



“Do We Need to be Reminded?”

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“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16 NIV)

A few weeks ago I was blessed to tears by a situation I found myself in. We had come together to pray and there were only about a half dozen of us present. An elderly lady was part of the group and when she arrived, she met a gentleman whom she did not know. When she heard his name, her eyebrows raised and she began to ask several questions. By the time the dialogue was over, we had discovered that she, when just a little girl, and her family had been praying for two families in their community in a special way, praying that God would bring salvation to them. Now, about 75 years later, gathered together to pray were representatives from both of those families along with herself. Is God faithful? Is prayer powerful? You had better believe it!! God’s timing may be different than ours, but He does hear and answer prayer.

An old hymn written by Ira Wilson and put to music by George Shuler entitled, “Make Me a Blessing”, has been going through my mind this morning. The chorus concludes with the line, “*Make me a blessing to someone today.*” I am convinced that one of the greatest ways to be a blessing in someone’s life is to pray for them. (How exciting it was to receive this week a report on our Under-Shepherd ministry and see that 553 people associated with Christ Community Church are being prayed for each week – yeah, Under-Shepherd ministry!) I am confident that in response to prayer, God is powerfully at work making his truth known, convicting of sin, transforming lives, supplying needs, and extending his kingdom. As you know, it says in James 4:2 that “*you do not have, because you do not ask God.*” The next verse explains why we often don’t receive. It says, “*When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*” Wouldn’t it be great if we had about 500 people (some of the above 553 people are infants), out of love, all praying for one another with pure motives?! By blessing one another through prayer, we would be blessed. Remember... “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” May God bless you with seeing many of your fervent, love-motivated prayers for others answered in ways even beyond what you can imagine.

Loving Through Serving: Have you been seeing God opening doors of opportunity for you in our “away game”? It seems to me that nearly every day something pops up in my life that is another opportunity to share God’s love with others. This past week I received a call from Beth Van Loon who is currently teaching ESL in Waseca. Because of the cutback in busing by the school district, there are about a half-dozen students of hers who are in need of transportation to and from school each day (there either is no vehicle or the family has only one and it is being used for work). Beth was wondering if there may be people in our congregation who would be able to help with a ride to or from school on any given day(s)? I have passed this need on to Joe & Bonnie Kyte who coordinate our Loving Through Serving ministry; however, there may be some of you who would like to help out. If you feel God is calling you to help on a regular basis, please give Joe & Bonnie a call at 833-3316 or call us at the church office at 835-2235.

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Another opportunity to help has also been brought to my attention. There is a family where the father, due to an injury, cannot work and is scheduled for surgery next month. In the meantime the mother is both working and going to school. Some occasional assistance with childcare in the evenings would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

Pastor’s Sabbatical: We are extremely grateful for Dan Hedge’s willingness to speak in our Sunday services the first two Sundays in September. Thanks very much, Dan, for ministering to us in that way. Last Sunday Jeff Stebbins, one of our church-supported missionaries, was with us and challenged us even further in our “away game”. The speakers scheduled from now through the end of October are:

- September 26th ----- Bob Schaus (Mark & Gina’s son)
- October 3rd ----- John Piper - DVD
- October 10th ----- Pastor Zach
- October 17th ----- Bob Schaus will be back with us, finishing up a 2-part message series
- October 24th ----- Tim Johnson – director of Minnesota Christian Ministries Assoc.
- October 31st ----- Tim Johnson returns

I know we all miss Pastor Chris while he is gone on sabbatical, and some of us may be a little anxious wondering how it will go with him being gone. It is my desire and prayer that when Pastor Chris returns he will find Christ Community Church even healthier and more vibrant spiritually than when he left. Please keep praying that Pastor Chris and Rhonda will return refreshed and invigorated for ministry. Also, keep lifting up all of us in our CCC family that we will faithfully move forward extending for the kingdom in accord with God’s leading. Thanks for your faithful service and support!

Revival in America: One other item I would like to share with you in this month’s article is that of a heart concern I have for America. The spiritual and moral fabric of America is rapidly deteriorating. As a nation we are approving acts that are clearly contrary to scripture and which God has warned that if we behave in the manner we are, His blessing will be removed. As Pastor Chris shared with the Elder Board, issues like: the sanctity of life, the sacredness of marriage, and the preservation of religious liberty, are moral issues that have become political. I believe God is removing his favor from America and that we need to do as we have been told in 2 Chronicles 7:14, *“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”* Many people are feeling called to pray for revival in America. I am aware of some who have begun a 40-day period of prayer and fasting today, September 20th through October 30th. As expressed in my opening paragraph, I know prayer is powerful because God is faithful! In 1 John 5:14-15 we read, *“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.”*

Please pray that God will have mercy on us and that America will experience an outpouring of the Spirit of God. Pray that we as Christians will humble ourselves before Him, confess our sins, and turn from our sinful ways. Pray for our leaders and for a revival to sweep through our churches, our communities and our land! The wonderful transforming work of God is not accomplished by our might or power, but totally through God’s Spirit. Please ask what God may desire of you and let’s join together in fervent, expectant prayer that America, as a nation, will return to seeking after God and His will.

Pastor Howard

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Heart Thoughts for Cornerstone

By: Pastor Zach Marino

I just was texting with one of my best friends. Josiah is currently enrolled in the U.S. Army and awaiting deployment in October. He is an assistant chaplain and will be serving his fellow comrades over in Afghanistan. He is a soldier. He fights for a great purpose, the Freedom and protection of the USA. He has to decide to put his own desires behind and remember the many people he is blessing out in the battlefield but also the greater good he is being a part of.

My friends, this morning as I was reading through Philippians 3, one main question was posed to me: "Am I living my life as an *Enemy of the Cross or a Soldier for the King?* You see Paul has some very cut and dry truths to share with us about the way we live our lives. First however, he clearly states his purpose. If we have no purpose, we have no passion. When we have no passion we lack purpose. We know Paul is a motivated and passionate guy. Why? He has purpose, and here it is, "*But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.*" For Paul, it's all about the "sake of Christ." The word "sake" literally means "on account of/for this reason." His purpose for living then is based on "for the reason of Christ." Everything that Christ stands for and represents, Paul is giving his life to. Just like Josiah is fighting for the core values that define America so Paul was choosing to live for the core truths that Christ defined. Paul has purpose and he clearly has passion as described in following verses that use the words "strive, press on" to communicate his high level of dedication and motivation.

So, if we are to really be serious about following this next truth we needed purpose, because purpose breeds passion. Paul's purpose was Christ. What is yours? What is your purpose for living? For what reason do you live your life? I know for me, it's Christ. It's not perfect all the time (as Paul concedes as well) but it's that core reason I choose to live. How then am I living? Enter, Paul's challenge.

"Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things" (Philippians 3:19). This verse is in direct reference to what Paul calls an "enemy of the cross." You know you're being an enemy of the cross when your life is being based on "your glory, your 'belly' and earthly things." Belly, why the word belly? Well, another translation can be "bodily desires." Now that brings a little more light on the picture. I'll let you fill in what your "bodily desires" might be causing you to become an enemy of the Cross.

What's important for us to know is that even though as followers of Christ we are not "enemies of the Cross" in terms of salvation, we still wage war every day. It's easy to "switch" teams in this war because not a lot of people would know your "double agent" status, hardly anyone for that fact. Why? Because we do it in our hearts. We make choices daily that either put us as enemies of the Cross or Soldiers for the King. If we choose to fight daily temptations and struggles (lying to your parents, co-workers, friends, family, etc, cheating, coveting, impurity, vulgar language, obscene joking, etc) we are living as Soldiers for the King. If we are living complacent lives, taking advantage of God's grace by indulging our "bodily desires," instead of letting it transform us, we are living as enemies of the Cross.

Whew, if you made it this far, thanks for sticking with me! To wrap up these thoughts into one main one, I would say this: **We need to live life for the sake of Christ. When we choose to make His purpose our purpose, then His passion becomes our passion.**

Let's daily make a choice to live as Soldiers for the only one TRUE KING, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Zach

Getting to Know You

Perseverance

Dan & Julie Wobschall

By: Shannon Kuball

Challenges are part of life. Some challenges are harder to deal with than others, but the fact remains, if you are breathing, you will face challenges at some point in your life. “Consider it pure joy my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance,” (James 1:2-3). Sometimes those challenges move in like a thunder storm, loud, unable to be ignored, blowing down branches, leaving broken limbs and a path of destruction across our lives.

Other times the challenges are gradual, seemingly harmless at first, but building until you are faced with a monumental storm. Whether the challenge is big, small, fast moving, or gradual, the fact remains that the challenge is there and needs to be addressed.

Dan and Julie Wobschall have faced their share of challenges and have come through the storms clinging to their Savior as He restored the brokenness.

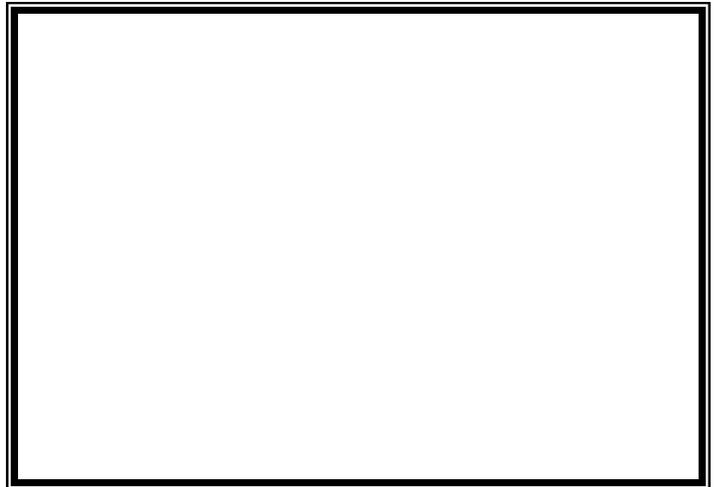
Dan grew up in Waseca and has great memories of his childhood. He is the youngest of four by nine years, and grew up in a family that taught him the value of hard work and instilled good morals and values into his life.

Julie grew up on a farm in Mankato’s bluff country with her parents and ten siblings. “I was very blessed to grow up on a farm. It was a beautiful area and it helped me see God in His creation. I remember as a kid climbing a tree in the pasture and singing praise songs as loud as I could, inspired by the beauty around me,” Julie commented.

As a child Julie knew that God was real, but when she was in seventh grade that faith was tested when her parents divorced. “I blamed God for my parents’ divorce,” stated Julie. The divorce caused a rift in Julie’s relationship with God that was not repaired until she was 19. “I was too independent for my own good,” Julie reflected.

A few years later Julie met Dan. They started their relationship as friends with no intention of ever being more than that. However, as Dan stood by Julie and helped her through a very difficult time in her life, their friendship deepened. “Dan became my best friend.”

In 1984, Dan and Julie got married, and three years later Danielle was born, followed by Jennifer and Ashley. “Before we had kids we made the decision that no matter what, we would never get a divorce,” stated Dan. This promise would prove to be extremely important for the Wobschall family on the road ahead.



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Sunday Worship Events



First service: 8:00 - 9:15am

Fellowship: 9:15 - 9:30am

Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30am

Second Service: 10:45am - 12pm

Prayer Meeting: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Revised

Staffed Office Hours

	<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Monday:	9:30 am - Noon	Noon - 5:00 pm
Tuesday:	=====	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday:	9:30 am - Noon	Noon - 5:00 pm
Thursday:	=====	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday:	=====	9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Christ Community Church Mission Statement

As a local body of believers, we will seek to glorify God in worship, in evangelizing the unsaved and in teaching Christians to obey everything Christ commanded. To that end, prayer will be our foremost task, Scripture will be our authority, God's Holy Spirit will be our source of power and love will be our motivation.



News from Congregational Care . . .

For various reasons, the Congregational Care Commission has decided to forego the annual congregational Thanksgiving dinner this year. There will be a fellowship event on October 16th at 6:00pm. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Paulette Born.

Grace Galvin, Commissioner

**** Women's Ministry ****

COMING EVENTS



Thank You to all who attended 'Pick your Pork'



October 1st & 2nd

**Women's Retreat at Camp Victory
'A Beautiful Mind'**

October 16th

Breakfast and Bible Study

Sign-up begins 9/26

October 22nd & 23rd

Women of Faith

Excel Energy Center, St. Paul, MN

!!Be sure and mark these events on your calendar!!

In December of 1960, a group of believers, under God's guidance, met with Rev. H.E. Sodergren, Superintendent of the North Central District, to organize the Evangelical Free Church of Waseca. A meeting of incorporation was held on December 15, 1960 with 17 charter members.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Now, fifty years later, we are able to celebrate the growth of the Waseca Evangelical Free Church, now known as Christ Community Church in their golden anniversary. On **December 5th** we will celebrate that milestone. Church services will be held at their usual times while we enjoy the decorations of the talented *Celebrate the Gift* committee. A time of informal fellowship will be held between services.



Invitations have been mailed out to former pastors and members, and we look forward to a time of reconnecting with those who had a role in the heritage of the church. Please note the date on your calendar and plan to attend the celebration.



Harvest Luau Party



October 16, 2010

Ages 15 to 90 are welcome to come starting at 6:00pm in the church fellowship hall for good food, fun and fellowship. Bring your limbo legs, grass skirts, sunglasses, flowered shirts - you know what we mean. It's a party!

Please sign-up if you plan on coming. We are asking for you to bring an appetizer or a dessert. So come, enjoy, meet new people.

MAKS

Moms And Kids

ALL MOMS WELCOME!!

FRIENDS, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

Bring a friend!!



Fall is in the air and it is time to get back in the routine! MAKS has started again. Whether you have come in the past or are new to MAKS, be sure to put us on your calendar and relax with a little peaceful "mom time."

MAKS is a moms & kids group that meets the **first & third Tuesdays** of each month in the Fireside Room from 10am to noon. There is no cost to attend. Meetings are geared toward mothers with small children at home; but all are welcomed and encouraged to attend. It is a blessed time to relax, unwind & enjoy spending time working and learning together as mothers. Then we have the benefit of a meal together while our children are well cared for & having fun.



October 5th

Personality Quiz Activity!

We will be taking a quiz to learn about our own personality traits and then learning how to apply this information to our everyday interactions with others. Come for an informative and fun day.

October 19th

Women & Family Health Day!

We will be having a local nurse talk to us and answer any questions we may have about family health. Come for an educational & fun day.

Our leaders this year will be Stephanie Bartelt, Stacy Dufault, Shannon Kuball, Melissa Sexton, Lisa Cage, Jessica Mickelson & Aimee Miller. Please contact any one of us with any questions.

**Come prepared to relax,
laugh & meet other moms.**



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Getting to Know You - continued

While the children were young, Dan and Julie decided that Julie would stay home with their kids and open a daycare. To provide for his growing family Dan took on numerous jobs, two full-time, and at one point was working seven different jobs. Dan admits, due to his work schedule, “I was never home. I didn’t understand what it meant to be a Dad from a Godly perspective, and for too many years I was an absent father for my oldest two daughters.”

Julie however, did not see Dan as an absent father. “I felt extremely blessed to be able to stay home with the girls, which meant Dan had to work more.”

Seventeen years after Dan and Julie married, the challenging work schedule and lack of family time began to take its toll on Dan. “The communication began to break down in our relationship, which caused isolation, which led to a complete disconnect in our marriage,” stated Dan.

As the Wobschalls drifted apart in their marriage, other challenges began to present themselves. Their oldest daughter Danielle had some health issues that led to daily trips to the Twin Cities for treatment. At the same time, Dan was dealing with clinical depression. Financially, they were faced with a major crisis due to a mistake made by their accountant four years prior when they sold their ambulance business. In order to fill the emptiness of a distant marriage and to dull the stresses he faced, Dan turned to many different vices: friends, alcohol, pornography, but nothing was working. In fact, the lure and lies of the world were making his life more stressful rather than less.

Over the course of the next three years, Dan struggled to deal with the challenges in his life. Even though Dan was not seeking God through these struggles, God was leading Dan. Through a series of God orchestrated events, Dan began working at Pantheon Computer where he met Dan Hedge, through whom he met, the Dufault brothers. “I was introduced to men who lived completely different from the way I had been living, and I liked it,” Dan said. As a result of these relationships Dan began to help the Dufault brothers with their music ministry, and it was the day after a concert in 2004, that Dan came to the end of himself.

After making decisions that could have potentially destroyed his marriage, Dan found himself completely broken and in need of a Savior. “I had my head phones on listening to “Holy Holy” and “Shine in Us” when I realized that I could not carry all this junk around anymore,” Dan said. It was then that Dan audibly called out to God and asked Him to take it, and he surrendered himself to Christ. “In that moment it felt like forty years of crud was lifted from me,” added Dan.

Shortly after becoming a Christian, Dan and Julie began studying God’s Word and attending Bible studies together, which led them to Christ Community Church. Throughout their marriage Julie had served God, but it wasn’t until the family started attending Christ Community Church that she began to understand that she could have a relationship with God.

Since 2004, Dan and Julie have seen God restore their marriage, heal Danielle, and bring all their daughters into a personal relationship with Him. Becoming a Christian did not make all the challenges disappear, but now Dan and Julie as a couple, depend on God’s strength to carry them through. “It is amazing for me to see how God has carried us through. It is very clear to me that God brought us through all these challenges, and the good that has come from them has everything to do with God and nothing to do with me,” Dan stated.

“Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” (James 1:4)

OCTOBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>6:00-7:30am</u> Men's Group	2 <u>8:00am</u> Elder Development
					Women's Retreat at Camp Victory	
3 <u>8:00-9:15am</u> Worship Service <u>9:30-10:30am</u> Sunday School <u>10:45-12:00</u> Worship Service <u>5:00pm</u> Prayer	4 <u>10:00am</u> Women's Study <u>6:30pm</u> Precepts <u>6:30pm</u> Outreach	5 <u>10:00</u> MAKS <u>6:30pm</u> Women's Min. <u>7:00pm</u> Congregational Care Comm. <u>7:00pm</u> Property Comm.	6 <u>6:00-7:30pm</u> AWANA <u>6:00-7:30pm</u> Elevate (JrHi) <u>7:30-9:00pm</u> highRise	7 <u>12:00-1:15pm</u> Men's Study <u>6:15-8:30pm</u> Worship Team <u>7:00pm</u> Women's Study	8 <u>6:00-7:30am</u> Men's Group	9
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					Women of Faith Conference	
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