



# THE GOOD NEWS

February 2011

## The Word

**Feb. 6**

*"Salt"*

Matthew 5:13-20

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Joshua Burkholder,  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Feb. 13**

*"Harsh Words for Tender  
Hearts"*

Matthew 5:21-37

**Feb. 20**

*"But I Say..."*

Matthew 5:3-48

**Feb. 27**

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Isaiah 49:16a

Matthew 6:24-34

Guest Preacher:

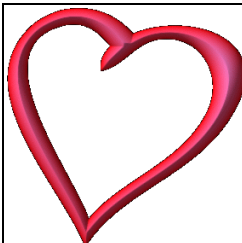
Rev. John Wortinger

Pastor:

Rev. Justin Fisher

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## \*WON'T YOU BE MY FRIEND?

*It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,  
A beautiful day for a neighbor  
Would you be mine?*

*Could you be mine? --Mr. Rogers*

Hello friends,

OK, I admit it, I'm on FACEBOOK! There, I've said it and I feel better. Now for all of you who are not as well *connected* as I am, let me explain that the social networking website *Facebook.com* was launched in 2004 as a way for college students to connect with each other online. Obviously, it is now open to those of us a bit older, and currently there are an estimated 400 million users, each with an individual page with photos and personal details that can be viewed by "friends".

To "friend" a person means opening the door to communication and information about who you are, where you go, what you think, and what you do. *Facebook* friendships are fairly casual (at least for this aging pastor), but each one is "*by invitation only*." Think of it: "by invitation only". Makes me sound pretty exclusive, doesn't it?

The truth of the matter is that *Facebook* friendships fade in the light of Jesus. Just before He was crucified He told His disciples: "You are my friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; *but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*" (John 15:14-15)

You may know me by my *Facebook* settings, but God knows me face to face through Jesus. Unselfishness, oneness of purpose, and confident trust are the hallmarks of true friendship, especially in our relationship with the Lord. Christ has taken the initiative by giving His life for us and inviting us to know and follow Him. He is my true friend. Is He yours?

In this month of valentine sharing, why not look me up on *Facebook* and we'll chat. Better yet, why not look up to Jesus and thank Him for being the best Friend of all. He's only a prayer away.

*Pastor Jake*

\*Devotional idea from *Our Daily Bread* (Dec-Jan-Feb 2010-2011)

# Administration and Missions

## 2010 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:  
\$ 34,435.59  
Needed to date:  
\$ 36,950.92  
\$1 Club to date:  
\$ 663.00  
Human Relations Day:  
\$ 145.00

## February Mission Prayer Focus

Ken and Debbie Vance

Kafakumba School

Rainbow Haven

## Prayer Corner

**Our troops-** Please pray for those men and women who serve in the Armed Forces

**Families -** Pray for the families in Arizona who lost members during the shooting in January.

## February Missions

**Ken and Debbie Vance** serve as missionaries in Zambia, Africa. Ken serves as Director of Likasi Pastor's School, teachers as Kafakumba Pastor's School, and is the pastor of a UMC church. Debbie serves at the Likasi Women's School which provides training in homemaking and nutrition as well as leadership development.

**Kafakumba School** is a multi-faceted training center in Zambia, Africa, that

trains community leaders, teachers, farmers, and pastors. This school was established by Ken and Debbie Vance

**Rainbow Haven**, which is located in Frankfort, is a not-for-profit ministry whose mission is to provide a Christ-centered transitional home that meets the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of women and their children.

## News from the Missions Committee

Through the efforts of the Missions Committee and the members of St. Matthew, a total of \$39,780 was remitted to the mission projects for 2010. Adding the UMW and the Sunday school projects, which was close to \$20,000, the amount given to local, national and international missions is **\$59,579.54**. This amount is particularly important to note since the budget for the missions committee in 2010 was \$15,000. We want to thank YOU, our members, for stepping up to the plate during these difficult financial times of the last two years and being so generous.

## Membership Totals for 2010

In case you're counting, here are our numbers at the end of 2010:

# of members: 645

# of families 368

Lost by death or by transfer: 11

# of members added: 33

# of baptisms: 10

## Mission Report - January 2011

These are the disbursements for January:

Open Door Clinic \$1900.00

Henderson Settlement: \$1000.00

Human Relations Day: \$ 145.00

A special thank you goes to Lowell and Wilma Brown for their hard work these last three years as Mission Chairperson and heading up the adult work teams to Henderson Settlement. The Missions Committee donated \$125 to Church World Service Tool and Blanket Project in honor of the Browns.

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The February newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, February 23, 2011.  
Deadline for articles is Wednesday, February 16, 2011.  
Carla Keafer, Editor

## From Our Family

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### Prayer Concerns

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Sam Altman  
Ryan Bachman  
Harold Banks  
Robert Burrows  
Andy Ehrmann  
Jean Grove  
Jerry Harshbarger  
Ed Northrup  
Jack Sharp  
Dick Swackhammer  
Stacy Baugh

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### Person in the Military

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Bill Taggart  
Andrew Stewart  
Kris Kennedy  
Josh Laughner

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### Birthdays (for those age 90 and above)

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Donna Jordan  
Feb. 16

Ruth Nicoll  
Feb. 27



I wish to thank all who helped with communion in the year 2010, the stewards, bread, servers, and clean up. God Bless you.

*Marie Berry*

We would like to thank you for the \$5 Starbucks gift card. The extra caffeine can in handy during finals week! Even though we can't attending year round, it is nice to know our church family is thinking of us. Thanks again!

*Catherine & Bernadette Frey*

Thank you so much for your donation to the clinic. We appreciate it very much.

*Jackie Kwasigroh  
Open Door Clinic*

The last couple of years have been difficult financially for many people in our community. Thank you to the congregation and various committees for your help in funding the Benevolence account. With your donations of \$6924 in 2010 and with our surplus from the previous year, we expended \$10,357. This money helped many families in Frankfort with heat, electricity, and rent. Thank you for your generosity.

The office would like to thank those who assisted us in the office in 2010: volunteers who watch the office during the Sunday school hour, who ran the bulletins and the newsletters, who collated the newsletter, Ruth Jones who stuffs bulletins every Friday, and those who "babysit" the office when the staff has an outing.

*Carla & Wendie*

Pastor Jake's message on Dec. 19 hit home and reminded me of an angel that was very much present 5 years ago on Thanksgiving weekend.

I was walking out to my barn with a bowl of pumpkin seeds to throw on a fertilizer pile. I stopped briefly to pet the nose of Golden, one of the horses I boarded. He was behaving nicely until his trainer came driving up the lane. When he and the other horses saw her, they knew that treats were forthcoming! Golden did a 180° turn and kicked up his hind legs in glee. Unfortunately, I was standing near and his hooves delivered a blow to my upper chest and threw me 20 feet backwards.

When I hit the hard ground, I went into cardiac arrest and my heart stopped. That's when God sent His angel. You see, the trainer was a nurse and her husband, who is an M.D., just so happened to be tagging along. He realized what happened to me and began performing CPR and didn't stop until the rescue squad arrived 20 minutes later.

After several days in ICU, 7 broken ribs, and incredible pain, I realized that God had sent an angel. The trainer's husband told me that he had never gone with his wife to feed the horses and he had not performed CPR except in medical school. Because of this angel, I knew that God still had a plan for my life.

I believe that returning to Frankfort is truly where God wants me to be and I'm thankful for the warm welcome I have received at St. Matthew. So yes, Pastor Jake, I do know a "Joseph." As for the horse, I call him my "Golden Opportunity."

*Barbara Strong*

# Education

## Children and Youth Sunday School

### Pre-K - Kindergarten:

Room 10

### 1st & 2nd grade:

Room 6

### 3rd & 4th grade:

Rooms 8/11

### 5th & 6th grade:

Room 7

### 7th & 8th grade:

Room 23-24

### 9th - 12th grade:

Room 26

## Adult Sunday School

### Seekers:

Room 4

### Faith 101:

Room 28

### Samplers:

Room 26

### Sojourners:

Room 16 (Parlor)

### Rainbow:

Room 27

### D.R.O.P. Ins

Library

## Other Classes

### Sunday Evening:

Ekklesia

24 week study

### Defining Moments

Begins Feb. 6

### Wednesday:

W.O.W. (Worship on  
Wednesdays)

6:30pm every week

## Elementary

**Sheltered Reality** – What an awesome day we had! Sheltered Reality showed us how steps of success can be delivered through music!

Thank you to the following people:

The Worship Committee for funding Sheltered Reality

Bob Pearson for being the “chef” that fed SR and our youth (60 total)

Rhonda & Ray Hundley and Paul Whitaker for serving

The congregation who gave a very generous free will offering (\$802) that was collected for SR

You for your attendance and enthusiasm

Look for more information in the newsletter on how to become an active member of Sheltered Reality.



## Youth

### Sr. High Institute June 26 - July 1

Students ages 8th grade - seniors are to register for camp in the church office. A \$50 deposit is due April 1. After this date, the extra spots will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Conference scholarships are available and must be mailed in. Forms are available in the church office.

### Youth Group - Sunday, Feb. 6

Jr. & Sr. High Youth will begin at 12:30p.m. at Everything Okay restaurant. Youth will return to the church after the dinner and play games until 2:30p.m. Drivers are needed to transport youth to and from the restaurant. Please contact Rhonda Hundley (659-4890) or the church office if you are able to drive. There will be no youth group that evening.

### Fundraiser Dinner - Saturday, Feb. 12

The youth are to be at the church from 9:00-10:00a.m. to set up for the fundraiser dinner. They are to return by 5:00p.m. to prepare for the meal. Plan to stay to clean up Fellowship Hall so it is ready for church on Sunday.



## Adults

Sunday night 8-week Bible study for adults 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 6 - March 27

### Defining Moments: What to Do When You Come Face-to-Face with the Truth

By Andy Stanley

Life is full of defining moments, those moments that mark key points along your life's journey. Bestselling author Andy Stanley examines several such moments as depicted in the lives of people from Scripture. If you are willing to look at these truths honestly in your own life, they can change you forever.

This 8-week study includes video lessons by Andy Stanley, a discussion guide and questions to apply to your own life. Each lesson stands alone, so you don't have to attend every class. Register by calling the church office at 654-5575. Cost of the study guide is \$10. Scholarship help is available. Childcare arranged if requested.

# Events

## Meetings in February

- Feb. 1  
5:30pm Youth Team
- Feb. 8  
5:30pm Churchwide Fellowship  
7:00pm Staff/Parish
- Feb. 14  
7:00pm Trustees
- Feb. 15  
7:00pm Martha Circle
- Feb. 17  
12:30pm Deborah Circle
- Feb. 21  
6:00pm Missions
- Feb. 22  
6:30pm Facilities Needs

## Chancel Choir



The Chancel Choir will begin music preparation for Good Friday and Easter starting with **Good Friday Cantata** rehearsals. *"We Remember Calvary"* is a contemporary tenebrae service for Good Friday, April 22 at 7pm. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday evening beginning Wed., Feb. 16 from 7:00-7:30pm. and on Sat., April 16 from 9:00-11:00a.m. We welcome new singers to join us if you are able to commit to most rehearsals.

Contact Carol Goul (654-6100) if you have questions.

## News from Sheltered Reality!

FIRST PRACTICE REMINDER:

Tuesday, Feb 22

Time: 7:00pm to about 8:30pm

Bring: Your parents to learn more about what being a new site in SR is all about...and DRUM STICKS if you can...that will help me out. Also bring big smiles and be ready to have fun!

What we will do: One hour or so of drumming basics and the first few SR song routines, then 30 min or so of information, questions and answers from all of you and setting the next practice date.

GOAL 1: There are shows in July near Indianapolis, as well as May shows near Toledo, OH, and we would love to have some of you (or all of you) be part of either of those...so we will spend the spring getting you all ready.

**Friends:** Feel free to bring anyone else you think would be interested in becoming part of SR in Frankfort.



## Women's Silent Retreat "Come To Me"

March 4-6

St. Joseph Conference Center in Tipton  
Cost: \$125 (includes 5 meals, 2 nights lodging)

Deadline for registration: Feb. 15

## A Day with Legislators

Tues., March 8 9:30am-3:30pm

### Human Trafficking

Speakers:

Rosa Bernard and Darlene Bradley  
Indiana Capitol Building, Indianapolis

## Women's Spiritual Retreat

April 1-2

### "Adundant Living:

### Holistic Living for Body and Spirit

Leader: Rev. Susan Jennys

Marriott Inn East in Indianapolis

Cost: \$65 -\$125 (includes one night with breakfast & lunch and determined by number of people in a room) or \$35 for commuters.

**Registration forms** are in the office or online at:

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/indumw>

Deadline for registration: March 1

**Information is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.**



## Building Bridges Counseling Services

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. and DeAnne Kinsey, and Ruby Burris offer many counseling services. Brochures are available on table by church office. Phone them at:

Jim 317-846-5912  
DeAnne 317-489-8920  
Ruby 317-397-3224

## Preschool Staff

Administrator:  
Mary Kay Baker

Linda Anno  
Jane Carter  
Jacki Crum  
Kim Ferrel  
Deedie Herndon  
Sherri Howard  
Rhonda Hundley  
Janet Mennen  
Jannine Rule

## "Soup"er Bowl

The UMW is selling soup!

Choose from Italian Vegetable, Cheesy Potato, and Chicken Noodle

Cost: \$6/quart

Pick-up date: Sun. Feb. 6

(Payment is due at time of pick-up)



Orders are due Jan. 31.

All profits will be used for local charities.

## Youth Fundraiser Dinner

Sat. Feb. 12 6:30pm

The youth are selling tickets for their fundraiser/silent auction dinner. You can purchase tickets from the youth on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. Cost is \$10. The doors open at 6pm as well as the bidding on the silent auction. Items will for everyone to have time to place bids.

## Silent Auction Items

If you have items or services to donate, please bring them to the church office or call Libbi Smith (652-1620).



## *The Gospel According to Lucy VII: Less Is More*

March 4, 5, & 6, 2011  
Lindenwood Retreat Center  
Cost: \$130

There are still some openings for the retreat. Stop by the church office to register.

Questions?

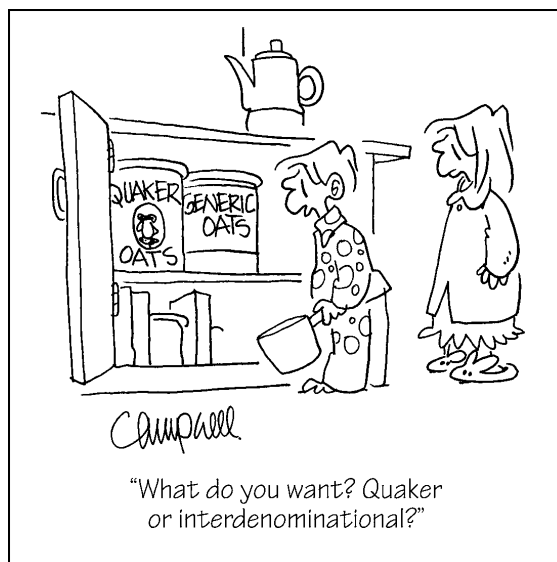
Call Alvia Frey at 654-7534 or  
Kim Redington at 659-3543

## Important Information to Note:

### *Vacation Bible School:*

The date for this summer is July 18-22. This is one week earlier than usual. Please write this in on your calendar  
And, it's never too early to volunteer!

If you are still in need of a flu shot this winter, stop by the table outside the church office and pick up a voucher from Walgreens for a free shot.



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### **Our Vision**

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*Make Disciples of Jesus  
Christ*

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### **Our Mission**

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*Worship God and  
Experience God's Love  
Invite Others to Faith in  
Christ  
Grow in the Likeness of  
Christ  
Love and Care for  
Others  
Go Forth to Serve,  
Sent by the Holy Spirit*

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### **Worship Opportunities**

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#### **Sunday Morning**

8:45 a.m. Traditional  
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship

#### **Wee Worship**

For children 3yrs-1st grade  
Sundays 8:45 am & 11 am

#### **Worship on Wednesday** **(W.O.W.)**

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided up to age  
3 for all worship services



Feb. 6 Guest Pastor: Rev. Joshua Burkhalter from St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
of Frankfort  
Soup-er Bowl pick-up (must be pre-ordered)



Feb. 13 Boy Scout Sunday  
Youth Group from 12:30pm-2:30pm

Feb. 20 Preschool Sunday at 11am service

Feb. 27 Guest Pastor: Rev. John Wortinger