

Extensions of Grace



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Building a Beloved Community Through "Extensions of Grace"

Profiles in Grace

Welcome Pastor Bill Lerch!

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I talked with Pastor Bill an hour after he spontaneously agreed to come to my third grade classroom at High Point and pray and talk with the students.

Prior to his visit, nine of the sixteen students gave their hearts to Jesus that week. Praise the Lord! As Pastor Bill took time to meet each student and shared his story of receiving Christ, the joy in the room increased as children excitedly listened.

I immediately felt comfortable with Pastor Bill and his heart of gold – as if I'd known him for years. It helped that Pastor Bill shared so much of himself in the "Intentional Interim Pastor Questionnaire" that he filled out when applying to High Point.

First, his personal data: Bill Lerch was born on September 11, 1944, in Chicago, IL. He and Karen Sue, his wife of 33 years, (married April 5, 1975) have two grown children.

Their son Aaron (age 29) is married to Mindy. They live and work in Indianapolis with their two children, Hannah (age 4) and Jadon (age 2). Aaron is a software engineer while Mindy is a former music teacher and now enjoys teaching Kindermusik part-time and caring for their two precious gifts.

Pastor Bill and Karen also have

a daughter, April, who lives in Chicago. She recently completed her M.A. in Counseling Psychology at Northwestern University and is now working as a case coach with Lydia Home in Chicago. Pastor Bill, a proud papa and grandpapa, will gladly share pictures!

Pastor Bill's many interests and hobbies include biking, hiking, camping and walking (5 times a week, 2 miles at a time). This he does with his wife or his walking stick! Pastor Bill also enjoys woodworking, which is evident when you visit his office, where some of his scroll saw handiwork is on display. Pastor Bill is a bit of a throw back and renegade in his love for his Mac computers and "all things Chicago," even the dreaded Cubs (although he is a Packer fan!).

This isn't Pastor Bill's first experience being an interim pastor. He has shepherded three Evangelical Free churches in this same capacity at Minocqua, Manitowoc, and most recently at Ripon. But Pastor Bill was positively excited as he discussed his new role and vision as interim pastor for High Point: "My job is to help heal the wounds of the church in dealing with the unresolved past. I will work with the people as a whole and focus on



Karen & Bill Lerch

God. Sometimes churches are overly preoccupied with money. God can bless us in many other ways, and I'm excited to see Him work in this church."

I think you will agree with me that we can feel blessed to have Pastor Bill and his bride Karen join the church family of High Point. As he said, "Don't wait until my time at High Point has concluded to find out how much I love you and this church!"

people in leadership positions (i.e., the Elders). I will be involved with training and mentoring the existing staff, and my hope is to give them a heart for ministry."

Helping the search committee and helping the church at-large to get ready for their new leader will be top on his agenda. He believes that choosing a chief under-shepherd is "the single, most important decision a church will make. I will encourage this process to be bathed in prayer. It is important that we have unity and that we refocus on the BIG God we serve. I desire for High Point to be a place to bring and grow people together, enjoying each others' company."

Pastor Bill is excited about worship. "Worship is what makes a church, a church – celebrating, praising and exalting the one, true

Get it on
your
calendar!



High Point's
All Church
Picnic &
Ministry Fair
Sunday,
September 14

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Egg Hunt a huge success!

by Beth Williams

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On Saturday, March 15, the Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by the Married Couples Fellowship (MCF). Who knew that a simple Easter Egg



Hey Dad—there's candy in that egg!

Hunt would grow so much in a year's time?!? What a thrill to go from about 100 kids, parents and grandparents last year to hundreds of them this year. And more important than numbers, it was a blast! What a joy to celebrate our Risen Savior with a morning full of festivities.

The goals of the event were to draw High Point families as well as reach out to the community to bring new people through the doors of our church.

We also desired to present the message of the cross – Jesus died for our sins, and rose from the dead giving us power through the Holy Spirit over sin and death. This message was communicated through stories, crafts, songs, and the *Jesus Film for Kids*. This was in addition to the main draw – Easter egg hunts (with over 3000 eggs!) as well as games, snacks,



Wanna take a ride?

face painting and temporary tattoos. As a result, several new families came to our church who do not have a church home, and they were invited to attend our Easter services.

While an MCF team organized the event, the success comes from the many people who helped out including young students, singles, families and senior adults. What a joy to see so many come together to celebrate what unites us – the salvation we receive through the cross of Christ, a message we want to share with our precious children

as well as our friends and neighbors.



This takes concentration!



MIss Katrina reading an Easter story

A special thank you to all who were involved in this event, whether you participated during the day or donated plastic eggs or candy. It would not have been possible without so many willing helpers. We look forward to preparing for next year's event and hope each of you can join with us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.



Ellen Flottmeyer leads Sing, Dance & Play

2008 Elder election process in gear

from the Elders of High Point Church

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We, as a church, are currently in the process of selecting new elders to join the elder board beginning in June 2008. Of the 32 men nominated, 18 met the criteria for continuing on: they have been members for at least three years and have served as deacons with HPC for at least one year. Of these, 6 men have allowed their name to stand. These men are currently in the interview process, and are meeting with the Elder Nomination Committee. The committee is comprised of two elders (Bill Heifner, Steve Tadevich), one staff member (Rebecca Schmitt), and two at-large members appointed by the

elder board (Barb Morin and Don Mayo).

The Elder Nomination Committee will meet with each candidate and then make a final recommendation to the elder board, which will determine which candidates are presented to the congregation. Each candidate will stand for election at the annual congregational meeting scheduled for May 18, 2008.

Please be praying for God's direction and will in this process, for the men that have interviewed, and for discernment and unity in the nomination committee and elder board.

MCF to clean up with MOM

by Beth Williams

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We invite you to join us on Saturday, May 31 for our annual *Spring Clean-Up Day*. Our MCF group consists of young families and couples involved in small groups, social events, and service. We have partnered with Middleton Outreach Ministries (MOM) for 4 years and now do a Fall and Spring clean-up/yard-workday.

This event is a fun, family-

friendly opportunity to serve those in need in the community at large. It is also a great way to connect with older people, and blesses us as much as those we serve.

We look forward to spreading the love of Jesus, and welcome you to join us on Saturday, May 31. Contact Don Williams at don_bethw@hotmail.com for more information.



Cell Phone vs. Bible



I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill.

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

Leadership Summit 2008: August 7-8

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High Point Church will again be a local satellite host site for the annual Willow Creek Leadership Summit on Thursday, August 7 – Friday, August 8. (*The Summit has been shortened to two days this year.*) The Leadership Summit is expected to draw some 100,000 church and business leaders to conference sites in more than 200 locations around the world, where talks from world-class leadership experts will be beamed live via satellite.

When the Summit began in 1995, it was attended almost exclusively by church leaders. As its transferable principles spread outside the walls of the church, companies began sending teams to the Summit, and many continue to use it as one of their core annual training events.

Featured leadership experts at The Leadership Summit 2008 will include:

Bill Hybels – Senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church and chairman of the Willow Creek Association, Hybels is a highly sought-after conference speaker on issues related to Christian leadership. He is the best-selling author of more than 20 books including *Courageous Leadership* and the upcoming release *Axiom: The Language of Leadership*.

Brad Anderson – Vice-chairman and CEO for Best Buy, Anderson champions the devel-

opment of leaders in the belief that constant innovation is required to enhance a customer's experience. He leads 140,000 employees throughout North America and China and was recently named one of "The Best CEOs in America" by *Institutional Investor Magazine*.

John Burke – Lead pastor at Gateway Community Church, Burke and his congregation are dedicated to helping unchurched

CEO of Medtronic, the world's leading medical technology company.

Craig Groeschel – Founding and senior pastor of LifeChurch.tv, Groeschel is known for creative and relevant Bible teaching. Under his leadership, LifeChurch.tv became one of the country's first multi-campus churches with more than 40 weekend worship experiences at 12 different locations throughout

Day, All Children.

Catherine Rohr – Founder and CEO of Prison Entrepreneurship Program, Rohr leads a program that stimulates positive life transformation by uniting executives and inmates through education and mentoring. This one-of-a-kind program has seen a 98% employment rate from its 300 graduates.

Efrem Smith – Pastor of The Sanctuary Covenant Church, Smith is an internationally-recognized leader who uses storytelling and passion to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Smith serves frequently as a keynote speaker for various organizations and is the author of *Raising Up Young Heroes*.

Numerous volunteer opportunities are available through out the two-day Summit. Rick & Casey Zynda will be coordinating the team of 50+ volunteers. The Zynda's e-mail address is satideas@msn.com. Volunteers will be needed to help with greeting, ushering, assisting in the bookstore, registration, food preparation, set up and take down, to name a few of the options.

Members from our church have the opportunity to attend the Leadership Summit for a significantly reduced rate off of the regular price. Watch for registration information in the Sunday Worship bulletin.



people become a unified community, no matter what their background or past. He is the author of the book, *No Perfect People Allowed: Creating a Come-as-You-Are Culture*.

Chuck Colson – Colson is the founder of Prison Fellowship Ministries. He has visited more than 600 prisons in forty countries and has written more than 20 books including his latest release, *The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters*.

Bill George – Professor of management practice at Harvard Business School, George is the best-selling author of *True North: Discover Your Authentic Leadership*. He is the former chairman and

the U.S. He has authored three books including *Confessions of a Pastor*.

Gary Haugen – Haugen serves as president of International Justice Mission, an agency that rescues victims of violence, exploitation, slavery, and oppression. A decorated scholar, Haugen has authored numerous articles and books including *Good News About Injustice* and *Terrify No More*.

Wendy Kopp – Kopp is the founder and CEO of Teach For America, a program to recruit college graduates to teach in America's neediest schools. Since its founding, the program has reached nearly 400,000 students which Kopp chronicles in *One*

The Obedient Renegade: A Tale of Queen Esther

by Kendra Thompson rkt@tds.net

King Xerxes was the most violent, merciless king to ever reign. And he had just signed a death decree for all who were Jewish. His proclamation was binding; not even he, "god" that he was, could stop the slaughter.

A bloody fate now awaited all the Jews...or so it seemed. This desperate situation was not hopeless. The children of Israel had God on their side, and God had different plans.

On Saturday, July 12 and

Sunday, July 13, the cast of *The Obedient Renegade* will transport you to an ancient time. There you will meet a young queen who hid her true identity from the king, courageously defied her religion, and even broke palace law. Yet, Queen Esther was no renegade. At heart she was deeply, profoundly obedient. Queen Esther chose to follow God's will, not man's rules. Because of her obedience to God, Queen Esther accomplished what even her mighty and powerful hus-

band could not: she saved the nation of Israel!

The Obedient Renegade will take you on a musical journey back in time. It is family friendly, funny, touching, and reminds us that miracles happen when we heed God's will.

Tickets will be available in June for just \$5.00. So mark your calendar for one of two performances:

Saturday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Annual
Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, May 18
6:30 p.m.



High Point Christian School

Educate their minds, Touch their hearts, Impact their lives

Dine out and donate to HPCS

Ever wonder how you could help out HPCS?

Well, bring your fork to one of our upcoming "HPCS Dinner Nights."

Join us at **Atlanta Bread Company** on Tuesday, May 6, from 4:00 – 9:00 pm. Just come on over – no flyer or tickets needed – and 25% of the sales will be returned to HPCS. Eat in or carry out. Enjoy a "No Cooking Night!"

Like pasta? **Noodles & Company** on Monday, May 19, from 4:00 – 9:00 pm. at the Mineral Point Road location. You

will need to pick up a Noodles flyer in the school or church office in order for HPCS to receive 25% back. Eat in or take out. Join us for everyone's favorite food!

Our first "Dinner Night" at **Cheeseburger in Paradise** was fabulous! HPCS pre-sold the maximum 250 tickets and made over \$2,000!

Money will go towards playground improvements that includes a tether ball, benches and garbage can. Check out the school's web site and the bulletin board by the office for fun pictures!

There's room for the students in your life HPCS

by Alicia Lundal

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As this school year draws to a close, enrollment for 2008-09 is still on the rise.

There are wait lists for our preschool classrooms, and the fifth grade class, but all our other classes have space for families seeking Christian education. If you would like to schedule a tour or more information about HPCS, please contact Alicia Lundal, Director of School Relations at alundal@highpointchristian-

school.org or call 836-7170 ext. 138.

Interested in teaching at HPCS? Know a wonderful teacher that would be a nice addition to our faculty? Contact Principal Ramona Small at rsmall@highpointchristianschool.org. We have openings in kindergarten, fourth grade and a middle school instructor with emphasis in Math and Science.

2008-09 Enrollment

Preschool		Grade 3	24
¼ year old	Full	Grade 4	15
Pre-K	Full	Grade 5	Full
Kindergarten	21	Grade 6	21
Grade 1	20	Grade 7	18
Grade 2	25	Grade 8	23

Two, four, six, eight...

Student athletes at HPCS will be recognized for their achievements on Thursday, May 15. Athletes in grades 5-8 participated in girls volleyball, boys & girls basketball and boys & girls track over the past school year.

Many of our teams won their respective tournaments or fin-

ished the season with one loss, but regardless of the scoreboard our students represented HPCS with pride and class at all events.

Watch for results of our track meet against Edgewood in the next *Extensions of Grace*. Go Eagles!

HPCS Music Notes

by Peggy Walters

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This has been an exciting musical year for us at High Point Christian School. We were selected as one of nine schools to participate in the Madison Symphony Orchestra (MSO) program "Up Close and Musical". A string quartet visited our school four times, highlighting a different aspect of music at each visit, in preparation for MSO's "Symphony Soup." In May, Grades K - 3 will attend this concert at the Overture Center.

Opera for the Young brought their production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" in January. The Fifth grade appeared onstage as space aliens and several of them worked the dragon that appears at the beginning of the opera. Our esteemed principal, Mrs. Mona Small, led the way inside the dragon! Two Fourth grade girls were winners in the "Design a Dragon" contest. Congratulations!

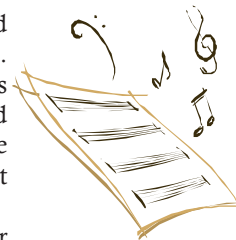
Earlier this month, the Fourth and Fifth grades went to MSO's Youth Concert in the Overture Center. The two soloists were high school students in Madison.

The Eighth grade took a trip to Milwaukee in March to see the First Stage Children's Theater's production of "Sleeping Beauty." We had lunch at a nearby restau-

rant and Mrs. Walters treated everyone to a root beer!

Our Christmas program, "Bethlehem's Best," involved every HPCS student, including the Preschool (appearing as Stars and Bells.) Afterward, the entire school family enjoyed cookies, punch and each other's company in the Micah Center.

Which brings us to our spring musical: "American Ideal." Just as on the television "Idol" program, we will have a host, three judges, a TV audience, commercials and, of course, our contestant finalists, played by students in the "Drama & Song" class. By the end of the musical, we learn the lesson: "It's not about me, It's All About You, Jesus." All students in grades K - 8 will participate. We invite the HPC family to join us on Thursday evening, May 8. The Prelude will feature Advanced Band students and several others and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The musical will begin at 7:00 p.m. It would be "Ideal" if you would come!



Scholastic Book Fair a success

Three days in March found the Micah Center turned into a giant book fair for readers of all ages.

Families and friends of HPCS purchased books of all types, ate pizza (Tuesday night), attended a preschool story time – and raised money to promote literacy in and out of school.

Over \$100 was raised in the "One for Books" program and

books were purchased for teachers and their classrooms-- 214 new books found their way into the library and were distributed throughout the school.

In addition to the funds raised at HPCS, Scholastic matched our total and made donations to various organizations throughout Madison that promote literacy.

Each child growing in wisdom, knowledge and understanding all year round!

by Sheila Eichorst

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Kindergarten Preview

June 1, 9:00 a.m.

All Kindergartners and their parents are invited to visit Kids' Celebration. KC meets in the gym from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

June 7, 6:30 p.m.

All Children's Ministry Volunteers and their families are invited to come join us to celebrate another ministry year at High Point Church. We will be sharing stories of how kids are "growing" this year!

KC Farewell Party and 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony

June 8, 9:00 a.m.

All 5th graders will be honored. Parents of 5th graders are invited and encouraged to join us. Guest speaker Steve Dale and Middle

School Ministry introduction

Father's Day Worship Service

June 15, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

All grade school age kids are encouraged to attend worship in the sanctuary with their parents. (Nursery and Early Childhood Sunday School will be available during both services)

Nursery and Early Childhood Summer Sunday School

**June 22 - August 31
9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**

*Parent volunteers are needed to staff all Summer Sunday School classrooms so we can give the ministry year volunteers the summer off to rest and be refreshed. Sign up sheets are available at the check in counters. Please sign up for 2 Sundays that fit your schedule.

Special Note...All children should remain in their current classrooms for the summer program. Promotion Sunday is September 7, 2008.

Children's Sermon Series

June 22 - August 10, 9:00 a.m.

An 8-week children's sermon series will be available for kids entering grades 2-5 during the 9:00 a.m. service. Grade school age kids are encouraged to join their parents in the sanctuary for the beginning elements of the worship service and then will be dismissed to the Micah Center for an age-appropriate message during the Pastor's sermon.

Elijah's Run - A 5K/3K Family Fun Run/Walk and 1K Kid's Run

June 28 8:00 a.m.

See below for details.

The Obedient Renegade

July 12, 7:00 p.m.

July 13, 2:00 p.m.

Summer play directed by Kendra Thompson (see page 3)

VBS 2008

Power Lab: Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power

July 21-25

6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

\$10 registration fee

Family discount: \$10 for 1st child, \$15 for 2 children and \$20 for three or more. Scholarships will also be available

(See below for more details.)

Completed registration forms and payment can be dropped off in the church office in the designated VBS bucket.

How do you run a good race?

by Demah Nuertey

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This year in KC we have been sharing with the children the importance of knowing the Lord and His word in order to gain understanding so they can run a whole-hearted, strong race of faith in Christ Jesus for the rest of their lives

One aspect of our Christian life is described by Paul as running a race. How do you run a good race? Hebrews 12:1-2 has the answer: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish."

Like a long distance runner, we need to take our training seriously so that we can accomplish a number of things, such as gain self-control with the help of the Holy Spirit; improve in the understanding of our relationship with the Lord; understand the spiritual gifts

God has given us; feed the needy and the lost world around us; and when God calls us home we can hear him say "well done my good and faithful servant."

Some may say, "I am not a long distance runner." Others will say "I am not like the people of faith talked about in the book of Hebrews." But, it is written that Elijah was a man just like us, and he ran his race of faith with passion which was evident in his prayer life and his attitude to finish all of God's work assigned to him.

Come and join us in fellowship and a lesson in surrendering the things that hold us from shining with the Spirit of the Lord. The race of faith cannot be run half-heartedly.

We encourage the whole family to participate in this practical lesson of faith, perseverance, endurance, and a passion of commitment to finish the race strong for Christ's sake.

Elijah's Run 2008

Saturday, June 28 on the HPC grounds

\$15 pre-registration fee (includes a T-shirt) Completed registration forms can be dropped off in the church office.

Schedule of Events:

7:30 a.m. late registration (\$20 the day of the race)

8:00 a.m. 1K race ages 6 and under

8:30 a.m. 1K race ages 7-11

9:00 a.m. 3K walk/run & 5K run

The race of faith cannot be run half-heartedly. So let us help you get in shape, both physically and spiritually. Join us on May 28, June 11 & June 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Micah E for some training sessions to prepare you and your family for Elijah's Run!



VBS 2008: Power Lab Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power

by Sheila Eichorst

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This year HPC Children's Ministry team is excited to lead an action packed week for kids in pre-school through 5th grade.

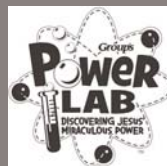
July 21-25, 2008

6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$10 registration fee

Family Discount:

\$10 for 1 child, \$15 for 2 children, \$20 for three or more children.



Each day children will take part in fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the *Power Lab* activities that help faith flow into real life. Every day, kids choose a Daily Challenge-an exciting way to live out what they've learned. Kids will also participate in a hands on mission project called Operation Kid-to-Kid that involves

a million other children across North America.

Power Lab is great fun for children of all ages; even teenagers will enjoy volunteering as a crew leader who helps younger children. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us each day at closing, because that's when we'll be having

Faith Fusion Finale - a daily celebration of Jesus' Power you won't want to miss.

Would you prayerfully consider joining our *Power Lab* team?

Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of VBS needs. Volunteer Forms and Registration Forms will be available in the church office beginning, May 11, 2008. Or you can download off the church website at www.highpointchurch.org (click on Forms)

Mothers everywhere

by Rita Hartmann ritarae30@aol.com

May is the month we celebrate the sacrificial love of mothers toward their children. God places within women a nurturing nature that often causes us to put our husband and children's needs before our own. This is a great example of the kind of love we should extend to those around us.

In honor of this love, BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) would like to promote a special Mother's Day prime rib dinner hosted by and at Monona Oaks Church (6200 Monona Drive) on Saturday (May 10) at 6:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$10.00. IF you want to join BASIC at this off-site event, please RSVP to



Bob Bates (608-223-1922) by May 3.

BASIC is a group of singles who meet in Micah E every Friday, and each month we offer or promote a special event. In June we plan to attend a musical at Verona High School called *Brigadoon*. A picnic at Devils Lake is on the agenda for July.

Information on these and other events can be found under ministries at www.highpointchurch.org and on our bulletin board in the hallway. Please feel free to pick up one of our cards in the tray below our bulletin board.

Thank you!

by Sheila Eichorst seichorst@highpointchurch.org

On February 18, 2008, our lives were changed in an instant. Around 12:30 a.m. we woke to discover a fire in our garage. We all escaped safely, but our house was damaged extensively. The garage and laundry room were completely burned and both of our vehicles were totally destroyed. Black smoke and soot

by the fire. We are waiting for the status of some of our belongings that were salvaged with the hopes of them being returned and cleaned.

SERVPRO is the name of the company that is handling the cleanup and restoration of our house. The whole rehab process is expected to take about 4-6



The Eichorst Family

covered every inch of the interior of our house. Our house was no longer our home!

All of the prayers, phone calls, meals, laundry service, bedding, pillows, gift cards, cash, help with moving furniture, shopping, cleaning, support and compassion from neighbors, family, friends and High Point Church members touched our hearts deeply. We are so grateful for each one of you and want to personally thank you. We are learning so many valuable lessons through this experience. (You don't really need as much "stuff" as you think you do!)

Currently, we are staying at 5806 Old Sauk Road, and are slowly replacing many of the items that were lost or destroyed

months. We are thankful for their hard work and expertise. Please continue to pray for integrity and wisdom for everyone involved in the claim process.

With the help of insurance, Tim and I have both been able to replace our vehicles, and we were able to get Kayla a car so she can return to work and school in the fall.

Life is beginning to return to a "new normal" for each of us... thanks to each and every one of you!

Blessings,

*The Eichorsts
& Matrix, our border terrier
& Yertle the turtle too!*

Congrats HPCS graduates!

by Alicia Lundal alundal@highpointchristianschool.org

Seventeen students represent the class of 2008 at HPCS. Our current eighth grade students will graduate on Wednesday, June 4, in the sanctuary. Eleven students in the class attended HPCS since kindergarten! The graduation ceremony will include video highlights, student testimonies, and many more wonderful moments. Anyone is welcome to attend graduation and celebrate with the following students and their families (listed are the grades where they attended HPCS):

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|-------------------|-----|
| Michael Becker | K-8 |
| Keegan Boehnen | 6-8 |
| Michael Carr | K-8 |
| Jenae Everson | 1-8 |
| Lawrence Granroth | K-8 |
| James Hamilton | K-8 |
| Jean-Louis Tanner | 4-8 |
| John Karr | K-8 |
| Krista Karr | K-8 |
| Kendal Krantz | 5-8 |
| Avery McClain | K-8 |
| Drew Olson | K-8 |
| Jordan Rockwell | K-8 |
| Gracie Shea | K-8 |
| Mark Towne | 3-8 |
| Ryan Vann | K-8 |
| Lisa Veltrop | 2-8 |



Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Sunday, May 18
9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Have a favorite hymn? Let John know what it is!
jgeorgeson@highpointchurch.org or 836-3236 x119



It's Baby Bottle Time Again

Support Care Net Pregnancy Center by picking up your bottles on May 11 and dropping them off on June 15

World Vision AIDS Experience a huge success

by Rick Zynda

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The World Vision Experience: AIDS National Tour, held at Blackhawk Church from April 11-14 was a success beyond expectations! The Experience proved to be a unique interactive, walk-through exhibit that took visitors into the heart of Africa – and the lives of children affected by the AIDS crisis. The free exhibit combined an audio tour with a walking tour of an African Village. Visitors heard and experienced the stories of real children in AIDS-affected communities. The Exhibit provided a powerful, educational, and compelling perspective on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time HIV/AIDS.

The final numbers are proof that there is much to be thankful for:

- The exhibit was open for 52 hours (extended due to the high demand for tickets)
- 3,965 people of all ages visited the exhibit
- 365 African children were sponsored by visitors – and several others who were interested will likely go to www.worldvision.org and sponsor a child on-line
- Some took the opportunity to purchase Caregiver Kits (43) and Bikes (15) for World Vision staff working in Africa
- Contributions to other opportunities to help in the effort to educate and treat those subject to or suffering from HIV/AIDS totaled nearly \$2,800.

Jessica Ohlsen, World Vision Experience: AIDS East Coast Tour Manager said that World Vision may well use our site for some “best practices” insight for other churches:

“Awesome week guys! I believe we set some records! This was an amazing event with literally THOUSANDS of lives changed! It was really powerful and encouraging to see at least 3 pastors from partner churches volun-

teering in the exhibit. So many incredible things happened this week and I feel so blessed to have been able to partner with all of you guys on this!”

She indicated that the Madison Experience set the following records for the tour, which has been traveling across the country since last July:

- Most visitors for a 4 day run on either the West or East Coast Tours!
- Most pastor volunteers
- Most partnering churches (8), including High Point Church, with 25 - 30 volunteers

Ellen Montei, of Christ Presbyterian Church and Lead Coordinator of the event, said, “The Step Into Africa Experience

has been quite a ride. We captured a vision for this last spring and after countless visional and organizational meetings there are so many of you to thank for your commitment and support of this effort it is hard to know where to start. We hope to have a ‘grateful gathering’ in the near future to get everyone involved with this together for some nibbles a final Hooray. If any of you know of interesting stories that come out of the attendance at the Experience please forward them to me. World Vision collects “stories from the road” as a means of encouragement for staff and participating churches. For my own part, I must say that working together across denominational lines and making new friends within the body of Christ was fabulous; a taste of heaven to be sure.”

Thanks to all who helped in this effort. It’s always rewarding to participate and serve alongside of Christian friends and do the work of Lord and Savior when such opportunities as this arise.



Dominican Republic Team gears up

by Jenny Boese

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Held Sunday, April 6, the Annual DR Pancake Breakfast once again provided an opportunity for fellowship and fundraising for a good cause. Team 2008 is excited to report that hundreds of people attended the event and thousands of dollars were raised for the ongoing work in Los Botados (LB), Dominican Republic. Thanks again this year to all those who volunteered their time and talents to make this event a huge success. Special thanks go to the Pancake Café for donating all the pancake batter. An extremely important note to mention is that two new children in Los Botados were sponsored as a result of the Pancake Breakfast. Praise the Lord!



TEAM 2008 Activities:

- Team 2008 will host a card making event for child sponsors. Watch Sunday morning announcements for details.
- Team 2008 again will take donations of select items to Los Botados. Watch announcements for details.

TEAM 2008 Prayer/Praise Requests:

- Praise for successful Pancake Breakfast and two new children being sponsored!
- Prayer for Team 2008 members and preparations.
- Pray for the community of Los Botados.

Missionary Reception

Saturday, May 10th

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

High Point Church Micah A

Featuring:

Jon & Rachel Doriot (Papua, Indonesia)

Keith Smith

(Wales, UK & Burkina Faso, West Africa)

Grilled Hamburgers, Brats and Drinks Provided
Please bring side dishes and desserts.

RSVP Rick & Casey Zynda
satideas@msn.com by May 8

Church calendar for May & June, 2008

If your event is not listed here, please contact the church office at 836-3236 or scheduler@highpointchurch.org.

Special Events

Corporate Prayer	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
David Phelps concert	May 1	7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting	May 4	7:00 p.m.
Congregational Meeting	May 18	6:30 p.m.
Attic Angel Sale	June 19-20	8:00 a.m.
Elijah's Run	June 28	8:00 a.m.

Student Ministries Steve Dale (843-0748)

Junior High Sunday School	Sundays	9:00 a.m.
Senior High Sunday School	Sundays	9:00 a.m.
Trek (Awana)	Sundays (ends June 8)	10:30 a.m.
Junior High Students – GIG	Thursdays (ends May 14; restarts June 26)	6:30 p.m.
Senior High Students – CEL	Wednesdays (ends May 7; restarts June 25)	6:30 p.m.
College Students – Exhale	check Facebook for details	
Senior High Lock-in	May 9	6:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry Sheila Eichorst (836-3236 x129)

Infant & Toddler Nursery	Sundays	9:00 & 10:45 a.m. services
Early Childhood Sunday School (ages 2-5)	Sundays	9:00 & 10:45 a.m. services
Kid's Celebration	Sundays (ends June 8)	9:00 a.m. service
Grade School Sunday School (gr 1-5)	Sundays (ends June 8)	10:45 a.m. service
Grade School Children's Sermon	Sundays (starts June 22)	9:00 a.m. service
Kingdom Kids	Wednesdays (ends May 14)	5:45 p.m.
AWANA	Wednesdays (ends May 21)	6:30 p.m.
Revive – Special Needs Ministry	May 10, June 14	9:00 a.m.
Volunteer Appreciation BBQ	June 7	6:30 p.m.

Adult Ministries

Manuscript Bible Study	Sundays (ends May 25)	9:00 a.m.
Bible Study for All Ages	Sundays	10:45 a.m.
West Side Men's Bible Study	Mondays	6:30 a.m.
Men's Basketball	Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:30 a.m.
Men's Fellowship	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women at the Well	Thursdays (ends May 15)	9:00 a.m.
BASIC Singles Group	Fridays	7:00 p.m.
Discovery Class	Sundays (thru June 8)	9:00 a.m.
Men's Monthly Breakfast	May 10, June 14	8:00 a.m.
MCF Sunday Morning Gatherings	May 18	9:00 a.m.
BASIC Leaders Meeting	May 4, June 1	12:30 p.m.

Care Ministries

Divorce Care	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Divorce Care for Kids	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Families Anonymous	Thursdays	7:30 p.m.
Men's Shelter Meal Prep	May 2, June 6	6:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministers Training	May 6 & 20	6:30 p.m.

Outreach Ministries

Hospitality Cafe	Sundays	10:15 a.m.
DR Team Meeting	May 4 & 18, June 1 & 8	8:00 a.m.

Music & Worship Arts John Georgeson (836-3236 x119)

Celebration Choir Rehearsals	Wednesdays (ends May 28)	6:30 p.m.
Worship 2.0	May 3	6:30 p.m.

Administrative Ministries

HPC Staff Meeting	Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.
Bulletin Stuffers	Fridays	8:30 a.m.
Deaconess Meeting	May 5, May 12, June 9	7:00 p.m.
Elders Meeting	May 8 & 22, June 12 & 26	7:00 p.m.
Finance Team Meeting	May 13,	7:00 p.m.

High Point Christian School 836-7170

HPCS School Committee Meeting	May 20, June 17	7:00 p.m.
HPCS Music Program "American Ideal"	May 8	7:00 p.m.
HPCS Band Concert	May 21	7:00 p.m.
Kindergarten Graduation	June 2	9:00 a.m.
8th Grade Graduation	June 4	6:30 p.m.