

## B.U.I.L.D. Our Youth Program Begins



Landon and Nicole Miller, pictured above, begin their ministry with the youth of Prior Lake Baptist Church.

Today's youth are struggling! There are so many things vying for their attention and needless to say much of it pertains to the world. How do we not lose our youth during the pivotal part of their lives while seeing a heart change within them so when they are on their own making decisions, they make them based on their love for the Lord.

Our youth group is engaging in what Pastor Landon calls the **B.U.I.L.D.** theme: *Believers Under Intense Leadership Development*. Pastor Landon and Nicole's personal goals for our youth are that this future generation be well equipped to fear God

and serve the Lord.

Youth time will be spent in intense Bible study, music development and training, discipleship, applicable activities and fellowship with one another.

"As youth pastor, I would like to see the teens set certain personal goals as well. Particular goals I feel they could set would be Bible memory, personal

Bible study, family relationships and a heart for service," says Pastor Landon.

In July, a parent/teen meeting was held after a Sunday evening service and we had approximately 30 parents and teens present. During this time, mission trips were brought up as something the families would like to see in the future. Pastor Landon is committed to going on mission trips but he wants to make sure the youth are ready.

Along with the strong emphasis on Bible study, the youth will be doing many extracurricular activities such as serving the community (community

projects), service projects (helping neighboring churches), serving our church family, campouts, bike trips and overnights just to name a few.

Please be in prayer for Pastor Landon and Nicole, our youth and their families. We don't want to lose the youth to the world but rather get them on fire for the Lord.

"I am excited to see how the Lord will grow us and B.U.I.L.D. us up in Him", says Pastor Landon. ♦

### B.U.I.L.D. Goals for Our Youth

1. **To see them built up in Christ as living stones.**  
*(I Peter 2:4 – "As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious")*
2. **To challenge them to use their gifts for the Lord and His ministry now.**
3. **To challenge them to be Christ centered in Bible teaching, discipleship, ministry, music and all their activities.**
4. **To prepare them for a lifetime of Christ centered ministry.**



LEFT: Two dear couples in our congregation honored the Lord with their commitment to the God ordained institution of marriage. Mac and Jeanne McKennon (left) celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, while Gil and Pat Seddon (right) marked their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



ABOVE: Katie Zappetillo gives her testimony before she is baptized. Her friend, Brittany Rude, who looks on also became a member.

# Fall Bible Conference Led by Professor and Friend



**Pastor Ron Groschel**

I am excited about Dr. Mike Grisanti ministering at our church. Dr. Grisanti is a personal friend of mine and it will be an encouraging few days for our church. Beginning Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Grisanti will be with us for a four-day Bible Conference. Dr. Grisanti is an Old Testament professor at The Master's Seminary located in Sun Valley, California.

Dr. Grisanti has written many journal

and periodical articles and assisted in various editorial projects including contributions to *The New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*, *Eerdman's Dictionary of the Bible*, and *Bible Knowledge Key Word Study*. Perhaps his biggest literary undertaking is his commentary on the book of Deuteronomy. Dr. Grisanti will be bringing studies from this foundational Old Testament book during the Bible Conference.

We will begin the conference on Saturday. Professor Grisanti has

prepared some special sessions for our Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship teachers. Others are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. Then he will speak during our Sunday morning worship service, ABF time, and evening service on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The weeknight meetings on Monday and Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will begin at 7 pm. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this Bible Conference. Dr. Grisanti will instruct and inspire us all in our spiritual walk. ♦

## The Lord's Harvest Abounds

### A SUMMER OF MISSIONARY VISITS IN REVIEW

PLBC was blessed this summer by visits from six missionary families. Each shared the work God has called them to in His great harvest field.

Early in the summer, both Heidi Caasi (Indonesia) and Elizabeth Delisch (Sweden) spoke from their heart. They recounted with uncommon honesty the hardships that missionary families face as they adjust to the cultural differences of their host country.

Sam De our missionary in India touched our hearts as he retold the miraculous way God intervened to resolve a politically charged situation threatening their Bible College and Seminary in Kerala, India.

Later in July, we rejoiced with Phil Peterson and his family just weeks before they shipped out to their new mission field of Scotland. Daniel Eads and his wife shared their desire to leave in November to join a work God has called them to in the country of Tanzania.

Our missions emphasis month concluded with Kevin Zakariasen, our sent missionary to South Africa. With his own special brand of enthusiasm he used three of Christ's parables from Luke 15 to prick our hearts with the necessity to love the lost with the love

of Christ. He also taught us to rejoice, in four different languages, when that which was lost is found

This has truly been a wonderful summer as we viewed God's great field of harvest through the eyes of these dedicated servants in their respective mission fields. Praise be to the Lord! ♦

*If you would like to be personally encouraged by the messages from these missionaries, go to the sermon archive at [www.priorlakebaptist.org](http://www.priorlakebaptist.org).*



**ABOVE:** It was a joy to listen as the Delisch family, Jake and Elizabeth with children (left to right) Jedidiah, Moriah, and Hannah, shared the challenges and joys in the mission field of Sweden.

**RIGHT:** Daniel and Jana Eads brought to us the mission field of Tanzania, which they hope to be joining this November.



**ABOVE:** As always, it was a true blessing and delight to hear from Kevin Zakariasen, our sent missionary to South Africa.



# Election 2008 - Be Informed and Be Responsible

The election year is upon us and you may be feeling a little disheartened and feeling like your vote won't matter. Don't lose heart! You can and are responsible for making a difference!

With the National Conventions over and the Vice-Presidents chosen, begin the research process now and be ready when November 4 rolls around.

God set up our Government. It says in **Romans 13:1** "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Because God set up our government,

it is our responsibility to be involved. Some of the ways to be involved are researching the candidates, praying for guidance when voting for the candidates, volunteering time, giving financially if you can and these are just a few examples.

God expects believers to be the light of the world and how can we let our light shine if we choose not to get involved?

As with many decisions you make in life, begin praying for God to give you guidance as you prepare to vote Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>! ♦

Web sites to find out about the national, state and local candidates.

## National

[www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org)  
[www.gop.org](http://www.gop.org)

## State

[www.dfl.org](http://www.dfl.org)  
[www.gop-mn.org](http://www.gop-mn.org)

## Minnesota Family Council

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

# Summer Memories



Moms in the Park typically met each Monday at Lake Front Park but on a couple of occasions they opted for a cool and refreshing swim at Cleary Lake. LEFT: Saige enjoys a little wade in the lake with mommy Nicole's help. BELOW: Jeddison Miller and Bailey Baird submerge themselves in shallow water.



Two groups of local men went up to Rainy Lake, near International Falls to enjoy fishing and fellowship. Our own Pastor Rusty Roesch assists Evangelist Ross Crowe in this summer ministry. One of the groups pictured above, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bob Engstrom, Aaron Hopkins, Pastor Rusty Roesch, Mark Duban, Gardner Mckeon, Tom Mckeon, Pastor Landon, Rick Miller, Chris Freise, Anthony Roesch.



Prior Lake Baptist Piranhas had a great season this year. They were 19-1 for the year, losing only the league championship game which made them runner-up for their league. They then went on to win the Tournament Championship at Lac Lavon. Congratulations Piranhas!

BACK ROW: Steve Kerzman, Andy Vigar (coach), Jesse Himango, Judah Himango, Per Christensson, Nate Havlik  
FRONT ROW: Nate Johnson, Nick Kerzman, Levi Poole, Sam Havlik, Josh Havlik, Mike Havlik (Asst. Coach)



### MORE THAN JUST A PICNIC IN THE PARK

TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Connor Miller helps his dad and brother put away croquet equipment. Craig Staton enjoys a quick splash as his team is eliminated from the balloon toss. Dathan Byrd & Charlie Annonson enjoy a game of horse shoes. Carroll Willey runs bases in Minnesota baseball. SECOND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Jeddison Miller enjoying a tasty plate of fruits and salads. Caroline Quintuna at play with her cousins, David and Jonathan Burtman. Larry Gorham is busy over the grill preparing hot dogs. STARTING IMMEDIATE RIGHT & GOING CLOCKWISE: Alan Billington and his granddaughter take a break from all the activities. Pastor Groschel and Steve Stange prepare to launch a balloon in Hawaiian volleyball. Jonny Stange proves that there is no generation gap when it comes to a picnic, as he joins Larry & Ida Clark and Anita Wilson. Jonah Hancock digging in for some fun. Pastor tugging along with Connor & Jeddison Miller in the rope pull. Pastor Groschel raises high the coveted "Where's the Beef" award for PLBC's win in the tug-of-war.





## BABY celebrations

LEFT TO RIGHT: Brett & Molly Baird with their new son, Carson Kevin. Matt & Lisa Nagel with their new little daughter, Riley Sara. Dan & Tracy Harrington with their first little one, Laura Nicole.



## Coming Events

### Moms Time

Mom's Time will kick off the fall season on September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at the church. Mom's Time will meet once a month September through May and a nursery will be provided. It is a beneficial time of fellowship with other moms and a wonderful opportunity to learn from veteran moms.

### Annual Business Meeting

The PLBC annual business meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with an all church dinner followed by the business meeting.

### Awana

Kids are back in school and ready to learn the basics and what a great time to get them back to memorizing scripture! Our Awana program, under the direction of the Staton family, will begin Wednesday evening October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 pm. If you would like more information or are willing to help in the Awana program, contact the church office.

### Men's Prayer Time

*"But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer."* Psalm 66:19  
Pastor Rusty Roesch will be leading a men's prayer time two Saturday mornings a month beginning Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. Prayer times will be the first and third Saturday of every month through November. The time will be spent praising God for His faithfulness and praying for many areas of ministry and individuals.

### Ladies Inypad missions

Missionaries have been so thankful for the note cards our church provides them during their visit to our church. Card making is a time consuming task, but with the help of ladies from our church, we are able to accomplish much. Inypad Missions will begin Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the church. After October, they will meet the first Saturday of each month through the fall and winter. Contact the church office if you have any questions. Supplies are provided.



Vicki Groschel is thrilled to have her first granddaughter!

## News in the Pews

### New members

The Bruce Clark family shared their testimonies on Sunday evening July 13<sup>th</sup>. Bruce, Cathy, Douglas and Danna recently relocated to the Prior Lake area.

Katie Zappetillo was baptized on Sunday evening August 17<sup>th</sup> and Brittany Rude gave her testimony to join the church.

### New Grandparents

Bruce & Melissa Knaak had a baby boy on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Myles Allen weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was welcomed home by big brothers Devin and Jonah. Melissa is the daughter of Tom & Wanda Pawlowski.

Ryan and Amber Quiring welcomed Malachi Ryan to their home on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Ryan weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and is the grandson of Randy & Paulette Quiring.

## Ladies Seminar at New Prague Community Baptist Church

The Ladies of Prior Lake Baptist Church are invited to join New Prague Community Baptist Church for a ladies seminar. This seminar will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. (lunch included)

Dr. James Juvinal, Counseling Center Administrator for Central Seminary will be the guest speaker. "Dr. Juvinal is such a wonderful speaker,"

says Gwenn Will "I encourage all the ladies that are able to attend."

Follow-up sessions will be provided by Dr. Juvinal here at Prior Lake Baptist Church during the Bible Institute times in the fall. There will be two follow-up sessions on Thursday evenings in November and December.

For more information contact the church office or see Gwenn Will.

## UNSUNG HERO: Lisa Dellinger



Lisa Dellinger picture from 2008 Prior Lake Christian School where she worked as High School Monitor.

In August of 1996, Lisa Dellinger moved from Ohio to Prior Lake with her two young children, Joshua and Brittany, and immediately began looking for a home church.

“During my move, I was continually asking the Lord to direct me to the right church and to use me how He wanted,” explained Lisa. During the rest of 1996, Lisa would visit Prior Lake Baptist Church as well as other churches in the area. In 1997, with God’s leading, Lisa felt that PLBC was the place that God would

have her and her family join. Keep in mind that during her search for a home church, Lisa was asking God to direct her to an area of church ministry.

Once she became a member of PLBC, Pastor Groschel called and wanted to discuss a ministry opportunity with her. Lisa met with Pastor, and he asked if she would be interested in serving as the church treasurer. “I wasn’t sure I could do this, but as I was praying about it I felt God telling me, ‘you wanted to be used, so here is the opportunity.’” Lisa accepted this opportunity and has been the church bookkeeper for 11 years.

This entails many facets, including; accounts payable, payroll, taxes, general ledger, bank reconciliation, budgeting, etc. The hours Lisa volunteers each week varies between eight to 25. This is on top of working in the Christian school full-time.

With things changing in her life, Lisa felt God was moving her out of this position. She is in the process of training others to take over this ministry.

“I have been so blessed these past 11 years. I have really enjoyed this ministry and have had such joy and peace in my life because I knew I was doing what God wanted me to do,” says Lisa.

“I cannot say enough good things about Lisa.” says Pastor Groschel. “She has been remarkably faithful and dedicated. She handles delicate situations with wisdom and grace. Above all, Lisa’s integrity is impeccable.”

Thank you Lisa from all of us at Prior Lake Baptist Church and School. ♦

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