

January 2009

The Messenger

2008 – The Year in Print

I read a lot of books. So in January I began a list of the books that I read throughout the year. Here they are in grouped by category:

Theology

Following Jesus by N.T. Wright
Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright
Are You Fit for Life? By Jack Graham
Real Sex by Laura Winner
Going All the Way by Craig Groeschel
Saving God's Green Earth by Tri Robinson
Jesus Wants to Save Christians by Rob Bell

Christian Leadership

Holy Discontent by Bill Hybels
unChristian by David Kinnaman
Confessions of a Pastor by Craig Groeschel
Who Stole My Church? by Gordon MacDonald
Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church by Nelson Searcy
Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60 by Edward Hammett

Christian Fiction

Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana by Anne Rice
Magi by Daniel Gilbert
The Shack by William P. Young
Castaway Kid by R.B. Mitchell (this is a true story but I don't have a category for memoirs)
Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien (not sure if this qualifies as Christian Fiction but it has lots of Christian themes throughout. This is probably the 7th time I've read LOTR.)

General Fiction

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruden
Twenty-One Balloons by William Pène du Bois
The Seems by Michael Wexler
Oggie Cooder by Sarah Weeks
The Title of This Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch
Brisinger by Christopher Paolini

Not too shabby of a list!?! I should have kept a record of the pages I read. Maybe for 2009. Here are my recommendations if you are curious – anything by N.T. Wright, and any of the Christian Leadership books. *Castaway Kid* is incredible and about a boy's experience at the Covenant Children's Home in Princeton, IL. I hope everyone would read and discuss *Who Stole My Church?* by Gordon MacDonald. It really has a lot to say for Broadway Covenant Church. And you can't go wrong with *Lord of the Rings*. So what are you going to read in 2009?

Pastor Eric

Missions Corner

As we start a new year we have much to be thankful for. We can be thankful for the opportunity to partner along with several ministries in Alaska. **Bob and Joyce Widman & Mission Aviation Repair Center** fly people and supplies around Alaska for less than it normally costs. They enable youth to go on retreats, people to get medical attention they need and help many other needs be met. **KICY Radio Station** is a Christian Radio station that broadcasts in Bush Alaska and Eastern Russia. They are the only source of the Gospel that many people have. **Byron and Sue Bruckner & Covenant Youth of Alaska** work with the youth of Alaska to bring them to Christ and help stop the cycle of alcoholism and abuse. **Alaska Christian College** welcomed their eighth class last fall and their students came from all parts of Alaska from the very populated areas to the remote villages.

Peanut Butter Update: We recently took 42 pounds of peanut butter to the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. As of November 20th we have taken 144 pounds to the Food Pantry in 2008. Thank you so much for your support.

Prayer and Praise:

Congo Technical Support

- Praise that the Widows and Orphans program has grown from a small group of local Karawa widows to over a thousand widows, located in many villages.
- Pray for peace in the Congo.
- Pray that the people will be able to obtain clean water and electricity.

Tim & Andrea Johnson, Japan

- Praise for the opportunity to pray with a woman who later began a new relationship with God.
- Pray for continued meaningful worship in their new churches.
- Pray for Andrea's teaching ministries.

Missionaries Broadway Supports:

Robert & Joyce Widman	Johnna Hayward
Leonid & Leanna Regheta	Peter & Ruth Dutton
Tim & Andrea Johnson	Jim & Barb Mikrut
Steve & Ellen Peterson	David & Judy Dolan
Byron & Sue Bruckner	



60 Plus

60 Plus will meet for **BREAKFAST** at 9:30 a.m. at Stockholm Inn on Tuesday, January 20th. Call Peggy Frint at 815-398-1813 to make your reservation.

Congratulations to:

Erin (Schweiger) Penne who was awarded the 2008 SWE (Society of Women Engineers) Distinguished New Engineer Award in Baltimore, MD, on November 8, 2008. This award honors women engineers who have been actively engaged in engineering, demonstrated outstanding technical performance, and have had no more than 10 years of engineering experience. Currently working at General Dynamics in Minnesota as a technical subcontracts lead for the repair activities for the advanced mission computer on the F/A-18 and AV-8B aircraft, Erin began her tenure at GD as a test and integration engineer on a space computer program. She also participated in a job rotation as a manufacturing project engineer. Erin joined SWE in 1994 as a freshman at Iowa State and has remained active at state, regional, and national levels. She has her bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering and master's in systems engineering, both from Iowa State University. Erin is the daughter of Bob & Arlene Schweiger.

Derek & Christi Melin on the birth of their son, Noah Christopher, who was born on December 26th. (8 pounds 4 ounces, 20 ¾ inches) He joins big brothers Dillon, Brandon & Ryan.

New Addresses

Emmet Swanson (815) 633-8112
4389 Garden Lane
Rockford, IL 61114

Rev. Lincoln Pearson
831 N. Batavia Ave. Bldg. 1
Batavia, IL 60510

Marilyn Hjelm
700 W. Fabyan Apt. 1720
Batavia, IL 60510

Birthdays

- 1 Wilhemina Kirkwood
2 Michele Johnson
4 Ryan Woodrow
8 Marilyn Hjelm
Michael Woodrow
9 Carolyn Bergmark
15 Cyndy Miericke
Kathy Adams
16 Kathy Knight
Gordon Samuelson
17 Mabel Johnson
18 John Haase
Robin Robinson
18 Ginny Woodrow
25 Fred E. Pearson
26 Tim Braun
Cheryl Ecklund
27 Merrilee Meyers
Lincoln Pearson
29 Lois Ecklund
31 Brett Holmertz

Anniversaries

- 22 David & Karen Holmertz

Remember in Prayer

The family of Walter Anderson who went home to be with the Lord on December 17th.

Ken Kort, Cari Filkin's father, recovery from surgery.

Jack Sowl home from Swedish American Hospital

Doris Dahlgren in the Health Center at Fairhaven.

Lillian Rabe at River Bluff.

Abby Chappeta recovering from heart surgery.

Maxine Haney at East Bank Rehabilitation Center.

Thank You

Dear Broadway Friends, How can I thank you for all the prayers, visits and cards – I had a very good doctor report and hope to be home by the 20th of December. Continue praying. Love, Mae Kolnes

I want to express the thanks I feel for the prayers, love and care you showed me while I was so in need of them. I have so much love for all of you, especially when I wasn't able to be in church. I missed seeing you. You are truly my "sisters and brother" in Christ.

God bless you, Eleanor Anderson

To all the members of Broadway Covenant Church, God love you and so do I. I thank God for you.
Love, Marthe Kingambo family

A big thank you to everyone that contributed time, money and food to the Thanksgiving basket project. Through your efforts we were able to make Thanksgiving a little less stressful for 16 needy families. A special thank you goes to Derek and the senior and middle school kids who collected food donations in the church neighborhood. Through their efforts we were able to pay some extra food in the baskets this year, plus we delivered 220 pounds of canned goods to the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. Again, thanks to all for making this a very successful project. The Thanksgiving Basket Committee

Dear Pastor Eric and church family,
I have thanked God, now please allow me to thank you! Your loving and gracious generosity has made it possible to fulfill God's plan to help the homeless recover. So many this Thanksgiving season find you blessed and highly favored, as you have to richly blessed others. You truly are "champion heroes" to the homeless and staff here at Carpenters Place. I am proud to call you partner and friend in Christ Jesus and may He bless you 100 fold! In Christ's Compassion, Sheri Glover

Dear Members of Broadway Covenant Church,
Thank you so much for the Thanksgiving Day basket. It was very much appreciated. It really made our holiday. I love helping people myself. Words can't even describe the personal satisfaction from a simple smile or thank you. God bless all of you. Sincerely, Val Jones

Dear Broadway Covenant Church,
Thank you for your generous gift of clothes and other items. We appreciate when people remember Rock House Kids and make donations to our ministry. Each week we open the doors to between 90 and 125 boys and girls ranging from 4 years old to high schoolers. Many needs such as food and clothing are met through donations given to Rock House Kids. With your help and those of the community we are able to reach out to these kids who do not have very much. We hope you have a joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year. Sincerely, Dola Gregory, Executive Director

Christmas Card Greetings from:

Maurie & Shirley Anderson
Chad Bertrand Family
Doug & Joan Boettcher
Cris & Karl Burdick
Roger & June Carlson
Erin & Tim Clark
Pastor Joyce Cosman
Al & Gladys Damrose
Jean & Kent Drews
Mary Ann Egler
George & Evelyn Elia
Gene & Collen Felts
Peggy Frint
Theresa & Perry Gregorcy
Matt, Michelle, Maddie & Grant Gustafson
Dan & Aina Hitchcock
Marilyn Hjelm
Werner Hoffman
Dave & Karen Holmertz
Rowlie & Eleanor Holmertz

Audrey Jacobson
Judy LeGault
Kevin McCulloch Family
Thelma Melquist
Mary Miller
Ron & Emmy Miller
Alice Nelson
Mike, Stacey & Isabella Parlapiano
Jon, Erin, Hailey & Dylan Penne
Fred & Darlene Pearson
Verna Pearson
Tim, Kerri, Jake, Ruby & Nathan Ramgren
Barbara Rehnberg
Orv, Ginny & Dave Roen
Bob & Arlene Schweiger
Lois & Wally Sorensen
Alice Tsai
Pearl & Gordon Wienke



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