

## THE MINISTRY FUND & OUR ENGAGEMENT BY PASTOR JIM

By the Holy Spirit, we ended 2014 with a \$50,000 surplus. The Leadership Council and I whole-heartedly agreed that God was calling us to use 90% of these funds to deepen ministry partnerships—to look outward—to invest these funds in ways that would draw us into more ministry engagement both locally and internationally. The Ministry Fund process took nine months and involved over 30 people working together to discern how God was leading us into this next season as a church. Ideas were submitted and discussed, we engaged our current partners and listened to their plans, and new ministries were evaluated. Below is a list of the partners we are intentionally investing in with a vision to deepen our relationship and impact. The amounts vary, but each partner is important and strategic to our God given mission in this next season.

—————Local—Sioux Falls—————

- Cherub's Closet**—helping families in need with diapers and other basics—\$6000
- Adopting Laura B. Anderson School**—coming alongside students and teachers—\$7000

—————Region—South Dakota—————

- Brian & Julie Kolling** with *Cru Nations*—discipling Native college students—\$5000

—————Ends of the earth—International—————

- Safi Baghpour**—discipling and training Christian leaders in Muslim nations—\$5000
- Chris & Lisa Murfin**—strengthening marriages and families in England—\$6000
- Ron & Jeannie Seck**—building a greenhouse in Hungary for community development—\$3000
- Compassion International**—funding a community program in Mexico to share Jesus with children—\$12,000

The Council presented an overview of the process and explained each partnership at a special Adult Forum on Oct. 25th at both 9:30 and 11:00. Additionally, they gave a handout with specific ways to get involved with each partner.

Prayerfully consider how you might engage your time, talent, and passion into these opportunities. Praise God for His marvelous work in our community! Together, He is shaping us, transforming us, and using us in fresh expressions of grace. May God receive all the glory and may many come to know His love through Jesus!



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## MESSAGES & EVENTS

### November

Cherub's Closet—21st  
1st Community  
Distribution on Sat. @ 1pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service,  
25th @ 6:30pm  
Pie & Fellowship to follow

### Advent: Immanuel

Nov. 29—Dec. 25

### December

Children's Program—13th  
Thomas Club—19th  
Cherub's Closet—19th  
2nd Community  
Distribution on Sat. @ 1pm

### January

*My Body!?*  
*Why is there so much evil?*  
*Marriage: Enjoying the Differences*

## PASTOR JIM'S VISION TRIP TO HUNGARY & SERBIA

God is doing an amazing work in Central Europe with the Roma (Gipsy) people! Our missionary partners, Ron and Jeannie Seck visited us in June and they invited us to come see what God is doing through Christian Health Evangelism (CHE). We have prayerfully considered this invitation, and now we are sending Pastor Jim on a Vision Trip to: 1) see first-hand the building of a greenhouse we are helping to fund [\$3000], and 2) to travel into northern Serbia to witness the CHE ministry developing in three different villages. Pray for doors to continue to open to Gospel ministry in Hungary and Serbia. The Serbian villages are mostly Muslim, so the opportunity to share Jesus is extraordinary. Pray for the team of Christian nationals that is being equipped and empowered by Ron and Jeannie and the Hungarian Christians. Pray for vision and clarity for our developing partnership with the Christians in Central Europe.



**ADULT  
MINISTRIES**



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**FALL LEADERSHIP  
ADULT FORUMS  
Nov. 1, & 8**

In November, we will have two Leadership Adult Forums that will run at both 9:30am & 11am.

Each Sunday there will be a presentation by a separate group.

- **Teaming Up for the Future (Staff)**
- **Beck report on mission in Japan (Randell & Linda)**

**WINTER ADULT FORUMS**

**Intergenerational:** *"The Life of Jesus: Who He is and why He matters"* with Pastor Dave & Craig Dewey @ **9:30am in Room 200**

What really happened back in the first century, in Jerusalem and around the Sea of Galilee, that changed the shape of world history? Who is this figure that emerges from history to have a profound impact on culture, ethics, politics, and philosophy? This series will help us dig deeper into what is known about Jesus' life and why it matters.

**Bible:** *Philippians* with Dr. John Hiigel @ **9:30am in the Fellowship Hall**

From his prison cell, Paul wrote "I am hard pressed," living under the stresses of gloating rivals, bickering friends, political persecution, sick loved ones, and deadly peril. Yet he has "learned the secret of contentment" and presses on to "take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." ." Let us read Paul's testimony and counsel together and consider how to be partakers together of God's grace.

**Discipleship:** *Sacred Marriage*, with the Marriage Ministry Team @ **9:30am in room 200**

What if God gave us marriage not to make us happy but rather to make us holy? Marriage is a spiritual discipline that can enable us to know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. Join us for the DVD discussion of Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas.

**WHAT IS AN ADULT FORUM?**

Adult Forums allow us to have deep conversations about specific issues. We have four main categories of Forums: 1) the study of a particular Bible text, 2) discipleship (core skill), 3) Hot Topic, and 4) Intergenerational. Every year, Oak Hills hosts some profound conversations in each of these categories. This fall, we will offer several Adult Forum options concurrent with both worship services at 9:30am & 11am.

**USHERING**

Serving as an usher is much more important than handing out a few worship folders and collecting an offering. Ushering shapes the first impressions people will form about our church. Ushers must also be careful in dealing with people, attentive to and able to respond appropriately to a large variety of circumstances.

Ushering is not only meaningful for the church, it is fun to do. Even the family can be involve. Ushers can be men, women, and even children.

We are looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers. Please contact Pastor Paul to get more information about this vital ministry.



# WE THREE SPIES

*a classified christmas adventure*

Oak Hills Kids have been activated and are actively engaged in practices for the upcoming Christmas program. We are excited to present: "We Three Spies" this December. The Christmas Intelligence Kids (CIK) covertly bring holiday cheer to people in the community. Under false pretenses the CIK is hired by Mr. Harold King to investigate the activity surrounding the warehouse at 2000 Bethlehem Way. It takes a little expert espionage and a lot of God's unconditional love for Mr. King to change his tune and join in the community celebration of Jesus' birth. Join us **Sunday, December 13th at 6:30pm** as Oak Hills Kids go undercover and infiltrate this covert Christmas Adventure.

## DATES & TIMES TO KNOW:

- No Kids Night Activities - November 25th
- Weekly Program practice: Wednesdays 6:30-7:00pm  
Sundays 9:30-10am
- Special Program Practices:  
Saturday, December 5th - 10am-12pm  
Saturday, December 12th - 1-3pm
- Sing in Services: Sunday, December 13th @ 9:30 and 11am  
(Be here by 9:00am)
- Those with speaking parts: Sunday, December 13th - 12:30-1:30pm
- December 13th - Be at Oak Hills by 6:00pm to warm up for performance

## KIDS MINISTRIES



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### Can you help with the Christmas Program?

**Decorating the stage and sanctuary (2)**  
Week of 12/7

**Creating decorations for Fellowship Time (2)**  
Any time

**Cookie Donations**  
(25 people donating  
2 dozen cookies)  
Delivered to church  
on 12/13

**Liner Uppers (5)**  
(help kids line up and walk  
into sanctuary)  
Brief time on night  
of program

**Hosting Fellowship time & Clean up (8)**

Contact Shelly if you are willing to fill any of these needs.

**STUDENT  
MINISTRIES**



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**YOUTH STAFF**

- John Gross
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- Ashley Maturan
- Courtney Ballard
- Joy Karges
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- Kate Friesen
- Mark Schmidt
- Carrie Schmidt
- Tammy McDowell
- Branden Boyd
- Kara Koth
- Brian Gregg
- Julie Gregg
- Joel McDowell
- Colleen Thompson
- Laura Kunz
- Holly Kelly
- Steven Ballard

**MINNI-APPLE EXPERIENCE**

We've had a great fall in Student Ministries at Oak Hills. In September, we took a group of 27 middle school students to Minneapolis for the weekend to kick-off the school year. We spent a few hours at the Mall of America, went to a Twins game, and we served at an organization called Feed My Starving Children, that sends thousands of meals around the world every day of the week. It was an awesome weekend to get away, connect with God and each other, and witness the work of God around the world. It was important for us to see God using his people to bring an end to world hunger, and we were so grateful to play a small part in that work of justice. We also had an opportunity to connect with another NAB church, Faith Baptist in north Minneapolis, where former Oak Hills Associate Pastor, Harry Anderson, has been serving as Interim Pastor.



**ICE BLOCKING**

Another fall tradition that we have in Student Ministries is to go ice-blocking with Trinity Baptist Church. If you are not familiar with what ice-blocking is, I'll help you out. Basically, you put a towel on a block of ice, sit down, and go flying down a hill. Upper Tuthill Park is our favorite spot, and this year, it did NOT disappoint. It's so great for us to connect with the youth group at Trinity Baptist Church. We laughed a lot, whiped out more times than we'd like to admit, and just had some space to remember how good it is take a few hours away from what is being asked of us, and to embrace rest in this way. In Student Ministries at Oak Hills, we believe that Sabbath is not a ritual, but a rhythm of life; and this event while it takes work, helps us remember that important truth. This fall was incredible, and we have a great winter and spring planned too! Stay tuned!



-Pastor Dave

**OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES**



**NEIGHBORHOOD**

As a church, we continue to build our witness and presence within the local neighborhood. We believe that God has placed our church in this location with Kingdom purposes.

1200 households received a door hanger promoting the Fall Festival and making people aware of the Cherub's Closet ministry.

Each month, 100 new residents in a portion of the 57108 area code receive a postcard welcoming them to the neighborhood.

**Let's continue to pray for our neighborhood!**

**SCHOOL ADOPTION**

**Laura B. Anderson Elementary School—** Oak Hills is adopting Laura B. School! We have worked with them in the past, but we are intentionally deepening this relationship. After a thorough taskforce process, we are seeking to care for the children, teachers, and staff through prayer, mentoring, volunteering, and meeting other school needs. Consider the following ways of engagement: Prayer, Volunteering, Mentoring and Events.



**REFUGEE TEAM**

Many of God's great plans grow from merely a seed. After a beautiful summer, the Oak Hills Refugee Garden is just closing out its first growing season. Born from a partnership with the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Families, the garden fed 17 families from around the world. These families grew many familiar plants, such as eggplant, tomatoes, corn, and squash, but they also planted seeds carried from their home countries. The Refu-

gee Garden Ministry hosted two dinners with some of the gardening families. Opportunities for games, ice cream, and garden tours helped nurture friendships as we celebrated the harvest and God's providence. The Refugee Garden Team is excited about the first year and looking forward to cultivating deeper friendships with the newest members of our Sioux Falls community.

Exciting new developments have been implemented for Cherub's Closet this fall. While we will still give out our "Baby Shower In A Box" boxes at the local hospitals, we have expanded to a monthly giveaway on the campus of Oak Hills.



While Oak Hills' involvement has been limited to donating of supplies and writing the devotion booklet that we give to the moms who receive our boxes, there will be a greater need for your involvement as this ministry expands. We will need people to help prepare for the distribution, and individuals on distribution day to provide "Security".

While we have big dreams for the future of Cherub's Closet, we want to stay true to our original Baby-Shower-In-A-Box

mission. Our most recent box was given to a 14 year old. She is too young to become a mother, but that is her reality. We are certain that Cherub's Closet met a need for this young new mother.

Look for updates on how you can become more involved in this ministry.

We collected over 5600 diapers in October—thank you for your generosity!

## BRIAN & JULIE KOLLING – CRU NATIONS

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



The Spirit of God is moving among Native American college student in SD. At USD in Vermillion, Brian & Julie typically have around 10 students come to the Nations Night Bible study. This year, twice that amount have been attending, many of whom are not yet Christians, but are searching. They face a myriad of struggles - cultural, academic, social - and they come to Nations as a safe place to rest and to learn. And they are hearing and seeing the Gospel with language and a cultural lens to which they can relate.

Oak Hills has an opportunity to get involved! We would like to provide “Finals Survival Kits” for these Native students. These kits will have various snacks and treats, but most importantly, we are asking Oak Hills people to write a note of encouragement. Let’s let these students know that they are loved and prayed for! The final collection and assembly of the kits will be on Sunday, November 29. Please contact Brian & Julie Kolling to know how to provide one of these kits.

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*Thanksgiving  
Eve Worship*

*Join Us!*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 25TH  
6:30PM

*Christmas Eve Worship*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 @ 5:00PM