

# The Belle

## P.R.I.S.M. Director's Arrival is Anticipated August 1st

by Jeanne Griffith

On August 1, P.R.I.S.M. will welcome Rev. Scott Boyd as the new director following the retirement of Carl Templin. Scott and his wife Lisa and their four boys will move to Pittsburgh from Slovenia where they have served as church planters among the Slovene people for the past 8 years.

Scott also has a Pittsburgh connection, having grown up in the South Hills.

Scott seems to be a great fit for P.R.I.S.M. in many ways. Scott's involvement with internationals dates back to his college days at Ohio University. Scott was drawn to many friendships with interna-

tional students. He also taught ESL (English as a Second Language) to international students in the Boston area while attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. After college graduation, he was involved in youth ministry and outreach to Russian immigrants in Portland, Maine. In Ljulgiana, Slovenia, Scott and Lisa have been involved in evangelism, discipleship and church planting.

Please pray for this transition in the leadership of P.R.I.S.M. and for continued funding for this vital ministry. It is a privilege to reach the world for Christ right here at our doorstep.



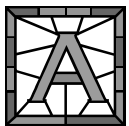
Scott Boyd, incoming PRISM director, with Carl Templin, who retired June 28.

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## few thoughts on Stained Glass

by Dave Van Dyke

[In days of yore], stained glass windows functioned as high-tech, visual communication for illiterate generations. Before the printing press and literacy put Scripture into the hands of church members, stained glass windows were a primary medium to communicate biblical truths. A contemporary

equivalent would be using multimedia in worship to communicate biblical truths to our media-savvy MTV generations!

The colors and artistry of our stained glass windows reminds me that the God we worship is the Master Creator who loves variety, creativity and artistic expression.

## Parking Lot Reminders...

from our Trustees

The Trustees would like to remind members that parking is available in **TWO** large lots on Sunday mornings: the Pitt lot beside the church, as well as the inner lot at Frick school (the lot closest to the school building). We are asking members to avoid parking in the outer lot at Frick (the smaller lot closer to Thackeray Street) so that those spaces are available for visitors.

— Thank you!



# Assimilation is not a four-letter word

by BJ Woodworth

Maybe you have an adverse reaction to the word ASSIMILATION or ASSIMILATED - I do. It carries the connotation of losing one's identity and becoming like the group you want to join or associate with at the expense of your own uniqueness. Webster's defines assimilated as, "to make similar; b: to alter by assimilation <<http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=Dictionary&va=assimilation>>; c: to absorb into the culture or mores of a population or group." Synonyms to assimilate that have a more positive connotation are: incorporate, take on board, integrate, fit it or adapt.

We need a more effective ministry of assimilation at Bellefield Church. According to the Leadership Development Network, assimilation ministry is "helping new people understand the church and helping existing members extend their involvement beyond Sunday morning attendance or find more meaningful ministry opportunities." It is the process of integrating people into our church culture. We know this occurs when people feel valued, connected and a vital part of the church. They know they belong if they are missed when they are not there. Do you feel that way? Do you think others feel that way?

Assimilation ministry also helps us "close the back door." When people join the church or active attendees of the church they need to find a small group and an area of ministry within 6 months or more than likely they will leave the church because of lack of ownership or not being assimilated into the life of the church.

Assimilation can take on many different forms but the reality is we need to begin to think and plan creatively to better assimilate, integrate and incorporate our existing members, students and new members into the life and ministry of BPC. We are forming an Assimilation Ministry Team that will start us off on this exciting journey. This team will help evaluate and retool:

- \* Newcomer's classes
- \* Small groups
- \* Christian education classes
- \* Visitor follow-up
- \* Spiritual gifts placements
- \* Outreach to inactive members
- \* Church ministry teams
- \* Create new innovative assimilation programs

This is an exciting new step in our mission to be "witnesses of Jesus Christ making committed disciples of all peoples, in the communities where we live and in the university community at our doorstep."

If you are interested in learning more about this team or signing up, contact BJ Woodworth at [bj@bellefield.org](mailto:bj@bellefield.org).

# Garage Giveaway

by Jeanne Griffith

On **Saturday August 24**, P.R.I.S.M. will again have their Garage Giveaway. Mark that date on your calendar now. Can you help with transportation or crowd control on that morning? We need people with pickup trucks, minivans or station wagons. We also need helpers to get organized the three days preceding the giveaway.

Now is the time to clean out your cupboards, closets, attics and basements for those useful household items. Suggestions: dishes, pots and pans, lamps, toasters, silverware, bedding, rugs, small furniture.

If you can help, contact Jeanne Griffith at home, [griffithwg@juno.com](mailto:griffithwg@juno.com) 412-422-7312

## growth factoids

May	2002	2001	2000
1st Sunday	202	224	166
2nd Sunday	249	143	225
3rd Sunday	257	226	178
4th Sunday	190	201	177
Average	225	199	187

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☆☆ <u>July Birthdays</u>	☆☆ <u>August Birthdays</u>
☆☆ 4 Melissa Clark	☆☆ 2 Lauren Kunze
☆☆ 7 Adam Pruszyński	☆☆ 2 Nathan Simon
☆☆ 7 Rosey Stein	☆☆ 3 Andrew Bruns
☆☆ 7 Peter Williams	☆☆ 5 Bonnie Budzowski
☆☆ 8 Charlei George	☆☆ 6 Harry Lydic, Jr.
☆☆ 9 Beatrice Nkweteyim	☆☆ 6 Cassandra Oliva
☆☆ 16 Sandra Kyles	☆☆ 8 Kristin Horner
☆☆ 17 Steve Brom	☆☆ 11 Diane Balliet
☆☆ 17 Jan Van Dyke	☆☆ 16 Shannon Bolibruck
☆☆ 18 Alexandra Durcik	☆☆ 16 Sam Held
☆☆ 19 Jonathan VandeGeest	☆☆ 21 Nicolas Cosentino
☆☆ 19 Ann Watson	☆☆ 21 Trevor Macpherson
☆☆ 23 Kyra Woodworth	☆☆ 22 Sophia Carlin
☆☆ 27 Tony Marino	☆☆ 22 Ben Shelly
☆☆ 28 Vic Norman	☆☆ 24 Barry Balliet
☆☆ 29 Daniel Hinchman	☆☆ 24 Susan Smith
☆☆ 29 Amanda Vernon	☆☆ 25 Liz Zimmerman
☆☆ 30 Cindy Gormley	☆☆ 26 Matthew Kunze
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# JULY 2002

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Three Rivers Project-6:30pm	<b>4 Independence Day</b>	5	6 Alternative Service Prayer Mtg 10am  Arabic Fellowship 5pm
7 Communion	8	9 Session Meeting— 6pm	10 Three Rivers Project-6:30pm	11	12	13 Wedding  Indonesian Fel-
14	15 Belle Deadline  Dave Van Dyke— vacation thru 8/14	16	17 Three Rivers Project-6:30pm	18	19 Ladies Craft Night	20 Alternative Service Prayer Mtg 10am Arabic Fellowship 5pm Men's Event
21 Meal Prep Work- day (Kitchen) 11:30a-3:30p	22	23	24 Three Rivers Project-6:30pm  Trustees 7 pm	25	26	27 Indonesian Fel- lowship-6pm
28 Food Pantry	29	30	31 Three Rivers Project-6:30pm			

# AUGUST 2002

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 P.R.I.S.M.: New director Scott Boyd's first day	2	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10 Two Weddings
11	12	13	14	15 Belle Deadline  Dave Van Dyke—	16	17
18 7:30 Hartwood Acres Concert Series: "Asleep at the Wheel"	19	20	21	22	23	24 P.R.I..S.M. Garage Giveaway— (Bellefield Tradi- tion!)
25 10:45 Worship Time Resumes  Kickoff Sunday	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Treasurer Tom's Corner

	Giving	Budget	Difference
May 2002	21,845	23,667	-1,822
Year to Date	113,797	118,333	-4,536

Summer Freebies

Sunday, July 28th 9pm—  
"Night out at the Movies":  
"Monsters, Inc." at Flagstaff Hill

Sunday, August 11, 7:30 pm  
Hartwood Concert Series:  
"Asleep at the Wheel" (*Texas Swing and Blues*)