

GLOBAL PARTNER



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Birthdays:

Ron - November 11
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Anniversary: August 16



JUST A SECK

As long as we can remember we've had a passion to make the love of Jesus Christ known to our world. Throughout our lives we have used our talents, training and ability to tell His story. We are now enjoying the opportunity to present the Good News of God's saving power through community health development among the Gypsies (Roma people) of Central Europe!



That's quite a switch for us! Up until June 2011 Jeannie was an Art Teacher at Chipewa Valley High School and I was the Senior Pastor of Fellowship Chapel (for 36 years!) in the suburbs north of Detroit, Michigan. But we had a plan we were working on: to leave our jobs, if God permitted us to do so, when I was 63 to do full-time outreach with our many contacts in Hungary and the Balkan region. We had developed these relationships through numerous mission trips to the this area of Europe over 20 years.

God opened the way in June 2011 and we are now launched on our new career! We are now North American Baptist Conference Field Directors using the biblical strategies of Community Health Evangelism "CHE" (chenetwork.org) to work with the poorest of the poor who are usually the "Gypsies"- known as "Romani" or "Roma" in Central Europe (Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Ukraine, etc.). They are also Central Euro-

pean regional coordinators for Community Health Evangelism Network (CHE).

We train and mentor Hungarian speaking Christians in CHE biblical strategies to train other Christian nationals to teach CHE to others and to work together with them in poor communities in Hungary and in other Central European countries. From this training, God has provided teams that have begun and are effectively working in

a number of Central European countries.

With CHE Romania, we are all about developing wholly healthy believers in wholly healthy churches in wholly healthy communities. The CHE programs in each of these countries are less than three years old, but already community projects have begun and hearts are turning to the Lord.

For continually updated information, please see www.JustASeck.wordpress.com

Would you like to HOST Ron & Jeannie?

They will arrive Friday, June 19 @ 6pm and depart on Monday, June 22.

Rev. Jozsef and Dr. Zita Csuha are Hungarian teammates with Ron & Jeannie. We are also looking for hosts for them.

Just contact Pastor Paul.

DO YOU KNOW OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS?



Safi Bagherpour

Director of mission support to Farsi speaking peoples with Crossover International



Melody Bertsch

HR manager for CISP & Career Coach outside CISP at the Christian International School of Prague



Paul & Melissa Ewing

Field director for missionaries in Japan with the North American Baptist Conference



Brian & Julie Kolling

Members of the National Team for Cru Nations working in South Dakota among Native American students



NEW - Ron & Jeannie Seck

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WHO ARE CHRIS & LISA MURFIN?

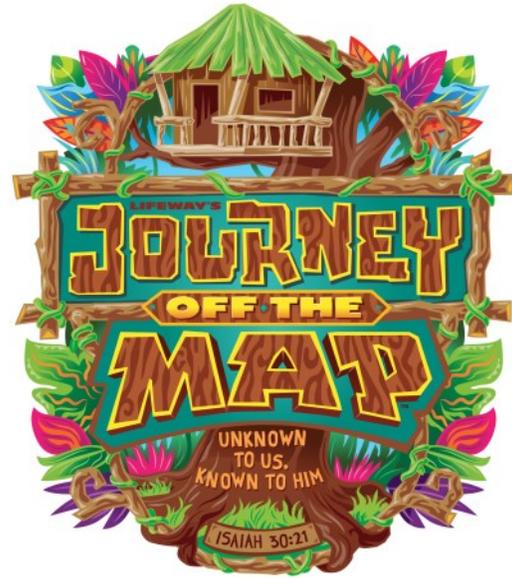
After living 13 years in Sioux Falls and working many years in the corporate sector, in 2007 Chris and Lisa began serving as missionaries with Campus Crusade for Christ at FamilyLife Ministries, headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 2012 they were assigned overseas to serve in the United Kingdom in the outskirts of London, where they currently live with their teenage son, Ethan. Realizing that the strength of a nation lies in the homes of its people, FamilyLife works to strengthen families and help transform family relationships by providing hope and practical tools based on Biblical principles and knowing Christ. FamilyLife aims to give every family in the UK this opportunity. With the main team of just 4 people in the UK, Chris and Lisa help out with all aspects of the ministry from resource development, running day events, personal and group discipleship studies and being involved in one-to-one evangelism opportunities. God continues to open significant doors of opportunities for the Murfins in the UK. We are proud to partner with them.



Chris & Lisa Murfin working with FamilyLife (a division of Cru), organizing marriage conferences & mentoring in the UK

familylife
Helping transform relationships

**WE ARE SETTING
OUT ON THE
JOURNEY OF A
LIFETIME AND
WE'D LOVE FOR
YOU TO JOIN US!**



Who? Explorers ages 4 yrs. to 5th grade and their friends!
When? Sunday, July 12th, 6:30-8:00pm
Monday, July 13th-Thursdays, July 16th 9:00-11:30am
Before available starting at 7:30am

Explorer Registration: www.oakhills.net/vbs-registration

Expedition Guides are also needed!

Sign up for your tour in the lobby starting May 10th!

This is the Way. Walk in it.

**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES**



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**Sunday School isn't just
for the school year!!**

At Oak Hills, it continues into
the Summer!

9:30am
Preschool: Room 100
Elementary: The Nest

11:00
Preschool: The Nest

**In order to be able to keep
this schedule, we need
your help!!**

If you would be willing to
volunteer to help with
summer Sunday School,
please contact:
Shelly Haan at
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Our Year in Review! FW Friends and Route 45

- An average of 88 kids attended each Wednesday night!
- 55 Kids joined us for the first time. 28 returned to join the group on a regular basis.
- 20 Faithful Leaders were a part of the program every Wednesday Night.
- 3 Retirement Communities visited and filled with song.
- 8 kids earned a trophy, 19 kids earned medals and 23 kids earned certificates for the memory opportunities they challenged themselves to learn.
- 51 kids learned the names of the disciples for Fishers of Men February.
- We wore our sport jerseys, crazy glasses, & beards and mustaches and donated items to a local school.
- Relationships were strengthened and the Word of God was taught.

It was a really good year!

faith, friends & fun



**STUDENT
MINISTRIES**



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YOUTH STAFF

- John Gross
- Jeff Ballard
- Ashley Maturan
- Emily Erickson
- Courtney Ballard
- Joy Karges
- Rachel Dewey
- Brad Hartzler
- Joey Bosch
- Janna Thorson
- Kate Friesen
- Mark Schmidt
- Carrie Schmidt
- Tammy McDowell
- Joel McDowell
- Colleen Thompson
- Laura Kunz
- Holly Kelly
- Steven Ballard

WRAPPING UP 2014-15 | In STUDENT MINISTRIES

2014-2015 has been an awesome year in student ministries at Oak Hills. All of our messages have wrapped up for the year, and now I get to take a breath before summer hits. It has been so awesome to see teenagers in our church grow spiritually this year. Some of them have taken giant steps of faith, while others have taken just one step forward in their journey with Jesus, and from where I sit, both of those things are worth celebrating.

I have to tell you though, that my favorite thing that happened this year was the intergenerational ministry that took place in this church. When I came to Oak Hills in 2009, we continued a conversation about what it might look like to connect the generations, instead of dividing them. So, this fall, we created a new Adult Forum on Sunday mornings, where high school students and adults could connect with each other and together learn a little bit more about what it means to center their lives around Jesus. There were some bumps in the road, we learned some things about what works and what doesn't, and the Lord has blessed it richly. This forum has allowed students not to just attend church, but to be part of the fabric of this community of faith. I want to share part of a note I received from a couple in our church who chose to partner with us in this new adventure:

"What a blessing the intergenerational forum has been for Oak Hills, and for us, and I want to thank you for making it happen. Those were precious moments hearing our youth speak about their faith walk, and we all learned from each other. My feeling, as well, is that this reminds the older generations that we have much to learn from the youth just now beginning their journey. Thank you again for your ministry and heart for God's plan for Oak Hills. It's not about us."

In addition to the forum, student ministries also hosted a few events for Empty Nesters in our church. We ate some dessert, enjoyed some music, and got to know each other a bit. It was a huge blessing! I can't wait to see how the Lord moves in 2015-2016! Here are a few snapshots of our students in our youth ministry. -Dave



**ADULT
MINISTRIES**



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JULY AF

CAN'T STAND THE HEAT?

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
HELL**

In many ways, Hell is not an exciting subject – it is a necessary subject. Throughout the ages, the church has struggled to understand the nature of God's justice and judgment. This Adult Forum will study what is written in Scripture and where the contemporary debate is at. Finally, we shall reflect on the ultimate question of who will go to hell and what will happen to them there.

**9:30am
on July 12, 19, 26.**

MAY ADULT FORUMS OPTIONS

9:30 am

11 am

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| May 3 | <i>Clarity & Next Steps for Oak Hills by Pastor Jim</i>
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| May 10 | (Intergenerational)
<i>When Christians Get It Wrong</i>
When people talk about the problems they have with Christianity, they often name attitudes and behaviors practiced too often by Christians. Join us for the conclusion to the Intergenerational Forum as we work through these issues. | <i>Open Adoption - by Jay & Sheri B.</i>
Caring for children and building relationships with birth parents and their extended family. |
| May 17 | | <i>Safe Families - by Lloyd & Linda H.</i>
Care with dignity can remove the stigma often associated with foster care. |
| May 24 | <i>NO Adult Forums or Sunday school on May 24.</i> | <i>NO Adult Forums or Sunday school on May 24.</i> |

SPECIAL ONE DAY ONLY AF SUNDAY, MAY 31 AT 9:30 & 11AM

- What is NAB?
- Why is Oak Hills an NAB church?
- What does it mean to be a part of the NAB?

These questions are central to who we are as a church and, the role of a denomination is changing. Tim Heerts will share some history and perspectives of the modern NAB movement.

JUNE AF: THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL ASIA

Central Asia is often called a "Black Hole" because the region is largely unknown to western people due to its geographic position. Often people either do not recognize the countries represented or the people who inhabit them. But God cares for the people and is building his kingdom during a time of great upheaval. Presented more in a workshop style, this AF will survey how the church is growing in central Asia and how we have opportunity to be a part of what God is doing.

- Week 1: Central Asia – Who are the People?
- Week 2: Why plant churches? What action would yield the greatest fruit? Can a church grow without a building?
- Week 3: Special AF with Ron & Jeannie Seck
- Week 4: How should we think about the obstacles facing the church?

**Facilitated by Safi Bagherpour
@ 9:30am June 7, 14, 21, 28**

**OUTREACH
MINISTRIES**



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SOFTBALL



Oak Hills has a coed softball team that plays in the Sioux Falls Church League on Thursday nights. The first game begins on May 21 and the final tournament is in early August.

Come on out to support the team!

If you would like more information or want to join the team, please contact Jordan Julius.

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BEING A GREAT NEIGHBOR!



Last year, Oak Hills reached out to the residents in the apartment buildings surrounding our campus by hosting a Block Party. The response from Oak Hills and our neighbors was overwhelmingly positive. This year, we want to build on this success. This event is being planned for Sunday, June 14 from 5-7pm. The Oak Hills Outreach Team is looking for all kinds of help from food prep to planning games. Please contact Pastor Paul to get involved.

What is a Block Party?
Simply, a time to gather with neighbors. There will be great food, live music, and lots of big games for kids.

Why host a Block Party for the residents of Lyncrest, Windflower, and Copperleaf? We are called to be love our neighbors (Mt 22:39) and to be an open/inviting community (Mt 22:9; Lk 14:12-14). A block party is a fun, honoring and non-threatening way to meet our neighbors.

DOOR HANGERS & NEW RESIDENT MAILERS

We continue to show our presence in the neighborhood of 1200 homes near the Oak Hills campus. A door hanger went out just before Easter week and we are planning another door hanger for VBS to go out on June 28. Additionally, we mail out about 100 oversized postcards to people who have moved into the 57108

area code each month. These cards go out automatically with the help of D2Design. We designed the card and they do all the processing. Both of these tools have proven to increase web traffic and visitation at Oak Hills. Please be in prayer for our neighborhood.

SURPLUS UPDATE

The Outreach Team and the Global Partners Team have been asked by the Church Council to form recommendations for use of surplus funds. Additionally, they have given us the vision of deepening partnerships. This is different than giving money to multiple good ministries. We must assess the current relationship and imagine what the relationship could or should be. This is a huge and sacred task. We sincerely appreciate your prayer on this matter.

We have begun to meet with each of our current missionary and ministry partnerships.

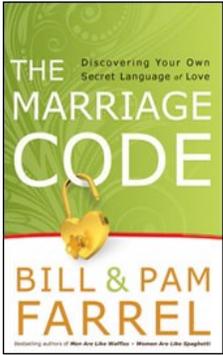
We have been asking:

- What is God doing through this ministry?
- How could Oak Hills improve our current relationship?
- Are there any significant physical or financial needs that are currently not being met?

This is just phase one of our process. We are ultimately seeking God's wisdom and leading with this opportunity.

THE MARRIAGE CODE

a Book Review by Kelly Pankratz



Are you convinced your spouse has a secret code you cannot break? Does your inability to understand each other and the resulting breakdowns baffle you?

This past life group cycle, our marriage group explored *The Marriage Code* by Bill and Pam Farrel, authors of the well-known *Men are Like Waffles, Women are Like Spaghetti*, and discovered ways we can interact differently to better love and understand our spouses. Everyone has a code based upon either the need for success or the need for security. These two end goals often cause couples to get out of sync, no matter

how deeply they love one another.

The premise of *The Marriage Code* is "Marriages operate by a code--a collection of key words, actions, insights, and attitudes that determine how a couple's relationship works. When that code is uncovered, love grows and flourishes. If that code remains a mystery, love gets buried behind misunderstandings and irritations." The book contains ten chapters that include topics on affection, recreation, resolving conflict, intimacy, and setting goals.

The Marriage Code is lighter than many marriage books and can be read quickly. Each chapter is sprinkled with humor and examples of behaving above or below the line on each topic. A study guide is available with discussion questions for each chapter. If you're looking for a resource that will help strengthen your marriage without requiring much reading time, *The Marriage Code* is a great option for you.



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MESSAGES & EVENTS

MAY

Mother's Day
Graduation Sunday
God the Father
God the Son, Holy Spirit

JUNE

Faith & Science
"In the beginning..."
Pastor Jim and Dr. Bill Harris
Block Party—June 14

Father's Day:

Ron & Jeannie Seck—new partners in Hungary

**Guatemala Trip—
June 27-July 5**

JULY-AUGUST

The Book of Ruth (6-weeks)
"Student Take-over" -26th

UPCOMING MESSAGES BY PASTOR JIM

MAY—in late May we will take a two week look at our doctrine of God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The aim is to refresh and highlight our beliefs and practical understanding of who God has revealed Himself to be.

JUNE—*Faith & Science: "In the beginning..."* This three week series will begin in Genesis 1. What is the purpose of this text? What does the text affirm and teach? The series will end with a Dr. Bill Harris highlighting the relationship between theology and science? The hope is to encourage, equip, and invite a dialog on these relevant topics in the church.

JULY—The book of Ruth, in the Old Testament, is a beautiful story with a timeless message of God's redeeming love. Through this narrative, we are given a captivating example of how God works through everyday people when they trust Him; even in the worst of circumstances, when hope is fading, when we have no recourse - God's love makes a way. This six week series is entitled: *Trusting*

STUDENT TAKE-OVER, Sunday July 26, Student Ministry will lead both services and share about their trip to Guatemala.