

*Annual  
Report  
2013*

**East Troy Bible Church**

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## **CHURCH STAFF, ELDER BOARD & DEACON BOARD 2013**

### **CHURCH STAFF:**

Ron Christiansen, Senior Pastor  
Ben Wood, Associate Pastor to Families with Youth  
Jean Kostopoulos, Administrative Assistant (Kay Stahl filling this position starting 09/2013)  
Mary Briedis, Secretary & Bookkeeper  
Kristen Douglass, Part-time Bookkeeper  
Jerry Koskinen, Financial Secretary  
Sheri McNabb, Janitorial

### **ELDER BOARD:**

Pastor Ron Christiansen, Preaching & Teaching Elder  
Pastor Ben Wood, Families with Youth Elder  
Dave Himself, Chairman & Youth Ministries Elder  
Jerry Koskinen, AWANA  
Al Kostopoulos, Discipleship Ministries Elder

### **DEACON BOARD:**

Gary Alexander, Vice President  
Steve Chesky  
Jim Haraldsen, Jr.  
Mike Jacob, Secretary  
Kirk Johnsen, President  
David Kramer  
Mark Nielsen  
George Stahl  
Jeff Standafer, Treasurer  
Brian Whitmore

## SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the East Troy Bible Church,

In Psalm 96, the writer commands the people of Israel to “Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord! Praise His name! Announce every day how He delivers.”

The command was given not just write and sing new music, but instead to cultivate a fresh new heart of praise to the Lord for His goodness. The text lists a bunch of things to Sing and Talk about.

- He has a name worthy of praise
- He is a deliverer
- He is full of splendor
- He accomplishes amazing deeds
- He is more awesome than false gods
- He is the creator of the universe
- He is full of strength
- He is worthy of our worship, sacrifice and fear
- He is a king who reigns
- He is a just judge
- He causes His creation to praise

Last summer, you gave our family a Sabbath. You allowed us to engage as a family with God. Kathy and I want to thank you for this opportunity. It was refreshing and healthy.

On a personal note, the sabbatical provided time for me to get back to the basics of my faith and life in Jesus. I was struck with how my life had been so wrapped up in duty and task, that my Christianity had lost its joy.

My hope for all of us in the year ahead, is that we return to the Joy of our Salvation. That we focus on our love and desire for God over other affections or duties. My hope is that we would walk in faith and reliance upon God.

How? By absorbing the truths of God above and trusting in Him. By casting our anxieties on Him because He cares for us. By going to the throne of grace and mercy in our time of need. By longing and hungering after God and righteousness.

The Scripture tells us in Genesis and Romans that faith is counted as righteousness – not good works. To long after righteousness is to long for more trust in God.

May the Lord fill us with renewed faith... a renewed righteousness.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ron

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO FAMILIES WITH YOUTH

### Plugged In – Sr. & Jr. High Youth Ministry

**Weekly Meeting:** Sunday Night 5:45-8:00pm

This time is for all Jr. High and Sr. High students and their families. The goal of the night is to encourage a deeper relationship with Jesus and to help build them in their faith in Him.

Schedule: 5:45 – Games

6:30 – Worship Time (music, testimonies, and message)

7:40 – Small Groups

8:00 – Done for the night

**Other Activities** – Mission days, Survivor All-nighter, Stonefire Pizza, Easter Ministry week, Fall Retreat, Districts Youth Conference, All-In summer program, Bigger or Better, Mystery Night, and much more.

Each week we give one youth a chance to share a testimony with the group. We call it Take 5. We were blessed this year with so many great testimonies from the students. It was great to see how the Lord has been working in their lives and how each testimony gave us a unique message that could challenge the rest of us. Near the end of the school year we decided to have a whole night of testimonies. By the end of the night every single student and most of the adults had come up to share. Some shared a challenge they were going through, some shared a blessing they had just received, some shared about what they were learning from studying God's Word, and others shared a goal of wanting to be more faithful. It was truly a blessing to be in the room that night and to see the whole body involved in encouraging each other.

There really is a lot going on and I encourage you that if you have any questions please contact Pastor Ben at 262-661-9113.

## ELDER BOARD

**Chairman:** Dave Himself

**Elder Board:** Pastor Ron Christiansen, Pastor Ben Wood, Dave Himself, Jerry Koskinen, Al Kostopoulos,

**Meeting Time:** 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 P.M.

**Purpose & Duty:** To assist the Pastors in the spiritual welfare of the church. It is our responsibility to safeguard and preserve the teaching and application of the doctrine as set forth in God's holy Word and the Constitution of East Troy Bible Church

### Special Committee

**for Oversight of:** On A Mission, Worship Committee, Benevolence Request Committee

**Activities in the past year:** We spent a good deal of time coordinating and planning for Pastor Ron's Sabbatical. We received eight people into membership. We were able to help fund two college students on missionary endeavors.

We were able, with the service of the Benevolence Committee, to help many folks in our own congregation and the community.

We plan to begin to support Brian and Lauren Zwick and Chaplain Larry Williams on a monthly basis. --Dave Himself

## DEACON BOARD

**President:** Kirk Johnsen  
**Vice President:** Gary Alexander  
**Secretary:** Mike Jacob  
**Treasurer:** Jeff Standafer  
**Meeting Time:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.  
**Other Deacons:** Steve Chesky, Jim Haraldsen, Sr., David Kramer, Mark Nielsen, George Stahl, Brian Whitmore

**Purpose:** Discuss church ministry, business, and building concerns and make decisions for furthering the ministry of ETBC in the community.

**Activities:** Serving communion, overseeing chair set-up & take down and building lock-up.

The Deacons have been united dealing with the management of the church this year. We have been dealing with giving being under budget, however, God has blessed us with a surplus from previous years. We will continue to seek His direction as we manage the Church's funds. The only major church improvement has been an update to the landscape along the front of the building. I have been encouraged this year on how the men on the Deacon Board have worked together exemplifying the fruit of the Spirit.

**Future Plans:** Continuing to care for the needs of ETBC.

## ETBC MISSIONS PROGRAM

**Coordinators:** Elder Board

**Purpose:** The missions ministry at ETBC supports both active and retired missionaries around the world. The missions ministry also attempts to build awareness of the need worldwide through invitations to missionaries to visit and speak, mission trips and through regional mission focus outreaches. Further, the missions ministry will be attempting to engage and challenge people into regional and international missions.

Some of the special moments in the missions program happened among our youth. As you can read, Pastor Ben took a multi-generational missions trip to Chang Mai Thailand which opened the eyes of all who went to God's work around the world. Another exciting experience happened with two of our young adults. Lindsay Haraldsen was sent by ETBC to Youth With a Mission (YWAM) to serve in short term mission team development. Another young man, Darren Zahn also pursued YWAM in Australia and Japan for a similar training experience.

The Elders have asked the church to support and fund young people to go and serve around the world. Our teams that went to Chang Mai, Spain and Zimbabwe have proven that when people see God at work in other places of the world, they are more inspired to serve at home.

Missions trips are essential to the spiritual development of our youth and adults.

## THAILAND MISSION TRIP

**Coordinator:** Pastor Ben Wood

**Mission Team:** Dave Himsel, Michelle Himsel, Ben Himsel, Bradley Himsel, Gene Thompson, Sarah Gustafson, Katie Condon, Justine Leonard, Jordan Koskinen, Katharine Zahn, Jenna Chesky, and Haley Blum

**Dates:** June 11 – 24, 2013

**Purpose:** To connect with our ETBC missionaries Andy and Gina Templeton and work alongside them. Another purpose was to be salt and light in Thailand while we were there.

**What We Did:** Our time was split into four areas. First we spent time doing work projects (painting, welding, and building) at a Christian camp. Second we spent time with children encouraging them and showing them the love of Christ. Third we spent time learning about the culture in Thailand and what the Templetons see each day. Last we spent some time sightseeing and enjoying Thailand.

This trip was incredible! It was wonderful to see how God is using the Templetons to impact people and Thailand. The group was challenged in many ways and changed by what we saw and did. I encourage everyone in the church to consider going on an ETBC mission trip!

--Pastor Ben Wood

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### Sunday Meetings:

- Sunday School – 9:00am
- Little Kid's Church – 11:00am
- Big Kid's Church – 11:00am

### Children's Church Staff:

- Little Church – Karen Alexander
- Big Kids Church – Jeff and Alice Standafer

### Sunday School Staff Fall 2012 to Fall 2013

Nursery	Sara Beay
Pre-K – K	Jen Wood and Justine Leonard
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gail Sikora and Kathy Goetsch
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Beay and Dave and Michelle Nelson
Jr. High	Jeff Standafer
Sr. High	Jerry Koskinen and Pastor Ben Wood

This past year was a great year of Sunday School for our children. We have the best teachers! The children learned a lot about the Word of God and were challenged to grow in their faith in Him. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class continued to be a group that reached outside of their class. The 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class also went and served at a nursing home and shared the Word of God and other talents with the people there. I am excited with the direction that our Sunday School ministry is headed. This coming year will be great and I hope that all the children are able to join us.

## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP STUDIES

Old Testament:	Team Taught
New Testament :	Phil Christiansen
The Q&A Bible Fellowship:	Pastor Ron Christiansen & Kirk Johnsen
New Beginnings Bible Fellowship:	Dave Himsel & Al Kostopoulos
enCOURAGE Young Adult:	Laurie Condon, Matt Nielsen, Dan Powers, Brian & Lauren Zwick
Ladies Study in Ephesians:	Serena Salentine

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Ron Christiansen  
Ben Wood  
Nicole Nelson  
Karen Alexander

**Purpose:** The CE Team has continued to re-think Sunday School while also providing alternative ministries throughout the year. This team has done most of the preparation for Backyard Bible Clubs.

-- Pastor Ben Wood



## AWANA CLUBS

**Commander:** Beth Keizer

### Club Directors:

Cubbies (ages 3-Pre-K): Nicole Nelson  
Sparks (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade): Michelle Jacob, Kelly Bowey  
Boys Club (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade): Kirk Johnsen  
Girls Club (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) Nancy Brannen, Pam Johnsen

**Meeting Times:** Wednesday's at 6:30 – 8:00 P.M - September-May. All regular club meetings are at ETBC.

**Purpose:** AWANA's name from came II Tim 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed. According to the Pledge to the AWANA Flag – our "goal is to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him".

**Comments:** AWANA is always a crazy controlled chaos. We had many theme nights throughout the year: Team Color Night, Fairmont Fair/Parents Night, Lifesaver Night, Affliction Night and Measles Night to name a few. Some of our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in AWANA Quizzing where they competed with churches in Bible memorization. Some of our kids also participated in AWANA Games. The true highlight of the year has been that at least 11 kids have made the decision to put their trust in God by asking Him to be their Lord and Savior. That is really what AWANA is all about!

--Beth Keizer, AWANA Commander

## BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS

This year we ran two clubs. Both clubs reached out to children who needed to hear the gospel. It was clearly delivered and demonstrated by our church family. We saw two students accept Christ and many more seeds planted.

This year we created our own curriculum. It was very well put together and functioned very well in the backyard setting.

Many people were involved in preparing for and pulling off the BYBCs. Hopefully going forward this ministry can grow and more of you will get involved!

--Pastor Ben Wood

## ETBC SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>Baptisms:</b>	August 25, 2013, Timber-lee Christian Center
<b>Church Picnic</b>	August 25, 2013, Timber-lee Christian Center, Featuring Mark Reed
<b>Districts Youth Conference:</b>	January 4-6, 2013
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<b>Hearts for Christ:</b>	February 24, 2013
<b>Newcomer Fellowships:</b>	February 10, 2013 & October 20, 2013
<b>Ping Pong Tournament:</b>	February 16, 2013
<b>Plugged In Fall Retreat</b>	November 1-3, 2013
<b>Rev'n Ron's Race Day:</b>	July 27, 2013
<b>Super Bowl:</b>	February 3, 2013
<b>Thailand Mission Trip:</b>	June 11-24, 2013
<b>Wild Game Sportsman Dinner:</b>	March 13, 2013
<b>Youth Lead Thanksgiving Service:</b>	November 25, 2012

## ETBC SPECIAL OUTREACH EVENTS

<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive:</b>	Bi-Monthly
<b>Christmas Prayer on the Porch:</b>	December 16, 2012 – Prayer & distribution of Bibles
<b>Community Food Collection Day:</b>	November 12, 2011 – Food items collected by Plugged In Youth
<b>Eternity Concert:</b>	March 2, 2013
<b>Feed My Starving Children:</b>	January 26, 2013 February 23, 2013 March 23, 2013 April 27, 2013 May 18, 2013 August 24, 2013
<b>Ian Leitch Be One Make Many:</b>	May 5-7, 2013 (With Southern Lakes EFC)
<b>Operation Easter Child:</b>	March 23, 2013 (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Class/Lakeview Specialty Hospital)
<b>See You at the Pole</b>	September 25, 2013
<b>Thailand Coffee House:</b>	March 24, 2013
<b>Thailand Mission Trip:</b>	June 11-24, 2013 – Andy & Gina Templeton
<b>UWW Turkey Dinner:</b>	November 14, 2012

## **MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Coordinator:** Olen Johnsen

**Meeting Time/Place:** Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M. at ETBC

In the past year we have studied 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Revelation, Matthew, Luke and are currently half way through Acts. We will continue next year with Romans and Corinthians, and a request has been made to look at some Old Testament books, so we will take up one or two of them in the next year as well.

We generally cover one chapter a week. Each study includes time for reading the chapter, discussion of key points, prayer and general discussion of how the lessons of the text have an affect on our lives and behavior.

We have experienced recent growth to seven men per week. Please come on out and join us from 7:00 to 9:00 each Monday night.

The men reported that it is their favorite night of the week. They look forward to the study and our growing friendships.

-- Olen Johnsen, Bible Study Leader

## **MEN'S SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Coordinator:** Bill Pieters

**Others Involved:** There are 10-15 men who attend this Bible study on a regular basis

**Meeting Time:** The Bible study group meets on Saturday morning at 7:00 – 8:30 A.M.

**Location:** We meet at church in Rm# 7

**Purpose:** To learn and understand God's Word as we continue to grow in our faith walk with our Lord. To be the Disciples Christ is looking for to serve others.

**Activities in the Past Year (Fall 2012 to Summer 2013):** This past year we have studied 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and we are currently studying Hebrews. As we study the scriptures for their meanings, we have discussion on how the scripture verse pertains to living our daily lives as men growing in our faith.

We have assisted those who need a "helping hand" with work around the home, yard work, basement cleaning and reorganization. We encourage those who need some extra help to contact us at 262-210-6871, or to call the church office.

**Future Plans for this Group/Ministry:** To continue to grow in God's Word and also our relationships with one another. We will continue to serve others in our church family and the community.

--Bill Pieters

## **EXCELLENT WIFE BIBLE STUDY (NEW NAME AS OF SEPTEMBER “WOMEN OF THE WORD”)**

**Coordinators:** Rita Weber & Martha Purnell (New Leaders for 2013-14 Joan Funk and Gene Thompson)

**Others Involved:** 10-12 Ladies attend this Bible study and we are happy to welcome and encourage anyone seeking fellowship, friendship and encouragement as we study God’s Word together.

**Meeting Time:** 6:00 P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month

**Location:** Mainly at Joan Funk’s or Gene Thompson’s home

**Purpose:** The purpose is for Bible study, prayer for each other and fellowship and encouragement so we grow in the Lord and share our faith with others.

**Activities:** Bible study by Warren Wiersbe, “*Be Mature*” – being mature to trust God and his promises, which requires faith. We had dinner out several times and a boat ride lunch at Gene Thompson’s. We see how the Lord has worked by the growth of each person involved, in God’s Word and life, as well as in the fellowship of believers, and as we pray for the needs of each person.

**Future Plans:** Bible Study “*Be Counted*” the book of Numbers by Warren Wiersbe, along with some special events such as dinners out on the fifth Thursday of a month, sharing meals with others, and offering help and encouragement. We want to be Women of the Word, our new name since September, and reflect it to others and pray we can win others to our Lord Jesus Christ.

--Joan Funk

## **LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**Coordinator:** Virginia Decker

**People Involved:** We have various age groups and not all attend ETBC

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 P.M. the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month

**Purpose:** To grow in faith and be an encouragement to others.

**Comments:** I have seen growth in confidence, a willingness to share concerns, a hunger for searching the meaning of verses and the realization that Christians are fun loving.

--Virginia Decker

## **MORE IN THE MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Coordinators:** Kathy Christiansen, Jean Kostopoulos, Michele Wittlieff (2012-2013)

**People Involved:** More in the Morning Bible Study is open to all ladies at ETBC as well as ladies in the community. Childcare is provided.

**Meeting Time:** Every other Tuesday morning from 9:00 - 11:15 A.M.

**Purpose:** To study God’s Word together and to encourage and pray for one another as we endeavor to apply His Word to our lives. The differing ages and backgrounds of the ladies who participate in the study have enriched our time together.

**Activities in the past year:** From the Fall of 2012 through the Spring of 2013, we studied James in the Beth Moore Bible Study entitled, “James: Mercy Triumphs”. We did not offer a study during the late spring and we are not currently meeting.

## **EVEN MORE IN THE EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

- Coordinator:** Jean Kostopoulos
- People Involved:** 4-5 ladies
- Meeting Time:** Every other Monday evening from 6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
- Purpose:** To study God's Word together and to encourage and pray for one another as we endeavor to apply His Word to our lives. The differing ages and backgrounds of the ladies who participate in the study have enriched our time together.

**Activities in the past year:** From November 19, 2012 through April 1, 2013 we studied James in the Beth Moore Bible Study entitled, "James: Mercy Triumphs". We are not currently meeting.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Romans 15:30 *"I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me."*

The Prayer Ministry of East Troy Bible Church is a variegated and often spontaneous ministry of the church. However, the church has some specific ministries of intercessory prayer presently, and Pastor Ron desires to see many ministries of prayer develop.

**Prayer Chain Email/Facebook:** The Prayer Chain is a ministry that enables the people of the congregation to receive immediate and concerted prayer. The e-mail chain can be started by calling or e-mailing the church office. Those who use Facebook can also send a prayer request through the ETBC Facebook Group.

**Phone Prayer Chain:** Shirley Parsons takes the emails she receives and passes them along to individuals who have asked to be contacted by phone.

**Wednesday Night Prayer Ministry:** This ministry has been a mainstay of East Troy Bible Church. It prays for the needs of the people every Wednesday at 6:30. It is a rich time of blessing and is co-led by Phil Christiansen and Pastor Ron. The prayer ministry members are presently forming some ideas for new prayer ministries and prayer events. They are strategically looking for ways to help people in our church become united in intercessory prayer and worship.

**Sunday Morning Pastoral Prayer:** Every Sunday morning, the church is encouraged to pray together for the needs within the congregation. This brings a real sense of family to the worship services at ETBC. Pastor Ron leads this time of prayer most Sundays.

**Prayer Box:** Another way to communicate a prayer request is through the beautiful prayer request box located inside the worship area by filling out one of the green prayer request slips and placing it inside the box.

## **BENEVOLENCE REQUEST COMMITTEE**

- Coordinator:** Al Kostopoulos
- Others Involved:** Bob Williamson, Karen Sautbine, George Stahl
- Meeting Place/Time:** We meet as a group at church to consider benevolence requests as they are received.
- Purpose:** Our meetings are with individuals/families who are not regular attendees of ETBC, who have submitted a Benevolence Request Form to determine what involvement the church is able to take to assist them.
- Activities:** The committee received and reviewed six requests for assistance from individuals/families through the application process during the past year.
- Future Plans:** We will continue to meet as requests are received.

## **TRUSTEE COMMITTEE**

- Coordinator:** Ken Goetsch
- Purpose:** To assist and support the Deacon Board by caring for the church building and grounds.
- Meeting Time:** Meetings are scheduled as needs arise
- Others Involved:** Volunteer men of ETBC

## **CHURCH ORCHESTRA**

- Coordinators:** Denise Whitmore
- Others Involved:** Participation varies, usually 8-14 people.
- Meeting:** This group is currently inactive.
- Purpose:** To praise the Lord using instruments while the congregation sings the hymns.

## **FRIENDSHIP FOOD MINISTRY**

- Coordinator:** Lura Asby
- Others Involved:** Various ETBC members & attenders
- Purpose:** The purpose of this ministry is to provide meals to people in the church & community who have a short-term need due to illness, hospitalization, new baby, or other reasons.

**Comments:** Much appreciated thanks to numerous members of the church family who were involved this past year. We invite everyone's participation in this ministry.

--Lura Asby

## HONORABLE TEAM

- Coordinator:** Karen Sautbine, Ken & Kathy Goetsch
- Others Involved:** Joan Funk, Gene Thompson, Gary & Karen Alexander, Ed Sikora, Jim & Ele Haraldsen
- Meetings:** TBA
- Purpose:** To minister to seniors and individuals, also to those with special needs in the church community. To create fellowship times, service to the elderly and their families and mentorship opportunities.

**Fall 2012 to 2013 Activities:** February 2013-Sing Along at East Troy Manor; March 2013- Eternity Concert-public/community event.

**Future Plans:** Potluck dinner November 15, 2013. Encourage fellowship and participation through personal invitations.

--Karen Sautbine

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

- Coordinator:** Lucienne Keizer
- Others Involved:** Joan Funk, Kathy Goetsch
- Meeting Time/Place:** Determined at time of meeting-- when need arises.
- Purpose:** To discuss needs of ministry, donations to recipients of shawls.

**Activities in the past year:** Distribution of made prayer shawls, outreach to recipients, continuation of prayers for recipients. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year of existence the ministry is more ready than ever to fill its needs. Donation of yarn and monies toward purchase of yarn are always welcome. The responses to the gift of a prayer shawl are so special-people feel blessed and special to receive one.

**Future Plans for this Group/Ministry:** To continue and be ready for the distribution of these shawls in many different areas and different people.

--Lucienne Keizer

## LADIES SERVICE TEAMS

- Coordinators:** Service Team 1: Jean Kostopoulos, Marge Hell  
Service Team 2:, Gene Thompson, Gail Sikora, Michelle Himsel  
Service Team 3: Karen Alexander, Lura Asby  
Service Team 4: Kelly Bowey, Michelle Jacob
- Others Involved:** Many ladies who volunteer of their time and talents to serve the Lord by serving others in our church family and in the community.
- Purpose:** To create a spirit of unity among church women by jointly serving others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ so as to bring glory to God and Him alone.

**Comments:** The service teams will be reorganized for the 2014 year. Each lady listed in the ETBC directory will be placed on one of the four service teams. These teams rotate service monthly and assist when needed by organizing and serving for potlucks, ETBC social functions and funeral dinners. Teams are shuffled each year to allow ladies involved an opportunity to get to know one another and serve together.

--Jean Kostopoulos

## **NURSERY MINISTRY**

**Overseer:** Pastor Ben Wood

**Others Involved:** Pastor Ron Christiansen; Kirk and Mandy Stanford; Susan Miller; Kim Nielsen

**Purpose:** To glorify God by providing love and care to children from birth to age three.

**Comments:** We conducted meetings this past year to discuss the nursery's future growth. The nursery is an important ministry. We are doing a valuable ministry to parents by caring for their children so they can focus on the worship service. We build new relationships. Future plans involve developing ways to reach out and grow.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**Coordinator:** Lura Asby

**Others Involved:** Numerous families and individuals volunteering time and gifts.

**Purpose:** To demonstrate the love of Christ to those in need, in foreign countries.

**Comments:** Thanks to all who participated last year. In 2012 over 100 boxes were completed. Please get involved this year too.

--Lura Asby

## **SOCCER CAMP**

**Coordinator:** Jessie Eickman, Aaron Beay

**People Involved:** Aaron and Sara Beay, Kirk and Mandy Stanford, Dave Nelson, Jim King, Jenna and Jon Chesky, Michelle Jacob, Kellie Bowey, and various teens

**Meeting / Time:** Fourth week in July in the evening at the church

**Purpose:** A program that provides the opportunity to reach out into the community for Christ through soccer/sports.

**Comments:** One child came to Christ during the 2013 Soccer Camp.

--Jessie Eickman

## **RC FLY IN**

**Coordinator:** George Stahl & Phil Christiansen

**Meetings:** October to March on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

**Comments:** This is a community outreach that gives residents an indoor location to fly their remote control planes while fellowshiping. A spring year-end dinner was held and Al Kostopoulos shared his testimony this year and told how the Lord has worked in his life. Meetings are started with prayer and prayer requests are received for church body consideration. The group has grown to as large as 23 people.



## URBAN CAMP

**Location:** Timber-lee Christian Ministries

**Date:** August 4-9, 2013

**Comments:** This year was a great year of participation of the Bible Church in Timber-lee's annual Urban Camp in August. Just under 300 scholarshiped youth came to camp from the urban centers of Milwaukee, Racine, Rockford, and Chicago. Urban Camp is a special outreach of Timber-lee that works in concert with local churches and ministries to help children experience the wonders of Creation and the wonder of the Gospel. Mary Kay Meeker used to say, "Urban Camp exists as a special program where inner-city children are inoculated with God's Word so they can face the challenges of urban life."

For many at ETBC, Urban Camp provides a way to express the gospel, obey the great commission of discipleship, and demonstrate sacrificial compassion. Many people from ETBC served in the advisory steering council, village leadership, programming, L.I.T program, support staff, Bible teaching and fund raising.

Urban Camp is a recognized part of ETBC's evangelism ministry on our church calendar. It is wonderful experience of joining other Christian people and churches from around the region to serve as a united body of Christ. During the week of Urban Camp, the prayer of Jesus in John 17 becomes visible;

*John 17:20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

Pastor Ron on Behalf of the Urban Camp Team

## BASKETBALL MINISTRY

**Coordinator:** Jerry Koskinen & Jonas Bradley

**People Involved:** People who enjoy playing basketball at any skill level.

**Meeting / Time:** Tuesday – Young Peoples, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.  
Thursday – 30+, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

**Purpose:** To provide a safe and spiritual environment for exercise, fellowship and outreach.

**Comments:** We average 15-25 in an evening. Many who attend do not attend church. While we play from 7-9:00, we take a devotion break at 8:00 P.M. There are 2 rules for the evening (1) have fun playing basketball and (2) no bad language.

--Jerry Koskinen