

# NBC ~ New Beginnings In Christ

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## “BEING ALL YOU CAN BE”

I have been reading a book by Charles Stanley lately and I have been intrigued by a chapter entitled, “Reaching Your Full Potential.” In that chapter Charles deals with the issue of brokenness. Let’s face it; some of our members are going through very difficult times right now. Some are in the process of being broken...or at least you feel like your about to break. Some are trying to recover from being broken. I remember a pastor; years ago; making a statement that has stayed with me. He said, “God can’t use you greatly until you have been hurt deeply.” I don’t know if that is true or not, but it does seem that the people in the Bible that God used greatly had to go through some very difficult times. Maybe God is preparing you for something great. So let me give you some encouraging words from Dr. Stanley.

- God only breaks us in love. The entire process of brokenness is an expression of God’s love for you.
- God always sets a limitation to our brokenness. When God begins to target an area in our lives, He does not turn us over to the enemy and withdraw His hand of protection.
- God’s process of brokenness stops at the point when your will becomes broken. He will never break your spirit—only your resistant will.
- The process of brokenness ceases at the point where, if it continued, it would damage God’s greater purpose for your life. The Lord limits our time spent in brokenness.

- God uses brokenness to deepen our understanding of Him. Believe it or not, you may come to a point in seasons of brokenness when you will NOT want it to end because it is drawing you closer to God.
- God never deserts us in seasons of brokenness.
- God is always patient with us in times of brokenness. Whether you are dealing with a problem that has come as a result of sin or something that is a part of your life through no fault of your own, He knows, He sees, and He is patient with you even when you feel overwhelmed, angry, and isolated.
- God will lead you to victory through brokenness. God has a purpose for your life. The first step to reach His goal is to open your life to Him.

There are many examples in the Bible to back up what Dr. Stanley wrote. Just look at the lives of men like Moses, Joseph, David, and Paul. All were broken at some point, and all went on to do great things for God. So if you are going through a season of brokenness, just remember these eight points and rest assured God has something GREAT for you to do. As your pastor I am not praying that your season of brokenness would end, but that God would accomplish His perfect will through it for your life, and for His glory.

Because He Lives, The Best Is Yet To Come,  
Bro. Dave

P.S. Let me be among the first to wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## New Members

Melissa & Samuel Abrahamson  
Jane Bowers  
Tom, Judy, and Katie Johnson  
Katie Johnson  
Tim, Tere, & Keegan O'Harrow  
Madeline Shearer  
Carol Smith  
Lin (Linda) Tyler

## Local Missions

This is a busy time of year for Local Missions! Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner, and we are very excited about our holiday activities. We are providing 11 families with Thanksgiving fixins to make a wonderful meal. Collections for Thanksgiving will end Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will begin collecting for our Christmas outreach around that same time. For Christmas this year, we are going to give plastic shoeboxes filled with wrapped items that any family will enjoy. These will be passed out in a local neighborhood. The date for delivery will be posted. We plan to sing Christmas carols through the neighborhood as we pass out these gifts and invite folks to our Christmas Eve service. If you would like to help please take a look at the Local Missions bulletin board for a list of donations needed. You may also make a monetary contribution by filling in "Local Missions" on your offering envelope. We will gather to wrap the Christmas items around the third week in December.

Any questions please contact Nikki Grim – [howcomes@yahoo.com](mailto:howcomes@yahoo.com)

## Women on Missions

November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 will be the monthly WOM meeting; International Missions will be the emphasis at this meeting.

December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 will be the WOM Christmas dinner; all ladies of the church are invited. Be watching bulletin for more details.

December 18<sup>th</sup> will be our annual church wide Christmas caroling. Plan on meeting at church at 2:45.

## Youth News

As you may know, the youth and several chaperones went to East Chicago, IN for their mission trip in July. We had 20 youth and adults prepare for their mission trip by giving one week of their summer and \$265.00 each, pretty cheap for a mission trip. Two Saturdays were devoted to training and the required home project. We had the privilege of helping Keith Huffman's Sunday school class put on a new roof, wash siding and clean windows at Marilyn Croutwater's house. Marilyn, thanks for letting us practice at your home!! Hope there aren't any leaks?!? This was all in preparation for work that would take place in East Chicago.

When we got to East Chicago, we had teams of youth and adults working on shelters and roofs, some were painting, others were siding, and some got to rebuild a community park, while others were working in several community centers. What you may not know about East Chicago is that they had two floods within six months of each other that has put a huge financial burden on the city as well as many home owners. They said that the floods were the worst in over 100 years. It was hard on them to have one flood destroy so much, but to have another in a six month period of time was just too much for many people to bear. If you want to know more and hear some great stories

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talk to Ryanna Blair, Cayla Anderson, Gabriela or Daniel Esposito, Sara Thornton, Alexa Townsend, Megan Reynolds, Nathan Macy, Matthew or Joe Ingle, Patrick Sinclair, Kevin Dobyms, Desmond Reeder, Zach Davis, Kim Ross, Aaron Walker, Keith Huffman or Jeff Volbert.

The week is about changing lives of the people in East Chicago and our youth / adults who went. Here is some numbers of what took place in East Chicago. There were 336 presentations of the Gospel presented to the community. There were 25 people who accepted Christ for the first time as Lord and Savior.

There were five who recommitted their lives to Christ. There were 77 people who requested prayer in the community. There were 104 tracts handed out along with 17 bibles. There was \$3,029.26 taken up as an offering for the people of East Chicago.

Let me share what World Changers did in 2010 and what our students had a part of. Just in the United States World Changers worked in over 80 cities. They worked on 1,615 homes. They presented the Gospel of Christ 9,909 times. There were 530 Salvation Decisions. There were 330 students who accepted the call to Mission/Ministry. There were 20,522 total participants giving \$140,385 dollars.

We are going to Buffalo New York on July 11-16, 2011. The total cost is \$275.00 with the first deposit of \$60.00 due on January 5. I reserved 30 spots for this mission trip, so if you have a desire to take a short inexpensive mission trip see me before January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Winter Camp this year is January 15 thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. The total cost is \$60.00 with the dead line to sign up is November 17 and you must have your total payment in by that date also. See Dallas Hill if you have any questions.

## Crown Study

Church family, you will find a sign-up sheet at the welcome center for our next Crown Study. It will start on January 9<sup>th</sup> and will go through March 13. Total cost is \$25.00 for a single person or \$35.00 for a couple. The dead line to sign-up and turn in your money is December 12<sup>th</sup>. The time and place will be decided once we see what best fits everybody's schedule.

Many of you may feel that this study will be of no benefit to you since you are not struggling with finances, but let me encourage you by saying: yes, this class is a Biblical Financial Study on how to handle money God's way, but more importantly it affects our relationship with the Lord. Luke 16:11 says "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust true riches to you?" How we handle money impacts our fellowship with God. For many of us, the biggest battles we will experience in our Christian walk will be with possessions and money. So, the question to ask is "am I handling the money and possessions the Lord has given me right?" Why don't you sign-up and see?

Most of you know all the challenging events that Jonathan and Sarah Boleratz have endured these past few months, here is a testimony from them on how the bible study helped them through this large valley in their lives:

"During the past year, our family has faced some unexpected medical issues. Sarah was diagnosed in October 2009 with lupus, we became pregnant in January 2010, Sarah was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension in April 2010, and Joelle was born eight weeks premature in August 2010. Ultimately, we know that God is in control and has a plan. Also, He clearly is the Great Physician since we are all currently home and leading semi-normal lives. However, God tends to work His plan in

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practical ways. One way that we have witnessed this is through our participation in the

Crown Financial class. The lessons we learned about money prepared us for some of the uncertainties brought about by unexpected medical bills.

The first lesson learned in Crown is to have \$1,000 in savings for unexpected expenses. It certainly is not easy to save \$1,000 as a single-income family, but we are proof that it is possible. The second lesson is to pay off credit card debts. Although we do carry some credit card debt, we have a plan to have it paid off during 2011. Because we implemented these concepts into our budget, the medical bills were less intimidating.

The most important concept we learned in the Crown class is the lesson on tithes and offerings. Most people have John 3:16 memorized, but do not realize that it speaks about giving; "For God so loved the world that He gave..." God gives us so much, and all He requests is at least 10% to be given back to Him. This lesson spoke to us so clearly that we had determined beforehand that no matter what, we would always tithe before paying other bills. We leaned on Malachi 3:10 - "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." God has proven this to us beyond what our finite minds ever could have expected. The hospital bills for Sarah and Joelle totaled over \$1 million, and we were only required to pay a couple thousand dollars. Many hospital and doctor bills were forgiven. Friends and family have generously donated money, care for Mason, meals, cleaning, and most importantly, prayer. The body of Christ (our church family) has given us a metaphorical great big hug, just as if Christ Himself physically did it.

Would God have prepared us for this medical journey without taking the Crown class? I believe He would have; however, I also believe we would not have recognized His involvement nor would we have been as calm had we not experienced the biblical truths regarding money in the class. So I would like to conclude with two things. First, thank you to everyone for the love, generosity, prayers, and encouragement you have provided to our family. You all have been so tremendously Christ-like to our family. Secondly, if you have not had the privilege of taking the Crown class yet, I would encourage you to do so. God cares about us entirely, including our finances, and He wants us to know that He has a plan for our lives through all circumstances."

Jonathan, Sarah, Mason, and Joelle Boleratz

Why don't you start off 2011 by signing up for the ten week course and see if you recognize God's principles for living here as we get prepared for our heavenly home.

Pastor Kirk

## **From The AWANA Commanders Corner**

Our AWANA Club Started out on September 15<sup>th</sup> and we haven't looked back. Once again I have been blessed with a good group of people to help with the program. Our attendance has been pretty good at 31, give or take we are also blessed with 8 students from Cedarville. We will have a special visit from our AWANA missionary on December 8<sup>th</sup> and of course you are all invited to our Christmas program on December 15<sup>th</sup>. That is our last night for the year and will start back up on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Please keep your AWANA Program in your prayers. As always you are welcome to visit our program anytime.

Our prayer is that all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God Bless You Commander John

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## To All Faith Riders And NBC

It is hard to believe that we have burned through September and October already! They say that time flies when you are having fun, so we must be "having a blast"!

On October 16th, the NBC Faith Riders enjoyed the last "scheduled" ride for 2010. We will possibly enjoy a few "polar bear rides" (on an impromptu basis) during the cold months.

We have had some good success this year, with many "new" people participating, as well as many new names being added to our snail-mail list and our e-mail list. We got to share fellowship and the gospel with many! Please note that we will continue our monthly meetings through the winter months (first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM), as well as our monthly "Dutch suppers". Please feel free to participate!

God has allowed us to use our enthusiasm for motorcycling to reach out to others with this common interest. We can befriend others, and in time, earn the opportunity to share Christ with them! We can help to change the world, one soul at a time! This is the way all people enter heaven --- one soul at a time!

Matthew 5: 14 - 16 states "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven."

Let your light shine! People ARE watching!  
That is what we are seeking to do! The world is looking for hope and for something genuine!

God's best always,  
Gary Conley  
Chaplain/director