



## Thoughts From Pastor Dan

We all have a lot to be thankful for. We have life, we have breath, we have food, we have water, we have a home, we have family, we have friends. But even above all of those things, we should be thankful that we have forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ. We should be thankful that we have a relationship with the one, true God. God has given us His grace and mercy. As we remember to be thankful for all that we have, let us not forget from whom all our blessings come. God is the source of all that is good.

As we grow in our understanding that God is the

source of all that is good, we should also grow in our desire to share what we have been given with others. This includes our spiritual gifts, talents, material things, and of course, our money. All that we have is on loan from God.

How does this change our perspective? We should not do whatever we want with God's gifts to us, but must effectively steward and manage them to God's glory. Much is required from those to whom much is given, and much more is required from those to whom much more is given.

We praise and thank our God for all that we have been given! For earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes. For the blessings of life and faith and hope. For the Creator who made us, the Christ who saved us, and the Counselor who guides us. For family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers. For God has blessed us beyond all expectations. For all blessings which compel us to reach out to those with less, to be of service to any in need, to keep company with the unwelcome, to seek peace and make friends of our enemies.



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# Youth Ministry

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## Falling In Love With Jesus!

God is meeting us here, He is challenging my thoughts on what the best way to make followers of Jesus looks like day to day, and He is definitely revealing Himself in real ways to the youth each week!!

The Junior and Senior High have been stretched a little this month! As a group we are still working on what works and what doesn't. We moved our Senior High Sunday meetings back to the church-everyone agreed that we are more open to talking about Jesus in our safe environment rather than the coffee shop. So we're back, doing some worship, stepping out in prayer, and reading *Crazy Love*, by Francis Chan. This book is challenging us to fall deeply in love with our Savior-to know him like we know our families and best friends!

With the Junior High, Sundays have been a true test of creativity! We're finding that often we have 2 or 3 youth that are available to come so the hope is that we can find fun, engaging activities that don't need a big crowd to be successful, and can most of all, train them to be followers of Jesus. We got out of town last Sunday and hiked the Prophet's Rock trail near Battle Ground. This historic landmark is the site where evangelical prophets sang songs of



the Lord to the Native Americans during the battles that took place near there. It was a gorgeous, fall day to take in the majesty of our Creator!

Wednesday evenings were spent in service to others again this month. Starbucks partners (employees) were super-excited when we came and cleaned their bathrooms and swept and mopped their floors for them! Instilling a heart for others, even in the small things is something Jesus did, so we want to do it too!! If you know of someone or a group that could use assistance on Wednesdays let Becky know, we're always looking for an opportunity to meet God in what He's doing.

We had a great time cooking out at Becky's old stomping ground on the south side of town as well! We made ho-bo dinners (if you've never tried them, they're the best in the world!), played capture the flag, beat each other up a little, roasted marshmallows, and dodged horsey piles all night long! The youth brought friends and we had a blast being loud and crazy around the campfire!

## Coming up...

Devotional Contest! Who can do their quiet times 30 days in a row? T-shirt prizes to those who make it!!

November is our month to rake lots of leaves! Let Becky know if you want to be on that list! All donations will go to the youth's trip fund. On November 9 the Senior High will meet at 5:45 at the church for an Extreme Worship fieldtrip to Northview Church. We'll be back by 7:15pm.

November 14th is our GIRLS ONLY night-Goonies (PG version) and nail polish-what more do you need? Laser Tag in Indy is also in the works for the boys-date to come!

Thank you to everyone that has helped in any capacity over the last month-you are SO appreciated! If you might enjoy getting snacks for youth activities in the future, let us know-they eat ALOT! I have found the way to their hearts is food, and when the monster has been given enough Laughy Taffy and popcorn to feed a small village, then they are much more willing to listen to what I have to say about Jesus!

In Him,  
Becky



## Promiseland Chatter

As I extend a thank you to the Discovery Hour teachers for the time dedicated to preparing and teaching, I would like to encourage parents to bring their children to Discovery Hour. Your children are missing some great learning opportunities by not attending.

Our 3-5 year class will end the fall by hearing how God works in the lives of His people through the stories of God hearing Hannah's prayer, God anointing David as king, God taking care of Elijah, and God healing Naaman after the little servant girl helped him.

In the K-3rd grade class, kids will learn about the characteristics of four friends of God: Josiah's obedi-



ence, David and Jonathan's friendship, the poor widow's generosity and Esther's courage. Then kids will be challenged to think about how they can obey God, be a good friend, share with others and ask God for courage to do the right thing.

Our 4th and 5th graders will finish their fall focusing on God's Grace, learning how to become contagious Christians and extend the message of Grace. They will learn lost people matter to God and they should matter to us too. In order to reach out to their lost friends, kids will discover and practice ways to help their friends develop a friendship with God. They will learn how to creatively reach

out and build a friendship, tell their story, share the story of Jesus and set a Christ-like example.

Psalm 119:11 says "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." As we in Promiseland encourage your children to hide God's Word in their hearts, please be in prayer for us.

Serving Him,

Dar Muehlhausen

*"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."  
Psalm 119:11*

## Missions Committee

### **Operation Christmas Child**

It's that time of year again; time to start shopping for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). I know Christmas may seem like it is months away, but the shoe boxes are due before Thanksgiving. Our goal is to fill 100 boxes this year. That means we need everyone's help. The boxes are due **Sunday, November 23rd** (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). If you know already that you will be out of town, that doesn't mean you can't participate, it just means you need to drop your box off at church before you leave.

Our desire is for this to be a family project. Involve your children, take them shopping with you. Who better to tell you what children would want?! In the coming weeks, we will be promoting OCC in both the Sunday service and in Children's Church so start talking about it with your kids.

Like last year, OCC will not be providing boxes this year so dig in your closet for old shoe boxes or better yet, buy the shoebox size plastic

storage bins that the kids can reuse. Check out this website

<http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/index.php/OCC/>

for ideas about what to buy, how to pack, and to print off box labels. Also remember to include \$7 per box for shipping. You can write one check for multiple boxes. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse.

**Help us reach our goal of 100 boxes this year!**



## Getting to Know Christine Berkesch



*What is your occupation?*

Graduate student in mathematics

*What brought you to West Lafayette / Lafayette?*

Purdue

*What brought you to Riverside? How long have you been here?*

I visited Riverside at Burnett Creek in February 2005, and I knew I was home. The great preaching and friendly people confirmed it.

*What do you do for fun?*

I love to travel (especially Europe!), cook, and yes, think about math!

*What is a fun fact or memory about you?*

I was just shy of completing a music performance major in undergrad. I started playing violin when I was 3.



## Getting to Know The Keazers

We are Doug & Luci Keazer. We have one daughter, Lindsay Umbeck, and son-in-law, Ryan Umbeck. Our son, Matt, is a senior in Industrial Management, and Brian is a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering Technology, both at Purdue.



daughter. We soon decided that we liked everything about this church: the friendly and ap-

proachable members, the intimacy and accountability of a smaller church, the encouraging and inspiring pastoral staff, and the warm, informal environment, among other qualities.

in Chicago, we learned that Luci could not board without her birth certificate, which she didn't bring. A loyal neighbor saved the day by finding and faxing the certificate to a Chicago bank. We sped, by taxi, back to the airport and boarded the plane in the nick of time. The rest of the vacation was perfect. There have been many happy vacations with the Umbeck's since that first one.

We are both mechanical engineers who met at Kansas State University and married in 1978. We moved to West Lafayette in 1992 when Doug was transferred to Caterpillar Large Engine Center where he is currently the Customer Service Manager. Luci has worked in the Physical Facilities Department at Purdue since 1995 where she is currently the Senior Laboratory Engineer in the Office of the University Architect.

We have been attending Riverside for about two years, first invited by our

We enjoy running, bicycling and spending time with our family. Doug is a golfer and a sports fan. Luci also enjoys reading. We occasionally vacation with the Umbeck family. A memorable first vacation with John, Nancy and Ryan was when we all went to the Caymen Islands when Lindsay and Ryan were dating. When we arrived at the airport ticket counter



# Women's Ministry

## **"Boxes and Baskets"**

This is a call to the Women of Riverside to join in the fun for a **Ladies' Night Out!** We are planning to have a fun evening of laughter, fellowship, fun, and service. We would like help in putting together boxes to send to a small village in Elim, Alaska. This is a poor, landlocked village, and all necessary goods have to be mailed or flown in driving the cost of items higher with the cost of fuel these days. The village of Elim will be getting pieces of colorful fabric, thread, yarn, new toys, and personal hygiene items. Thanks to the generosity of our church family the cost of expensive items is greatly reduced by pur-

chasing them at the low cost we are privileged to have here in the West Lafayette area. We will be collecting monetary donations for this mission



field to pay for sending the packages to Elim.

We are also putting together Thanksgiving Food Baskets for families here in our local area. Just grab a non-perishable food item from your pantry to add to the basket and you are set. We will need light snacks or desserts, so bring your favorite to share. The evening will include food, entertainment by Anita Renfroe

on DVD, and YOU! We'll see you at Riverside at **6:30pm on November 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Upcoming...**

Ladies, we already have tickets and hotel rooms booked for the 2009 Women of Faith conference. And once again we will be pairing it with our Women's Retreat. The conference will be in Indianapolis, August 6-8. You know it is always a fabulous time so mark your calendars and make arrangements to be there!!!



# Happy Thanksgiving!



## **A Thanksgiving Day Prayer** by Samuel F. Pugh

"O God, when I have food,  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion,  
and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
Amen."

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**2008 Riverside Covenant  
Financial Snapshot**

2008 Year-to-Date Giving  
Needed

*\$241,560*

2008 Total Giving to Date

*\$211,024*

Weekly giving needed to meet  
budget

*\$5,490*

Average weekly giving

*\$4,886*

2008 Year-to-Date Expenses

*\$228,909*

**Adult Discovery Hour Class  
Schedule:**

- Sunday, November 2: Psalm 8
- Sunday, November 9: Psalm 5
- Sunday, November 16: Psalm 22

| November 2008 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| 9             | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 16            | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| 23            | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30            |     |     |     |     |     |     |



**Schedule of Events**

- Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
  - ⊕ Discovery Hour @ 9 a.m.
  - ⊕ Worship @ 10:15 a.m.
  - ⊕ Jr High meets @ 3 p.m.
  - ⊕ Sr High meets @ 6:30 p.m. (except on the 9th, meet at 5:45 for Extreme Worship night)
- Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m. — Baptism & Infant Dedication
- Sunday, November 16
  - ⊕ Mission Committee meets @ 11:15 a.m.
  - ⊕ Staff meets @ 11:30 a.m.
- Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24
  - ⊕ Men’s Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m. — Women’s “Boxes & Baskets” Fun Night
- Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26
  - ⊕ Jr High meets @ 6:30 p.m.
  - ⊕ Sr High meets @ 8 p.m.
- Friday, November 7 — Reading Group meets at Einstein’s @ 7 a.m.
- Friday, November 9, 7 p.m. — Girls and Goonies night at Lacey & Miranda Nelson’s
- Saturday, November 8, 8:30 a.m. — Men’s Big Breakfast @ Riverside

**November Birthdays**

|                   |                     |                  |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2 Levi Davidson   | 11 Amanda Phillips  | 25 Jesse Reyes   |
| 4 Jamie Seebald   | 15 Scott Blanchard  | 27 Katie Sabel   |
| 4 Richard Pollard | 16 Lori Wittke      | 29 Melissa Guipe |
| 7 Deborah Tillett | 19 Erin Springs     | 30 Lacey Nelson  |
| 8 Maya Reyes      | 20 Lisa Driskell    |                  |
| 10 Sandi Springs  | 24 Matt Muehlhausen |                  |