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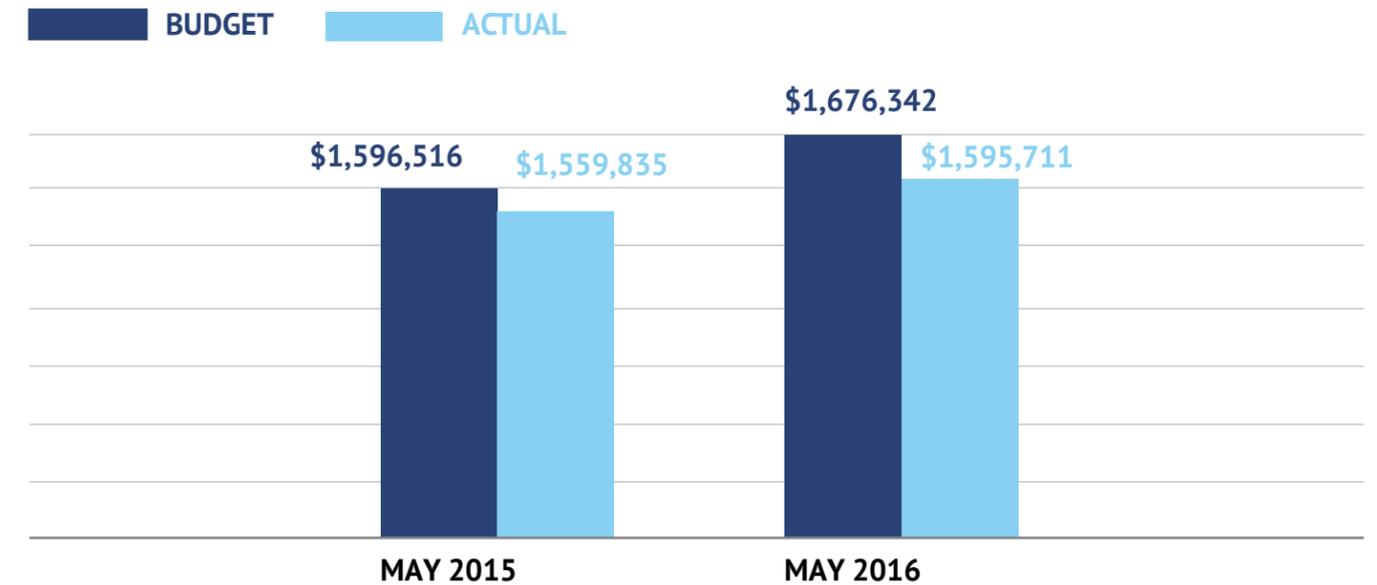
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# GIVING REPORT



# The Question of Baptism

C. John Steer

Each summer we set aside a weekend to focus on the subject of believer's baptism. We examine what the Bible has to say about this important act of following Jesus. As a result, many have been baptized in Salem Sound Lake opposite our church. This year our baptism weekend will be July 23-24. We will look at the words of Jesus, "If you will confess me before others, I will confess you before my Father in heaven."

This year we are doing something different for our baptism weekend. In addition to the offer to be baptized in the lake, we are giving you the opportunity to be baptized there and then in the church service. The Philippian jailer and his family were baptized immediately after they believed the gospel. So we are going to try that at Autumn Ridge. Elders and Pastors will be available to hear your faith story during the services. We will have a changing place with t-shirts, shorts, and towels available for you. So there will be two choices. You can either be baptized during the services, or you can wait until the Lake Baptism. Please pray that many will respond to this opportunity.

Now I know that baptism is a big step. Many of us were baptized as babies and wonder why we need to be baptized again. Here are two questions I am often asked about believer's baptism.



## 1. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

First, because Christ commands it.

Jesus says, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The risen Lord of the universe asks his followers to be baptized. Before we think we are an exception to the rule, let's remember Jesus himself was baptized, explaining it was necessary, "to fulfill all righteousness." If we truly love Jesus, we will keep his commandments for he says, "You are my friends if you do what I command."

Second, because believer's baptism was practiced in the New Testament.

The first Christians took this command seriously. As we read through the Acts of the Apostles, we find believers like the Ethiopian

official, Lydia, and Cornelius and his friends taking the step of baptism. It is clear baptism was an integral part of the Christian life. In normal circumstances, there was no such thing as an unbaptized Christian.

## 2. WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

It is a declaration of our union with Christ.

Baptism is a dramatic way of demonstrating our solidarity with the death and resurrection of Jesus. As Jesus was laid in the tomb, so we are laid in a watery grave. As Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning, so we rise from the water.

Paul puts it this way, "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...we too may live a new life."

### It is a sign of cleansing.

Ananias asked Saul of Tarsus, "What are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away." When we give our lives to Jesus, he forgives us and cleanses us of all sin. So the baptistry or the lake represents a bath in which our sins are washed away. You will never feel cleaner than after you have been baptized.

### It is a rite of initiation.

Baptism is a normal way for entering into the church. Paul tells the Corinthians, "We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body." Baptism is the visible sign of joining the visible church. It is a public identification with God and his people. That's why in most churches baptism is a requirement for membership. On the day of Pentecost, 3000 were baptized and joined the church.

So please do pray for our weekend of baptism, and if you have not taken this step of Christian obedience, search the scriptures, particularly the book of Acts, to see what you should do. If you would like to talk to me or one of the other pastors, please email us or call the church office at 288-8880.

### Baptism opportunities this summer:

Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24, during Weekend Services

Wednesday, August 3, during Family Camp

Sunday, August 7, 6pm at Salem Sound Lake across from Autumn Ridge

### Baptismal Class

The Baptismal Class is for those wishing to be baptized in the lake at Family Camp or here in Rochester. This 45-minute class will be offered on four occasions. You only need to attend one.

### The class times are:

DAY	DATE	TIME
Saturday	July 30	7pm
Sunday	July 31	9am
Sunday	July 31	10:30am
Wednesday	August 3	6pm

(All classes take place in Luther Room A)

In this class, we will look at the biblical teaching on baptism then go over some of the practical details. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

If you would like to take this step of believer's baptism, please contact Dorothy Morris at [Morris.Dorothy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Morris.Dorothy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or phone her at 288-8880.



# Desire & Knowledge

*Ben Creo*

## Local Leaders Identifying Local Needs, Part 2

In the “Outside the Walls” report, the Local Mission Committee interviewed over 30 community leaders. These leaders came from a variety of fields – business, non-profit, education, government – and were interviewed anonymously. The goal was to identify significant needs in the Rochester area.

In our last article, the three community needs we discussed were Affordable Housing, Dental Health, and Difficulty Integrating into the Community. This month we look at two additional needs as we proceed in alphabetical order through the list of identified community needs.

## Diversity/Inclusive Community

In our interviews, the leaders would often speak about issues of inclusion, diversity, and racial and ethnic harmony. There was certainly a feeling among some leaders that Rochester was a less inclusive city than it could be. There were at least three aspects to this concern.

First, the city is becoming more and more diverse, but people from non-majority backgrounds are not always feeling welcome. As several community leaders noted, if the city has to put a sign up saying it is building an inclusive community, the community is probably not very inclusive. [This sign is

prominently located on Broadway as one enters the city center from the south.]

Secondly, there was the concern of racism, the minority feeling unfairly judged or treated by the majority. One leader

noted it is hard for people to talk about racism because the employed don’t want to lose their jobs and the unemployed feel if they talk about it they won’t get a job. While the racism was not always blatant, several community leaders strongly believed that it was real and present, and often subtle. Several leaders expressed the feeling that perhaps Rochester is a little worse in this regard than other cities.

Thirdly, there was conflict between different minority groups, for example one minority group resenting and fighting with another. This type of racial conflict is especially prevalent in the city’s hospitality industry and also present in its schools.

## Education and Schools

Concerns over education were frequently noted. The Rochester Public Schools sometimes struggle to provide the quality of education the community expects of them. “Education is 85% good...but not good enough,” was the summary of one leader. The quality of schools is leading some people to move out of Rochester and into nearby communities, like Bryon, where

the schools are viewed as superior. Another leader noted that a person would easily choose Minnetonka, Wayzata, Edina, or Eden Prairie over Rochester for schools.

In addition, there is a significant achievement gap in the Rochester public schools between students of majority backgrounds and those of certain minority backgrounds. The challenge of growth was also a prevalent concern. If the city increases in size as projected, the tasks of providing and paying for quality education will become even more problematic.

For a full copy of this local mission report, please visit [AutumnRidgeChurch.org/missions-and-outreach/](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/missions-and-outreach/)

May the Lord bless our church as we seek to share the good news and serve our local community!

Over the next year, the ARC Magazine will regularly feature selections from “Outside the Walls,” a report of the Local Mission Committee. The goal of this report was to understand how the church may better reach our local community.



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# Fall Women's Ministries



## Women's Bible Study

**Begins:** Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

**Location:** 9:30 am in Sanctuary, 6:30 pm in Common Grounds Cafe

**Topic:** A Study in Numbers – The Forty Year Detour

## MOPS

### (Mothers of Preschoolers)

**Begins:** Thursday, September 22nd, 2016

**Location:** Summit Room from 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, September-May

## Precepts

### Inductive Bible Study

**Begins:** Tuesday, September 6th, 2016

**Location:** Luther Room at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm

**Topic:** Acts Part 1: Jesus' Witnesses, Empowered By His Spirit

## A Time for Women

**Begins:** Thursday, September 8th, 2016

**Location:** Upper Room from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, September-May in the Upper Room. First meeting will feature Patti Gloff sharing a devotion, "Gardening with the Master" plus a demo on "flower arranging." All women are welcome! No registration needed.

## Single Mom's Bible Study

**Begins:** Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

**Location:** Hyde Room from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Topic:** "Here and Now...There and Then" a Beth Moore study on Revelation.

This study exists to provide hope and encouragement for women of any age who find themselves in the role of single parenting. We meet weekly throughout the school year following the Kid's Club Schedule. **Contact:** Jonna Carr at [507-288-9656](tel:507-288-9656) or email [jonna1776@gmail.com](mailto:jonna1776@gmail.com)

## Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts Ministries is a gospel centered, grace driven ministry that offers hope and healing in Jesus Christ, through God's Word, to people who have been broken by sin. The class meets as a weekly Bible study in a small group, one-on-one, or online format. All contacts are confidential. Testimonies and more information are available at [healinghearts.org](http://healinghearts.org).

**Contact:** Julie Bashore at [507-261-9650](tel:507-261-9650) or email [julieab@healinghearts.org](mailto:julieab@healinghearts.org)

# A Generous Christ-Centered Community

George Beech

Our church is undergoing an interesting and wonderful transition. While we continue to support missionaries and short-term missions on a global level, we are expanding our reach locally in and around Rochester. We are seeing more children come to Christ through an introduction to Jesus at our annual SHiNE Festival. Teens are inviting friends to come learn about Jesus during Mosaic. People are telling their neighbors or co-workers about events at the church and inviting them to attend. As a result of these and other outreach efforts by our staff and congregation, we are seeing many non-believers and new believers coming to Autumn Ridge for the first time. Many of these neighbors might not have walked through our doors if it were not for the generosity of our congregation making these services and outreach efforts a reality with their gifts.

Certainly, Autumn Ridge Church has long been a generous Christ-centered community of believers who love God and serve people. Our generosity comes in many forms, from volunteers who make up the body of Christ, to evangelists who invite neighbors and colleagues to worship with them, to financial support for the community of believers in Rochester and across the globe. Some of the financial support for the church comes from those who remain anonymous, practicing that giving where the right hand does not know of the left hand's gift (Matthew 6:3-4).

You might be interested to know that some of the gifts to the church come to us with a specific interest in mind. For example, we recently received gifts to upgrade our restrooms, strengthen

our security on the Autumn Ridge campus, purchase medical equipment for Compassion Evangelical Hospital, and cover expenses related to our Worship Pastor recruitment. These are not things we generally think of when giving to the church, but they are necessary for its continued growth in our community and mission. We are deeply grateful for those who gave to make these projects come to life.

One member provided a very large gift to the church that enabled us to specifically expand the gospel reach through media arts. This gift, by the direction of the generous giver,



was used to purchase the monitors you see throughout the building, where people can watch the service from our Hot Spots, lobby, and the comfortable couches in the Living Room. When these monitors were first put in place, we received several questions about funding such a project when our reserves were at low levels. The answer is that the giver specifically wanted the money spent in a certain way, which, by the number of people

we see using them weekly, seems to have been a wise decision. We are called to meet people where they are. For some, that comes in the form of a church service, for some it may be online, and for some it may be watching the service on a monitor in the lobby while their toddler works off some energy.

We are thankful to all who give joyfully to the work of the Lord in our community, and we see the wonderful and tangible changes in the lives of both our members and those our members impact as a result of their sharing the Word outside the walls of Autumn Ridge.



# Why Become a Member

Pat Wester

This spring we welcomed an historic 59 new members to our church. In a time when many churches are struggling to get people to commit to membership, this is fantastic. However, I still often get that question, “Why should I become a member?” Let me give you my perspective on that.

Ed Stetzer, in his article “Membership Matters: 3 Reasons for Church Membership” (*Christianity Today*, July 7, 2015) states,

*...in 1 Corinthians Paul doesn't say the church is like a body. He says the church is a body. The phrase he uses to describe the individual connectedness is we are “members of the body.” The word “member” in the Bible is more closely related to the medical word “member” than it is to the common cultural term. As an example, some of you who are reading may have lost a finger or toe in an accident. On that unfortunate day, you were dismembered.*

*That's the actual technical terminology. A member of your body was separated from the body. That is a tragic thing.*

*Yet today in Western culture, being separated from the body of believers is not tragic. It's almost normal. It is almost understood that Christians and churches should be separated. Lone Ranger Christians are common.*

I agree with Stetzer's interpretation of this passage, but the real question is, does it apply to the “church universal” or to individual churches? Paul does not really differentiate this directly. However, Paul is writing this letter to the local church at Corinth. So I would interpret that to mean it does apply to the local church.

It is important to note the culture of the era Paul was living in was very hostile to Christianity. Therefore, anyone who attended the Corinthian church would have been immediately labeled, possibly persecuted, and ostracized. It became an intentional decision to identify with a particular community of believers in Christ. Merely by attending, they were compelled to serve and depend on one another.

In our culture today, we can often come and go from a church unnoticed. By attending we are not labeled, persecuted, or ostracized - yet. We may not be serving and depending on one another as Paul describes it in I Corinthians, and we often fail to see we were created by God for the purpose of doing good works of service to others.

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10*

Membership today is a way to make a covenant, not unlike what we do when we get married, being obedient to our calling of depending on and serving each other (I Cor 12-14, Eph 2:10).

### When a person becomes a member they are saying:

1. I am committed to becoming a valuable part of this community of believers.
2. I recognize I have a purpose to contribute to the well-being of others.
3. I am committed, even in the tough times, to love others according to I Cor 13.
4. I am committed to being a functioning member of the church, giving of my time, talents, and treasures.

If you do these four things, I can almost guarantee your own needs will be met. It is amazing how often I hear people who serve in the church say, “I receive so much more than I give.”

Consider attending our membership class in the fall as we explore these ideas more deeply. We have not set an exact date yet, but if you are interested you can email the church, and we will notify you when the dates of the next class are finalized.



### THE LARGE AND LOVELY BLESSINGS OF A LIFE GROUP

C. John Steer

Look at the men in that picture. There is not a frown among them. They are a jolly and joyful group of individuals. This is The Man Group that I belong to. We meet each Wednesday evening. There are thirteen of us, and we have become a band of brothers. This year we studied the New Testament books of Hebrews and First Timothy.

The photo shows us at our year-end dinner held at Tim Morgenthaler's home. We invite our wives to this celebration. We each give a reflection on the lessons we have learned as we studied God's word together. Ralph Gay even put his thoughts in a song, accompanying himself on the guitar.

If you are not part of a Life Group, you are missing out. If you would like to put a smile on your face like these guys, contact Paul McDonald at [McDonald.Paul@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:McDonald.Paul@AutumnRidgeChurch.org). You will be glad you did.

# Summer Sunday School

*Jordan Meyer*

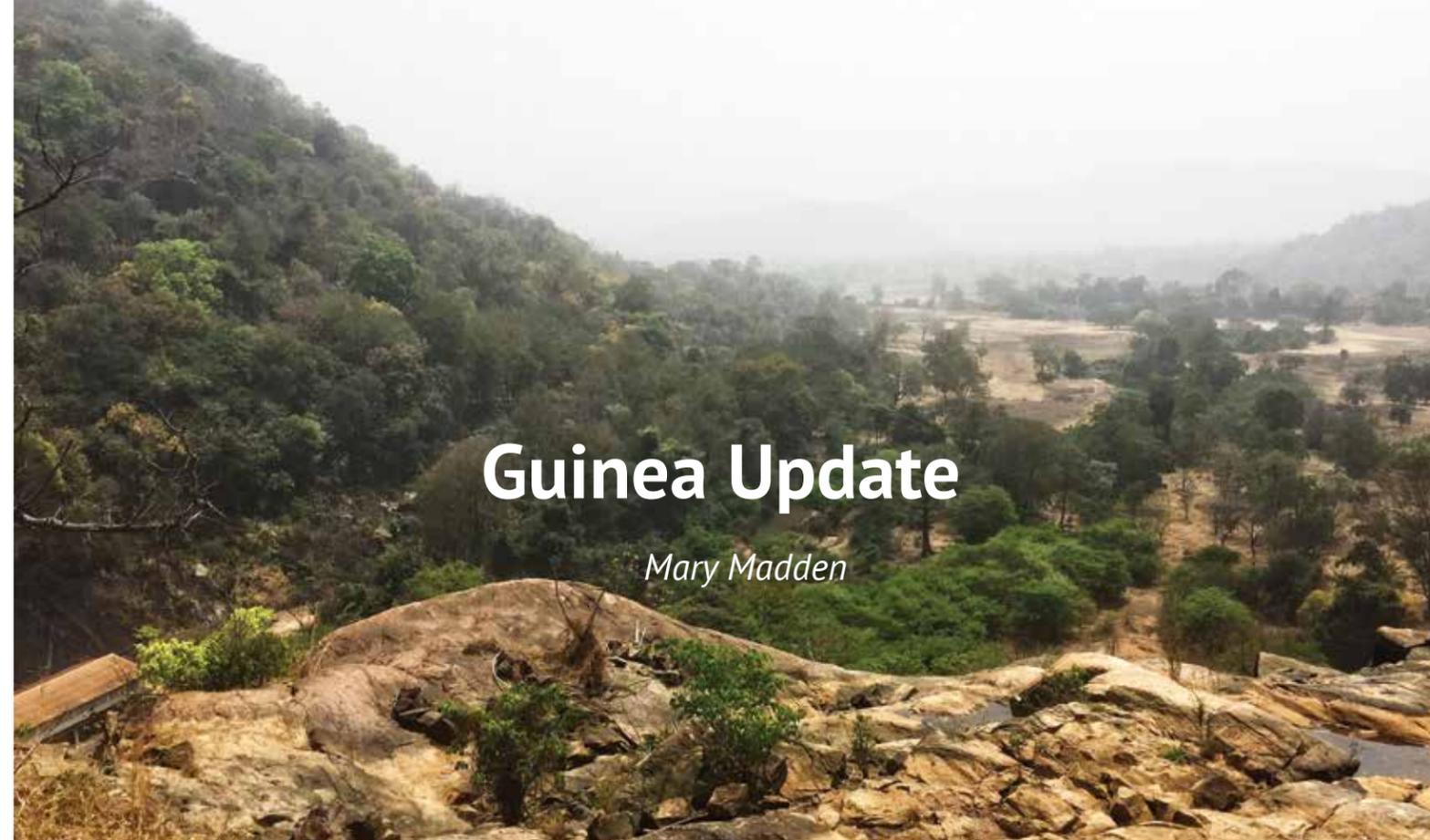
This summer we kicked off our elementary Sunday school classes with many changes and a lot more fun. The first week started off with a pop, literally. We had a balloon party. The fun ended with a time of connection and Bible study. You might ask, “how is this any different?”

Let’s start off with answering why we would change anything to begin with. The biggest reason for change is to make a more inviting and fun environment that encourages kids to want to come back for more. I hope that adding a little more fun will help the kids to engage and to connect with each other. But that’s only one reason for change.

A second reason for change is to give us more time to engage in spiritual conversation. To encourage that, we’ve changed up the schedule to allow more time in small groups for discussions. Now instead of dropping kids off in a classroom, they are dropped off in one large group room, where we immediately begin a time of games and move right to worship and large group teaching. Then we split the kids into small groups around the room and allow their small group leaders to have time in guided spiritual conversation.

With the few weeks we’ve had of running Sunday school in this new format, we’ve seen an increase in the amount of fun the children are having. Our volunteers are finding it much easier to connect with the kids now that they don’t have to plan any activities. They just show up ready to engage and discuss the week’s lesson.

I keep talking about the amount of fun we are having in Sunday school. Fun is important on many levels, but most importantly it allows the kids to learn. This summer your kids won’t want to miss out. Every week will be something different. In fact some weeks you, the parent, may want to stick around and take part in some of the games we are playing, which you are welcome to do! You just might come on a week we’re having a lip-syncing concert, a beach ball volleyball tournament, or minute-to-win-it challenges.



## Guinea Update

*Mary Madden*

### Maninka

The Beachhead is a 4-story building project that ARC missionary, Nathan K., is directing. He is raising funds in order to provide this place for ministry to young professionals to learn job skills, for outreach to non-Christians, to house a school for missionary children, and a guest house for short-term missionaries coming to Kankan. The well has been completed, footings have been dug, and the first floor is started - all done by hand. Pray for funding for the entire building, safety for workers, and honest business dealings as bribery is common in Guinea.

After several months of hot, dry weather with temperatures often above 100, the rainy season has arrived. It is needed to grow grain and vegetables to feed the people but is also a time of illnesses, such as malaria, due to more mosquitos. Pray that the Maninka believers and missionaries will stay healthy because even the medication for malaria can cause physical problems.

### Compassion Evangelical Hospital

A recent patient had both legs amputated because nothing could be done to save them. All his wives deserted him except one. She often asked Pastor Oumar to pray for her husband. As he talked to the man about Jesus, forgiveness of sin, and other scriptures, the man accepted Christ. His medical expenses were growing beyond his ability to pay, so the hospital director accepted him as a charity case, allowing him to pay only for his medication. He and his wife were overjoyed and thanked God for the aid he received.

Pastor Oumar and others visited a nearby village to distribute free medicine to over 200 people. They also gave Pular New Testaments to three leaders and presented the gospel to the people. They await a chance to return and further proclaim the gospel along with the medical care they give.

# A Spiritual Legacy

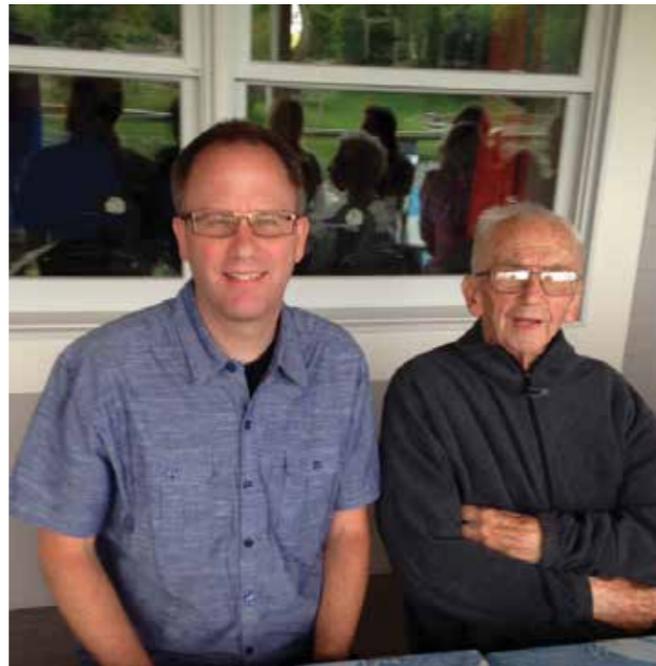
Brad Anderson

My father, Glenn Anderson, died on April 26th. He was 96 years old. He traveled to church in a bob sled when he was a boy, lived through the depression, and served in the Philippines during the Second World War. He married my mother in 1947, and they were together for nearly 69 years. Dad gave me and my three sisters a love for the outdoors. In addition, our parents modeled for us a good home, which began with Dad's love and respect for Mom.

Most importantly, however, Dad pointed us toward God. He put us in a place of blessing by taking us to church. He also prayed for us. I remember walking past his bedroom many times at night and seeing him on his knees

praying. Furthermore, he instilled in us that there is such a thing as truth and error, right and wrong.

In addition, he gave us a glimpse of the justice and love of God. From an early age, I learned a very simple principle: my actions have consequences. I was 16 years old, and



because I was already an expert driver, I ignored by father's warning about going too fast on snowy roads. I lost control and did a 360 in the middle of the road, hit a mail box with a huge post, and smashed in the side of the car. Indeed, there were consequences. I had to spend time and money fixing what I had broken and learning about the wonders of Bondo. But I also knew Dad loved me. He cared for me and spent time with me - playing catch, taking family vacations, and walking in the woods together.

And so the Christian gospel makes sense to me, because on the cross of Christ we see both the justice of God and the love of God. For on the cross, consequence and justice were satisfied, but love prevailed. You can't have one without the other. If there is no consequence, no justice, then God is not good. If God is not loving and full of grace, then we are without hope. But the hope of our family - and indeed the grand hope of humanity - is redemption.

The legacy Dad left is not lost on his grandchildren. Here are a couple quotes from their Facebook pages:

*"...I made a commitment to follow Jesus at a young age. Now I can look back across the decades and say with the song writer, 'He was there all the time.'"*

*"He taught us to follow the Creator, frolic in the woods, to enjoy the serenity of Lake Huron (his big pool as he called it) to shoot at tin cans, to enjoy the beauty of snow covered pines, to love family, and to live simply."*

*"I have so many fond memories with this man who brought joy to so many people and kept his humor and quick wit until the end. He loved God, loved others, and exemplified what it means to walk with integrity. I love you Grandpa, I am thankful that you are finally seeing your Savior face to face!"*

Twenty years ago I asked my Dad to write about his life. One of the questions I asked him was what advice he would give his great - grandchildren. I end with his words:

*The advice I would give my great grandchildren is to give my testimony for all of my journey, since I made a*

*commitment to follow Jesus at a young age. Now I can look back across the decades and say with the song writer, "He was there all the time."*

*That is what He did for me. As for you, my great grandchildren, search the Word for His great and precious promises and claim them for your very own. First yield to His Lordship as stated in Romans 12: 1 & 2, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Then, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." That path leads home. Hope to see you there at journey's end. There is no place like Home. Love, Dad. Love, Grandpa.*

# Snap Shuttle

Karen Foster

Last month ARC magazine included an article by Pastor Pat Wester titled, "God Loves a Cheerful Giver." Autumn Ridge Church is blessed with a congregation filled with cheerful givers who make the many ministries of our church possible. Those ministries reach as far as supporting missionaries around the world, to sending our youth on mission trips abroad, across the country, and within our own state. Other ministries are focused right here in Rochester. Snap Shuttle is one of those ministries you might not be familiar with.

Every Sunday morning, twenty minutes before each service begins, a twenty-four passenger mini-bus with "Snap Shuttle" printed on the side pulls up in front of the main entrance and drops off twenty passengers who would otherwise have no way of getting to church. These people represent a variety of walks of life and range in age from six to over eighty years old.

Some weeks the need is great enough that Snap Shuttle has to run a second van and often picks up as many as nine people from a single location. If not for the support of this ministry, some people without access to transportation would be unable to attend a worship service.

I recently spoke with some of the people who depend on the transportation we provide through Snap Shuttle to hear what it means to them. Carol, a regular, said she especially appreciates her driver, Nega, who takes care of the passengers and makes it a fun ride.



They all talked about how much they enjoy the worship music, fellowship, and sermons that help them through each week. After the worship service, visiting one of the HotSpots makes for a great time to catch up with friends and pick up a cup of coffee for the ride home.

Another passenger, Maureece, commented that when her friend moved away, she had no way to get to church. But thanks to Snap Shuttle, she is able to worship at Autumn Ridge. Evelyn shared a similar story, telling me she had attended another church for 30 years, but when she no longer had transportation she was able to get a ride to Autumn Ridge on Snap Shuttle.

It's easy to take getting in the car and driving to church for granted. But when life circumstances don't allow for such a convenience, our van ministry is able to meet that need. After visiting with some of our passengers, it was easy to see how much this ministry means to them.

Thank you for supporting our van ministry through your tithes and offerings. You make it possible to live out Matthew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." You make it possible for Carol, Evelyn, and others to participate in worshipping with us and continuing to grow in their spiritual journey.



Dear Autumn Ridge Church,

As the new Executive Director of Next Chapter Ministries (NCM), I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my family and to thank you for your support of NCM over the years.

In 2004 I married the former Marcia Frye. Marcia and I have 6 children together, one of which I brought into our marriage. They are Mahleek, Ezra, Azia, Sofia, Nehemiah, and Hannah.



Marcia comes from a family of rich spiritual history, including over 25 years of Christian service in the Rochester community. Founding Word of Life Church of God in Christ, Seeds of Wisdom Early Development Center & Christian Academy, as well as many other community-impact initiatives are a few testaments to this family's rich spiritual history and love for people from various walks of life.

Through 15 years of ministry, I have had a focus on serving those who are often disenfranchised and overrepresented by social ills. These same people come from broken homes, struggle with addictions, and often are victims of generational trauma. They often are convicted of committing criminal acts. With my experience, formal education in organizational leadership and nonprofit leadership, coupled with a strong

call from God, NCM is an ideal fit for me. On May 2nd, my journey with NCM began.

Since then, while spending time with our amazing staff, board members, and partners, I learned that Olmsted County Adult Detention Center houses over 4,000 detainees annually, many of whom will reside in Rochester upon their release. Therefore, I believe NCM will continue to be the discipleship model that "builds lasting relationships with people in our community who have been impacted by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community with the Gospel of God." As you consider being involved with NCM, please feel free to reach out to me. I am very excited to get to know each of you. Thanks again for

considering NCM as one of your three bold initiatives.

Sincerely,  
Tierre Webster





# Reading for the June 26th - July 23rd

## Jesus is the Way - Week 1

- 1. John 14
- 2. Luke 4:1-21
- 3. Luke 13:22-30
- 4. John 18
- 5. John 19
- 6. John 20
- 7. I Timothy 1

## Follow Jesus - Week 2

- 1. Luke 5
- 2. Luke 10:1-20
- 3. Matthew 11:25-12:21
- 4. Matthew 18
- 5. I Thessalonians 2
- 6. II Timothy 2
- 7. II Timothy 4

## Eternal Life - Week 3

- 1. John 17
- 2. I Corinthians 15:1-34
- 3. I Corinthians 15:35-56
- 4. Revelation 19
- 5. Revelation 20
- 6. Revelation 21
- 7. Revelation 22

## Know God - Week 4

- 1. Matthew 1:18-2:23
- 2. Luke 22:1-23
- 3. Romans 9
- 4. Romans 13
- 5. Luke 12:1-12
- 6. Acts 2:1-40
- 7. James 4:1-12

## John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## John 17:3

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."



# Students at the Steers

C. John and Gretchen Steer



To teach them, help them, serve them, or just enjoy them. I'm learning that this can be done in a variety of occupations, depending on your skills and passion. Ultimately it all comes back to how important people are to God and each other."

Rob grew up in North Dakota, where he started selling cars. He attended Oak Hills Bible College and then graduated from Bemidji State where he met his wife, Pam. They have a son, Ryan, and a daughter, Anna.

## 6pm Sunday, July 17

All college-age young people, whether working or at school, are invited to the home of John and Gretchen Steer at 6pm on Sunday, July 17. Come and play volleyball, badminton, or croquet, or just sit and chat. We will enjoy pizza, pop, and ice cream sundaes and then have a stimulating talk by Rob Gregory entitled "It's All About People."

As a business leader, Rob's passion is organizational health. He loves to help companies unleash the power of true teamwork and their people's desire to grow, love, and do good. Rob and Pam attend Autumn Ridge Church.

Rob is a businessman in Rochester who runs Rochester Ford and Toyota. He observes, "The purpose of every job is people.

We live at 3382 Wright Road SW in Rochester. Our phone is [507-280-4185](tel:507-280-4185). Bring a friend if you would like to. We look forward to seeing you and catching up.

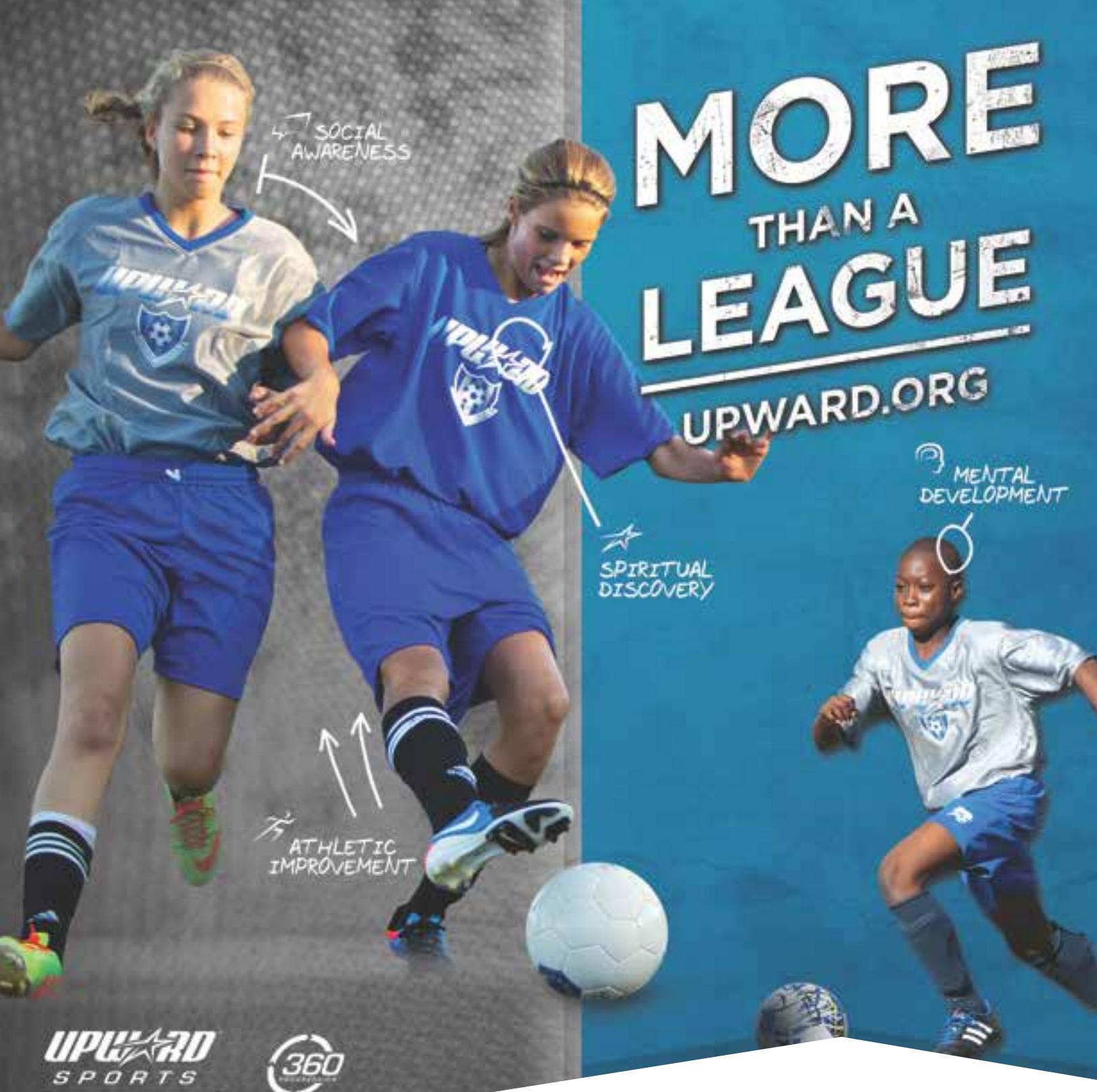


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JULY 22 | WILLABELLE NELSON  
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