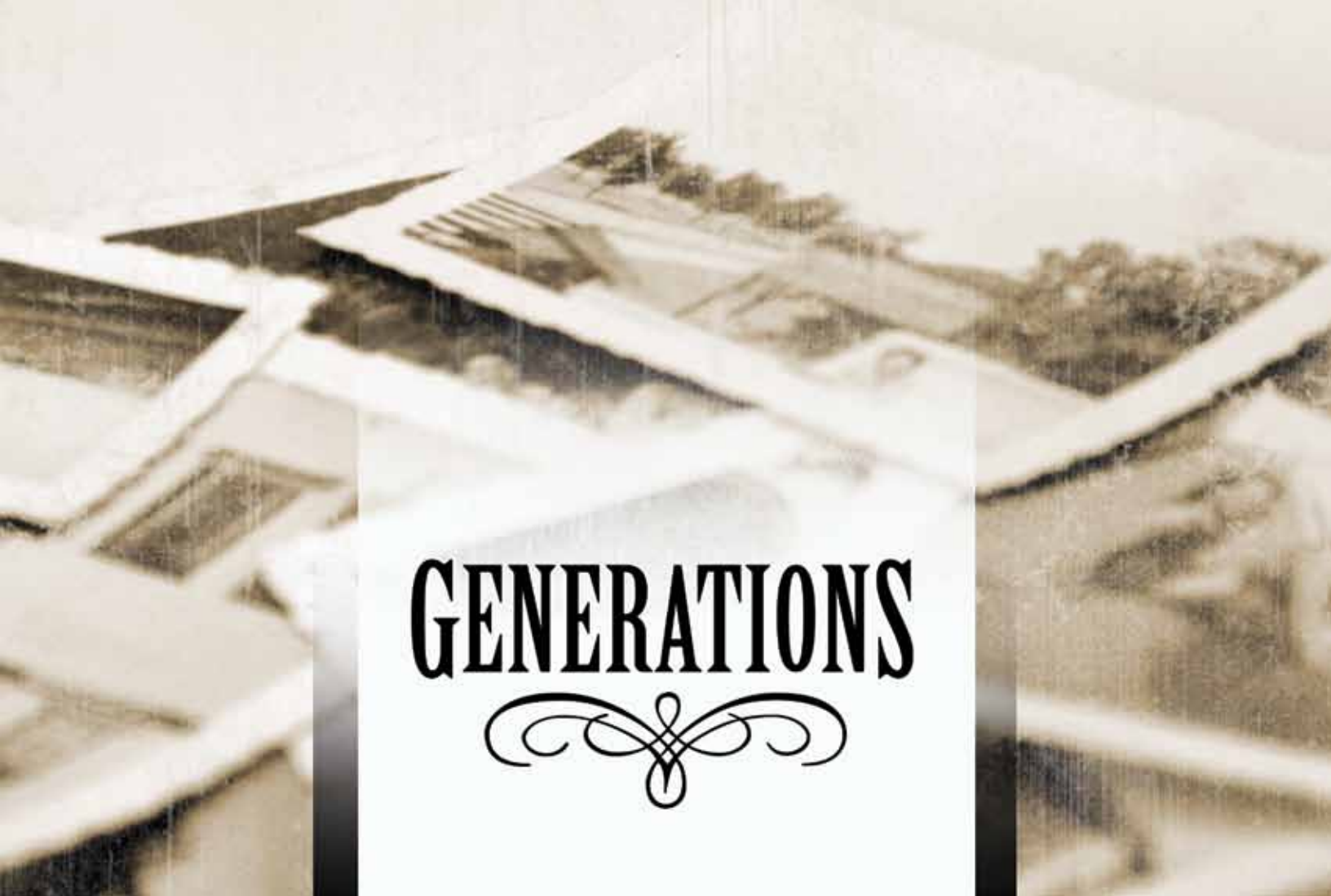


Chapters

A Journal of God's Reign at Calvary Baptist Church



GENERATIONS



GENERATIONS WORSHIPPING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

by Sarah Blocher & Sherrie Willson

“WE WORSHIP TOGETHER,
WE HAVE FUN TOGETHER,
WE PRAY TOGETHER,
WE LAUGH TOGETHER ...
WE LOVE IT!”

~ STACY ELLENS

Church is all about family – the spiritual family that is the church body, and all the literal families within that spiritual family.

Several families at CBC are blessed to have multiple generations attending the church. One of the largest is the Wells/Heagle family, headed by Gary and Kathy Wells and Ed and Linda Heagle.

The Heagle family can usually be seen sitting together each Sunday in the last row by the sound board (though if they continue to grow, they may have to add another row soon!) This blended family totals 23 members spanning three generations, who all attend CBC on a regular basis and are involved in ministry.

Gary and Kathy say their daily prayers for their young kids often included praying for their future life partners. They

were thrilled when their daughter, Rachel, married Joel Heagle. Not only did they know Ed and Linda from church, Gary worked with Ed at Eastern Floral as well. “We knew there was a possibility with Joel finishing school that they may move, but thankfully, he joined a family practice in Grand Rapids and we have the joy of seeing them involved in ministry at CBC,” Gary says.

“Our children desperately need examples from the body who can exemplify what it means to walk with Christ in an authentic way, and love it.”

Gary and Kathy have six grandchildren – three from Joel and Rachel, and three from their son Aaron and his wife, Diana

– all of whom attend CBC. They agree that of all the things that are great about having family at Calvary, the grandkids are the best!

“We get to see them every Sunday morning after ABF and get to hear and see what they learned and be excited with them when they show us pictures they have drawn as we help load them up in the car,” Kathy says.

Ed and Linda Heagle’s son Mark and his wife, Norma, love having their three kids see their grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins worshipping and learning together. “It takes the family relationship to a whole new level of trust and openness,” Norma says. “Their circle of influence increases because of the connections, so they are able to be more aware of needs, praises and blessings.”

Mark adds, “It’s a special privilege to have a family member serve as our kids’ teacher or helper in a class, it allows them greater knowledge to ask questions at family events as well.”

Scott and Dawn Heagle say their daughter, Ana, has come to expect that she’ll run into a family member whenever they’re at CBC. “Corporate worship is to praise God; our focus is on the words, the music, the collection of our church family creating one voice to praise God. The idea of experiencing that next to my brother, my sister-in-law, my dad or my mom is an added blessing to that moment,” Scott says.

Another blended family is the Brewer/Ellens families, headed by Ed and Mary Ellens and Gary and Kathy Brewer, who

have 18 people attending CBC spanning four generations. Like the Heagles and Wells, much of their lives revolve around CBC.

“We usually have Sunday dinners together and often have opportunities to discuss the morning message, happenings at CBC and interact about other

ministries we are involved with at CBC,” Gary says. “We have been able to work in the children’s ministries, allowing us to develop sweet relationships and times of mentoring those outside our immediate family and also to know what our grandchildren are learning and follow up with them.”

Mark and Stacy Ellens and their family of six can’t imagine church without family. Mark, Stacy, Gary and Kathy were all a part of TeamKID. “We worship together, we have fun together, we pray together, we laugh together ... we love it!” Stacy says. “As you do everything together, you gain some additional insight into the ones you love. I suppose I know a bit more about each of them because we worship together at the same church.”

For those families not fortunate enough to have 10 or 20 family members at CBC, Mark Heagle challenges them to create their own cross-generational “families” within the church. “I’d love to see the older generation deeply involved in the student/children’s ministries,” he says. “Our children desperately need examples from the body who can exemplify what it means to walk with Christ

in an authentic way, and love it. This could happen through teaching, working as a helper, visiting camp, making yourself known as a prayer partner willing to connect at least once per week.

“If we don’t pass along our Christian heritage, mistakes and successes, they will pass on when our veteran saints leave us. Simple things like prayers, meals, sincere conversations targeted at keeping us accountable as parents would be of great benefit – especially to those who do not have extended family close.”



Top: Grandchildren of Gary & Kathy Brewer
Middle: Children and Grandchildren of Ed & Linda Heagle
Bottom: Gary & Kathy Wells & their Grandchildren

MEET THE FOUNDATIONS ABF

by Shannon Popkin

I arrived at the Foundations Adult Bible Fellowship right before it was called to order. (Although 'order' might be a strong word for what came next... :) Here are a few foundational words which I think describe Foundations:

CARING

During the announcement/prayer request time it became obvious to me that this is group of people who both enjoy being together, and who care for each other. There was light hearted banter as we learned that 'Master Master (Chris) Brewer' would be graduating on Friday night with a Masters in Divinity (Chris has achieved two masters degrees). Then there was obvious empathy and concern for a couple who had filed a missing child report that week, after their three year old (whom they later found hiding in the basement) disappeared.

One of the class' couples will be returning, after having been away for a year. Offers of food, moving help, and childcare all told of the ways this group is accustomed to caring for each other. (Though members were warned to stay away from boxes labeled "Jeremy's Office". ???)

FOUNDATIONS ABF

Teacher: Dan Kallman

Deacon: Matt Kallman

Class Leader:

Josh and Linda-Jo Carron

Outreach/Service Coordinators:

Brent and Shari Wilson

Age Group: mid 20's- early 30's

Room: 32

The prayer that followed was sweet and sincere—a group of people coming to the Father on behalf of each other. One member, concerned about another's struggles with the effects of MS, prayed, "Take care of Brent for us."

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Here's what I mean: One class member inquired about the afore mentioned couple's housing, and a location was given. Someone else asked, "Is that by

the yellow house in Jenison?" Someone responded, "Yes, I think it's by the yellow house." Another asked, "Is there only one yellow house in Jenison?" And one more chimed in with, "No, this is a disturbingly yellow house." And those are only the yellow house comments that I tuned in on. Lots and lots of interaction ... about meaningful stuff, too!

CONNECTED

I noticed that class members weren't writing anything down as people shared announcements and prayer requests. But, not in a detached, cavalier way; more the way friends don't take notes on each others' updates while chatting at a coffee shop. (I must mention that when I commented positively about this, they did inform me of a weekly distributed email update. But, still.) One class member said that these are the friends he and his wife get together with on the weekend--not just people that they see on Sunday. It shows.

FOUNDATIONAL BEGINNINGS

The 'foundation' for this class was first laid nine years ago, with such charter



L to R: Nate Vriesman, Jeremy Bergwerff, Matt Kallman and Scott Heagle enjoying their ABF snacks.

members as the Alexanders, Heagles, Parris', and Wells'. But the class is now a myriad of over 75 people, counting the four babies born in the last two months. And the growth doesn't stop there. By the sported maternity wear, I'm guessing that number will keep rising over the next few months!

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

When asked what they most appreciate about their class, members spoke of the relationships and support. Eric Mitchell, one of the newer members, said that the number of stay-at-home moms who could offer support to his wife, Erin, was a huge draw for their family.

The class affectionately referred to Dan and Deb Kallman as their 'token wise ones'. "Engaging", "Professional", "Partnership" (referring to Deb)-- these were all words used to describe Dan's teaching style. Class members Aaron Wells and Chris Brewer have also been given opportunity to share their teach-

Class teacher Dan & Deb Kallman



ing gifts with a series of class lessons.

The Foundations class has four care groups. Each group is responsible for planning a quarterly event, such as their recent 50's style Mystery Dinner. They also plan an adults-only retreat every other year, with a goal of supporting marriages.

I asked the class for several nominations and the following were offered:

- **Best Snacks**—Brent Wilson's creativity was given an honorable mention (Chocolate Covered Garlic Cloves???)
- **Best Comedian**—too much competition to single out just one.
- **Most Welcoming**—the Vriesmans were easy to nominate, since many members were first invited to class by them.
- **Most Caring**—Heather Shanks-Elmer's hand written notes have been meaningful to many.

Each of these people, plus dozens more, add to the unique camaraderie and relational interaction that happens on a weekly basis among Foundations members. Rachel Brewer said, "There's a support that solidifies as you do life together." She added, "I'm not sure if this is something that always continues on...?" Another member responded, "It will."

Connecting with a body of believers who are all doing life together is foundational for spiritual life. The Foundations class has laid that foundation well.

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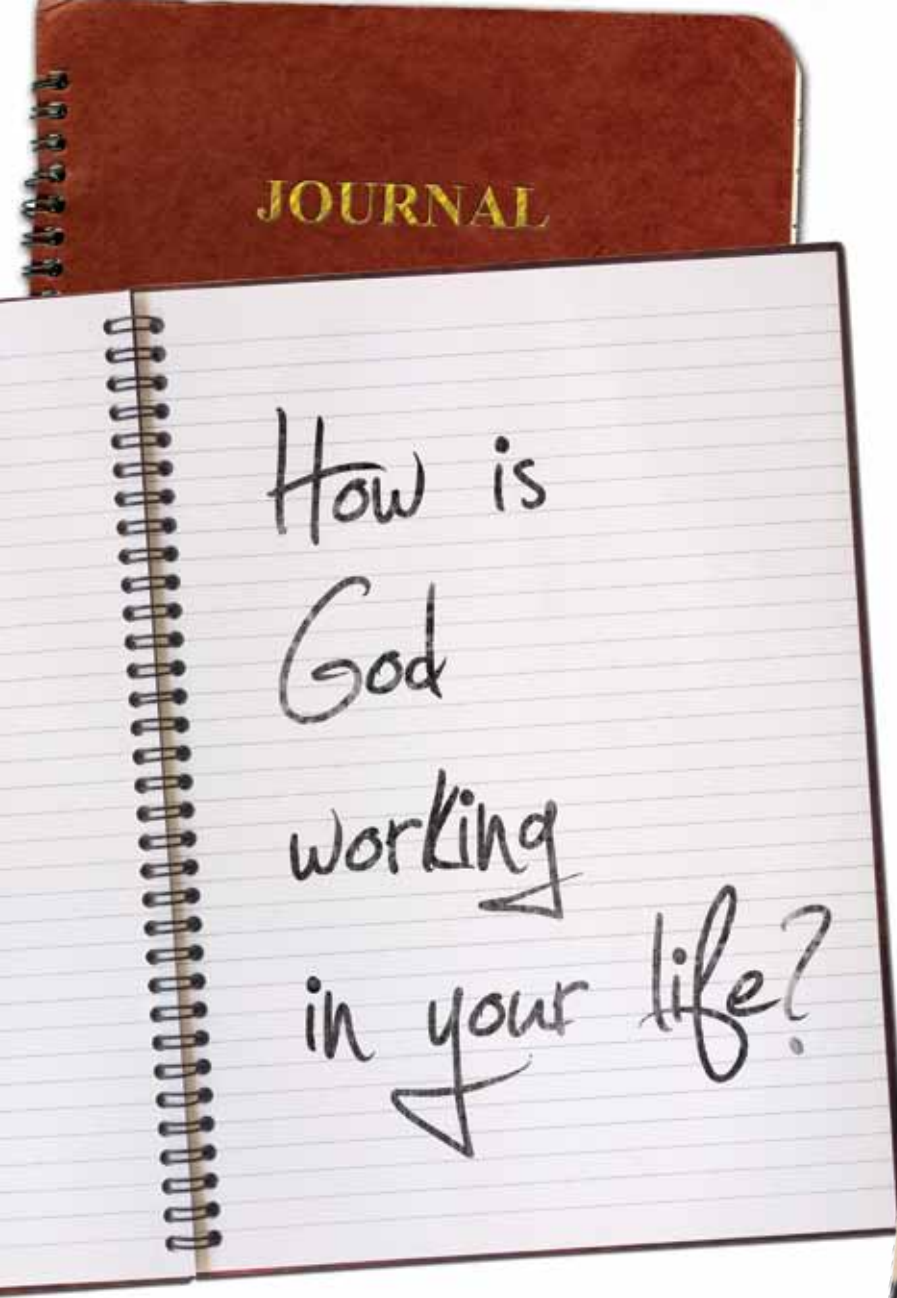
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9:46 AM: I knew I'd be the one home with Michael again this morning. How many Sundays have I missed now? Do people think that I could make it if I really wanted to? Are they right?

10:12 AM: I hear Michael weeping. He needs more ointment, but he won't let me put it on. He's so strong now, and I am so tired. Should I call the doctor and ask for some stronger medicine, so Michael can get some relief? No, it's Sunday. I won't get Michael's doctor, and no other doctor will understand the complexities of all things Michael. Why does everything—even a diaper rash—have to be so hard?

11:23 AM: Why is my mom gone? She would've helped me today. She

would've been available and interested and concerned about how these things weigh on me. Didn't the Lord know how much I would need her?

12:06 PM: I hope Dan isn't expecting lunch when he returns from church. Michael has been so demanding all morning. I shouldn't have had to handle him alone. Does Dan even realize how hard a morning like this is?...

Wait a minute. I'm doing it again. I'm letting my thoughts take me down, down, down. "...We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.." I need to start over.

Lord, you were good to me today. You gave me health so that I could care for

my son. You gave me a husband who wants to go to church! You even let me speak to a compassionate and considerate health care professional when I called the pharmacy. You reminded me that though Mom is gone, Your presence is enough.

12:52 PM: Lord! You really do care about me! The meal that Dan came carrying in, prepared by caring friends from church, was so unexpected—divinely planned by YOU! I want to begin tomorrow by taking every thought captive!

Melissa Hartwell



"When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your love, O LORD, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul." Psalm 94:18-19

My job change was sudden and unexpected...about as friendly as being dumped into Lake Michigan. I have been stressed and overwhelmed. Every day brings new twists and trials.

Lord, help me fix my eyes on you and let go of expectations. Help me rest in the Holy Spirit's power and not try to manipulate and do things in my own power. I believe I am where I am by your sovereign, loving plan. You allowed this in your perfect wisdom, so it must be for my good. I trust in your unfailing love.

I ask for strength to be positive and content, to work wholeheartedly, to represent you well, to make the best of the situation – I am powerless to succeed apart from Your grace.

Thank You for encouragement and strength, for your provision and guidance, for peace that passes understanding. Hold me up today. Help me take the high road. Thank you for sustaining me, for allowing me to give my burdens to you, for grace and strength...for your power made perfect in my weakness.

Elaine Gavette

How many times have I flippantly said, "I'm sick and tired of (insert complaint here)?" Sadly, too many to count. But these days when I say I'm sick and tired, it's literal. I'm fighting an auto-immune disease, which is no surprise in a fallen world. The journey for any true Christ-follower is challenging. It isn't supposed to be easy. If my life were easy, I could never be conformed to the image of Christ. I desire that above all else. This disease is the absolute and undeniable best way for me to become more like Christ or our good God wouldn't have allowed it.

But the fact remains, I get tired. The onset of each new symptom brings with it the mad search on how to best manage the symptom without disrupting what I'm already doing for my existing symptoms. Juggling my health care regimen, the care of our household and ministry aspirations has made me weary, not just physically, but mentally. I am weak.

Isaiah tells us "Even youths shall be faint and weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31)" That's good news! I don't have to muster enough energy to make it under my own strength. I never could. As I yield to His will and relinquish my sinful sense of entitlement to good health, my strength builds.

The majestic eagle perches on top of a mountain waiting to glide into the expanse of an open sky. He doesn't flap his wings into exhaustion. He yields to the wind and allows himself to be carried to his destination. God is teaching me to be like an eagle. I stand ready and waiting upon the Lord, grateful for His faithfulness in my past, expectant of a hopeful future, and sustained by the power of His word today.

There is strength and beauty in waiting. I have found comfort, spiritual growth and peace in this place. In Him I soar to heights otherwise unthinkable. "He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength." (Isaiah 40:28b-29). Waiting upon Him renews me. The strength coursing through me is His. The glory is His alone.

Miriam Walsh



DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

We need you to help us share how God is working in the lives of those who attend CBC. We are seeking written "journal entries" to use in upcoming issues of Chapters. Entries need to be 200-400 words and can be written on any topic. However, the entry must be centered on how God is working in your life or those around you. If you are interested in submitting an entry email us at info@cbcgr.org or contact Dave in the church office. Publication of submissions are at the discretion of the editor.



TO
BE
LIKE
JESUS

A FRUITFUL SUMMER

by Sara Sisco

“So, what did you do this summer?” It was September 1, and The Potter’s House High School staff had gathered for our first meeting of the 2009-2010 school year. We had seen little of each other since mid-June, so the question echoed around the tables as we ate breakfast and reconnected. As the group came together, our principal asked us to share one high and one low from the time we had been apart. When my turn came, the high was very easy: “I spent much of June and July getting ready for our church’s first Kids’ Worship Arts Camp (KWAC) in August. We put together an entire children’s musical in a week. eight songs, seven drama scenes, and 50 kids . . . it was amazing to see God work it all out for His glory!” Jaws dropped all around the table. A full musical in a week? Do we live for stress

or are we just crazy? While both may be true of the KWAC team, God’s blessing on last year’s camp was undeniable. Only He can put 50 kids in one place for a week with NO major disagreements or issues, and we are excited to see Him do it again!

Mark your calendars for August 2-8, and be part of CBC’s 2nd Annual Kids’ Worship Arts Camp. This year’s theme is “To Be Like Jesus,” based on the children’s music CD from Sovereign Grace. The basis of the music is the fruit of the Spirit, but this isn’t your typical “be kind to others” treatment of the familiar Galatians 5 passage. Instead, each song turns our attention to Jesus, the source and ultimate example of each spiritual fruit. The fun, energetic music reminds us that He is the only one who can give

us true love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He alone gives us the strength to produce the fruit that is completely contradictory to all our “me first” culture (and our old nature) teaches. The more we know Jesus and the closer we follow Him, the more fruitful we will be. Our ultimate goal is to be like Him!

An exciting bonus this summer is that the Sunday morning kids’ worship for 4s-5s through 5th grade will also focus on the fruit of the Spirit. On June 13, we will begin Gospel Light’s Son Harvest “County Fair” VBS program. We’ll follow the same pattern as the past several summers, teaching this fruit of the Spirit curriculum for six weeks, and then repeating it again with different activities. This allows for extra fun and repetition of these key concepts, as well as make-up lessons for those “out of town” summer weeks. Worship, crafts, verses, outdoor activities, and LOTS of learning will take place around the “County Fair” theme. Many hands are needed to help with extra activities, fill spots for vacationing leaders, and to give the year-round staff a break. Contact Mark Heagle or call Pastor Blocher’s office to find out ways you can join the fun!

We are excited to see how God will grow His fruit in our children and in us this summer! For KWAC, Bryan Parris has written a drama to accompany the “To Be Like Jesus” music, and members of various teams are beginning the “big picture” planning. How is God calling you to help? First, please join us in prayer. Pray that His Name, not CBC’s or any individual’s, will be lifted up. Pray that God will continue to call just the right kids and adults to be part of this exciting week, and that we will live in the spirit of unity that He creates. May each decision, large and small, build His Kingdom. Second, get your ABF involved. Last year, different groups provided snacks, “adopted” and provided for kids whose families needed financial help, and covered the week in targeted prayer. These and many other full-group needs can be met by your ABF.

Finally, get personally involved. Drama and music directing are the up-front roles of the program, but there is much

Kids Worship Arts Camp

Ages: 1st-9th grade

Cost: \$25

When:

August 2-8

Performance is on

Sunday, Aug. 8 at 9:45 am

Registration forms are available in the main foyer.

more to be done! We need snack servers, lunch break supervisors, one-on-one helpers for kids with special needs, and daily sign-in/sign-out workers. We need set builders, painters, and creative/crafty people. We need baby holders, preschool huggers, and lullaby singers for the younger siblings whose parents are serving at the camp. There are songs to rehearse, lines to practice, and costumes and props to locate. There are flyers to be copied, postcards to be stamped, folders to be assembled, and nametags to be created. Whether you can give an hour at home or a whole week at church, there is a job that only you can do. Contact Pastor Vitarelli in the church office to see how God can use you to help grow His fruit this summer!

LOVE
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PEACE
PATIENCE
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GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL



PRIVACY IN AN INCREASINGLY PUBLIC ONLINE WORLD

by Dave Gavette

It's fascinating to me how in 10 to 15 short years the internet has gone from static and rather ugly sites to fully immersive, content rich destinations. To say that technology is changing at a rapid state would be a significant understatement. Along with the advances in web technologies come changes in how your personal information is used on various social media websites.

Facebook has quickly become one of the largest social media sites in the world. In April, 2010 Facebook had 570 billion page views from 540 million unique users (Google™ Ad Planner). Facebook was the most visited website in the world. I really enjoy using Facebook and it has become a great tool to connect with

friends and family. However, Facebook has many critics regarding its privacy policy and how your personal information is used.

ADJUSTING FACEBOOK PRIVACY SETTINGS

On May 26 Facebook adjusted all of their privacy settings to make it easier for users to determine how their information is shared. Let's review some of the basic privacy settings used on Facebook. This is not intended to be a complete review of all the privacy settings and features, rather an overview of how your information is shared. To view your privacy settings, log into Facebook then click on the tab in the top right of the screen labeled "Account." Scroll down to "Privacy Settings." Here is the main

dashboard for setting who can view information about you on Facebook. You'll notice in figure 1 all the settings are set for Friends Only. This is my custom privacy setting. You can create your own custom settings by clicking the "Customize settings" link. Facebook has 3 primary sets of users who can view your information. They are:

- **Everyone** = Which means exactly that. Everyone can view information with this setting. If someone Googles™ your name they can view any information on Facebook that is set to "Everyone."
- **Friends of Friends** = When this setting is used anyone who is a friend with someone you are friends with Facebook can see this information. With this setting individuals you may not know can view information about you.
- **Friends Only** = This is the most secure setting. Only Friends who you have accepted on Facebook can view your information.

Under the "Basic Directory Information" label is a link to view your settings to see what information is displayed when someone searches for you by name. Each of the settings on this page can be edited. Carefully review each setting to determine what is best for your account.

Back on the privacy dashboard page you'll notice at the bottom left of the

Figure 1



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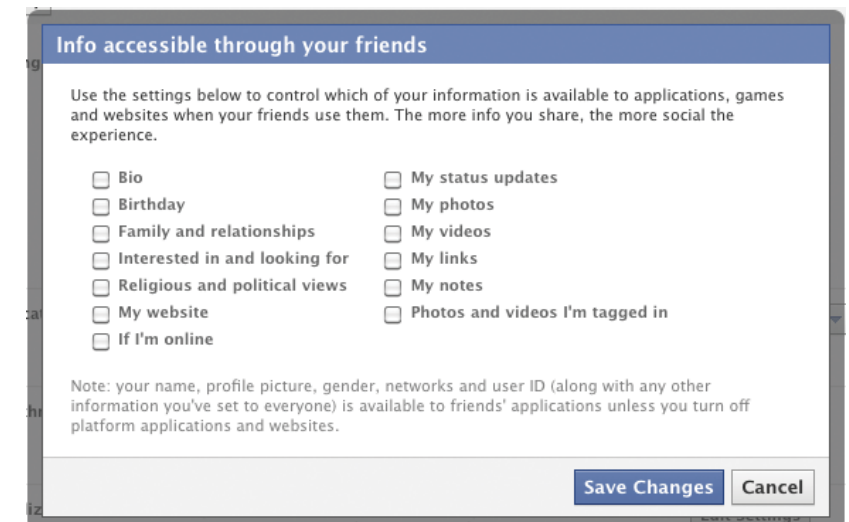


Figure 2

page there is another setting labeled "Applications and Websites." This brings you to another page with more privacy settings. The first setting allows you to determine what games and applications to share with others. The next three settings are, in my opinion, the most important to review and determine what is the best setting for you. Everyone is different. It doesn't matter whether you allow everyone to view your information or just a select few. The most important thing is you understand how these settings work and where to go to adjust them (see figure 2). Next click on the "Edit Settings" box by the "Info accessible through your friends." A pop up box will appear with a number

of check boxes you can adjust based on what information you would like to have accessible through your friends on Facebook. A new feature in Facebook is called "Instant Personalization." One of Facebook's goals is to make your experience more useful. In order to achieve that, they want to allow other websites to view your information to help personalize your experience on their sites. You can read more about this on the "Instant Personalization" page and then choose whether to enable this feature. The last box you can edit on this page is the "Public Search." After clicking on "Edit Settings" you are given the option to enable public search or not. Carefully read this page and how Facebook uses your information for public searches (ie: Google™).

Return to the main privacy dashboard page. You'll see at the bottom of the page an icon labeled "Block Lists." This is a nice feature which allows you to block certain content from friends without removing them from your friends list. For example, if Aunt Ida keeps sending you requests to play Farmville with her you can choose to block all application requests from her here. This way you do not offend her by removing her from your friends list but you no longer have to receive invites for a game you may not want to play.

Next to the "Block List" on the main privacy dashboard is an icon for "Controlling How You Share." This is an excellent

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resource for more detailed information on how Facebook uses your personal information. I highly recommend spending some time reading through the information on this page.

One of the main ways to keep people updated on what you are doing is by adjusting your status. This is an excellent tool for sharing details with those who are on your friends list. However, there are things you will want to keep in mind when posting information to your Facebook profile. In March a couple in Indiana posted at 8:00 pm they would be gone for the evening. At 8:42 pm their security cameras recorded two men breaking into their home. One of the suspects in the robbery was a Facebook friend who saw their post about being away from home, and used that as an opportunity to steal over \$10,000 of electronics (<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/03/25/earlyshow/main6331796.shtml>). Always be careful what information you share in your status.

In the past one to two years we have also heard of companies and colleges reviewing Facebook profiles and other social media sites to determine if someone is a good hire or should be accepted into their educational institution. Again, be careful what you share.

Be aware of who your friends are as well. If you have friends who do not share the same religious or political views be careful not to post inflammatory status updates that may offend. A few weeks ago I was golfing with a neighbor of mine. He asked me if I thought it was permissible as a Christian to pray for someone to die. I found this question to be a bit odd so I asked him what prompted him to ask that. A number of his Christian friends posted this as their status on Facebook, "Dear Lord, this year you took my favorite actor, Patrick Swayze, you took my favorite actress, Farrah Fawcett, you took my favorite singer, Michael Jackson. I just wanted to let you know my favorite President is Barack Obama. Amen." When he asked a friend why they posted this they suggested it was just a joke. Regardless of your opinion of the President of our country, why as Christians, would we engage in online

behavior that we would never participate in real life? Representing the reign of God extends to our online endeavors. Remember we are called to be light in a darkened world.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
~ Matthew 5:13-16

GOOGLE™ DOESN'T FORGET

The other day I was reading a blog post from a well known Christian media producer. In his article he commented on how we used to make fun of people who would Google™ their own name. At first I chuckled thinking you would have to have a seriously large ego to search for your own name. However, he made a very good point. Today information (or misinformation) travels quickly with the advances in internet technology. Stories break in minutes rather than days. So what happens if someone says something false about you or your company? How quickly can you react? His point was that it wasn't vain to search for your name. It was merely a way to protect your name and reputation.

"These days you can't be too careful. You've probably heard me talking about Google™ being as much about "reputation management" as "search," and it's true. Now, there's no shame in searching for your name in various social networks just to see what's out there."
(http://www.philcooke.com/google_your_name)

After reading his blog post I did a search for my name. I found comments I had posted on blogs from over five years ago. Always keep in mind that any information shared on the internet is there forever.

The internet is a great tool that can be utilized in many ways. Just like everything else made by man however it can become misused. Enjoy the internet and be responsible with how you use it.

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