

A VIEW FROM THE RIDGE

DEAR FRIENDS,

MISCOMMUNICATION CAN LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDING, WHICH IN TURN CAN CREATE DISASTROUS RESULTS. WHEN GERBER FIRST STARTED SELLING BABY FOOD IN AFRICA, THEY FOUND OUT THAT IN AFRICA, COMPANIES ROUTINELY PUT PICTURES ON THE LABEL OF WHAT IS INSIDE SINCE MOST PEOPLE CANNOT READ.

WHEN PEPSI STARTED MARKETING IT'S PRODUCTS IN CHINA A FEW YEARS BACK, THEY TRANSLATED THEIR SLOGAN, "PEPSI BRINGS YOU BACK TO LIFE" PRETTY LITERALLY. THE SLOGAN IN CHINESE REALLY MEANT, "PEPSI BRINGS YOUR ANCESTORS BACK FROM THE GRAVE."

THOSE PRODUCING THE CHEVY NOVA FOUND OUT WHY THE CAR DIDN'T SELL WELL IN SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES. "NO VA" MEANS "IT DOES NOT GO" IN SPANISH.

WE, AT SOUTHRIDGE, ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO CREATING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION. MUCH TIME, ENERGY AND RESOURCES CONTINUE TO BE PLACED INTO DEVELOPING CLEAR AND USEFUL COMMUNICATION THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEDIUMS TO BEST UPDATE THOSE WHO ARE PART OF OUR SOUTHRIDGE FAMILY.

RECENTLY, WE REDESIGNED OUR WEBSITE TO MAKE IT MORE USER FRIENDLY. THIS NEWSLETTER IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF OUR DEDICATION TO KEEPING YOU INFORMED. ENJOY!

YOUR FELLOW SERVANT IN CHRIST,



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October 2

IV. Serving (Missional)

Matthew 20:28

We celebrate The Lord's Supper

Offering: Kid's Hope USA

Who Am I?

In their song "Who am I?" the musical group Casting Crowns answer this all important question by stating that our identity is found in a God who tells us who we really are. Our sermon series will give us honest insight into our true self.

October 9

I. The Best Pathway for Our Life

Luke 8:8

Celebration of Baptism

New Member's Class-6:00 p.m.

October 16

II. Minimizing Manipulation

1 John 4:1

New Member's Class-6:00 p.m.

October 23

III. God's Vision for Our Life

Habakkuk 2:1-2

New Member's Class-6:00 p.m.



William Borden, heir to the Borden Dairy Estate, was a multimillionaire who graduated from Yale with a multitude of business opportunities. Turning down many lucrative offers, he completed Princeton Seminary and went on to be an international missionary. While in Egypt he was stricken with spinal meningitis and died within a month of his 25th birthday. After his death, Borden, who joyfully gave his wealth and himself to fully serve God, shared his life philosophy when in his Bible was found the hand written words, "NO REGRETS." Is this the motto of our life?

October 30

I. "Trust"

Genesis 37

Fallapalooza-3:30

November 6

II. "Persistence"

Genesis 32:22-30

November 22

Thanksgiving Service

7:00 p.m.

November 13

III. "Bold"

1 Timothy 1:7

November 20

IV. "Constructive Conflict"

Acts 15

CFC Collection





Adult Spiritual Growth Opportunities

October 2011

Great Beginnings

Our fall is off to a great start! Many of our programs have already begun, but others are starting this month. If you haven't yet gotten connected, please consider where you can best enjoy the many spiritual growth opportunities available to you.

Our Monday night women's Bible study has had an amazing turnout. Over 170 women have committed to Bible study and many are also staying for the yoga class that immediately follows our class time. We meet in the Worship Center and we'd love to have you join us. You can come at any point and if you'd like more information, please contact Becky at 353-2700.

Also, our Financial Peace University Classes started on September 25. There's still time to join the class for this awesome thirteen week study. The class meets on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in room 146. If you'd like to join the class, please contact Brad & Stacey Dayton at 823-2267.

Marriage Ministry

Our next couple's Bible study will begin on October 12 with Pastor Mark Driscoll's video study of "The Song of Solomon." This relevant study teaches from the Old Testament understanding of Biblical sexuality with current cultural clarity.

Love Life Bible Study for couples
Wednesday evenings at 6:30-8:00 p.m., October 12-November 16 in Room 146.

Sunday Morning

Dr. Richard Roach's next class begins October 9 at 10:30 a.m. in room 146. This is the study description for his class:

"The sons never do well, someone else always takes over" is the theme of 1 Samuel which the rabbis call a "work of literary art...not to be understood as a straight forward history." Our class will work through the themes, some of which parallel the themes we studied in Judges, such as how you treat women determines your fate. Our class is fit for all adults, and is not X-rated as Judges was.

Men's Breakfast

The first men's breakfast of the fall will be on Saturday morning, October 22, at the Moor's Grill Room from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$10.00 and sign-up is available at the Welcome Center. Plan to come and bring a friend!

MOPS

If you're a mom of a child age birth-six years old, we'd love to have you join us at our MOPS meetings. In October, we meet on the 5th & 19th from 9:00-11:15 a.m. in our Southridge Oasis. Call Melissa Shripka at 353-3743, for registration details.

Also, our Yankee Candle fundraiser takes place on Sunday, Oct. 2 & 9. When you purchase candles to support our ministry, orders will arrive in mid-November, just in time for the holidays!

What's going on in October..

September has been exciting as we have gotten our ministry year rolling hard. It's great to have the Oasis filled with students eager to connect with each other and to connect with Jesus through prayer, worship, serving and teaching. We look forward to incredible experiences ahead, and October has a few of them!

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This month we will finish up our series, oneeighty, which is showing us the importance of making the turn from ourselves to Jesus and His ways.



October 2— We're showing the movie Soul Surfer, the story of surfer Bethany Hamilton, who at 13 was attacked by a shark. Losing her arm, many people turned to her to encourage her to get back to her rightful place, on a board, on the waves.

October 8 and 9 is our small group weekend. This is a time where all small groups meet individually. This is a great way to deepen our small group relationships.

On the **16th** we wrap up the series with "Turning to our World".

On the **23rd**, we begin a series called, "Inception." We'll learn about how God has a dream for us and how we need to wake up to that dream. However, there is also a thief who seeks to extract that dream. We'll be encouraged to embrace God's Inception in our hearts.



October 30 is our BARN BASH.

A night at the barn, dancing the night away with a live caller. It's always a great time with friends, doing more than dancing; enjoying the bonfire or laughing at feeble attempts at square dancing or standing in awe at people who can master the "Dosado." There's great grub too!



Bible Study— October 5

This Semester we will be looking at the subject of "Purity and how it starts in our hearts and spills out into our lives." We will meet at the Soria's (6930 Southwind St., Kalamazoo) from 6:30-8:15 p.m.

October Dates: 5, 19, 26 are the dates we will meet.



Serve Kalamazoo: This is our community service opportunity where we go out and serve with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Ministry With Community, Bickford Cottage and more. We also meet several needs within our own church! Opportunities are monthly and there are sign ups at ignite.



October Opportunities:

October 9— Ministry with Community
October 15— Habitat for Humanity
Bickford Cottage
October 30— Fallapalooza



Fundraising: Our first one is underway, COOKIE DOUGH/BUNDT CAKES. Grab the needed forms and start raising money!

Cookie Dough— Sept. 25

And it's not too early to begin to organize your rummage sale items! It's coming soon.

Rummage Sale— Nov. 12

Upcoming Events:

Small Group Day— Oct. 9

Barn Bash— Oct. 30

oneighty Christmas Worship— December 11

Community Christmas Party— December 18

Passion 2012— January 2-5

Winter Retreat— February 10-13

Learning to be like Jesus

At FBIC we continue to guide our students to live out a dynamic faith filled life. Here are some opportunities we offer for that to take place:



- At XLR8 we are finishing up learning what being a 'Fellow Believer' is all about. Next is a series about "Faith."
- CORE is our Sunday School program that meets on select Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service. Currently students are studying the book of Luke.
- Fusion Groups are starting this month. These groups are up to 10 students that meet weekly. This is a great way to grow in relationships with fellow students and adult leaders as students learn about their identity in Jesus.

CORE



- RAAW is about our students learning to serve others in our community. Every month there are opportunities to serve at assisted living centers, and the Gospel Mission. Our October activity is serving at Fal-lapalooza, October 30 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Mentoring is a program offered for students to learn about a faith in Jesus Christ, one-on-one with an adult mentor. On April 29, we will have a special ceremony acknowledging the completion of the mentoring process, although the relationships created go on for life.



Mentoring

October at FBI©



What a great September we have had as we have kicked off the school year! It's great to see how many students are plugging in to what FBI© has to offer. We've packed the Oasis, over 20 students participated in our first CORE and we have 17 students who signed up for mentoring.

With the leadership of our adults and high school students we are ready to lead middle students to a year full of fun and also experiences that will help them grow in their faith in Jesus.

Join us Tuesday nights, from 6-8 for TUESDAY TURNAROUND! Tuesday Turnaround happens on **October 4 and 18, the first and third Tuesday of the month**



On Friday, October 7th we will be having our

FBI© ALL-NIGHTER.

Here are the details:

1. Meet at **Pirates Island** at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 at the door. Price includes pizza and pop.
2. **11:30 p.m.** head to **Southridge** or pick up students if necessary.
3. **12:30-2:30 a.m.** we're having team games. Outsmart and outplay your competition! Hint: Can you stomach what might be in store for you?
4. **3-6:30 a.m.** Movies: Featuring Soul Surfer
5. 6:30 a.m. Breakfast
6. **7:30 a.m.**— Pick-up!!



Important Dates:

Mission Trip: A \$70 deposit is due on October 14 for our trip to Cincinnati on July 21-28.

Winter Blast Retreat: \$100 is due by December 2. The price goes up to \$135 after that date. The retreat is January 13-15.

Fundraiser: We are currently offering Poinsettias. This fundraiser will go from September 30 until November 11. Funds will help students attend our many activities.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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**October, 23
4:00-5:30 p.m.**

We had 25 kids attend our kick-off event! This month we will be working on getting things ready for Fallapalooza, and of course, fellowship! See you there!

Third Grade Students will be receiving their Bibles during worship on October 16. Be sure to let Stephanie know if you would like your child to receive one. You do not need to be a member in order for your child to get a Bible. Please let Stephanie know by October 9.

Fallapalooza

October 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat Food...Carnival Games
Hay Ride, Inflatable's and Much More!

Concessions available.

Only \$5 per family!

Many volunteers are needed to make this a success!

*Sign up in the narthex or
email swilloughby@southridgechurch.com*

Ballet. *Magnificat!*



Praise His
name with dancing.

Psalm 149:3



BALLET MAGNIFICAT! **OCTOBER 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

It's not too late to get your tickets for this amazing night of worship. These professional dancers will astound you with beauty and grace while telling us the story Moses from the Bible. This show has won critical acclaim worldwide and we are honored to be hosting it here at Southridge. This would be a perfect chance for you to invite someone to join you for a great evening. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the event. You can purchase them at the Welcome Center or at www.southridgechurch.com

KIDS HOPE USA NEWS

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



School begins! Another year of providing hope is about to start. We look forward to continuing our strong and vital relationship with Moorsbridge Elementary. As we begin please pray that our outreach to these students and their families will be just what they need.

I would like to thank each mentor and prayer partner who is so willing to give of their time and resources to love, encourage and support their child.

Mentors

Darrel Bushhouse	Sesta McDonald
Mark Vanderson	Cindy Thomson
Joanna Shields	Robin Gissal
Nancy DeVries	Anne Lawrence
Carrie Doerr	Lynne Corbus
Linda Kelly	Liz Egberts
Becky Ringler	Marti Beebe
Christi Usher	

Prayer Partners

Judy Storteboom	Lorrie Loeks
Marilyn Lautrup	Ann Drake
John Gissal	Lynne Holleman
Gail Snyder	Linda Kelly
Gary Petzold	Dan Doerr
Ardith Vandenburg	Dorothy Stoeper

Southridge MOPS will be taking orders for Yankee Candles on October 2 and 9 between services as a fundraiser this year to support our ministry goals. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Orders will be back in mid-November in time for the holidays.

Yankee Candles make great gifts for family, friends and teachers!





WOMEN OF SOUTHRIDGE
SAVE THE DATE

WOMEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24 & 25

AT GULL LAKE MINISTRIES

TIME FOR COMMUNITY AND
WORSHIP

OUR COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CARDS AND PRAYERS AT THE LOSS OF THEIR DAUGHTER, MARYANN. THANK YOU PASTOR'S MARK AND BECKY FOR YOUR VISITS. ALSO, FOR ALL THOSE WHO HELPED AT THE FUNERAL LUNCH. THIS WAS A SPECIAL TIME FOR THE FAMILY AND ALL YOUR HELP WAS APPRECIATED.

BARB & MARTY JOHNSON

PRAYERS FOR **PEGGY AND ROBBIE OVERLANDER AND THE AFTON FAMILY** AS THEY MOURN THE LOSS OF BOB, HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER AND UNCLE. CARDS CAN BE SENT TO THE OVERLANDERS HOME AT 2191 STANLEY AVE, PORTAGE, 49002 AND THE AFTON FAMILY, 7528 THRASHER, KALAMAZOO, 49009.

CONGRATULATIONS TO **MATT & TORI WALKER** AS THEY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF **CALISTA ANN**. SEND CARDS TO 6690 TEXAS DRIVE, KALAMAZOO, 49009.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

When a need arises and you would like to request care, please contact the church office first, and they will let the appropriate person know of your need or request. The Southridge office phone number is 353-2700.

Crisis care and counseling

Pastors Mark Vanderson & Becky Ringler

Pre-surgical prayer and hospital visits

Alice Heun

Post-hospital and home visits

Parish Nurse Linda Vroegindewey

Immediate and ongoing needs

Deacon Jen Hoffman

Prayer team concerns

Marilyn Petzold

Small Group Ministry Director

Betsy Loeks

Being a member of a small group is one of the greatest ways to receive care as needed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	August 2011	Jan. – August 2011
Total Cash Receipts	\$121,266	\$1,020,666
Total Expenses	\$131,085	\$1,004,223
Net Excess/(Deficit)	- \$ 9,819	\$ 16,443

While we did experience in August a \$9,819 deficit of expenses above income, we have ended our first 8 months in 2011 with a modest surplus of about \$16,400, which is good for this time of year.

Thank you for your generosity!

With all of the financial uncertainties that accompany our current state of the economy, it is more important than ever that we continue to trust in God, and remember our church's financial needs as we move through the year 2011. Many exciting plans have been made and goals have been set for this year.

Good News:

- Our Search Team for our new Middle School Director has been working diligently for many weeks, and has found several candidates for follow up interviews for the position. They are excited to learn who God has planned to bring to Southridge to fill the position.
- We have had a good turnout at our recent "Leave a Legacy" meetings, with many positive comments from the participants.
- We have begun to formally meet and plan with a "Dream Team" for our 50th anniversary celebration coming up in 2012.
- Our students have served over 1,175 hours this year serving and sharing the love of Jesus in Kalamazoo.
- Our Children's ministry attendance at the 9:00 service has more than doubled this year, with over 40 children in attendance.
- We had over 25 elementary age children participate in our special Communion Service on the first Sunday of October.
- Student Ministries are excited about our over 50 leaders; parents, college students and high school students who have come together to serve high school and middle school students. While we still have opportunities for others to discover their gifts and make an impact in the life of a student, we are thankful for the commitment of our team.
- We have had 17 students request adult mentors in our mentoring program, and 20 participate in our CORE program.
- In our adult ministry, we have had over 170 ladies attending our Monday night bible study, with over 90 staying afterwards to attend the yoga class that is offered.

October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 Leaving a Legacy
2 9:00 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 Sunday Worship Service Amplify ages 3-4th grade 3:00 Financial Peace 6:30 Ignite:oneeighy series	3 6:45 Women's Bible Study	4 6:00 Tuesday Turnaround 6:30 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 Consistory Meeting 7:00 Leaving A Legacy	5 9:00 MOPS 9:15 Women's Bible Study Senior Moments 6:30 oneeighy Bible Study	6 7:00 XLR8 7:00 Ballet Magnificat	7 7:00 XLR8 7:00 Ballet Magnificat	8 7:00 XLR8 7:00 Ballet Magnificat
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