



# HILLTOP NEWS

April 2008

## Mike's Musings

I don't usually like to take this space for "advertising". It's intended for reflection, instruction, inspiration or sometimes just venting my spleen. However, I am so excited about some of the events coming up in the life of the church this month that I wanted to highlight them.

Bible Club last night was part of my inspiration. I sat listening to Linda Goehring sharing the simple gospel and the children reciting the verses foundational to it, and I thought, "This is what ministry is all about!" Getting the Word out so that it gets into the minds and hearts of people. Getting the Word out so that it can display its amazing, transforming power.

I hope that's always taking place in the life of the church. The Word should be going forth from pulpit, Sunday School class, Junior Church, ETC, VBS, Grace Groups, Bible Studies. . . you name it! If that isn't happening, then we need to revisit our core values. We are, after all, a people of the Book. As such, we need to be "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15) And everyone who takes that seriously needs to be ready to heed Paul's admonition to Timothy (even though we aren't all pastors) to "Preach the Word; be prepared in

season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Tim 4:2) It is Jesus' expectation for His church that we fulfill the Great Commission, and integral to that is "teaching (others) to obey everything (He has) commanded."

Of course, the other side of that coin is our need to "learn" the Scriptures. It was Paul, again, who declared, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Well, there are two particular opportunities this month where we can get some great "equipping" instruction. First, is our Spring Bible Conference. Somewhere in this newsletter, you will be introduced to our Keynoter, Larry Bell. I've only spoken to Larry on the phone, but I've heard some wonderful things about this man, and I'm confident that all those gathered to **WALK THRU THE BIBLE** with him on April 4 & 5 will be blessed. Walk Thru the Bible's approach to teaching should inspire every participant; regardless of age to engage the Scriptures in new and exciting ways. I hope you're planning to be with us. Remember, there is child care and ministry for the younger folks too! Plus some great food and fellowship!

Second, I want to recommend to you the teaching of Steve Evans from the Steve Wingfield Evangelistic Association. He'll be preaching here at Burry's on April 20, but his more significant contribution to our Christian Education will be the **SHARE YOUR FAITH CONFERENCES** being taught in several locations throughout the month (see the April calendar). Steve is a fine teacher, and this course is going to help every participant gain confidence and understand that will enable them to share their faith with others. We desperately need trained soldiers of the cross in these difficult days to help us take territory for the Kingdom of God. These four hours of training will equip you for that vital task.

I pray that many in our congregation will take advantage of these opportunities to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18) I'll be attending both events (Park Church in Zelienople for the SYF Conference). Will you join me? I hope to see you there!

See You Sunday!

Pastor Mike

P.S. I'm starting a new Sunday School series on "The Parables of Jesus". I'd love to have you join our study and enjoy the fellowship of some wonderful people each Sunday at 9:30 am in the downstairs hall.

## People in the Pew: Dale Pflug

John Calvin said in the preface to the Geneva Psalter, "Among all the other things that are proper for the recreation of man and for giving him pleasure, music, if not the first, is among the most important; and we must consider it a gift from God expressly made for that purpose." Dale Pflug considers himself to be very blessed by God with the gift of music. You can notice music in all areas of his life, what he does for fun, how he makes a living, and in his participation in the life of Burry's Church.

Dale leads singing and plays guitar at Bible Club and with Steadfast, the ETC praise band. Besides the guitar, he sings with the men's quartet as a substitute. Sometimes, you might find him running the sound board for Ralph. Dale sees his interest and musical ability as a calling from God. He also thanks his brother-in-law, Charlie O'Donnell as teaching him how to play the guitar and getting started in music.

He has been playing guitar here at Burry's Church for the better part of the past twenty-five years. The son of Francis and Arlene Pflug, Dale grew up here. He was baptized and confirmed by Pastor Carl Stewart. The Confirmation Class helped saturate his soul with the reality of his faith. During his teen years, Dale's faith in Christ grew as he became involved in youth group. He distinctly remembers a youth rally in Chippewa, which brought his faith into focus, understanding his sin and Christ's sacrifice as the only solution for him to be reconciled to God.

After he graduated from Seneca Valley High School, Dale studied music education at Indiana University of PA. Instead of pursuing a music teaching career, Dale enjoyed working with his hands as a cabinet-maker. This led him to designing kitchens and bathrooms. He worked as a designer here and in St. Louis, MO where he lived for a five and a half years. Since moving back into the area at the end of 2005, Dale is self-employed making and servicing custom computer systems and as a music DJ.

Dale's favorite Scripture passage is 1 Corinthians 13, especially verses 4 – 7, "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." He understands it as a picture of how God loves us and how we must love one another. We are grateful to have Dale Pflug as part of our grace driven family at Burry's Church.

## By Pastor Tom

The Gaither Homecoming 2008 will be coming to the Mellon Arena, in Pittsburgh on Friday, September 26th. If anyone is interested in attending the concert, please contact Bill or Linda Rahn at 724-728-0693.



We do not know an exact price of tickets yet. We think we are looking in the neighborhood of \$35.00 a person (that is only a guess). We want to get the best seats possible for that approximate cost. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to go, so that we can order tickets the day they go on sale!

### February Box Score Averages

Sunday School ..... 126	General ..... \$3,196.69
Worship ..... 203	Benevolence... \$1,351.63

## Recipe Corner Tortellini Soup

By Lynn Tweed



1 lb. Italian Sausage	1 cup onion
2 gloves garlic	Mushrooms

Cut up and brown sausage in pot. Remove meat and all except 2 T. drippings. Add the onion, garlic & mushrooms to drippings and brown slightly.

Then add:

5 cups beef broth	8 oz. tomato sauce
½ cup water	½ cup red cooking wine
1 cup sliced carrots	3-4 chopped fresh tomatoes
½ tsp. basil	½ tsp. oregano

Browned sausage

Simmer until veggies are tender. Cook 1 bag frozen cheese tortellini according to package directions. Add to soup before serving. Sprinkle each serving with parmesan cheese. Yummy! For a complete meal, serve with a tossed salad and your favorite bread! Enjoy!



# MORAINE PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL

WITH STEVE WINGFIELD

**June 13-15, 2008 at Moraine State Park**

***Share Your Faith Conferences***

The purpose of the Sharing Your Faith Course is to train counselors for the festival and to equip believers for personal evangelism.

Friday, April 11<sup>a</sup> 6 pm - 10 pm  
Park United Presbyterian Church  
Zelienople, PA

Saturday, April 12<sup>a</sup> 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Butler, PA

Saturday, April 12<sup>a</sup> 2 pm - 6 pm  
New Community Church  
Wexford, PA

Sunday, April 13<sup>a</sup> 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Zion United Methodist  
Sarver, PA

Friday, April 18<sup>a</sup> 6 pm - 10 pm  
Chippewa Evangelical Free Church  
Beaver Falls, PA

Saturday, April 19<sup>a</sup> 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
YWCA  
Butler, PA

Sunday, April 20<sup>a</sup> 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Chicora, PA



Yard signs will be available in the next two weeks. We need about thirty families willing to display one in front of their homes.

Please call the office or let Pastor Mike know of your willingness to help.



Our Bible Conference speaker this year is Mr. Larry Bell. Larry is a native of Maryland but considers West Virginia his home. Confronted with the claims of Jesus Christ by a co-worker, Larry found in Jesus a life-long Friend and Savior.

He received his B.S. degree from Fairmont State College in West Virginia. He then

received his Master degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from West Virginia University. He has completed post-graduate work at the University of Tennessee.

Currently, Larry serves as the District Manager for the West Virginia Rehabilitation Agency. He teaches beginning and advanced American sign language for the deaf at West Virginia University. Larry is also involved in private Christian counseling. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Larry fills numerous leadership roles in his church. He has participated in the CoMission Project in throughout Eastern Europe. Larry has been teaching with Walk Thru the Bible since 1987.

Next to his relationship with his Lord, his highest priority is his wife and two children. He enjoys tennis and hunting, and is actively involved in coaching sports.

***Walk Thru The Bible:  
Old Testament Seminar***

**Friday, April 4**

6:00 pm Covered-dish Dinner

7:00 pm Seminar

**Saturday, April 5**

8:30 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Seminar

**Burry's Church**

1835 Route 68

Rochester, PA 15074

Call 724-452-6941 or register online at

[www.burryschurch.org](http://www.burryschurch.org)

### **Mission Report ~ Tim & Mindee VanArsdale-Youth for Christ**

The volunteers sat around the table at a recent Executive Committee meeting praying for the ongoing ministries of the Café 41:11 at both the Medina and Norton locations. They prayed that the Lord would bless the ministry, encourage the volunteers, meet the financial needs and bring many to a saving knowledge of Him. By the end of the meeting the volunteers began to reminisce and name some of the people who accepted Christ through this ministry. Numerous people came to mind. Along with their names, came their stories, some sad, some bad, but all amazing.



**From Our  
Missionaries**

As we continue to look at our mission statement, we look at the heart of why the Café exists, to prayerfully lead people to Christ. This is why the Café ministry was born over 8 years ago. This is why we intentionally place ourselves in the path of our patrons to intersect our lives with theirs. This is why we serve coffee, donuts, soup and drinks. This is why we volunteer our time and give of our finances. All for the opportunity to show God's love and share the good news of Jesus Christ. This is what we are about.

However, make no mistake about it, Café 41:11 is a tough ministry. Most of the people we minister to have no connections to a local church and really have no desire to connect in the future. This is why we work hard to create the right environment and seek to build relationships, so that there might be an opportunity to share the good news of God's love to those who so desperately need to hear it. Please continue your prayers for our endeavor.

Conway Area Meals on Wheels serves approximately 50-60 clients in Conway, Baden, New Sewickley, Freedom and Economy.



They are currently looking for a cook. The position is part time, Monday - Friday, approximately 6 hours a day (from 6:30 am - Noon). It involves planning and preparing a hot meal and a bag lunch for their clients. If you are interested, please call 724-774-5654.

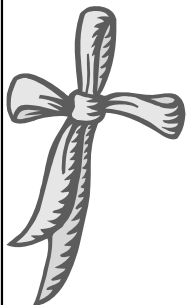
### **Junior Church**

(boys and girls in grades 1-4)  
leaders are needed for  
May, June and July.

Contact Joy Zahn (724-452-7758)  
to volunteer.



### **Faith Circle News**



Items discussed in March were the success of the Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks to all who helped and contributed to its success.

A Spring Luncheon will be held for all area churches on May 2nd at the New Sewickley Presbyterian Church. We also will provide lunch for Acquire the Fire and sponsor a dinner for Christian United Churches on Monday, June 16th.

I hope you have time to join us on the third Tuesday every month, please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Secretary, Barbara Tuma

LIFELINE of Southwest PA, a Pregnancy Help Center in Beaver County since 1977, invites mature and caring men and women to the Spring Training Classes for new volunteers. Classes will be held on 5 consecutive Thursday evenings, from 6 - 9 p.m. April 10 to May 8, at the Beaver office. Classes will include understanding pregnancy and prenatal development, facts and effects of abortion, effective listening skills, crisis intervention, post abortion counseling and more.

Consider that 37,731 abortions took place in PA last year, then consider how God could use YOU to save even one life. For information and registration (required) call the LIFELINE office at 724-728-5651 or 724-843-0505.



# ETC NEWS

**Picture:** Chase Komara, Kody Komara, Shyann Komara, and Noah Yeck with Chris Hoke of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

## DO YA THINK IT'S REALLY HIM?

I want to encourage everyone in the congregation to get involved in a little experiment in the month of April. Set aside some time to invest into the life of a child or teen. Our young people need to know that they are loved and significant! I've found that having fun with young people is the quickest way of breaking down barriers and building trust. That's what happened a few nights ago, as I took Kody, Chase, Shyann, and Noah to Fun Fore All for a few hours of relational ministry time. It was so enjoyable to watch the kids be "kids." The boys got to ride motorcycles, drive tractor trailers, race each other, and shoot things. Shyann was content with playing in the tunnels. Though she did want to test her skills at driving a tractor trailer. Thankfully for everyone, it was only a game, because it took everything she had to stretch to the gas pedal, steer, and watch the screen as she "drove." The excitement soon turned into hunger, so we headed to CiCi's. We talked about "their world" and then our conversation was re-directed by...

Kody: "Is that Chris Hoke?"

Chase: "I think so...it looks like him!"

Noah: "It sounds like Chris Hoke, but I think he looks different."

Shyann: "Chuck, do ya think it's really him?"

He actually was Chris Hoke, and he introduced himself to the kids as he signed their napkins. This appearance of their hero was the just the moment that I had been waiting for. I always try to look for teachable moments as I'm out with the kids. The conversation soon lead into, "Do you think that's how it was with Jesus when He rose from the dead?" "Do you think people recognized Him, and got excited?" The conversation continued as I drove them home. God continues to amaze me as to how He chooses to use these small moments of time to reach the hearts of our young people.

~ Chuck Horstman



**MAY 24, 2008**

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**



## ETC CALENDAR

### April 4

6:00pm Dinner

7:30pm Walk Through the Bible

### April 5

8:30am Breakfast

9:00am Walk Through the Bible

### Sunday, April 6

12:30pm SD Missions Team Mtg.

5:00 pm Steadfast Practice

6:00 pm E.T.C. Youth Meeting

### April 12

6:30am S.Y. F. Workshop

### Sunday, April 13

5:00 pm E.T.C. Leaders Team Mtg.

6:00 pm E.T.C. Youth Meeting

### April 14

7:00pm Steadfast Practice

### Sunday, April 20

5:00 pm Steadfast Practice

6:00 pm E.T.C. Youth Meeting

### April 21

7:00pm Steadfast Practice

### Sunday, April 27

5:00 Steadfast Practice

6:00 pm E.T.C. Youth Meeting

(Last E.T.C. Youth Mtg.)

### May 2-3 Acquire the Fire

Leave: 4:00pm

Return: Midnight

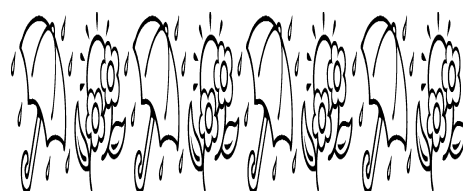
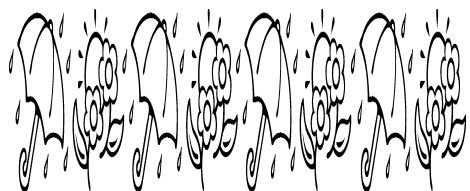
## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Cindy Lind	3
April Donley	5
Kathy Murphy	5
Kali Ralston	5
Julie Bernd	6
Kanda Usselman	7
Brandi Ward	8
Linda Garlitz	9
Valerie Chenet	10
Trevor Emerick	17
Ben Foeks	17
Hilda Harley	17
Mary Lou Niedergall	18
Jennifer Blinn	19



Mike & Carol Dengel	5
John & Chris Yeck	9
Dave & Kay Allen	12
George & Lynn Tweed	12
Harold & Erla Bernd	14
John & Ethel Winich	15
Dale & Marilyn Kryder	18
Bradley & Eva Young	20
Brian & Jenny Komara	24
Dan & Kathy Murphy	24

Mike Van Arsdale	21
Shyann Komara	22
Ann O'Donnell	24
Amy Foeks	26
Gale Zahn	26
Amanda Bable	27
Beth (Ettinger) Keating	27
Marc Brenner	28
Raymond Pflug	28
John Vild	28
Tim Dubovi	29
Jaden Maley	29
Arlene Blinn	30
Carol-Lynn Dubovi	30



Thanks to all for the flowers and many cards I received for my 80th birthday.

Bless you all!  
Eileen Bonzo

### Community Gospel Sing

St. Gregory's in Zelienople

April 6th at 7:00 pm.

Come enjoy the talents of local church choirs

We have many new books and videos in the church library.

No library card required!

There are books and videos for all ages!

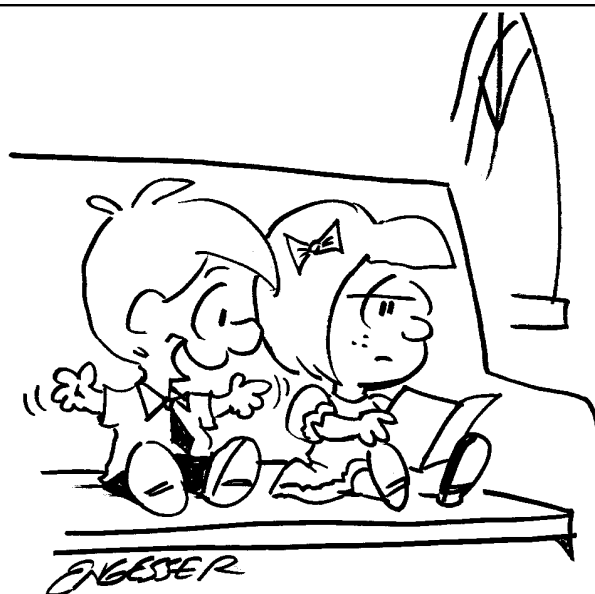
Check them out!



### Congratulations to Myron and Lori Bonzo . . .

on their success at the 2008 Pennsylvania Holstein Convention.

Lori won an award in the Progressive Breeder Registry, and Myron won an award in the Progressive Genetic Herd Category.



"So basically he took two loaves of bread and supersized 'em."