



Dear church family,

Our new logo depicts a cross impacting a pool of water and sending ripples to the outer edges of the pool. This logo conveys our commitment to impact our community, region and world for Jesus Christ. Our desire to impact our world for Christ is also evident in our new mission statement.

We are a biblical community that exists to glorify God by pursuing Christ-like transformation personally and in others locally and around the world.

The *Initial Impact* ministry expansion project is our initial step to fulfilling this mission. At the conclusion of this two-year ministry expansion project, we will be much better prepared for our ministry future. Recent growth has brought with it some significant facility and parking challenges. We praise God for the people who have come to Bible Fellowship and we want to provide the space for more people to come hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Our leadership also shares a conviction that as we raise money for our ministry needs in Yardley, we want to invest into the surrounding region and world for Christ as well. This is the reason we are partnering with an inner-city church in Philadelphia and partnering to plant a new church in Peru.

This is an exciting time at Bible Fellowship Church. It is such a joy and privilege to serve our church family as Lead Pastor. Since coming here in August 2008, I have witnessed God working in the lives of so many people. People have trusted Christ and others are experiencing personal life-transformation as they are being conformed into His image. And here's what is really great: God is not done working at Bible Fellowship Church. I invite you to be a part of our *Initial Impact* ministry expansion project.

In Christ,
Pastor Bob

CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

Get Ready to Blast Off With Operation Space!

This year's *Kidz Kamp* will give our kids a close encounter with God's Word. We are excited about our kids taking this galactic adventure to get answers to questions like: How did the universe begin? Did the Bible just drop out of heaven? What does "authority of scripture" mean? And how can we avoid being lost in space?

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Kidz Kamp is open to kids age 4 through

completed 6th grade. We will start each day at the

Launch Site for worship music, B.A.S.I.C.

instructions and then lead the cadets

through the galaxy for Bible Briefing,

Stellar Snacks, Galactic Games, and

Cosmic Crafts, and Meteorite Moments.

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don't attend Bible Fellowship. What an awesome outreach opportunity to share the love of Christ and His message of salvation!

Obviously *Kidz Kamp* is a large ministry that requires many hands to pull it all together. Teens and adult are needed. If you would like to be a part of this team, contact Denise Zuczek right away so we can get you working in a crew. If you are unable to be here during the day that week, there are many things that can be done in preparation.

Kids and volunteers alike won't want to miss this chance to be a part of Operation Space. It's sure to be out of this *woooooorld!*



— We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. — Colossians 1:28-29 —



Images, from the left: (1) Mission Trip to New Orleans Summer 2007 after Katrina (2) Deep End Youth Group September Surge Activities (3) Kids' Kamp Teachers and Preschoolers Summer 2008



New Portable Classrooms

We have outgrown our classroom space for all ages. We are seeking approval for three portable classrooms. Our intent is to install only two initially. The portable classrooms would be removed when any future facility expansion is completed. Of the first two classrooms installed, one will be approximately 2000 sq. ft. and dedicated to our youth ministry and the other will be approximately 800 sq. ft. and dedicated to our adult ministry. The Deep End room, our current youth ministry room, will become space for our children's ministries. These changes will provide great ministry opportunities for our children, youth and adult ministries.

Renovations to the Existing Facility

The new portable classrooms will help, but they won't solve all of our classroom problems. Our present classrooms were designed when our church was less than half of our present size. Several of the children's classrooms are just too small to accommodate the number of children in those age groups. In the coming year or so we will be working with our architect to determine if we can reconfigure several of the rooms to better meet our ministry needs. This may involve moving a few walls or adding sound-proof dividers.

Images, from the top: (1) Youth Group trip to Battle Cry 2007 (2) Sample modular classrooms (3) Our current youth ministry room that will become space for our children's ministries (4) Deep End Youth at Creation 2008

Initial Impact! Objectives

- Provide much needed additional classroom space for our growing Sunday AM children's ministry
- Provide expanded space for our youth ministry
- Provide additional classroom space so we can implement a new Sunday AM adult discipleship ministry
- Provide additional classroom space for year-round ministry
- Solve our parking limitations as best we can
- Expand our regional & international Kingdom impact
- Provide intentional means for our people to participate in what God is doing beyond our own walls
- Reduce our current debt so we will be prepared for future expansion

Addition of Two Used Mini-buses

Bible Fellowship recently purchased two used mini-buses. The primary use will be for our Sunday AM parking shuttle ministry.



An expanded parking shuttle ministry is our best solution to address our parking problem. With approximately 30 cars already parking off-site, we are still running out of parking during our 11 AM service. We need to free up parking so people can come and hear the gospel and grow in Christ in the coming years.

These buses will also be used by our youth ministry and other ministries. This will be a great asset to the church and will help us reduce the amount we are presently spending on van rentals.

Mortgage Reduction

Our current mortgage balance is approximately \$914,500. If we continue to experience growth like we have in recent years, we will need to undertake a facility expansion in the coming years. We need to provide the space for our people to bring their friends to hear the gospel and grow in Christ. Decreasing our present mortgage debt will position us for whatever God has for our future.

\$500,000 Stewardship Campaign

To raise the money for the *Initial Impact* ministry expansion project, we will launch a two-year \$500,000 stewardship campaign on Sunday May 10, 2009. The giving to *Initial Impact* must be over and above our regular giving to the church operating budget. We realize that this is a difficult economic time to launch a stewardship campaign. However, we wouldn't be good stewards if we don't resolve our present space limitations so we can provide room for people to hear the gospel and grow in Christ in the coming years. God will bless our efforts as we each seek to give sacrificially as we are able.



God doesn't look at the amount of our gift, but at our heart as we sacrifice for Him.

{Regional and International IMPACT}



Kensington Inner-City Partnership

To expand our regional impact for Christ, we will partner with Cornerstone Community Church in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. We will send our people over the next two years to help with a church-sponsored community block party each August. Cornerstone Community Church reaches over 800 people each August through this event. We will also help with ministries such as their neighborhood Kids Club and their weekly Teen Club.

Bible Fellowship has committed to help refurbish a row house owned by Cornerstone Community Church. The house will be the future home of a missionary couple coming to serve the church as coordinators of a job placement/development ministry for recovering addicts. Our plan is to provide \$25,000 and to send teams to help with the refurbishing.



Arequippa Peru Partnership

To expand our international impact for Christ, we will be partnering with Craig and Sue Querfeld, our supported missionaries, to help plant a church in Peru. The Querfelds serve with TEAM, The Evangelical Alliance Mission. El Camino (The Way) Church in Arequipa Peru will be planting a new church in Ciudad de Dios (City of God) just outside of Arequipa. Our plan is to provide \$25,000 and to send short-term teams over the next two years to help with such things as evangelism and construction.



Images, from the left: (1) Children in Ciudad de Dios (City of God) Peru (2) A woman from El Camino (The Way) Church in Peru (3) Jorge Melendez, a leader of the Ciudad de Dios church plant in Peru (4) Row house owned by Cornerstone Community Church in Kensington

Meet one of our new members, **Steve Chang**

{Steve and his wife Mary joined Bible Fellowship Church in March, 2009}



I was born in Taipei, Taiwan. My mother is a Buddhist. My father is an atheist, and is dead set against Christianity due to some bad past experiences.

When I was little, I attended Sunday school with one of our Christian neighbors because my mom thought it would be good for me. So although I was not a Christian, I had become very familiar with stories of Christ.

We came to the US in 1974. I attended college in New York and found myself in a Bible study group and attending Sunday worship services. In 1981 I trusted Jesus as my Savior and was baptized.

I believe the Bible holds the truth and Jesus Christ died for my sins. It is by His grace that I am saved. And by faith, and His grace, I will continue to struggle to be His disciple, for I am weak, and fall easily into temptations.

After the loss of my job on Wall Street, I found myself looking for something more meaningful to do. That's how I came into the medical field, and now work in a hospital in Philadelphia. I have found that I can usually sense if a patient is a fellow Christian, and am able to offer comfort and support in my role. I believe this is why God brought me to this place. To confirm to the patients that He is good, and is in control, and that I, as a fellow Christian am here to help them.

In late 2007, we brought my parents back from Los Angeles to stay with us because my father suffered a stroke. We hope and pray my parents will see the light and be willing to accept Christ as their personal Savior. We shared Christ in the past and our words failed. This time we pray that our actions and our words will show them Christ. Until then, I will continue to try and be a 'good son' by their standard, so that their eyes are not clouded over, their ears not closed, and perhaps one day their hearts will be open.

In the mean time, we are in a new town, with a new chapter of our life before us, so we seek to be part of this local Christian community.

sunday, april 26th

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Special information sessions will be held on Sunday April 26th at 9:15 and 11:00 AM in the Deep End youth room. These will be identical sessions so you can choose one to attend. We will provide more details on the various projects related to the *Initial Impact* ministry expansion, provide time for questions and answers, and spend time in prayer.

sunday, may 3rd

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The *Initial Impact* ministry expansion project will be voted on at our semi-annual meeting on May 3 at 6:30 PM. Upon approval by the congregation, special *Initial Impact* offering envelopes will be distributed to the church family.

sunday, may 10th

OFFERING

This will be the first day of giving to the *Initial Impact* ministry expansion project. A special time of prayer and commitment of the project to the Lord will be held in the morning worship services. We ask that you consider making an initial contribution to *Initial Impact*. It is our hope that we experience a significant level of giving on this Sunday so we can get a strong start toward our ministry goals. *Initial Impact* offering envelopes are to be placed in the regular Sunday offering plates.

What's Next?

┆ But you will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. – Acts 1:8 ┆



Images, from the left: (1) Sunday morning baptismal service at Bible Fellowship (2) Picture of a youth camp in Slovakia where a short-term missions team from Bible Fellowship will be serving in August 2009