to life [demonstrating] that He was powerful beyond all others.

God did all of this work on the behalf of His followers. Romans 4:5 says: He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. God raised Him from the dead to show once and for all that God has power over death. [Now we can] live with confidence. Ro-

mans 8:32 says: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? He has already given you the very best He has.

## Why is this so important?

Death spoils people's lives. When we are young and a loved one dies it takes away our innocence; it puts fear in us. We begin to fear that death will take others that we love. We fear that death will someday take us. Death causes people to crave escapes, to do all sorts of evils to cope.

But death no longer needs to be feared. Jesus conquered death. [It] is a doorway from one existence to another; a transition from the temporary to the permanent. Paul said, (Philippians 1:21) For me to live is Christ, to die is gain. You can't really live until you settle the issue of death. You can't really live until you settle the issue of God being sovereign over life and death, and God working on behalf of those who faithfully follow Him. Paul understood this and was able to rejoice even while in prison. He was able to rejoice even on his way to death.

Every person and every generation does something to escape from the pain, to take the edge off. Some of our escapes are healthier than others but they all serve to help us avoid the pain of death. We need [rather] to believe that: God is Sovereign, God is powerful, and God works on behalf of His followers. We need to know that God conquered death. Now we can have life, real life! Death no longer has to have a hold over us! If you believe today that God raised Jesus from the dead, then truly you can now believe that everything in your life is under His control and that includes the last hour of your life.

Do you trust God knowing that God is Sovereign, God is powerful, and God works on behalf of His followers? God can be trusted with our lives! ♦

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

The preceding is a synopsis of the article submitted by Bernie Michaud. It was edited for space constraints in this PDF.

To read the entire text go to:

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[FORESEE/somethingtothinkabout/](http://FORESEE/somethingtothinkabout/)

## MULTIPLICATION *cont. from pg 6*

very receptive and thrilled with the teaching they received. But the highlight came at the end of the week when the Tiners were told that this seminar was the springboard for a new marriage and family ministry that will be beginning. The vision is to provide much-needed Biblical teaching and training for pastors and leaders who work with troubled families and must overcome

damaging cultural practices in their communities. The leaders have insisted that the Tiners return next year to provide more training.

The Tiners ask for your prayers, as they look forward to more travels this next year. In January they will return to Peru and Ecuador, extending their time in Peru to include leading some marriage seminars.

In March, the Tiners will be heading to the Holy Land to teach for the first International Training Institute for Arab leaders. Then they will be back in Europe and Africa.

*And continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest...for the harvest truly is plenteous. (Matthew 9:37-38) ♦*

LEADERSHIP *cont. from pg 2***TREASURER, Bob McKenney, Goffstown, NH**

Bob and his wife, Caroline serve the Congregational Church of Goffstown, NH. Prior to that, he served as Executive Pastor, for another CCCC church, and in various church leadership positions. He is a C.P.A. and worked in public accounting and industry as a Chief Financial Officer, before being called to pastoral ministry.

**COMPTROLLER, Phil Lewis, Thompson Falls, MT**

Owner/operator of Lewis Drilling in Thompson Fall, MT, Phil is an active, layman in his local church. A strong supporter of the CCCC, he has served on the Finance Committee and Executive committee, he is enthusiastically committed to the Irreducible Core and the Seven Guiding Values.

**Conference Minister, Ron Hamilton, Woodbury, MN**

Ron has served as the CCCC Conference Minister since 2012 and previously worked as the Director of Church Multiplication from 2007 – 2012. He was founding pastor of the Woodbury Community Church in Woodbury, MN where he served for nearly thirty years. He is deeply committed to the development of healthy congregations with a commitment to missional ministry.

**NE Regional Minister, Terry Shanahan, Rye, NH**

After serving congregations in Nottingham and Rye, NH, Terry was appointed to the position of Northeast Regional Minister in July 2007. He and his wife Karlotta make their home in Rye, NH, where she is in private practice as a counselor specializing in marital issues. They have two children, and one granddaughter.

**Church Development, John Kimball, Oveido, FL**

John has served the CCCC for 8 years as Director of Church Development. Before that, he served as Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Area Rep and Missions Chairman. John has nearly 30 years pastoral experience with existing churches. He is also lead pastor for Palmwood Church, a CCCC Church in Development.

**Conference Care, Lenn Zeller, Stowe, PA**

Lenn has served churches in OH, IL and is currently pastor of St. Paul's Church in Stowe, PA. He is excited about the direction our Conference is headed, with the ministry priorities. "If I can be a small part of moving the Conference forward in these areas, I am glad and humbled to do so."

**Church Multiplication, Rob O'Neal, Shakopee, MN**

Rob pastors Brookwood Community Church in Shakopee, Minnesota, a church he helped start in 2008. This background has given him a different perspective on the urgency of helping people follow Jesus. He enjoys movies, coffee, music, running, and football. Rob has served the Conference through the Northstar Church Multiplication Hub, the Board, and now as Director of Church Multiplication. ♦

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gifts of administration and hospitality to provide essential nutrients for all in attendance.

Most significantly, each participant brought their unique gifts of grace to the table and shared with all of us. Some came to the event tired and discouraged, others energized and expectantly, and still others uncertain and seeking; but all found a moment of grace because God blessed his daughters and sons. The effort we made to draw near to God and each other was richly rewarded. Three days away from "work" seems like a great price to pay, but God blesses abundantly those who are intentional in waiting upon him. Ministering to each other was a real privilege. The photograph is a truly unique contribution, David Youngs is Associate Pastor of the Otsego Congregational Church, and he led us in song with his saw.

We teach about prayer, we talk about prayer and we give lip service to its essential place in the Christian life and the life of Christ's church, but we don't really organize to unleash its full blessing. Mt. Zion has a plan and track record for accomplishing this in a wonderful way. Psalm 127:1 (ESV) *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.... One of the benefits of release is that it enables God's gifted servants to become "co-laborers."* (Thank you, Ed Stetzer.) ♦

## Promotion to Glory



**Reverend Dr. David M. Midwood**, of Byfield, Massachusetts, went to be with the Lord October 3, 2014. Born in Providence, Rhode Island February 10, 1949, David grew up in West Warwick and was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and received his doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary. David was

the Pastor of West Congregational Church in Haverhill from 1975-2000. He is survived by wife Louise (Crocker) Midwood. ♦

## HEALTH NEWS

# Traumatic Brain Injury

**Betty Mitchell RN BSN**, *Parish Nurse,*  
*Emmanuel Bethel Church, Royal Oak, MI*



Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) usually results from a violent blow or jolt to the head. TBI is most frequently caused by vehicle crashes, firearms, sport injuries and falls. Since there are so many areas of our personality, physical functions and mobility controlled by the brain, each TBI presents with different symptoms and requires different treatments. It becomes very important to seek medical help if you see changes in someone's personality or physical function after a head injury, even if it has been a few hours or days after the incident. Even a mild TBI can have a significant impact on the injured person and the family. Diagnosis may be difficult in these situations, since the person looks and generally acts the same. Seeking medical advice and care in someone you know with any of these symptoms should not be overlooked.

Mild TBI may cause temporary confusion or other dysfunction. Severe TBI can result in more damage to the brain and brain cells that may lead to long-term care. A mild injury to the brain is serious and needs prompt medical care and diagnosis.

A child with a TBI may not be able to tell you what is wrong or how they feel. Some symptoms to be alert for are changes in eating or nursing habits, being unable to console persistent crying, irritability, change in sleep habits, loss of interest in favorite toys. People most at risk for TBI are children (newborn to four years), young adults (15–24) and the elderly.

Some ways to decrease the risk of brain injury are always wearing seat belts and using the proper car seat for a child, wearing head protection while riding bikes, skateboards, skiing, playing sports and riding a horse. Making your house child-proof and fall-proof with properly installed gates and window guards, and with stairways kept clear will help prevent falls in the home.

Source: [www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/traumatic-brain-injury/basics/definition/con-20029302](http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/traumatic-brain-injury/basics/definition/con-20029302), [www.traumaticbraininjury.com/understanding-tbi](http://www.traumaticbraininjury.com/understanding-tbi).

*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth* —Colossians 3:2 ♦

## CHANGES &amp; OPPORTUNITIES

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Loudon, NH Loudon Congregational Church\*  
*Moe Cormier*

## PASTORAL OPPORTUNITIES

Greeley, CO St Paul's Cong. Church\*  
*(Part-time Associate Pastor)*

Parkersburg, IA First Congregational\*  
*(Associate Pastor)*

LaMoille, IL First Congregational Church\*

Sulphur Springs, IN Sulphur Springs Christian\*  
*(Family Life Minister)*

Boxford, MA First Cong. Church of Boxford\*

Tauton, MA Union Congregational Church\*

Douglas, MA Second Congregational Church\*

Pittston, ME First Congregational Church of Pittston\*

Avon, MN Avon Community Church\*  
*(Part-time Worship Arts Dir.)*

Cook, MN Ashawa Chapel\* *(Part-time)*

Hardin, MT Christ Evangelical & Reformed\*

Beulah, ND Beulah Congregational Church\*

Taylor, ND Taylor Ecumenical Parish (AFLC)

Scottsbluff, NE Plymouth Cong. Church\*

Cambridge, NY Coila Church\*

Lakeview, NY Lakeview Community Church\*

Inwood, NY Community Bible Church\*  
*(Part-time)*

Speculator, NY North Country Bible Fellowship\*

Parkman, OH Parkman Congregational Church\*

Beaver Springs, PA Christ Church (EFCA)

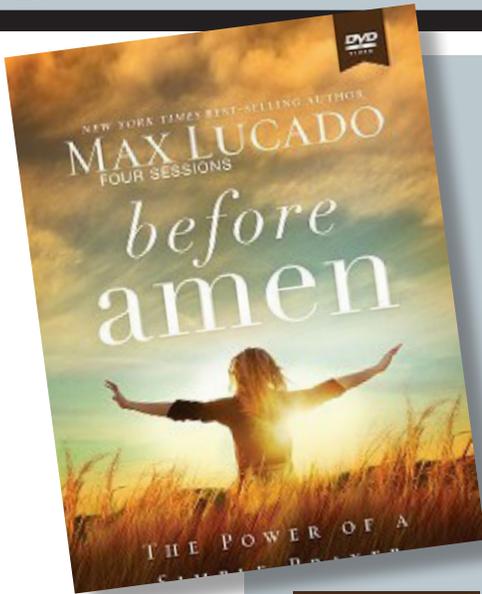
Reynoldsville, PA Paradise Community (UCC)

\* = Conference member  
+ = In process

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

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If you have other comments or articles you wish to contribute, including "Something to Think About," please send them to the same e-mail address.



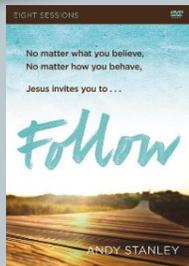
## Life on Life Ministry

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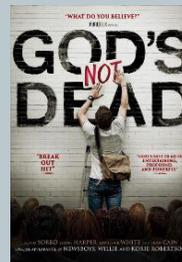
Join Max Lucado on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer and the power unleashed with five simple sentences: “Father, you are good. I need help. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus name, amen.”

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Andy Stanley takes small groups on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus’ teaching on what it means to follow.



A college student is challenged to defend his faith. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge to declare God is NOT dead.



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