

Knowing Christ
Growing in His Grace
Going in His Love

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Going In His Love

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The first thing I want to say is that I really miss you! For the first time in my sixteen years as your pastor, I will have been away for three Sundays by the time I see you again. Two of those Sundays were vacation and the third absence will be due to the upcoming Mexico mission trip. I am really anxious to get back to my "normal" life as your pastor. Let me say thanks for the generous vacation time you allow me to take. I have had time to get away from the normal concerns and routines to rest and be with my family. I greatly appreciate it. Let me also say thanks to Pastor Michael and Pastor Vince for filling the pulpit in my absence. They graciously accepted these additional responsibilities. It is good to know that such capable men are feeding you from God's Word.

As I stated, I am preparing to depart for another mission trip to Mexico. This time our team will be working at Seminario Teologico Bautista del Sur and also with Robb and Vicky in Tumbiscatio. As I reflect about how our mission emphases have grown over the years, my heart is joyful. As our vision states, "going in His love" is a major concern for us. It is part of our fulfillment of Christ's commission. We want to be devoted to Christ's kingdom by going in His love to the church, the city, and the world. We have made some big steps in recent years in keeping with this vision.

We are now regularly sending teams to Mexico and Peru. We are fully supporting Robb and Vicky as church planters in Mexico. We are also sending regular

support to the Fosters in Angola. We are supporting rural church ministry in Vermont through Nathan Dick with Village Missions. In addition, we are assisting two church planters in Wichita at True Life Church and Journey the Way. Through our regular giving to the Cooperative Program, we are joining thousands of other churches in sending over 10,000 missionaries to every corner of the world and the USA. As I write, we have a group of students and adults demonstrating Christ's love in Lubbock, TX on a World Changers project. I am so grateful for the way God has opened doors for us to participate in missions!

The fact is that our ministry plans and our budget ought to reflect that we are sent. Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I send you." Missions is not an option for the church. It is a mandate. Jesus Christ sends us into our spheres of life to make Him known. God wants each of us to have a sense of divine purpose in our workplaces, our homes, our classrooms, and anywhere else we go. That means that missions shouldn't be viewed as a trip or a period emphasis. It should be viewed as a life.

God sends us, not just corporately but individually, into our city to be living, breathing examples of the power of divine grace. He wants our lives and relationships to be conduits through which others may come to know the Savior. We need to live with a desire to seize opportunities to share Christ with others.

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Our Vision
**As the Word of
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Eric's Notes

Dear Church Family

August is here and we will soon be back in the routine of school and all of the activities that go with it. I just want to make you aware of some very important dates for the upcoming fall schedule.



Children's choir will resume on September 12 at 5 p.m. I will be sending a letter out to all the parents and children inviting you all to be part of this very wonderful ministry. Please return the response card to the church office by the middle of August. We need a good response in order for the choirs to work and that involves the parents getting the children to rehearsals each week. You have been so faithful to support this ministry and I am once again calling upon all of you to help us make this year a great success.



We are in the process of getting directors for all the different choirs. We are still in need of a director for the 1st-3rd grade choir. If you would be interested in this position let me know. I am also going to order a hand bell set for the 4th - 6th grade

choir. We will be learning to play these instruments as well as how these wonderful instruments can be incorporated into our worship. This will be a great year to be part of the children's choirs. Please prayerfully come and support us.

Thankful to be a part of God's Work

Soli Deo Gloria
Pastor Eric

Crusaders

A Ministry of Encouragement

Please sign up for our August meeting. The date is Friday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m. We will have burgers and all the fixin's that go with them. Please plan on bringing a freezer of your favorite homemade ice cream or just bring a gallon of your favorite store brand.

We will have all the toppings you can think of to put on ice cream
Sign up in the foyer

Thankful for you ,

Pastor Eric



PASTOR APPRECIATION

Come join us on Sunday, August 8th at 5:00 p.m. as we honor our pastors in their service for the Lord and CABC. We are asking that you bring a tray of sandwiches and a side dish (salad, vegetables, etc.). Chips and desserts will be furnished.

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I know sometimes I miss those opportunities because I am not allowing that sense of being sent to permeate my life. Honestly, most of us came to Christ because of the influence of someone who felt sent to make Jesus known to others. By God's grace, let's determine to live as sent people and go in His love to make Christ known.

Birthday Calendar



The format for the Birthday and Anniversary calendar has been changed to

allow for more room for announcements and articles in the Communicator.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on the following dates in August, the 2nd and 16th. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room at CABC.

If you are 55 or over, please contact Jan Penhorwood if you are interested in meeting for this time of encouragement.

E.D.G.E. Student Ministry - A Time of Reflecting

On July 1st, 2005, I started my very first day of full time youth ministry. It is crazy to think that we have just passed the five year mark. I am thankful for the opportunities that I have had to serve at both Bear Creek in Harrison, Arkansas and here at CABC. Over the past five years I have learned quite a bit about life, ministry, and life in ministry...

*God is bigger than I could ever dream. I am in constant awe at the fact that He chooses to use me...a broken vessel. It amazes me to see Him take lives and radically change them. I could fill a book with some of the absolutely amazing things that I have seen God do.

*Family trumps ministry. I am nothing if in trying to lead a ministry, I fail to lead my family. My wife and daughters are counting on me to be the spiritual leader. I have watched guys lose marriages for the sake of ministry...frankly, I would rather lose ministry for the sake of my family. I seek wisdom from God as I try to find that balance.

*Students ARE the church...not the future. It is important to plug students into the life of the church...now. They are as much a part of the body of Christ as you and I are.

*Students are capable of doing big things. I love watching students lead Bible studies, serve on mission trips, share the Gospel, etc. I have learned that students are eager to meet the bar...the problem is often we set the bar too low. If challenged, students typically respond. In doing so, we see them doing some crazy awesome things for Jesus. I just received a message from a girl who exactly one week ago surrendered her life to Christ...one week later she was excited because after sharing the Gospel with a friend, that friend surrendered their life to Christ! Students are capable of more than we give them credit for.

*Ministry is dirty. I am not sure if I fully understood this when I moved to Harrison five years ago. Ministry is hard. It leaves you broken and wounded at times but ultimately it is one of the most rewarding things on this planet.

*Student ministry is family ministry. In reality, ministry to students is ministry to families. What we do with students will always affect the family unit. Because of this, we must be intentional in connecting with parents. Two days after camp this summer, I received a message from a girl who had just had the opportunity to pray with her mom as her mom surrendered her life to Christ! What an amazing story again showing that student ministry inevitably turns into family ministry.

*There is nothing on this planet that I would rather be doing. This is the type of ministry that God has called me to. I love students. I love reaching students and training them to be disciples...this is my passion...to serve God by serving students.

We have some incredible students at CABC. I am telling you, you need to get around them! They will minister to you just as they have ministered to me. As I reflect on my five years of ministry, I am amazed at how much God has grown me and I realize how much further I have to go. I am so thankful for the many awesome things that I have seen God do, the people I have met, and the memories I have.

I look forward to the next five years...expecting God to do even more than we have already seen!

In Christ,

Michael



Women's Ministry

Single Women's Luncheon



The Aroma of Christ

Saturday, September 11th

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration begins August 22nd

The Girls Get Together

AGAIN!!

@ Barb Harrison's House

Friday, August 20th

7 to 9 PM

**Watch the Bulletin & Women's
Ministry Board for details!**



CABC Women's Retreat

Make a Difference:

Live a Worthy Life

A Study in Colossians led by

Ginger Millermon

Speaker & Songwriter/

Recording Artist

November 5th & 6th

Cross Wind Conference

Center in Hesston, KS

Registration begins

August 22nd

See Women's Ministry Board

For more info about...

Beth Moore Simulcast

Living Proof Live

September 18th

Hope Community Church

Andover, KS

Wonderful Weekend for Women (WWW)

September 17th & 18th

Webster Conference Center

Salina, KS

CABC Registration ends

August 8th



Fall Bible Study

Covenant: God's Enduring Promise

By Kay Arthur

Teachers:

Linda Robillard &

Shelly Wolfe

Cost: \$15

Mid September to November

Watch for more details

Sunday School Classes

If you are not plugged into a Sunday school class, here are a couple that are beginning new studies.

Faithful Followers

The Faithful Followers' Sunday School class, taught by Gary Moore, is beginning a new study in the book of Jude. Please pray about joining us for this important study about contending for the faith and keeping yourself in God's love. The Faithful Followers meet in room 213 (Conference Room).

Encouragers

What: *There is a Season* Bible study by Laurie Cole, founder of Priority Ministries

When: September 5, 2010

Where: Encouragers Sunday School

Who: Women of all ages welcome!

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15 for the book

There is a Season will encourage you to become the consistent, contented Christian woman you've always wanted to be at every age and stage of your life.

Please contact Roxie Herrman @992.0074 or 729.4207 to reserve your book.



SHINE



Children's Ministry

It's almost time for school to begin again and we are planning fall activities for the children of CABC.

Pastor Eric will soon begin the children's worship choir and Sunday School promotion looms large in the planning. Of course we are really gearing up for AWANA to begin again. An informational meeting was well attended and returning worker forms are being returned. (If you haven't returned yours please do so soon.) Recruiting will begin in earnest in the next week.



SS promotion for the 6th through 12th grade will be on August 15th (first day in new class) since school begins on the 16th for most students.

Promotion for Pre-K through 5th grade August 29th will be at the close of the Sunday school hour. If you have a student in the SHINE ministry and want to be present when their name is announced for promotion please plan to attend at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday Aug 29 in the AWANA Room.



AWANA kick off will be September 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym with a hotdog supper prior to the beginning of AWANA. Watch your bulletin for specific times.

New AWANA staff basic training will be Aug 21 at Immanuel Baptist or Sept 11 at CABC.

Contact Paulette Middlekauff for details.

AWANA full STAFF MEETING will be Wed., Sept 1st, in the AWANA Room at 7 p.m.

The ministry of working with and preparing our CABC children to love, know and serve the Lord is so very rewarding. I challenge you to give of yourself to the church's future leaders.



We need help in Sunday School, 4th grade, and Pre-K. If you can help in these areas please sign up.

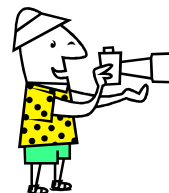


Men's Ministry



Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, August 7th
8:00 a.m. ~ CABC Gym

Photo Directory



If you have not had your picture taken for the directory, or would like an updated photo, you may sign up now to schedule your photo

session. There is a sign up sheet available on the directory board in the west foyer hallway. Please check your plastic folder for updates to the directory.



For: Juliana Williams & baby girl
Date: Saturday, August 7th
Time: 2 - 4 p.m.
Location: Kayla Suderman's home
2805 N Cardington St - Wichita
Juliana is registered at Babies R Us and Target.



Fall 2010 Discipleship Training

CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 15th, at 5:00 PM

<p>Five Conversations You Must Have with Your Daughter</p>	<p>Cults and World Religions</p>	<p>The Nuts and Bolts of Systematic Theology</p>	<p>Step by Step Through the New Testament</p>	<p>Marriage on the Rock</p>
<p>Your daughter is growing up. The world has a lot to say to her, and she is starting to listen. Even if she does not quite know it, she needs you more than ever. It's time for you to press in, to tell her some things she might not know—or might have forgotten—about who she is in God's eyes. This study is for moms who have daughters from cradle to college age. Daughters, age 13 and older, whose mom enrolls in this class, are also welcome to participate. The study will be led by Jamie Randolph.</p>	<p>These two topics tend to elicit a great deal of interest. This study will examine questions such as: what makes a cult, a cult; what are some of the more popular world religions and how is what they believe different from what I believe; which newer cults or world religions are gaining strength? This study will not only focus on learning about other world religions and cults, but will also help the participants learn how to witness to the people who are involved with these groups. This study will be led by Pastor Michael.</p>	<p>This class will offer an overview of the nine major categories of systematic theology. Participants will get a basic understanding of these categories from a biblical perspective. Critical issues within each of these areas will be addressed along with important theological terms and definitions. This goal of this study is to help each participant gain a basic framework for the study of God's character and His works. This study will be led by Pastor Kelly.</p>	<p>This study offers an overview of the New Testament and is presented in a work-book format. There are five lessons to be completed each week. The lessons will be reviewed and discussed in class the following Sunday evening. This study will focus on biblical background material in an attempt to provide a framework that will assist the learner in their understanding and interpretation of the New Testament. The study will be led by Pastor Vince.</p>	<p>Society requires years of preparation for almost any significant career endeavor, but demands no real preparation for one of the most crucial undertakings in life: marriage. In an age of disposable marriages and of information overload, where can couples turn for real answers that will make their relationships work? Only to God! This study will help you make the decision to let Jesus be your Rock and your Source and to allow God to cultivate your heart to build your marriage upon His Word! Led by Hal & Donna Callen</p>

Enrollment forms are available at the church or on our website, www.countryacresbaptist.org or you may call the church office at 722.1239 to enroll.