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A Message from Pastor Gary

Rewiring the Church

I desire to see the full power of God in North Baptist Church. So, what do we need to add (or subtract) in our church that will allow the energizing power of the Holy Spirit to spread through our church family and into our community? Across denominational lines, many church leaders are saying, "Let's get back to Jesus and make disciples that multiply, rather than simply organize a church." Sounds good but how do you change a deeply organized church culture?

Both established church leaders and newer leaders are asking questions of relevancy, authenticity and cultural impact. The issue is; where do you begin? How do you help the local church to make an impact for Christ within its immediate context? After giving this many years of thought and study I believe that you don't begin with the church or the church culture. You begin with Jesus.

Jesus' passions, priorities and methodology irrevocably shaped His disciples—who, in turn, "turned the world upside down." So it's Christology (the study of His character, priorities and passions) that leads to our missiology (imitating His priorities and passion), and then we form our ecclesiology (the function of doing and being the church).

You don't begin with "doing church." You begin with Jesus, and discover the impact He had on His culture. In fact, a lot of our ecclesiology would change if we really went back to Jesus. Over the past 50 years in evangelical churches across America, we've seen an emphasis on the Word of God being at the center, rather than Jesus being the core. This subtle change needs to be corrected. Jesus is the living Word, so you can't (or shouldn't) separate them. If we're following Jesus, we will abide in Him and His Word (John 15). The Word is a Person. It is Jesus that we love and serve; our Redeemer and Friend.

Teen Week July 13-17th "Hunger for Christ"

Our Youth Group is embarking on a week long journey of Hunger!

Hunger for food, but more importantly HUNGER for CHRIST!

Each day they will have a study/discussion time on Christ - the Bread of Life.

Mon.- Amazing Race (late afternoon)

Tues.- Hershey Park (all day)

Wed.- Ice Blocking/ Ice cream party (late afternoon)

Thurs.- 30hr. famine (12pm starts) - AWOL (late afternoon) - shelters in the field (overnight)

Fri.- Come back to NBC @ 5pm discussion - 6pm "break-fast" meal & Testimony

Feel free to help! (contact John Bennett ASAP)

Forgive your enemies, it will mess with their minds.

Unless Jesus is at the center, we lose His passion and His priorities to love God, love people and make disciples. (True, we have knowledge and information, but where is the transformation?) To go back and recapture our mission of disciple-making will mean change in “how we do church”, affecting everything, even our preaching. (Now you know the context of the recent sermon series from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount!)

All kinds of churches are talking about this—not just church plants that get to start from scratch. So, how does a church that’s established get rewired to take a hard look at this stuff? By going back to the life of Christ, then allowing its Christology to shape its missiology and ecclesiology. There’s no short cut.

In our ministry, we need to go back to Jesus’ example and focus our activities on what it would take to make a trained disciple. The end product is a trained disciple who knows how to reproduce his or her life by multiplying disciples who make disciples of Jesus.

This commitment causes a kind of electricity to run through the veins of the church again. If we get it right, who knows, God might entrust us with another revival.

Pastor Gary

Send mail to our Servicemen.

Currently there is no address for Ben Dunning. He is undergoing specialized training. Please keep him in your prayers.

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North Baptist recently had two families that we love move out of the area. We're sure that they would love to hear from you.

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Tucson, AZ 85747



July Birthdays

- 1- Seth Sanford
- 2- Tara Hobson
- 3- Don Cramer
- 7- Cheryl Cramer
- 7- Jeremy Simpson
- 9- Jeanne Desposito
- 13- Keith Duncan
- 14- Rebecca Bennett
- 14- Brian Hobson
- 15- Anna Clark
- 15- John Stalbird
- 16- Sandra Cook
- 19- Marilyn Brennan
- 19- Bryce Myers
- 20- Logan Bicknell
- 21- Elsie Bush
- 28- Ricky Cornfield
- 28- Riley Turner
- 30- Tyler Sanford
- 31- Shirley Lutters
- 31- Ron Snavely

July Anniversaries

- 2- Jim and Linda Merrill
- 2- Jim and Marcia Robie
- 11- Don and Cheryl Cramer
- 11- Tim and Bernadette Negus
- 17- Hank and Suzanne Windows
- 20- Keith and Angela Duncan
- 21- Heru and Meilina Santoso
- 26- Ed and Joyce Holmes

Ladies L.Y.F.E. 2009

How can God do it? How can he take a roomful of 560 ladies, each one unique, and reach out to touch each one personally?

Of course, He uses his beloved - teachers, followers and yes, even us. Six ladies from NBC attended Ladies LYFE 2009, "Invitation to Adventure: What happens when we say Yes to God". We learned to "Shine, Shine, Shine", not to "Whine, Whine, Whine". We laughed until our sides ached. We were encouraged to raise our hands every morning and say to God, "Not my will, but thine be done". We learned the correct way to salute. We were pampered and honored. We ate delicious meals we didn't even cook. We talked about the things that matter to us. We prayed for each other. We became better friends and sisters in the Lord. Each of us was touched in a unique way. And oh, how we worshipped! Have you ever been in a place where people just broke out clapping for God? We thanked Jesus. And we thank you, our families and friends, for praying for us and for making it possible for us to attend LYFE 2009.

After it was over, a friend asked me how I felt. "Refreshed", I said. It was like receiving one great, big shot of God's glory. One ladies LYFE'er said to me, "Oh, I just wish I could put my arm around each lady in my church so that she could receive what I have been given".

A set of CD's with all of the featured speakers and workshops is available for loan. Please see Martha Wagner to request them.

Next year's theme for LYFE 2010 is "Straight Talk for real life". The featured musicians are Vocalist Damaris Carbaugh and Pianist Michael Faircloth. The dates are May 20-22 and June 3-5, 2010. Please join us for a wonderful, refreshing time in the Lord.



JULY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9am – Morning Worship Service 10am – Sunday School 6pm – Evening Service	6 6:30pm – Trustees ' Mtg	7 6:30pm – Deacons ' Mtg	8 6pm – Youth Ministries 6:30pm – Prayer Mtg 7:45pm – Con- gregation Mtg	9	10	11
12 9am – Morning Worship Service 10am – Sunday School 6pm – Evening Service	13	14	15 6:30pm – Prayer Mtg	16	17	18
TEEN WEEK						
19 9am – Morning Worship Service 10am – Sunday School 6pm – Evening Service	20	21	22 6pm – Youth Ministries 6:30pm – Prayer Mtg	23	24	25
NYC Mission'S Trip						
26 9am – Morning Worship Service 10am – Sunday School 6pm – Evening Service	27	28	29 6pm – Youth Ministries 6:30pm – Prayer Mtg	30	31	