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The Messenger

Meet Jerry Jacobs

God works in amazing ways. Last fall, in the midst of our economic downturn, Jerry Jacobs, at 32-year faithful worker at Camcar, lost his job. While he enjoyed working at Camcar for the friendships and camaraderie and paychecks, Jerry knew music was his passion and perhaps, Jerry thought, this was the push he needed to pursue his passion more intently and financially. For decades, Jerry was a key member of the Missing Links, a classic-rock cover band that played in area clubs and headlined at numerous On The Waterfronts. In addition, he had earned academic degrees in vocal training and jazz guitar, but he knew that music was merely a part of his passion. The other part was Christ, and more specifically, he desired to use his musical gifts to lead others in worship of Christ.

When Jerry came to Christ in the late 1970s, he joined First Baptist Church in Machesney Park. Slowly but surely his parents and many others in his family encountered Christ and began worshipping with him. At the same time, Jerry was working days and playing his guitar at night. He realized that he loved hymns of the faith even as he played popular rock and roll. As time went on and as churches around the country began to welcome Gospel music and Christian rock in worship, Jerry received opportunities to use his musical talents in worship. He wondered about the dichotomy between performing for people on Saturday nights and leading others in worshipping our Lord on Sunday mornings, but he knew that God had gifted him to glorify God through music, because people responded in faith.

His first responders were his daughters. Through the ministry of the church, and Jerry and his wife, Charmel's, leadership, his four girls have become beautiful and faithful women of God. Jerry began using his gifts at his church's Awana program, and many kids enthusiastically responded to the Christ-like love that Jerry shared with them. This led Jerry to frequently help out with the church's adult Sunday school program as a participant and as a leader.

What Jerry was realizing, though, is that he had a heart to lead people to worship. And his job loss was just the push he needed to begin looking for opportunities to lead people in worship while putting food on the table. He visited lots of churches to see what worship elsewhere looked like, and he realized that his love for hymns coupled with his background in rock and roll moved him toward churches that didn't separate worshipers based on music style. In addition, one of Broadway's members informed him that we had some openings for a choir director and worship band leader. So in the midst of the Leadership Team's reevaluation of our worship format, Jerry visited us on December 28, Wes Hardin's last Sunday. Jerry was intrigued. We met and interviewed. Our previously-organized Choir Director Search Committee of Neva Anderson, Sylvia Bowman, Evie Gill, and Alice Nelson, was joined by Carl Ecklund, Kent Drews, Lauren Leidahl and me, and together we became the Music Director Search Committee. Jerry met with us and impressed us with his passion, humor, and extreme musical talents.

Jerry then met the choir on February 4, led the choir and the band on February 11, and met the church by leading worship on February 15. On February 17, our Leadership Team unanimously agreed to extend an offer to Jerry to be our Music Director. And he accepted.

Now get this...two days after he accepted our part-time position, Camcar re-hired Jerry. As I said above, it is amazing how God works. Had Jerry never been let go from Camcar, he would never have looked for us. But now he can pursue his passion of using his gifts to lead people in worship for us part-time while providing for his family by working full-time.

We serve an Amazing God! Please welcome Jerry and Charmel Jacobs into Broadway's family,
Pastor Eric

BCC Student Ministries

Retreats, retreats, and more retreats!! A week after Deep Freeze at Covenant Harbor, Christi, Noah, and I left for Rosemont's Hyatt Regency O'Hare for the annual Covenant Midwinter Conference and Connection. During that week I was able to participate in dynamic worship times, seminars, meetings, and super bowl parties with other Covenant staff throughout our country. I am blessed to be able to be a part of this experience.

Then, a week after that, 23 Overhulers and 4 staff met at church for One Life 2009 at Covenant Point. This year's retreat began February 13th (Friday the 13th) and ended on Monday the 16th. We did transportation differently this year. In the past we've rented vans, but pricing changed this year, so we took 4 vehicles up there and pulled a trailer. Things worked out great. I again used my GPS and this time it led me directly to Covenant Point! It can find a camp out in the sticks but it gets lost in Lake Geneva...go figure!! So with cookies and Rice Krispie treats (Thanks Nancy Norman and Karlee Swanson) we had a random seating lottery (love 'em) and headed out. Things got a little dicey on the road as it began to snow a little south of Madison and spit snow all the way up to Point. After a stop in Wausau for dinner (Culvers), we arrived just before 1AM and we were all happy to get there. This year our girls set up camp in Birch lodge and our guys crashed at the Nature Center across the road. After claiming beds and playing cards for a while, all crashed. Sticking with BCC's reputation, Foster came through and forgot a sleeping bag, however made do with snow pants! ☺ The next morning after a breakfast of baked oatmeal (yeehaw) it was off to the Tab for our opening worship session. The worship band from Deer Grove provided the music and Jeff Mazzariello spoke on the idea of childlike faith. He opened with the argument that the world slams kids for not being mature enough. Phrases like "grow up", "take responsibility", "act your age", and "stop being a baby" may not be all bad, but in the spiritual realm, it's contradictory to Jesus' teaching. Ask an Overhuler why it's contradictory. The overwhelming consensus among our kids was that Jeff's message was hitting home.

The rest of Saturday was taken up by an all camp game which Overhaul turned into an hour long sledding contest. We started off with races, but then got a little more technical. We decided to see how many people we could get on sleds that were linked together. It started out rather small, but we ended up getting pretty good at it. On the last run we had 6 sleds (each like a fat snowboard) linked together and I kid you not, we had 27 people on it. Kids upon kids...backwards, forwards, standing, sitting, laying...whatever! It truly was a great time and there were no injuries which, for Overhaul, is quite the accomplishment! After that we enjoyed several hours of free time in which the guys (as well as Chamara and Amanda) played football outside the Nature Center. During that time no guy was allowed in our cabin because the girls were in there taking showers. It turns out that Birch Cabin had severe plumbing problems so they had no water all weekend. I've gotta hand it to them though, they made do the best they could. After dinner we all enjoyed a Valentine's Day entertainment show which was very funny. I learned that our group is not good at trivia at all. One of the games was to dress up someone for a contest and Megan was chosen. She went up on stage and everybody voted. Then they had a dance-off! Too funny! Kudos to you Megan! Good times! After another worship session and talktime, something very cool happened. Melissa dismissed us all saying we could head to small group talktime or if we wanted, we could stay and worship as the band continued to play. Personally, I decided to stay and worship in song. Most of the camp headed out and there were very few left in the Tab. I wasn't focused on anything around me til quite a while later. I assumed that my counselors and kids had gone back to the cabin for talktime. I was wrong. I turned around a while later and saw almost our whole group behind me engaged in very individual worship. Awesome! Again, awesome! We have a lot of goofballs in our group and sometimes we don't take stuff seriously, but the kids' raw selves emerged during that time. Voices were raised, arms extended, knees were bent, tears flowed, eyes closed, and the focus was singular. We had prayer time afterwards right there in the Tab and then headed over to Talktime. It was a stellar ending to a great day. Sunday!! Ski Day!! We met for breakfast (Happy Birthday Lauren), morning worship time and then it was off to SkiBrule. Good ole GPS came through again and we got there no problem. Everyone got through rentals and then out onto the hill. Weather was stellar and conditions were perfect. We had one girl who had never skied and she picked it up wikkid quick. I was fully expecting to visit Iron River's emergency room again this year because, well, that's just what we do. Buutt, I'm happy to report that this year we didn't need to go to the hospital. Rock ON!! The lifts closed at 4PM and then it was back to Point to relax and get ready for dinner. All of us enjoyed the worship, talktime, and then the extended worship again. This time around, the band had to come up with more songs cuz our group and several other little pockets wouldn't leave. Schweet! Group talktime followed and is a really special time. They had planned a half hour for talktime but BCC's lasted two and half hours. The kids were raw and the bond was strong. There was not a dry eye in the cabin for a long time that night when Jason Holmertz told us that Justin had shipped out for Iraq that day. Justin's impact on all of us is obvious. We ended that time with a powerful prayer time and some song time. Then it was "pack up, clean up" the next morning and home we came. Many thanks go out Jason Holmertz, Krista Rasanen, and Cynthia Palmer for their leadership and to Craig Day, Jeff Foster, and Steve Bamberger for supplying the vehicles. Another great retreat and lives again changed for the better. Praise God.

Roots is going great and thanks to my great counselors: Dan and Kristi. As always, please be praying for our little ones in Tanzania: Asia, Boke, and Najimu. God is supplying what they need. Thanks to all of you for supporting our youth's mission ministry!

Peace,

Derek

Missions Corner

Please pray for Peter & Ruth Dutton who are in Thailand. They just this past year started a new organization to provide backup support for a new business that started from Friends of Upland Farmer, which they started in Laos. As with many missionaries they see persecution of Christians, but they have also seen that this results in stronger growth. Please pray for those who are being persecuted. Also please pray for their decisions that they make about their business.

Prayer and Praise:

Terry & Teresa Allen, Elim Covenant Church Alaska

- Praise for a wonderful Christmas celebration with their village.
- Pray that the Glory of God will change people's lives.
- Pray for the people of their village, as this time of the year is the worst for alcohol & drug abuse.

Jim & Barb Mikrut, Mexico

- Praise for the engagement of their daughter Sarah and pray for her and her fiancé Marcos as they prepare to share their lives together.
- Pray for the changes that will occur as they partner with Merge Ministries.
- Pray for their Bible Study that they would teach God's word in awe of all who he is.

Read their newsletters and other letters from our missionaries in the book by the Missions Board.

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	

Circle of Concern

Circle of Concern will meet March 12th at Fairhaven, 1:30 P.M. We welcome other women to join us. Just call Peggy Frint, 815-282-0640.

Upcoming Events for 60 Plus



60 Plus will meet for Lunch at 11:30 A.M. at the Hoffman House in the Holiday Inn, E. State and Bell School Road on Tuesday, **March 17th**. Please call Peggy Frint, 815-282-0640 to make your reservation.

April 21st – our plans are to be at Garrett's on Bell School Road for lunch.

Plan now to attend "Senior Follies", **Wednesday May 20th** at 2:00 P.M. at Tebala Shrine Temple, on Newburg Road. Tickets are \$10. We have reserved 30 seats and 15 have been spoken for. Make your reservation and pay Karen Holmertz as soon as possible. We plan to have dinner following at the Machine Shed.

If you want to reserve a ticket to go and hear "Triumphant Quartet" at the Fireside on, **Tuesday, September 22nd** for the Fish and Chicken Buffet and Matinee, please let Karen know. The cost will be \$32.95 (plus tip) and we need a \$1 deposit, payable to Karen, if you want a spot reserved. We have 27 tickets and these will be on a first come basis, nine have been reserved. We have reserved the Salvation Army Eden Express Van for transportation.

If you would like to join us and have questions talk to the Gibson's, Pearson's or Dave or Karen Holmertz. We average 20/25 each time we get together, go to a different restaurant each month, have good food and great fellowship getting to know each other. If you need a ride contact one of us. If we haven't gone to your favorite restaurant, just let us know. Hope to see you there.



Dinner, Game Night AND Support CHIC!

Friday, March 20, join your friends at Broadway Covenant Church for dinner between 5:45 and 6:15. Then stay for an evening of games and fun. Don't worry the games will be easy. Best of all this is a fundraiser to support the youth attending CHIC this summer.



Birthdays

- 2 Paul Anderson
- 3 Matthew Gustafson
- 4 Jason Clark
- 5 Dick Rasanen
- 7 David Roen
- 8 Loren Heinzeroth
- 9 Eric Kracinski
- 11 Roger Creedy
- 12 Peggy Frint
- 14 Marvin Goodsell
Patricia Andersen
Karen Pearson
- 17 Sarah Cates
Colleen Felt
Derek Melin
- 18 JoAnn Olson
- 19 Beth Cates
- 26 Joyce Goodsell
- 26 Patrick McCulloch
- 27 Alice Nelson
- 28 Betty Lockett

Special Birthday: Help Dave Roen celebrate his 60th birthday by sending him a card!!!



Anniversaries

- 4 Mike & Amy Bliss
- 5 Dennis & Carol Helm
- 10 Eric & Margret Kracinski
- 25 James & Jennifer O'Marrah
- 27 Carl & Cheryl Ecklund
- 28 Dennis & Nancy Norman

Remember in Prayer

Eleanor Anderson in Swedish American Hospital.
Rowlie Holmertz in Swedish American Hospital.
Joyce Cosman recovering from shoulder surgery.
Jim Schwalm in the hospital with complications from double pneumonia.
Jack Sowl recovering from surgery.
The family of Tate Lockett who passed away.
Lillian Rabe at River Bluff.

Thank You

Thank you everyone who came to visit me, sent cards, prayed for or even thought of me during my recent surgery. I love you all. Al Damrose

My deepest thanks go out to each of you for the love offering I received this year. I truly appreciate your love and support and am blessed to partner with you in Broadway's ministries. God bless you all! Peace, Derek

From The Building Committee

The Timothy Group's report has been reviewed by the Leadership Team and Building Committee. Based on the surveys, TTG recommends, that as a church, we are ready for a capital campaign. They also recommend that if we proceed, we move forward with a smaller campaign than what was presented to you, in our Case Statement. The Building Committee is evaluating the priorities presented by the participants in the survey and the size of campaign that is required to address those projects. The priority projects are: The north Narthex and entranceway, the east entrance way, and the HVAC system. We are cautiously moving forward with the help of our architect, Brad Hoffman, and others, in our evaluation, to insure that the recommendation we present to the Leadership Team, falls within the parameters of the Readiness Survey and The Timothy Group's guidelines. Continue to watch the Messenger and www.broadwaycovenant.com for updates

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

During the month of March we will continue with our Wednesday evening Bible study. We meet in the church library beginning at 6:15 PM following the fellowship supper. Our study is lead by Richard Slack who is investigating the epistles of the apostle St. John. All are welcome to join us.

New in the Library

Feature Films for Families produces good films for children which are entertaining and teach moral values. Come into the library and check out one of these new DVD's.

- "Gift of Love"
- "Walking Across Egypt"
- "Windrunner"
- "By Dawn's Early Light"



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