

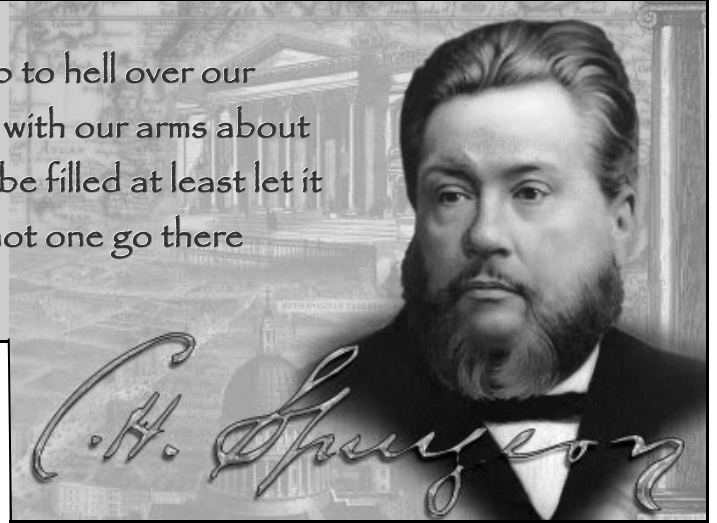
# Highland Crest Baptist Church

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# T.R.U.T.H.

January - February, 2010

"If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."



**Jim Downs**

Senior Pastor

Have you ever noticed how people tend to focus on one or two main topics in their conversations and almost everyone talks about those one or two things? For example, if a winter storm is approaching, it seems like every conversation is laced with

comments, opinions, and attitudes about the weather. If the Packers have just played a great game, it seems that every conversation has to include some sports commentary of our own. I'm sure that the first of the new year will bring lots of conversations about losing some weight or starting an exercise program. The question is, how does a particular subject become the object of everyone's interest and conversation? It must be that whatever we have been thinking about comes out in the form of dialogue with our friends, family and even strangers. Sometimes these subjects that have seemed to catch everyone's interest will last for a day or two, but sometimes they go on for weeks. While

reading in the book of Acts recently, I noticed that the city of Jerusalem was "buzzing" with conversations about Jesus. Even though He had died and ascended back to His Father in Heaven, the whole town had gotten caught up with the subject of "Jesus"! The disciples were testifying to what Jesus had done for them, and now everyone was getting caught up in the discussions, whether they were "for" Him or "against" Him! It was the popular issue of public conversation because it was on everyone's mind.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone was talking about Jesus today instead of just ignoring Him? In the early church, the general population started talking about Jesus because the disciples were talking about Him so much! Would you consider this prayer with me?

*Lord, I want You to be the main interest of my life so that talking about You to others will come naturally. I don't want to be ashamed to talk about you, even if I think they won't understand. Help me to join hands with everyone else in my church to make the subject of Jesus the most popular conversation in our city. I know there are people that don't want to hear about You, but I remember that the church in Jerusalem ran into opposition too. It would just be so wonderful this year in 2010 to know that Green Bay is buzzing with conversations about Jesus instead of feeling that He is being forgotten or ignored. Empower me by Your Spirit this year to be a faithful witness and to make this the Year of the sharing the Gospel wherever I go.*

*In Jesus name,*

Amen and amen,

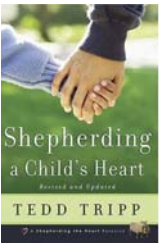
*Bro. Jim*

## NEW DISCIPLSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS JAN 20

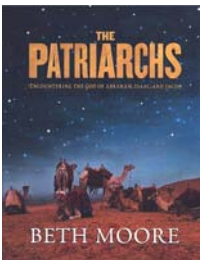
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



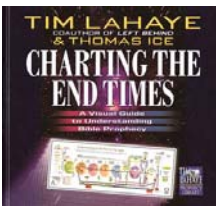
**The Truth Project** ... *this is a repeat session for those who weren't able to take the class during Session 1.* This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.



**Shepherding a Child's Heart** ... Many parenting books are based on hit-or-miss theories steeped in secular thinking. This DVD series draws from Pastor Tripp's seasoned experience as a father-and from God's Holy Word. Grounded in the Bible's divine plan for parenting, this class will help define your goals as a parent and provide the Scriptural methods for accomplishing them. Led by Jim Downs



**Patriarchs: The Journey, The Stories** by **Beth Moore** leads you through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom. Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, this in-depth Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites and today's believers. Breaking Free is Beth's life message that she wants to share with you. Led by Melody Hertler and Vonna Downs.



**Charting the End Times:** When will the rapture happen? Are we in the End Times? This study will give you a visual guide to understanding Bible Prophecy. Led by Leon Mills drawing from curriculum created by well-known author Tim LaHaye...

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

I have never met a person who believed they had "arrived" in sharing the gospel with others. The certainty of death and hell should propel us to share. Yet excuses abound as to why we don't.



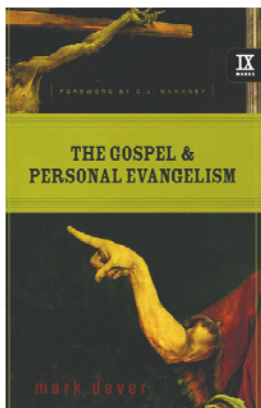
*Chad Hertler*

**Associate Pastor of  
Discipleship and  
Evangelism**

As a church, we have seen the need to keep the gospel as our primary emphasis during 2010. If we sought to make this a "program," we know it would fade in time. Our intentions are to provide a different emphasis each month. These emphasis will provide a wide array of opportunities: From event driven (evangelism in a park, Packer tailgaters) to relational driven (share the gospel with a friend/relative/co-worker/neighbor month); from a more confrontational approach (door-to door) to a subtle one (bring a friend to church day).

Success is sharing the gospel. We will trust God to honor the sharing of His good news. Our goal for 2010 is that the members of HCBC will be forming the habit of consistently sharing the gospel. Will you be willing to join us in this endeavor?

Sincerely,



### New Book in the Library

Recently, I have come across this extremely helpful book about evangelism. I am learning how God can use books to speak to our souls. Mark Dever does an excellent job covering topics surrounding the gospel: *Why don't we evangelize? What is the Gospel? How should we evangelize? What should we do after we evangelize?*

Dever is not an advocate of "easy believe-ism" (i.e. the strategy to manipulate to get people to pray a prayer). Rather, he offers a balanced view of what it means to confess ones sins and believe the Lord Jesus. I encourage you to check it out.



**Jed Manders**

**Minister of Youth & Family**

Wow, the year is 2010! I remember back in Elementary School being told that we would be traveling via flying cars by 2010. As we can see, electronics have not gotten as advanced as a nine-year-old boy's mind could have imagined but at this age, I am not disappointed. I mean, what would happen to the population if people flew their cars as bad as they drove? All joking aside, one thing that seems to truly fly by is *time*. The year 2010 is an opportunity to make the most of our time in terms of sharing your faith.

Speaking of sharing your faith... we would like to make it possible for you to directly support evangelism efforts by Highland Crest's Youth. We are starting the "125 Club" this year, which, broken down, is 12 months of giving \$5 to our Youth Group Evangelism Fund to be used directly for evangelism efforts. The first cause will be the Youth Missions Trip taking place in June 2010 to Lake Charles, LA. With help from 125 Club, it will be possible for some youth to attend the Missions Trip that otherwise could not afford to come. The second way in which the money will be spent will be right here in Green Bay. This summer we are going to be investing into a group of people every week to build relationships and share the Gospel. We have elected to do this in an effort to be more consistent with a group of people rather than one-time events in different areas.

The quarterly newsletter "YouthScoop" will be out on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>, which will cover the months of March - May. You can also mark your calendars for an informational meeting for all parents and youth who are **interested** in attending the Mission Trip for Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. This meeting will not be a sign up, but rather an opportunity for questions about the trip and gather more information in order that you can pray more specifically as to whether or not you should be a part of the trip.

**Upcoming Events:**

- January 16<sup>th</sup>:** Tubing and dinner at the Cape Home starts at 2pm
- February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Youth and Parent game night 7-9:30pm
- March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Outreach at Paul's Pantry
- April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Informational Meeting on Summer Mission Trip

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**NEW BABIES!!!**

**Lorelei (Caughey) Bischoff**  
Born: 11/30/09  
Weight: 7#, 15 oz  
Mom: Jennifer Caughey  
siblings: Patrick & Caprice  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Watch the bulletin board for a sign up for re-takes and new photos for our 2010 Pictorial Directory. Photos will be taken in January 31st through February 21st. If you have small children or your family has changed (i.e. new baby, etc.) then please sign up to have your picture re-taken. Also, new families that weren't included in last directory should plan to have their photos taken. Directories will be published in March.

**WED. NIGHT MEAL**

**Please join us on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** for our Wednesday night Meal... Menu: Chili & Cornbread. Join us this Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$4 per person or \$12 per family.

**XYZ FELLOWSHIP**

Seniors and Retired ... XYZ will meet on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> & February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend and a dish to pass.

**LADIES RETREAT**

Make your plans now... We have confirmed a date for our 2010 Women's Retreat at Osthoff Resort. Mark your calendars for Friday & Saturday, March 19-20. ( This is a different date than we advertised earlier) Brochures will go out after 1st of the year.

**BABY SHOWER**

Ladies... We are having a baby shower for Melody Hertler on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the basement here at HCBC. Melody and Chad are expecting their 3rd son at the end of January. Since she already has 2 boys, she has a lot of the things we typically give as gifts at showers ... so we asked her for a list of supplies that they will need when the new bundle arrives. The list is available on the bulletin board. Dress casual... pizza and snacks will be served. Come and fellowship and offer your blessings to Melody and baby.

**HOPE 100**

A new HOPE 100 - Discovering Highland Crest Baptist Church class will begin January 10<sup>th</sup>. Led by Scott Phillips, this class provides great information on the history of our church and what we believe. It's pre-requisite for membership but you don't have to be a pending member to attend.

**MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Registration forms are now available for the Men's Conference, No Regrets, on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$25. Pick up a brochure with all the information on the bulletin board.



All you need to do is sign up to register. Registration fees will be collected at the door. There is space for 20+ on the bus. Check out the schedule on the bulletin board. If you need more information see Jarred Winkel or Pastor Chad.

**FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE**

Couples ... this conference could save your marriage! Whether your marriage is in trouble or you just need a little tune-up, join us March 5-6 in Appleton for the Family Life Marriage Conference. Registration begins now. See bulletin board for information or contact our group coordinators Randy & Lisa Roskom at 434-9479. Early registration specials are available.



# JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2010

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

1	Church Office Closed
2 1:00 pm	Youth Outreach Event
3 10:15 am	Lord's Supper during AM svc Benevolence Offering/Food Drive
5 11:30 am	XYZ Fellowship at HCBC
6 5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Meal
7 6:30 pm	Baby Shower for Melody Hertler
8-9	Couples Retreat in Sturgeon Bay
13 5:30 pm	Finance Committee
6:30 pm	Business meeting
16 2:00 pm	Youth -Tubing & Dinner at Cape's
20 5:30 pm	Ministry Council
24	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
30 7:00 am	Honor Role
8:30 am	Deacon Meeting

### FEBRUARY

2 11:30 am	XYZ Fellowship
3 5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Meal
6 1:00 pm	Youth Outreach
10 5:30 pm	Finance Committee
17 5:30 pm	Administrative Council Meeting
27 7:00 am	Honor Role
8:30 am	Deacon Meeting

### Weekly Schedule (subject to change)

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School (all ages)
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Prayer Service
	6:00 pm	Evening Service
Monday	9:30 am	Mothers of Small Children Bible study (meets offsite)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Trucker Ministry
Wed	6:30 pm	Discipleship Training
		Children: King's Kids, Youth Group
	7:40 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	1:00 pm	Youth Outreach - 1st & 3rd week of month

*Don't forget our Benevolence Can Drive at HCBC. In addition to our regular Benevolence offering on January 3rd, we are collecting non-perishable food in January to support Paul's Pantry.*



Our Ministers

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