

COMMUNITY CALL

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS



Please join us on May 21st for a full morning of fun, worship, celebration, and fellowship. During Sunday School, children will celebrate their last day by going on a treasure hunt. This will give them a glimpse of what's to come from our Vacation Bible School's Treasure Cove.

During the worship service, attendance awards will be distributed to Sunday School students. At this time appreciation will also be extended to all this year's Sunday School teachers.

Following the service, there will be a potluck along with cake honoring our graduating seniors.



This year we will be recognizing Brett Colliton, Cody LaCoe, Craig Larson, Cody Matzke, and Reed Montgomery.



PLEASE NOTE: On May 28, summer schedule will begin. Worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m.

PASTOR'S PEN

I'm still waiting for my super powers to kick in.



Like any other comic book-reading, cartoon-watching kid, I grew up fantasizing about what it would be like to be a superhero. I always thought it would be pretty cool to be able to turn invisible. I remember struggling, pretty early on, with the ethics of mind-reading, just in case that ever became an issue for me. I certainly wondered what it would be like to

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be super-strong. But of all of them, the one that I really wished for was the power to fly. I had the most vivid dreams about it, for years. I can still recall one of them, in which I was walking in my grandparents' backyard, then just lifted off and flew. To this day, I distinctly remember looking at the huge old poplar tree on the property line from above. I really wanted to be able to fly. But that was a long time ago, and now that I'd be satisfied with just the ability to get the kids off to school on time in the morning, or to get the kitchen counter cleaned off, I don't seem to have flying dreams anymore. I'm still waiting for those super powers.



How about you? Did you dream of x-ray vision, or web-shooters, or an invisible jet? Whatever the specifics, I think that perhaps our childhood fantasies of exceeding our limits, of doing something beyond human capability speak to a deep longing in us, a sense that there is something more that we could be than what we are. The author of Ecclesiastes recognized this longing, and described it as part of God's sometimes incomprehensible plan. Writing about people, he says that God "has put eternity in their hearts." In other words, God has implanted in us a sense that there is so much more to life, to the cosmos, to his work, than we can ever know or understand; a sense of the infinity of it all. This "eternity" within us, I think, expresses itself in our desire to be, and do, more, to meet the awesomeness of the universe with some incredible achievement or ability of our own.

The problem is, we're all still waiting for our super powers to kick in. And no matter how long we wait, I don't really think, at this point, that it's going to happen. So what are we supposed to do with this frustrating, persistent eternity planted in our hearts?

"I can do all things," says Paul in his letter to the Philippians, "through him who strengthens me." In Jesus, he says, he has discovered the key to really, truly being more than he could be on his own, doing things he could never manage by himself. By participating in the death and resurrection of Jesus, by receiving God's grace and salvation, a person really can rise above their limitations and meet the infinity of the universe on even terms. Paul couldn't lift a building over his head, couldn't see through walls, couldn't even fly. But, because of Jesus' love and God's mercy, he shared in a triumph over sin and death themselves, a victory that not even Superman or the X-Men could claim. And so do we. When we are baptized, when we share the Lord's Supper, we find union with the risen Christ and all of his people, partaking of a power big enough to satisfy even the eternity that is in our hearts. Our super powers aren't going to kick in, but it's because we don't need them. Jesus is more than enough.

SEARCHING FOR TREASURE?



The treasure hunt will be here soon on the evenings of June 11th through 15th for those, just like you, grown-ups and children, alike, who seek treasure. At Treasure Cove Vacation Bible School, there will be worship, fun, and fellowship as we search for lost gems and discover the riches of Christ. Teens and grown-ups can help with skits, Bible lessons, games, crafts, snacks, and shepherding groups. Kids can eat, play, listen, and learn. No one will go home without finding something to treasure.

So, mark your calendars and watch for volunteer sign-up and registration sheets along with supply wish lists in the narthex. Or call Melanie Hansen at 526-3317.



APRIL CLERK'S CORNER

The Session and Trustees met on Wednesday, April 19th to conduct the business of the church. Jim Bjorklund of the POD Committee reported that pre-construction meetings with the contractors are being scheduled and that the first one is set for May 3. He also stated that a sidewalk will be constructed from the front parking lot to the door on the southeast end of the church so that members may have access to the church from the front. Entrance from the front door will be made accessible as soon as possible so that physically challenged persons may enter the church. The Burner Memorial Evergreen Tree in the front of the church will be moved with the family's permission until the church construction is completed to avoid damage to the tree.

Andrew Thostenson asked that the Session make a decision on the 30th of April regarding installing air conditioning in the church. He presented information about the plans for a Member Loan Program to provide additional funds for the building project if needed. Information about this will be sent to the members and friends of the church.

Ground breaking services on the front lawn will be held on April 30th following worship. A potluck lunch will follow the ceremony.

The Session voted to ask the congregation to either shut off their cell phones during worship or to put them on vibration mode so as not disturb others during the service. They also are asking that no flash cameras be used during worship services. Kevin Galt records all the services and will be happy to make a CD for anyone wishing to have a record of a particular service. They also instituted a policy regarding persons wanting

to have the church consider purchasing their products. The policy states that only written proposals will be considered for purchase of items offered by salespersons.

The following dates for communion were approved by the Session: July 2, August 13, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, December 25, January 7, 2007, February 4, March 4, April 1, April 5-Maundy Thursday, April 8-Easter, May 6, and June 3.

Vicki Peihl was given approval to hold a bridal shower for Stephanie Barenthsen with the date to be set later. It will be on a Sunday afternoon in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Stith has made preliminary inquiries regarding prices for purchasing new pew Bibles and a new pulpit Bible. The pew Bibles are in very poor condition and so is the pulpit Bible. The Session voted to replace both the pew Bibles and the pulpit Bible. (See article on page 5.)

Fees for the softball team for the summer are \$500 with \$100 due immediately and \$150 due on May 1. The church will pay \$250 towards the fees with the team members making up the balance and paying for their own t-shirts. Games will begin May 3rd and will be played at 6:30 on Wednesdays with a double header each night. Sites for the games will be published soon.

The Congregational Care Committee held an organizational meeting this month and reported that Vicki Peihl and Brenda Bjorklund will be coordinating meals for those who need them. Lee Dobrinz and Jim Johnson will be working on a list of persons needing rides to church and a list of persons willing to give them rides. Dixon Moorhead will be making visitations to shut-ins and hospi-

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talized members with Jim and Lee in charge of getting other volunteers to help with this activity.

The Session approved the request from the Mission Committee to contribute \$1,000 from their budget to the General Mission Fund of the presbytery for use for their mission activities.

Steve Hanna is in the process of setting up a Stewardship Committee and would appreciate volunteers to help with this. He will be asking that the bookkeeper send out statements on a quarterly basis to the congregation regarding their giving to the church so that they can have a record of where they stand in regard to their pledges.

May 21 will be the last day of Sunday School with recognition of graduating seniors and Sunday School teachers. A potluck lunch will follow worship. A Senior High Youth Leader (or leaders) is needed for the coming year or the group will not be active. The Christian Education Committee has decided to give a packet of information to the parents of children baptized in the church.

Pastor Stith will be on vacation from July 31 through August 6. He also stated that he will be leaving for Kenya on June 21st and returning on July 7th. 20 persons have signed up to make this trip.

Ninety-eight persons were served Communion on April 2nd. Jaden Steele was baptized on March 26 and the funeral for Everett Paulsen was held on April 12 with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Fargo.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session



THE SHEPHERD IS CALLING: ARE YOU HIS SHEEP?


If you remember Matt. 25: 31 - 46 as quoted in last month's newsletter, the congregational care committee is still looking for sheep! It's nice to have your name ready when someone needs a meal or a ride to church or a visit to a shut in. Yes, we know you would be glad to help us out once in awhile. This is not a commitment for every Sunday or every Tuesday etc. But we need to know that you want to help out!

Please let Lee Dobrinz, Jim Johnson, Vicki Peihl, or Brenda Bjorklund know that you want to be on the Shepherd's list to help. If you know of a need, don't assume someone else will let us know. We would rather hear from several people than not at all!

Same goes with prayers. Our prayer chain is strong, but additional links are always needed. Just let Gayle Thostenson (492-0630 or atgtet@cableone.net) know if you would like to be on it or if you have a request.

And don't forget the third Saturday of every month to help serve a meal at the Salvation Army! Check with Dixon Moorhead if you have questions on this monthly giving.

SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

- May 7 - 6:30-8:30 - dinner and golf competitions continued 
- May 14 - 6:30-8:30 - Mother's Day Dinner
- May 21 - SS Treasure Hunt- final Soul Train outing

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH DIRECTOR(S) NEEDED

This is a need that won't go away.

We at the CPC are very blessed to have many wonderful young people who want to spend time with one another on an extra evening or afternoon at the church. And our numbers are growing. What started as a small youth group is now bursting at the seams. When Soul Train started, about 10 youth attended. Now it is not uncommon for 25 youth to be at the church on a Sunday night. Next year, this number could go up to 30.

It is time to split the group in two. We need another director or director team to take the senior high youth starting this fall. This (or these) person(s) would be able to start some new programming with the senior high, but also occasionally coordinate with Becky De-Jong and Lisa Steffen, who will be directing **ONLY** the middle school youth.

Don't wait too long to consider yourself for this position. Give Boots Misheski (282-5429) a call right now.

WHAT CAN I SAY?

Happy Birthday, **Congratulations**, *With Deepest Sympathy*, *Get Well Soon*, **THANK YOU...** Do you need a card for all occasions? Soul Train has some BEAUTIFUL greeting cards that we thought you would enjoy. They cost \$6.00 for a set of 12. Each card has a different inspirational scene and is blank on the inside. The cards need to be purchased in boxes of 25, so we are taking pre-orders to see if there is an interest. The cards and the sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex through April 3rd. Please pay when you receive the cards.

Thanks, Soul Train

DEAR CONGREGATION,

It's been a couple weeks of amazing activity.



First—as saddening as it was to have Everett leave us we can't begrudge him the peace he now has. All I know about his passing at this time was that he was restless, and he didn't like his bigger wheelchair cause his feet couldn't reach the floor so he couldn't move without help. He needed that chair to keep him safe from falling asleep and falling out of the older chair. I was so pleased. My 4 children were here and all but Karl of the grand children as scattered as they are.

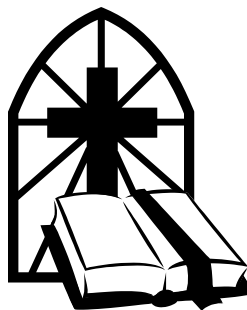
We're so blessed to have such a warm and loving family and an absolutely amazing, caring and loving church family. Again—I'm truly appreciative of each and every one of you. Food galore; offered help in many ways; and memorial money (that I hope we can use in the new narthex.)

Thanks to each and everyone of you for making this week a celebration more than a "goodbye" to Everett.

Goodie Paulsen

NEW PEW BIBLES

The Session decided at its April 19 meeting to purchase new pew Bibles and a new pulpit Bible. Many of the pew Bibles have been repaired by a church member but are still in poor condition. In addition the translation of the pew Bibles is different than the translation used by Pastor Stith during worship services. The pulpit Bible is also in very poor condition. Preliminary estimates of the cost for new Pew Bibles and a new pulpit Bible is approximately \$1300.





COOKS! HEAR THE CALL!

The deadline for getting recipes to the cookbook committee is May 25th. Proceeds for this project will go to Project Open

Door. All members of the church are asked to contribute as many recipes as you wish. Please place them in the basket in the narthex.

Recipes can be for any type of dish. Main dishes and dishes that are easy and quick to prepare are especially needed. We have a lot of working parents in our congregation, and they would appreciate meals that can be prepared quickly.

In addition to many good cooks, we have a great many who appreciate good food in our congregation. Is there a particular dish you would like to eat again and again? Maybe you know someone who makes the best lasagna ever. Why not ask for the recipe now? Put your request in the basket, and we'll try to get it in the cookbook.

The goal of the committee is to have the book published in time for the Fall Bazaar and the West Acres Cookbook Sale. Members will be asked to estimate how many cookbooks they would likely buy so that we can know how many to have published.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC DIRECTOR(S) NEEDED

The Christian Education Committee is looking for a new Sunday School music director for next fall. This position can be filled by one person or by a team. Musical training is not required. A love for God, children, and music is.

Interested? Contact Melanie Hansen (526-3317) or Boots Misheski (282-5429).



MAY MISSION



When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars, which you have set in place, who are we that you are mindful of us, our children that you care for them? O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth?

Psalm 8: 3,4,9

Where do the months go? Are your kids ready for school to be out? And then what are they going to do all summer? Here's a thought - send them to Clearwater Forest Bible Camp. It is also our mission for the month!

Each year hundreds of children, youth and adults are deeply blessed at camp. Yes even adults can go - they have retreats for all ages. To find out more to see all the opportunities Clearwater Forest offers just go online at www.clearwaterforest.org. If you have never been there - it is a wonderful place to behold God's creation!

Of course they always have a wish list - so this year our goal is to buy 10 canoe life preservers for the camp - they are \$20 each so I hope during the month of May you will help us fund them. Just put your contribution in the giving envelope in the pew and place in the offering plate. Remember our church sends 6-12 kids each year to camp and most of them go back 2 or 3 times after that. It's a special time for them to learn about God.

And don't forget - they can use adult volunteers anytime. If you have never been to Clearwater - now is the time to volunteer your services and drive to the camp. Check out the web site for more information. Thanks for your continued mission support!

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 5-1 Lee Corneliussen
 5-2 Tom Kassman
 5-3 Gloria Ruhnke
 Dwight Steffen
 5-5 Faye Pyle
 Henry Yokom
 5-6 Steve Hanna
 Marty Matzke
 5-8 Jane Leben
 5-9 Carolyn Meester
 Cheryl Montgomery
 5-10 Scott Hansen
 Justin Videen
 5-12 Renee Jameson
 5-13 Larry Dobrinz
 Don VanCleve
 5-14 Skylar Pederson
 5-16 Brady Kellerman
 5-17 Edsel Kercher
 5-18 Len Misheski
 5-20 Greg Sterup
 5-22 Olivia Dobrinz
 Amy Leopold
 Olivia Wilkinson
 5-23 Melissa Eiter
 5-24 Bev Christopherson
 Andrew Steele
 5-25 Gary E. Bahls Jr.
 Barb Grossman
 Mary Jo Moorhead
 Sarah Traylor
 5-26 Reed Montgomery
 5-27 Vickie Meyer
 5-29 Melissa Barentsen
 Zarissa Hansen
 5-30 Thomas Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5-11-79 – Clarence and Mary Bastle
 5-15-53 – LeRoy and Delores Horn
 5-21-48 – Charles and Dolores Kinslow
 5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager
 5-29-66 – Len and Boots Misheski
 5-29-93 – Jason and Jill Swart
 5-29-04 - Seth and Alicia Whitcomb

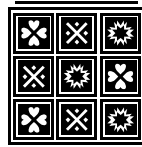


FARGO MARATHON

Our church has been given the privilege of manning the Mile 22 aid station at the Fargo Marathon on May 20 this year. The good news is that's about a mile north of where we were last year (on Elm Street). The bad news is that we won't see our first runner until 10:10 (if it is Alberto Salazar in his prime) or, more likely about 10:20 or later (but we WILL be there much, much earlier!!). At least the snow will have stopped for the day.

We have shirts plus goodie bags for 30 volunteers, so we should handily outnumber the runners when they come by. Details to come much later, but start rounding up people, shirt sizes, banners, and let me know. We will have prizes for the last water and ERG people that lose feeling in their fingers this year. Here we go!

Regards, Dixon Moorhead



P.O.D. FUNDRAISER

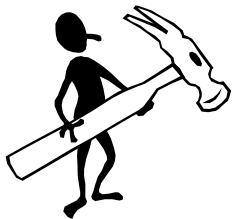
Many thanks to the quilters, Sue Gross, and their helpers who have put together a lovely quilt and raffle drawing to benefit Project Open Door. There are only days left to sell raffle tickets. There are still six hundred left to sell. So let's get busy.

If you have sold tickets, please quickly return the monies and ticket stubs to Carol. All monies and stubs need to be returned by the drawing date of Sunday, May 21. Carol will be available Sundays at coffee time after church.

RINGING OUT THANKS

The handbell choir would like to extend special thanks those who made arrangements to acquire the new handbell tables as well to Delores Horn who made the table covers.





MAY PROJECT OPEN DOOR REPORT

This past month was spent mostly planning, consulting with the architect and contractors, and anxiously anticipating construction in May. The recent fine weather means that the contractors will likely move on site during the first half of May rather than the last half as we reported in the April Community Call.

Financially, as of April 19th, total POD gifts and pledges stand at: \$381,026.74. We have taken in \$247,982.74 in cash. Since February, when we requested that members accelerate their pledges and/or consider additional commitments to afford a new roof and air conditioning, we now have an additional \$19,850.73 budgeted to use during construction. (Our goal was to pick up an additional \$25,080.)

All these numbers were reported to the Session at their regular April meeting. They deferred on making a decision on the roof and air conditioning until April 30th. (The contractors need to know our decision by May 1, 2006.) Also at this meeting, the Session authorized a Member Loan Program for POD. More details on this can be found further on in this newsletter and in packets describing the program in detail. These packets will be available in the narthex no later than April 30th or by calling the church and requesting that a packet be mailed to you after that date.

Next month, dirt will be flying, the forms will be hammered, and Community Presbyterian Church will begin a construction project for only the third time in its history. In your prayers, give thanks, ask for wisdom, ask for patience, and ask for the strength to see

this through. But most of all, express joy to our God for challenging us and giving us the faith and the resources we need to spread the Good News to our community.

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS!

Do you enjoy singing?
Have you ever sung in
the choir? Do you like to
sing in the shower?

Would you love to sing with a group, but you just don't have time to make an extended commitment.

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then, this note is for you. We are going to have a sing-along for all interested vocalists. We will practice on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. and sing in church on the following Sunday.



DON'T RELAX YET!



Summer's almost here. We've had a great year, and it's time to relax. But before you get too comfortable with your lemonade and easy chair, why not take a look at what exciting opportunities are available this fall.

Next year we will need Sunday School teachers for:

- Preschool
- Kindergarten-First grade
- Second/third grade
- Fourth/fifth grade
- Middle school
- Senior high school

Each class will have the same teacher or team of teachers for the entire year. Memorization Sunday for the elementary grades will continue next year allowing for teachers to take a monthly break.

Hurry and sign up for the one position you wish to teach before it gets taken.

LIVE FROM CPC

Since February, Kevin Galt and Andrew Thostenson have been working on setting up a computer to serve up live audio broadcasts of our church services across the internet. The system was successfully initiated on Palm Sunday when a pair of our members joined us via the internet even though they were hundreds of miles away. Since then, we broadcast the Paulsen Funeral (by request), the Maundy Thursday Service, both Easter Services, and now it is a regular part of our Sunday morning routine.

As Pastor Matt said, "This is really cool!."

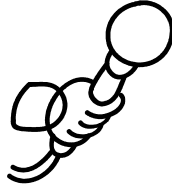
Now for the limitations. Due to the size of our current internet connection subscription, we can serve up only eight simultaneous connections. Hence a maximum of eight computers anywhere in the world with an internet connection can listen in at the same time. One can listen via a high speed connection or a telephone modem connection. Our present computer server can probably support at least 20 to 30 streams, but in order to do this, we would need to purchase additional resources from our internet provider. Video is also a real possibility in the future, but for now, we have eight audio connections available.

If you have a computer connected to the internet and you have Windows Media Player 9 or higher, you can get to the audio broadcast by simply navigating to the following internet address in your web browser:

mms://65.164.220.142:88/cpc

A link is also available at the top of our home page at: <http://cpcwf.org>

Finally, if you like, contact Gayle Thostenson at: atgtet@cableone.net. She



can send you a file that you can save to your desktop. Double clicking on that file will automatically launch the broadcast in your Windows Media Player.

As you try this new system, please be aware that it is new, so we will be fussing with it, and it may not always work as intended. However, as we get more confidence and proficiency, we hope to promote or advertise its use to our members, friends, community and even our presbytery. One other point, we would really appreciate feedback on this technology, so if you have any thoughts or interesting experiences to share, please call Andrew Thostenson at: 701-492-0630 or drop him an e-mail at: atgtet@cableone.net

CPC POD MEMBER LOAN PROGRAM

Member Loans Q & A

Q. What are member loans?

A. Essentially they are promissory notes that members use to loan funds to the church. This type of financing is not novel, many churches who undertake building projects use this technique to supplement revenues from capital campaigns.

Q. Why do we need to use this method of raising funds?

A. Prudence. We are doing this to raise additional funds above and beyond the expected contingencies we have already planned on for POD. We are doing this because we can and should explore opportunities to obtain a bit more comfort in financing the project. Some have joked that this is nothing more than a means to be able to sleep better at night. There is an element of truth in this, but what it really boils down to is making sure we have planned for most all possible problems and have taken appropriate action to address them.

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Q. How much money is the church soliciting under this program?

A. These funds are being designated as an additional contingency in the event that unforeseen construction costs occur and/or in the event that pledges do not materialize in the time frame necessary to meet cash requirements. Our goal is \$50,000.

Q. When do you expect to call for these loans?

A. We may not need them at all, but if they were to be called, we would expect this to occur in the Fall of 2006 as we near the end of construction. In addition, depending on the level of participation or the level of our borrowing needs, we may borrow only a portion of the amount committed.

Q. What are the terms of these notes?

A. We are looking at five years at a five percent rate of interest. The interest will be paid annually in January and the principle and any unpaid interest will be paid in full, five years from when the note is signed. Of course, if the church decides to pay off the note early, there would be no interest penalty for doing so. We are asking for loans in increments of \$1000 so that they will be easier to administer.

Q. How do we sign up?

A. First, pray and consider whether God is calling you to do this. Then, get a packet explaining the program from the narthex or call the church and ask that a packet be sent to you. The packet will outline the program in more detail than what can be explained in this article. After you have looked the material over and decide you want to participate, send in the "COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBER LOAN COMMITMENT" form by June 4, 2006. If all goes well with POD, the church may never ask for these funds. If there are unforeseen

problems, the church will ask that you make your funds available within 10 business days during the fall of 2006. (October 1 to December 10, 2006)

Q. Is a financial gift more valuable to the church than a financial loan, if the gift is made now?

A. A gift is more valuable to the church than loan monies and should reduce the amount we would need to borrow.

Q. Is it true that an increased POD pledge would not be helpful unless it is paid now (i.e. in the fiscal year of 2006.)

A. No, increases in pledges to POD are welcome at any time. But, any gift received before the end of 2006 will help our cash flow and minimize our borrowing needs.

Q. If my total pledge amount were paid now, would that help meet the funding needs of the church and reduce the amount needed from loans?

A. Yes, accelerating pledge payments will help cash flow and reduce the amount of loans required during construction.

Q. Do I obtain a greater tax benefit from a gift to the church than from making an interest-bearing loan to the church?

A. Gifts to the church, i.e. your pledge payments, qualify as a charitable contribution, and you are entitled to a deduction on your tax return. A loan will not qualify for a deduction unless the loan is forgiven at some future time. We are not expecting members to forgive loans, but loan forgiveness would be a great gift to Project Open Door. Also, the interest received on your loan has to be declared on your tax return. If you subsequently gift the interest to the church, you will need to enter both the interest as income and make a deduction for the gift on your tax return.



teen moms

Linda Bass, Director

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April 2006

Dear Friends,

Have you ever notice how a toddler responds to flowers, bugs, birds, and rocks - pretty much everything? I watched my grandson as he jumped and squealed with delight when he saw a ladybug; his eyes danced with excitement as he listened to the birds, everything is new and exciting to him everyday. Just imagine what this world would be like if we all took the time to enjoy and appreciate all the Lord has blessed us with.

We had a beautiful baby girl born this month – another miracle. Both mom and baby are home and adjusting well. Thank you Jesus! We also have a young mom in the hospital because she went into premature labor (several times). She has to stay in the hospital until she is far enough along for the baby to survive. This is one of those tough situations and adoption appears to be the best option for her. Please pray for me as I continue to meet with her and discuss adoption. Please pray also that the Lord will enable her to understand the choices she has and the consequences of those choices.

Our ministry at Red River Alternative Learning Center is going strong. To celebrate Easter, we took the entire school (there were over 80 of us) to the movie the *Chronicles of Narnia*. This is an animated movie that symbolizes the death and resurrection of Christ in a way that is easy to understand. Everyone really enjoyed it. Please pray that the hearts of the students will be open as we continue to share the love of Christ and the meaning of this movie—Christ's gift of eternal life.

I had the honor and privilege of officiating at the wedding for one of my former “teen” moms. It's hard for me to believe that so much time has gone by that she has grown up, finished school and is now married. I have been very blessed to be a part of her life and each of my teen mom's lives.

I am happy to report that I did receive full paychecks last month. Thank you for making that possible. Thanks for all your prayers and financial support. You are a vital part of this ministry and you make it possible for us to continue to reach young people for Christ. God bless you.

Love in Christ,

Linda