

Over 100 kids in grades K-6 enjoyed 3 full days of fun with Guest Speaker Brandon Rusbin and "Camp Sergeant Master B" during this year's Fun in the Son summer day camp. God's Army is on the move!



HEARTBEAT OF BETHESDA



Congratulations

2011
Bethesda Fathers of the Year

Steve
Serra

Bill
Cuppy

Emanuel
Johnson

2011 Fathers of the Year

Emanuel Johnson



I would like to nominate my dad, Emanuel Johnson, for the Father of the Year award because he has taught me sooo much. Most important was introducing me to the Lord. Although as a teen I didn't always want to go to church or listen to my dad, he never, NEVER gave up on me. Every chance he got to discuss God's word with me... he DID. Never loud or demanding, yet firm, he'd tell me to listen to the Lord, do HIS will, and he will get me through whatever I was going through.

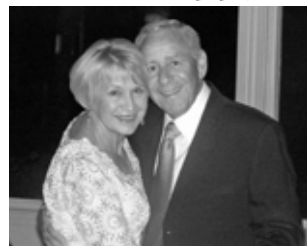
My dad is very reserved, but believe it or not, he really is a comedian and a jokester. He enjoys cracking jokes and giving his grandchildren his peppermints...LOL! His granddaughters worship the ground he walks on. Especially the 16-year-old. She is quick to say, "Grandpa likes this," or, "Grandpa likes that." Whatever TV shows my dad likes, the 16-year-old likes. She truly loves her grandpa.

My dad is the best cook ever! Awesome. Now every Sunday we enjoy spending time and having dinner with him and my mom. His 5-year-old granddaughter loves to follow her grandpa everywhere. She knows... Grandpa is going to sneak her a snack. LOL!

Speaking of his loyal granddaughters, who argue nonstop due to the 11-year age difference (I know... what was I thinking? The 5-year-old is so busy and active to the point that the 16-year-old dreads baby-sitting her), there is only one time I remember there was no arguing, no running around, and no activity... the night grandpa was taken to the hospital. When I came in from the hospital, both daughters jumped to find out how their grandpa was. I say this to show you the love we have for him. Because of him, my 5-year-old knows he and Jesus love us all.

Submitted by Elena Singleton

Bill Cuppy



Anyone who knows my dad knows he loves the Lord, his wife, his family and of course, his college alma mater!

My dad has been involved in many areas of the church from the nursery, high school department, catechism, teachers' training, and usher to name a few. He also served as teacher, athletic director and principal at Bethesda Christian School and Zoe Christian Academy. He was probably at his best as a teacher and coach to hundreds of young students. To this day, former students and athletes of my dad comment on the positive impact he had on their lives.

Dad met the Lord through my mom. It is probably the greatest gift she ever gave to him. He has loved my mom with great devotion, caring and passion. He always boasts about how wonderful and beautiful she is. I never had to worry about my parents' marriage. The love they showed to each other was evident everyday growing up. During the past few years, my dad has had to change his role in their marriage. I think the greatest compliment regarding my dad anyone has given me is, "He takes great care of your mom."

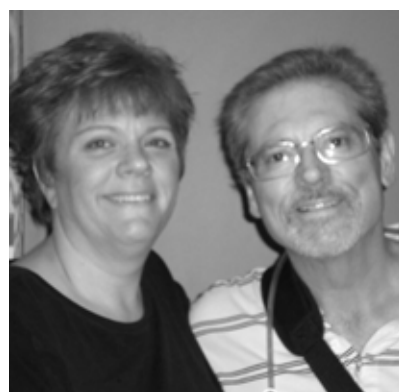
My dad is not shy to tell others about his 2 children and brag about his 4 grandchildren. As a grandpa, he loves to watch his grandchildren play sports, take them fishing, and make them laugh. There have been numerous occasions where I will mention something about the kids (school, fears, and sickness) and he will comment how he has been praying for them. When I began to date my husband, the joke was if I didn't marry him, Dad would!

This past December, my dad suffered a bleeding stroke. For about 24 hours, I had to picture my life without my dad. We are so blessed that God chose to heal him. He is not shy about telling everyone he meets about how God healed him and that he is indeed a living miracle!

While my dad is not perfect, he is a perfect example of how one's life can be blessed when you love and serve the Lord, the church, and your family!

Submitted by Christen Schlaf

Steve Serra



Faithful? My father has gone through a lot these past few years. When your life consists of hospital trip after hospital trip, feeling okay -- even 70% okay -- is a blessing. He does not know when he will feel well again, yet he continues to put all of his faith in God. He has shown his family, along with others, how to put all of your faith in God, even when things seem hopeless.

Although, he is stubborn about going to get help. Especially when it means taking another trip to the hospital, even to get a tube drained. He will do anything to delay his departure. Just recently, instead of going to the hospital right away, like he should have, he walked the dog. Another time I had to play the "Please Daddy, what if this is the one time they find something" card. But hey, it worked.

My dad has been the rock of our family, even with all that he has been through. Though he is sick, he still is there for my sister and me. He has come to every football game to watch the band and every Parent/Teacher conference to check up on my sister and me. He tries so hard to be the best dad and husband he can be. And though he can get cranky at times, we still love him.

With all that he has been through, people expect that he would have lost his faith years ago. Even though he does not know what will happen next, or when something will happen, he continually stands in church, hands raised, praising God for all that He has done. My dad continues to direct my sister and me in faith and raises us to be God-fearing young women. I could never have asked for a better father. Happy Father's Day Daddy!

Submitted by Lily & Maggie Serra

Congratulations Class of 2011!



Courtney Baird
Parkway Christian



Zach Champine
Parkway Christian



Curtis Conrad
Utica High



Nicole DeFillipi
Calvin College



Austin Dryer
Parkway Christian



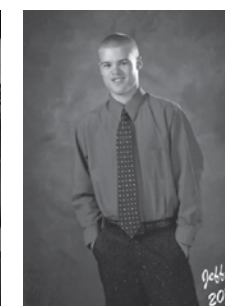
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Dakota High



Leif Helland
Parkway Christian



Thomas Hunt
Wayne State U



Jeffrey Lawrence
Armada High



Eric Lipinski
Chicago Kent Law



Chelsea MacIntosh
Chippewa Valley



Kevin Mallock
Dakota High



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Fitzgerald High



Eric Preisler
Lutheran High NW



Rhonda Ross
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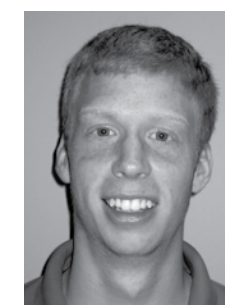
Jessica Vigneau
Parkway Christian



Paige Wanamaker
Dakota High



Brad Wargnier
Michigan Tech U



Matthew Warren
Anchor Bay

GET TO KNOW THE BETHESDA GROUNDS CREW BY DAVIS DRYER

Have you ever noticed how well-tended our church grounds appear? Every time you pull into the church, please note the neatly mowed lawns, freshly weeded flowerbeds, and crisply maintained plants and bushes. This is quite a sight to see, considering the vast number of plants to be trimmed and grass to be cut. Ever wonder who accomplishes these tasks so well?

Allow us to introduce you to our 2011 Bethesda Summer Grounds Crew. They are: (pictured from left to right) **James Stallons, Matt Allen, Jason Jones, Noah Allen, David Richards, Taylor Swarts, Kelly Doom, Emily Visger, Ashley Swarts, Brian Swarts, Erin Worman, and Charles Chambers.** During the day you'll see these folks identified by their blue T-shirts bearing the phrase "Bethesda Grounds Crew." Don't they look great? Day in and day out



during the summer, these hard workers do their best to keep our church looking as nice as it does.

Brian Swarts, Director of Buildings & Grounds, had the following to say about the Grounds Crew:

"Start up of this year was extremely challenging as we experienced a spring filled with quite a few consecutive rainy days, and a couple of

weeks where there was only about 1 day that was dry. (We considered looking at plans to build an ark in the parking lot, but the rains subsided in time before that idea became a necessity). Since then, our staff has been able to catch up on all of the cutting and trimming. They are now starting to work on the many flower and plant beds scattered throughout the property. Their goal is to have them

in shape by the end of July; however, that is quite an ambitious goal and I'm sure they would love to have some help. If you have even an hour or two a week that you could offer to assist them in that endeavor, please don't hesitate to come on out, meet them, and extend a little bit of effort that will help them to succeed. I know they'll be most appreciative and am sure you'll feel glad you did. Once you've had a chance to work with them you'll find out what a great group of young adults they are and how much they really care about their church. Between you and me, they are a lot of fun to work with! When you walk around the church and see these fine young people, please take a moment and thank them for all of the hard work they do to get our grounds in shape for the summer season."

Be on the lookout for the members of our Grounds Crew and be sure to say thank you! Remember, our church wouldn't look so wonderful if it weren't for those hard-working, blue-shirted young people!

Davis Dryer is currently spending the summer as a writing intern in the Bethesda Communications Department. After graduating from Calvin College (expected May 2012,) he hopes to land a job with a national magazine.



EVERY SPARROW: Korean War Soldier Comes Home

By Davis Dryer

U.S. Army Corporal A.V. Scott, cousin of Murray Scott of Bethesda, was a Detroit native who served in the Korean War with the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion of the 2nd Infantry Division. On February 12, 1951, Chinese forces fighting with the North Koreans attacked his unit. He was taken captive by the Chinese and marched to a POW camp. Fellow POWs who had been captured along with Scott said that he died in April of 1951 due to dysentery and exhaustion.

North Koreans have been sending remains of deceased POWs to America since the early 1990s. U.S. forensic investigators used DNA evidence from Scott's living relatives, dental comparisons, and other forensic evidence to identify him. A fu-



neral service will be held for Cpl. Scott at Arlington National Cemetery on August 31, 2011, followed by his burial on September 1. Murray Scott talks about the 60 years of mystery his family went through, only knowing that Cpl. Scott was M.I.A. However, as Murray says, "Nothing is impossible with God!" This discovery has solved that mystery, and brought peace to Cpl. Scott's relatives. Murray also talks about how this reminds him of the Biblical story of Joseph's bones, saying that Cpl. Scott's bones will be buried in his own land. "No one is lost to God," he says, and Belva adds that it reminds her that, "God knows every little sparrow."

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: **Men's Ministries**

BY REV. PATRICK VISGER
MEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Home, wife, kids (and all the events they bring around), work, church... life! Living life requires time, not to mention effort. How does a guy fit it all in—and keep his priorities straight? Bethesda's Men's Ministry understands the hectic life of today's twenty-first century man, and aims to offer opportunities for spiritual growth and development balanced with a full schedule of important responsibility. The past few years a once-a-month meeting for men—we call it Iron Sharpens Iron—has afforded men a time for biblical truth, discussion and an enriched circle of friends.

This past year (September 2010 to May 2011) the focus was on service. We focused on serving both the local church and within the community as a witness for Jesus Christ. One way we acted this out took place on a Saturday morning in October to serve their church by helping to clean the grounds. The leaves were deep and the bushes tall, but the men trimmed, raked, and packed bags (over 130 bags of debris). The spirit of serving was evident!

Next we wanted to concentrate on serving outside the church, but what would we do? Little did we know God was planning a move across southeastern Michigan called Everyone a Chance to Hear (EACH.) The EACH collaborative brought together over 500 churches with the express mission to spread the Good News and do good deeds. We had our solution. The EACH initiative offered a variety of ways for men (and let's not forget those women) to show the Gospel to others through an act of service. We closed our year by getting involved in the various service projects, and anticipated both a break for summer and the coming fall.

As we look forward to the fall, we begin with a great breakfast to kick off the season. At the close of August we have planned a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, August 27. At the breakfast we will have an inspirational guest who will motivate us with his testimony. His name is Peter Nielsen.

Peter is a two time Mr. Universe and for more than 15 years he has hosted the nationally syndicated "Peter's Principles" TV and radio shows. He is the author of numerous books and videos on health and fitness, is a frequent contributing writer for local and national health related publications, and is an award-winning personal trainer. He is also an unabashed Christian.

I met Peter several weeks ago when I heard him speak at an event for youth, and I was thrilled to hear this big, strong, man say, "I can have a love affair with Christ, and be proud of it." I learned about a man who had a difficult childhood, has had close calls with death because of Crohn's disease, but has overcome with his faith in Jesus. Peter will be here to inspire and motivate men with Principles of Hope. You will not want to miss him. September intensifies the busyness of life as summer comes to a close. Move into the season on a high note by getting together with other men and getting motivated for the Master.



Principles of Hope: Peter Nielsen's Story

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Updates on our Home-Bound Friends

Communion is available to Bethesda members who are in the hospital, homebound, or in nursing care. You must contact Rev. Barry Allen at the church office at least 2 weeks before the first Sunday of the month to be on the schedule. The recipient must be available on the first Sunday afternoon of the month to be served, unless other arrangements are made with the church or Elder/Deacon assigned to this duty. You can reach Rev. Barry Allen at (586) 264-2300, Ext. 114 or email him at ballen@bethesdachristian.org.

JERRY & DEBBIE PANTANO served home communion to **DOLORES BRAXTON** on Sunday, June 12th. Dolores' health is fine. She still needs to schedule surgery for her eyes but the timing is not yet right. Her diabetes seems to be under control.

DAVID & SHARON RICHARDS had a wonderful time serving communion to **ISABEL FERIANC**. She was anticipating their visit, and she answered the door promptly upon their arrival. Isabel shared stories of her years as a single mom, and how the Lord provided for her family when there seemed no way. She's very grateful for Him, and for her church.

DALE & ANGELA FLOWERS served communion to **RUTH GIANNONE**. They found her "outside in a courtyard enjoying the beautiful weather and her family visitors." They served communion, prayed with her, and shared lunch with her. Ruth is maintaining her positive attitude, and Dale & Angela said that she "embraced our prayer time."

BETTY GRASL met **JOHN & SHARON RUTT** at the door with a warm smile and hug. They were glad to see her doing so well after the fall she had on the ice in February. They shared the communion supper, followed by a few hymns and prayer for her needs. She even joined the Rutts for dinner!

JOHN & KAREN JONES visited **DOROTHY HOWTON** and served her communion. She told them that she had fallen, and she now has pain around her ribs that makes it hard to breathe. The Jones prayed with her and, "had a nice visit."

ELLY IDYLE was expecting **MURRAY & BELVA SCOTT!** She was waiting with the front door open and greeted

them with warm hugs. They spent a wonderful visit with her, describing her as "alive and friendly," and that she "radiates the love of the Lord." She listened to the scriptures and received the Lord's Supper, as well as a time of singing.

TERRY & RHEA ALLEN report that **JUDI JAKUBIAK's** condition is declining. For the first time since they started visiting her she was unresponsive. Terry says he "prayed with her and am trusting for God's will to be performed in her life."

LINDA & MAURICE GRAVES found **LEANDER MCKEE** waiting for them when they served him communion. Leander said he wishes he could come to church, as he really misses the personal fellowship. They served him communion and sang a couple of songs, and prayed for his health.

STEVE & ROBIN MALEK served communion to **MABLE MCKEE**. She was in good spirits (as usual) and had a great time fellowshiping. She graced Steve & Robin with a song after communion and wisdom from the Bible as they talked. She asks for prayers from the church for Leander, as he is struggling.

ARNOLD & JOSIE JONES visited **ELEANOR STEWART** and had a wonderful time of visiting, prayer, and conversation. "We met her daughter Colleen, and while we were there her son Randy came in. We had a time of prayer and hugs all around. She was a real treat to visit."

JOAN STRUMBOS was not having a good day when **REVS. BOB & PHYL NELSON** visited her. She said her dizziness was worse than usual. Joan misses Gus, who went into the presence of the Lord. They shared Communion

together, and prayed for relief. God touched her, and she said she was feeling much better when they left!

VERNON THOMPSON was enjoying a peanut butter sandwich when **DAN & DAWN GAUTHIER** arrived. After his lunch, they chatted with Vernon about the calendar and the weather. Afterwards, they partook of the Lord's Supper together, and then had a group prayer session.

HATTIE TURNER was a little down when **MURRAY & BELVA SCOTT** arrived, but soon was her bright cheery self! She misses going to church, but received communion gratefully. She and the Scotts read scripture together, sang, and prayed for her eyes and better health.

CLARENCE & VIRGINIA TYLKOWSKI were visited by **ROB & PEGGY SUSAN**. They were happy for the visit and in great spirits. They all enjoyed singing several church songs from the early '90s. Clarence showed them several projects he had been working on.

BOB WADSWORTH spends his time in bed due to a weakened heart. **BILL & ELAINE STODDARD**, after visiting him, say that despite his difficulties, "He is such a delightful brother in Christ." He is a man of prayer and praise! Bob loves his family and deeply misses the family of God at BCC. He turned 80 on 6/14!

DAVE & LAURA DAHLSTROM visited **DELORES WROBEL** and her daughters, Celeste and Susan, saying, "They are delightful to minister to." Dave spent time with Delores while Laura conversed with Celeste and Susan. Delores was "like a sponge" as Dave shared the goodness of the Lord.



In Memory



Matthew Mauchline

July 13, 1926 - May 28, 2011

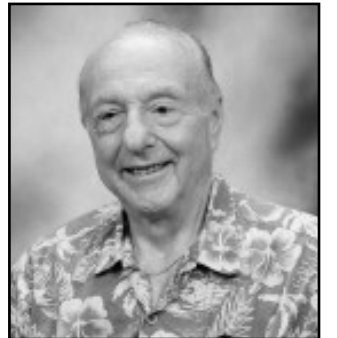
Matthew Mauchline was born in Scotland and moved as a baby to Detroit with his family. He served during WWII in the Army, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KN, but was never required to go overseas. He met his future wife, Vi, when she was working behind the counter at a bakery on Conant in Detroit. They were married on May 20, 1950. To this union three sons were born, Bob in 1952, Mike in 1956 and Matt in 1965. He was employed by Detroit Edison for 42 years as an equipment operator. His beloved wife preceded him in death in December, 2006.



Gerald Roehrer

October 10, 1935 - June 12, 2011

Gerald "Jerry" Roehrer, age 75 passed away June 12, 2011. Loving father of Brian (Sherry), David (Kathleen) and Michelle (Wallace Simpson). Proud grandfather of 12. Former spouse of Barbara Wilson. Dearest brother of Sylvia Didyk. Donations are welcome to the American Cancer Society. Share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com.



Helen Carpenter

April 26, 1935 - June 5, 2011

Born in Franklin, TN, Helen Lavada Carpenter was known as a gentle, humble and considerate person. John Scott Carpenter was her 7th and last child. John recalls seeing his beautiful mom in action, working hard as a wife and full-time mom, establishing a foundation of strength and love in her home.



Helen's unconditional love was evident throughout her life. One example is when her son was engaged in drug-dealing and other violent pursuits which led him to prison. Throughout this period, she never stopped praying, hoping and loving until at last her son was delivered. John Carpenter was led to the Lord through Steve Malek in 2007. Helen was happy and relieved to know her son had turned from a life of chaos and destruction. Her joy was multiplied when John got out of prison and "walked the talk," living each day as a new Christian desiring to know Jesus better, going to AA and NA meetings and attending Bethesda Christian Church.

Upon hearing that cancer had invaded her body, Helen stayed strong and continued to love her children and others in her life. She accepted the Lord in 2004 and said in her last days that "Jesus lives in her heart." She passed away June 5, 2011 in Nashville, TN.

Leroy Korth

October 27, 1929 - June 9, 2011

Leroy Korth, age 81, of Daytona Beach, FL., formerly of Clinton Township, died Thursday, June 9, 2011. Beloved husband of Joan Korth. Loving father of Thomas (Denise) Korth, MaryAnn (James) Yeip, Janice (Ronald) Dzuris, Margaret (Ronald) Hella, Robert (Rachel) Korth, and Julianne (Bruce) Hamilton. Loving grandfather of 17, great-grandfather of 13. Brother of Theodore (Ruth) Korth and Rosemary (James) Powell. A memorial service was held Friday, July 1 at Bethesda. Rev. Thomas Korth officiated at the service.

