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# LETTER FROM ALEX

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

*“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”* Philippians 3:10-12

These verses from the Apostle Paul really capture what the month of April will be about for Bettendorf Christian Church: knowing the resurrection and pressing on to take hold of that to which Christ Jesus has called us.

At the beginning of April, we will commemorate and celebrate the most important events in all of history. We will remember Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection from the tomb! We will host a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. on April 2 and we will have our resurrection celebrations on Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4, during our normal service times. We will examine his sufferings and what it means to be like Him in death, and so also how we can be like Him in the power and glory of the resurrection. Invite your friends and family to join us for these services. You can also help us by arriving early, parking at Fareway on Easter morning and taking the shuttle to our parking lot. Teen and adult classes will not take place on Easter so that we can maximize our ability to reach out to guests on this very important day. We look forward to celebrating this weekend together with you!

At the end of April, we will be sponsoring our second year of the Love Project. We do this in part as a way to press on as a church to become everything God wants us to be and to show our love for Him and for others in very real and concrete ways. We encourage our congregation to plan to spend that entire weekend together as a family: attend Saturday night's service designed to pump us up and to prepare for the day of service, sign up for a Love Project site (sign-ups are already underway and you can sign up even on our website), and then re-connect with your brothers and sisters on Sunday night for a celebration service that is like no other service as we receive reports from the different projects and celebrate with all of heaven in the Kingdom work we will accomplish that day. Services on Saturday and Sunday night will both begin at 6 p.m.

Let's take hold of Him and the future for which He has taken hold of us!

May God bless us all as we seek to love Him and love others.

In His service and yours,

Alex Cobb

Worship & Leadership Minister  
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## BCC Theme Verse

He answered: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Luke 10:27

Sometimes we look at the Bible and we are overwhelmed wondering how we could ever live out all that God’s Word teaches. At BCC, we ask our members to commit to living out one verse – Luke 10:27. By living out just this one verse, you will fulfill our church’s vision, you will become the disciple you want and need to be, and you will please your Heavenly Father. We encourage you to memorize this verse and to commit yourself to its call on a daily basis.

## New Members

Kristin Callaway

Dan and Sarah Denny

Raymond and Jody Schulz

Malachi Scott

Brian and Pam Haynes,  
Megan Haynes

Drew and Missy Bright,  
Courtney Bright  
and Allison Bogdon

Hank and Debra Ward

Chris and Gina Knudsen,  
Luke and Katelyn  
Knudsen

## Home Communion

Tim Headley  
(563) 355-5160

## The Love Project is Here!

### What is the Love Project?

This is BCC’s once-a-year worship outreach experience focused on Loving God by Loving Others outside our congregation. Our church will leave the building to share the love of Jesus in a practical way (we will not have morning services at the building). There are many exciting projects that participants can choose to be involved in, including: fixing up homes, tearing down unsightly buildings, feeding our public servants and community residents, delivering goods to the needy, visiting nursing homes, constructing and cleaning at local ministries, clearing brush, painting, doing crafts with children and giving out fun food to Sunday workers. All of these projects are “no strings attached” acts of kindness that will meet people’s needs.

### When is the Love Project?

This will take place on Sunday morning or afternoon, April 25, but there are a few projects offered as well for Saturday, April 24.

### Who can join in on the Love Project?

Anyone is welcome to join us in serving others – BCC members, guests and any family and friends, neighbors or co-workers. We encourage families to work together: there are many child-friendly projects – a great way to train them up in the Lord by showing them how to love others.

### How do I join in on the Love Project?

There is a form available to use to sign up for participation on the Love Project. Just sign up or fill in that form and send it. This is an important step because we need to know where to include everyone – project leaders need to receive this information in time to communicate adequately with their participants. Most people will not meet at the building but will go directly to the sites where they are assigned.

### Why does BCC do the Love Project?

We see it as fulfilling our vision and believe it is a part of those “good works” that God has prepared beforehand for us to walk in (Ephesians 2:10). Since we do not do this in the name of our church, we invite others to join in as we “show the love of Jesus” to our community.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If your April birthday or anniversary does not appear in this list, please contact the church office.

## BIRTHDAYS

### April 1

Jill Hill  
John Kaddatz  
Terry Saul  
Cierra Svetich

### April 2

Jaylee Duncan  
Jordan Kerr

### April 3

Miriam O'Leary  
Melissa Poulsen

### April 4

Lucy Welchert-Kealoha  
Gregg Whigham

### April 5

Ahriyana Creighton  
Kristen Hayes  
Matt Mouser  
Kylee Waldron

### April 6

Megan Haynes  
Susan Lott

### April 7

Pam Klim

### April 8

LeAnn Dotter  
Bailey Ford  
Janet Meyers  
Joy Povich  
Joel Snyder

### April 9

Mitchell Bennett  
Bob Stotler

### April 10

Alina Hagen  
Karen Snyder  
Raelyn Yowell

### April 11

Becki Cusimano  
Troy Dirks  
Collin Ogden  
Darcie Seligman

### April 12

Tim Scott

### April 13

Kimberly Booe  
Maddie Weyeneth

### April 14

Brian Jacob  
Kirk Roberts  
Joe Snyder

### April 15

Audrey Birmingham  
Amanda Creighton  
Greta Klim  
Lisa Linboom  
Kimberly Lott

### April 16

Dennis Anhalt  
Janice Carpa  
Tricia Gauss  
Cami Rose Havill  
Adam Headley  
Harold Pope  
Mikyla Wren

### April 17

Monica Fuessel  
Terry Johnston

### April 18

Pia Ammann  
Callie Dotter  
Katelyn Jacob  
Richard Sexton  
Keori Stotler  
Ryan Treharne  
Stacey Tyler

### April 20

Jackie Anhalt  
Tim Hennings  
Vikki Mackovich  
Addison Walls  
Levi Woods

### April 21

Lauren Fritz  
Kyle Quinn  
Madison Witherspoon

### April 23

Benjamin Tappa

### April 24

Nicole Hagen

### April 25

Kathy Cline  
Gina Truesdell

### April 26

Claudiu Cimpean  
Amanda Hawkes  
Justin Hopkins  
Lori List  
Jasmine Morgan  
Ellen Roberts  
Miles Robertson

### April 27

Jennifer Bennett  
Doris Wood

### April 28

Tyler Corzette  
Charlie Peterson  
Malachi Scott  
Daniel Sell  
Ruth Woods

### April 29

Mae Carroll  
Sonya Keller  
Jane Smay  
Jerry Yowell

### April 30

Patricia Johnson  
Sara Quinn

## ANNIVERSARIES

### April 4

Orville & Gloria Carpenter  
Aaron & Amy Farrey  
Eric & Jane Noyd  
Robert & Bridget Smith  
Bud & Lori Sturtzer

### April 11

Troy & Meggan Dirks  
Bradley & Cindi Levetzow

### April 13

Jamie & Julie Weckel

### April 21

Andy & Teresa Brown  
Thomas & Nicole Hagen

### April 23

Dean & Patty Havill

### April 24

Brian & Wendy Peterson  
John & Pauline White  
Lew & Cathy Zabel

### April 25

Chip & Jessica Chaon

### April 28

Jack & Lisa Zick

### April 29

John & Janice Kaddatz

# MINISTRY NEWS

## Share Jesus, Show Jesus Training

Learn how to share Jesus and show His love in preparation for our Love Project. This two-part training series will be led by Tim Scott in Room B7b on Sunday morning, April 11 & 18 at 10:30 a.m.

## Summer Truth Project

Plan now to experience The Truth Project this summer – on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., beginning June 6. The Truth Project is a video series unlike any other. With our host, Dr. Dell Tacket, President of Focus on the Family Institute, we will take 12 tours into our culture. It is a thought-provoking and heart-transforming journey that reveals God’s design for all facets of our human experience and contrasts His will with the “lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil.”

This edition of The Truth Project begins June 6 – July 18 (the first half), breaks for two Sundays, and resumes August 8 – September 12 (the second half). Consider making this a priority commitment to your own spiritual growth. Well over 400 BCC members and friends have opened their eyes to the Truth because of this course. Please plan to join us.

## Rock River Christian Camp

Rock River Christian Camp is accepting registrations for their summer schedule! Register your campers before April 30 to take advantage of the biggest discounts the camp offers. Don’t forget – upon your request, the church will provide a voucher for an additional \$30 or \$40 off the registration fee of each camper. See the camp display in the Commons area for forms and more information. These are also available at [www.rockrivercc.net](http://www.rockrivercc.net). Contact Ted Brown or Bryan Shelley with any questions at (563) 355-0124.

## Women’s Ministry

### Ladies Spring Brunch – April 17

Plan to join us for a Ladies Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 17. We will be enjoying the Silk Cords, an a capella jazz gospel ladies’ quartet. The Silk Cords combines sacred lyrics and jazz harmonies to create an uplifting sound.

Plan to come at 9 a.m. – the group will be performing in the Sanctuary and then we will be enjoying a sensational spring brunch. Plan to bring a friend with you. Register at the Welcome Center or online at [www.BettendorfChristian.org](http://www.BettendorfChristian.org). If you have any questions, call Lori Sturtzer at (563) 355-0124.

### Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study

Ladies – join us as we begin a new study on Wednesday, April 21. We will be doing a verse-by-verse study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Jill Cobb and Karina Carlson will be facilitating this study. Join us for in-depth study and lively discussion. We meet in Room B5 from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. See you then! Childcare is provided.

## Grow Ministries, Inc. Annual Spring One-Mile Walk-A-Thon – May 1

Prospect Park, 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Moline, IL

10 – 11 a.m. Registration

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Walk

The goal is to raise \$25,000 for the GROW Ministries faith-based transitional housing program for women. Your walk will make a difference in the lives of women in the Quad Cities. Participants are encouraged to pre-register prior to the walk-a-thon. Registration forms and pledge sheets are available in the BCC office.

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Publicizing Graduation Parties and Announcements

If you are having a graduation party or would just like to announce your high school or college graduation, please submit the information via e-mail to [janet@BettendorfChristian.org](mailto:janet@BettendorfChristian.org) or in writing to the church office. Please indicate if you want the information shared in the May or June newsletter or if you just want it posted on our bulletin board across from the restrooms.

## Graduation Open House for Leah Gillispie

Ed and Karen Gillispie invite you to an open house in honor of Leah's graduation from high school. The party will be at their home, 18070 217<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport, from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 23.

## Youth News

This winter has been really awesome! God continues to do some amazing things in our Student Ministry and we are so excited to see what's coming.

Since August, we've been studying the book of Genesis in 'theWell' for high school students and it's been really cool to take an in-depth look at the lives of some Old Testament patriarchs like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. And at 'Higher Grounds', where both junior high and high school students come together for worship, teaching, and small groups, we've been going through a series titled 'The Experience.' In this series we've been looking at characteristics of God and how He wants us to 'experience' them in a relationship with Him. It's been awesome to see God move in some amazing ways as He continues to impact lives of students in our ministry. Recently, we were able to celebrate with Courtney and Ali (sisters) as they made the decision to be baptized and have their small group leaders baptize them at Higher Grounds!

Last month, we also took a group of over 20 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Chicago for an event called 'Junior High Believe.' We had a blast! We had some awesome times of worship, great applicable teaching, and amazing group times. We also had some pretty epic snowball fights, including one in the swimming pool at the hotel. And yes, we were swimming in an outdoor pool in February (it was heated though).

So this winter has been really busy for us, and we continue to look forward to what God has in store for us next. Check us out at our website [www.bettendorfstudentministry.com](http://www.bettendorfstudentministry.com) to keep in the loop on what's going on within our ministry! There are a lot of events coming up that you may want to get in on.

## Thank You

Where do I begin...I want to express to everyone how blessed Tyrone and I and our family have been! I know your prayers uplifted me while in Haiti and gave me peace. Also, thank you for the prayers and compassion you showed to my family. It is such an honor to be a part of a church family that has so much compassion and love. All the cards, calls, well wishes and meals were also very much appreciated! We THANK EACH & EVERY ONE OF YOU and will continue to keep all of you in our prayers. God has blessed us so richly with all the people he has brought before us! Again, THANK YOU!

Peggy & Tyrone Wilson and Family

Please convey our thanks to everyone who made bookmarks for the library. They are so bright and cheerful and each one is unique. We plan to put the library name on the back as a reminder to come back.

We appreciate all the love and support that our church family at Bettendorf has given us. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you very soon! Blessings to you!

Merrill and Carol Davis

BCC Members: Thank you for making my hospital stay more enjoyable. Being in and out of the hospital for the past month could have seemed like a long time, but everyone kept coming and made it bearable. The time went fast. Thanks again for thinking of me.

Art Butterfield

# MISSIONS

## An Update from Gainerville

Greetings and blessings to you, our family at Bettendorf Christian Church!

We are doing pretty well here in Kremenchuk, Ukraine. The little everyday tasks are getting much less overwhelming as we learn more and more Russian and we are actually finding ourselves enjoying going to the market or the store now instead of dreading it! The kids are doing great, especially Alex.



We did go ahead and put him into a Kindergarten here and during the first two weeks we thought maybe we had made the wrong decision. But after that he really started to grow by leaps and bounds. He just had a school program for which he sang four lines in a song in Russian! At this point, he doesn't even know what words he knows, but he understands so much already!

Jon has been working at the office with our team leader to get ready for the Kontaktmission meeting in Germany at the end of the month. Jon also attends the Tuesday night Bible study and when the weather starts to warm up he will be working at the new church building to get it ready for us to move into. I am going to start attending the Friday night ladies Bible study and have kept myself busy with the other two boys and learning to make Ukrainian food. For the record, Borsch (beet and potato soup) has quickly become a family favorite!!!! We were told that we are "officially" Ukrainian missionaries now because we tried "Salo" the other day. Salo is raw pig fat, and is considered a Ukrainian delicacy. It wasn't as bad as we thought it would be, but still not something we are anxious to try again!

We have a couple of very important prayer requests. First of all, we have a HUGE praise!!!! We are officially residents of the city of Kremenchuk! YEAHHHH!!!!!! Secondly, I am having a hard time finding and making time to study my Russian. Please pray that I would be able to make the time everyday to be able to study and that it would sink in quickly. The other major prayer request is for

our support. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of people that have been unable to fulfill their pledges and therefore our monthly giving has dropped. We are currently receiving only \$2400 of the \$3000 we need. Would you, our church family, be prayerfully thinking about partnering with us and the work that God is doing in Ukraine?

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support, BCC. We love you and miss you all very much!  
— Jenny Gainer

For more information about our ministry, please visit:  
[www.five4one.org](http://www.five4one.org).

## Prayer Request from Merrill & Carol Davis

Please pray for travel mercies. We will be heading to Cincinnati on Sunday, March 28 for a doctor's appointment on March 29. Merrill will have some surgery to open the right eye, which is almost completely closed due to scar tissue. We hope that we will have more information after we see the doctor this time.

## A Chance for You to Help

On May 2, a team of nine BCC members will travel to Oklahoma to work at Cookson Hills which provides Christ-centered services to children and families in crisis. We want to give members of our congregation a chance to participate by donating some of the following items to send with the team for distribution at the site. A box is available in the Commons for your donations. Thanks for your help.

1. Shampoo & conditioner
2. Deodorant (for guys and girls)
3. Body Wash
4. Washcloths
5. Bath towels
6. Dish towels
7. Shower curtains
8. Shower curtain liners and hooks
9. Shower curtain rods (tension type)
10. Alarm clocks
11. Breakfast cereals
12. Toaster pastries

# COMMUNITY OFFERINGS

## New Study from Bible Study Fellowship: Isaiah!

Bible Study Fellowship announces a brand-new 30-week study of Isaiah for 2010-2011. This class will start in September 2010, but you can assure your place by registering this spring.

The daytime classes now offer programming for children from ages 0 to 5. School-age classes continue to be offered during the evening classes. For safety reasons, please do not bring children until they have been enrolled.

There is no cost involved in joining a BSF class. Both the classes and the material are made available at no charge.

You can pre-register for this life-changing study by attending an Introduction Class:

### Wednesday Women's Day class

9:10-11:10 a.m., April 7 and May 5, 2010, Grandview Baptist Church, Ripley & NW Blvd. Davenport, Iowa. Class Contact: Linda Garrington (563) 386-5211

### Thursday Women's Day class

9:10-11:10 a.m., April 8 and May 6, 2010, First Evangelical Free Church, 3321 - 7th St. Moline, Illinois. Class Contact: Kate Moulton (563) 332-6167

### Men's Evening class

6:55-8:45 p.m., Monday, April 12 and May 3, 2010, Bettendorf Presbyterian Church, Middle Road and I-74, Bettendorf, Iowa. Class Contact: Duane Truman (563) 355-1689

### Women's Evening class

6:55-8:45 p.m., Monday, April 12 and May 3, Edgewood Baptist Church @ 2704 - 38th St. Rock Island, Illinois. Class Contact: Tammy VenHuizen (309) 949-3677

For additional information, please visit the BSF website at [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org).

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

## Do Not Worry

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"*

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6: 25 - 34*

There is so much to consider in this scripture, but if you really believe it, it will give you so much peace and comfort. We over schedule ourselves, then wonder how to manage the time. We overextend our budgets and then wonder how to make ends meet. We worry about how we will fit everything into our schedules, into our budgets, into our education, into our work, but in the end we must realize that GOD is in CONTROL, not us. Set your priorities right, put God first in your life, give of your time and your resources to Him first.

# ELDER'S MEETING NOTES

These notes reflect meetings held from February 15 - March 8, 2010.

No meeting was held on February 8, 2010.

1. Ministry Reports for January and February were reviewed making special note of joys and prayer requests. Staff health issues and a concern for a general growth in the counseling load received special mention as did the passing of Harold's mother after 102 years of a life lived well.
2. Capital Campaign: The elders and Capital Campaign Committee have agreed that the campaign will include building / remodeling goals. Toward that end, the focus now shifts to formation of an ad hoc committee that will be charged with developing:
  - Recommendations for a workable budget and debt ceiling
  - A construction / remodeling plan that best balances needs. As communicated via Jen Bennett, the building committee would like to pursue Children's Wing Expansion and the Expansion of the Sanctuary simultaneously.

The initialization of expansion with an initial budget of \$1.6 million has been approved by the elders. If the building committee wishes to pursue expansion that will exceed this amount, they can make a proposal to the elders.
3. BCC conducted a hiring process for an individual to fill the position of Buildings and Grounds Administrator. The hiring team interviewed and recommended Todd Dooling for this position and this proposal was approved. Todd's position will be a full-time hire. A resurrected "Building and Grounds Committee" will provide support to him.
4. The Divorce Care and College Ministries will be placed on hold until new leaders can be found.
5. The response to the overhaul of church publications (bulletins, announcements, web site...) has been resoundingly positive. While clearly the work of many, Kelly Sikkema's hand in guiding this effort is sincerely appreciated.
6. Elder recruitment process – the elders conducted the elder application and interview process. They are pleased to submit David Poole as a candidate for elder. The election will take place on April 10-11.
7. Keith Kauten attended an elders' meeting to discuss his passionate concern over the federal deficit and escalating debt. The elders thanked him for sharing his concerns with them and prayed with him regarding the matter.
8. The 02/20/2010 Leadership Conference at Lincoln Christian College and Seminary was a positive experience. Much of what was shared aligned well with what we are doing as a church.
9. Legal Consultation – A presentation was made from the church staff regarding the current process of collecting all of our legal documents and church policies for an audit to be performed to ensure our official forms and policies cohere with current law and protect us as best as possible from any legal issues.