

## PLAN FOR THE WEEK

Times are pm unless otherwise noted

### Sunday

- 9:00 am Early Worship Service
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 6:01 Sr. Hi Gathering

### Monday

- 3:30 Finance Committee (Music Room)
- 6:30 Saturday Community Rehearsal (Tom - Worship Center)
- 6:30 Telecare
- 7:00 Salt & Light (Ages 18-30) (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday

- 9:00 am Upward Soccer Practice
- 9:00 am MOPS Steering Committee
- 6:30 Worship Group

### Wednesday

- 6:30 Summer Summit (for all ages)
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting

### Thursday

- 9:00 am Upward Soccer Games
- 6:30 Saturday Community rehearsal (Jeff)
- 7:00 Outdoor Volleyball (See note)

### Friday

- 6:00 Primetime Live (see note)

### Saturday

- (87th Anniversary Weekend)
- 5:00 Saturday Community-Baptism Contemporary Worship
- 6:00 Jr. Hi Missions Trip returns

## COMING EVENTS

- 7/22 PRAYER SHAWL MEETING (10:00-12:00)
- 7/23 CZECH TEAM LEAVES (2:30PM)
- 7/25-28 SR. HI. FUSION
- 8/1-2 BETH MOORE SIMULCAST
- 8/8 JR HI BONFIRE
- 8/11 CZECH TEAM RETURNS BACK
- 8/15 PRIMETIME LIVE (6:00 pm)
- 8/19 CARING COMPANION DINNER (6:00 pm)
- 8/20 L.I.F.E. AT GREAT AMERICA
- 9/12 FORERUNNERS BREAKFAST
- 9/13 CONNECTED ONES - CANOE TRIP
- 9/18 MOPS BEGINS (8:45 am)
- 9/19 PRIMETIME LIVE (6:00 pm)
- 9/30 PRIMETIME LIVE AT FIRESIDE
- 10/17-19 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

## PRAYER CONCERNS

A detailed prayer list is available at the welcome area in the lobby.

### Missionaries

- Dan and Gwenn Hovestol, Oak Hills Christian College, Minnesota
- Inspiration Ministries, Walworth, Wisconsin
- John and Jennifer Keller, Navigators, Taiwan
- Ron and Dawn Kregness, Lake Waubesa Camp, Wisconsin

### Our Family

- Rob Hess - set back with his MS
- David Copeland - recovering from knee repair surgery
- Frank Vyskocil - Williams Bay Care Center
- Shirley Norem - undergoing chemo
- Marian Sorensen - undergoing chemo
- Marshall Ryg - Golden Years

### Emergency Prayer Chain

Please call one of the following if you have an emergency request:

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|----------------|--------------|
| Bea Nieuburt   | 262-740-2434 |
| Doris Reynhout | 262-742-3731 |
| Barb Hinzpeter | 262-275-3803 |

### God's work done God's way in God's time brings God's resources

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>
Year-to-date General Fund Income	\$577,017.58	\$487,232.72	\$595,294.10
Year-to-date General Fund Expenses	\$617,731.28		
Year-to-date Missions Income	\$138,373.65	\$141,731.03	\$135,726.90

July 12-13, 2008

# Staying the Course

Pastor Doug Anderson



*"So the wall was completed . . . in fifty-two days . . . they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God." (Nehemiah 6:15)*

## 1. "Staying the Course" requires a course to stay

- ★ 1:2 *"I questioned them about the remnant . . ."* a seeking mind positions me to discern God's course.
- ★ 1:4 *"For some days I mourned . . ."* a tender, seeking heart positions me to own God's course.
- ★ 1:5-11 *"I confess the sins we . . ."* an honest, accountable relationship with God positions me to engage with God's course.
- ★ 2:1 Four months of interaction with God to understand the course, develop my plan of action, and prepare for my role in it.

## 2. "Launching the course" requires a God opportunity and DM

- ★ 2:1-4 Positioning for launch is active, not passive
- ★ 2:4 Prayer in the Defining Moment, an essential dialogue
- ★ 2:8, 18 *"The gracious hand of God was upon me"* Evidence confirming God's guidance enables staying the course confidently
- ★ 2:11-17 *"I went up examining the wall"* Due diligence enables clarification from God of His course before you.
- ★ 2:17, 18 *"Come let us rebuild"* God anointed leadership mobilizes to His course, not personal agenda.
- ★ 2:19 *"What are you doing?"* Assume opposition!
- ★ 2:20 *"The God of heaven will give us success"* God's work (course) done God's way (obedience), in God's time (strategic).

## 3. "Staying God's Course" requires people . . . keys to success

- ★ Chap. 3 Each person (willing heart) finds and fulfills their "course" in God's larger purpose/plan. (their role/ unique fit)
  - catch and own God's vision
  - envision your involvement and making a difference
  - engage uniquely . . . shoulder to shoulder with others
- ★ Chap. 4 Staying the course in face of opposition
  - expect opposition/ be positioned ready for it
  - prioritize prayer, engaging God continually (4, 9)
  - alert in most vulnerable areas of life (13)
  - stay the course working armed (16)
  - don't resist calling for help (pride) (20)
  - some courses require it all . . . will you? (23)
- ★ Chap. 5 Remain cautious with allies
  - 5:6, 7 watch out for opportunists
  - 3:5 assume some will not catch the vision
  - 5:15 *"but out of reverence for God . . ."* keep the standard at God's height, especially for you

## 4. "Staying the course". . . multi-purpose / long term purpose

- ★ 6:15, 16 *"when our enemies heard about this . . . they were afraid . . . because they realized this work had been done with the help of our God."* (Isaiah 41:20) God's glory
- ★ 7:1-3 What's the ongoing function / purpose?
- ★ 7:4, 5 Unity of God's people
- ★ Chap. 8-13 Positioning of God's people for God's future
  - Authority of God's Word (8)
  - Repentance living (9)
  - Responsible living (10:32, 35)
  - God blessed growth anticipated (11)
  - Consecration (12)
  - Spiritual discipline (13) (Deut.30:19, 20)

. . . and then Malachi

. . . and then 400 years of silence

. . . and then Luke 1