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## Children's Ministry Welcomes New Interns and Adjusts for Summer

By Janice Bryant

### Children's Summer Outreach

We are delighted to announce our summer interns this year. The first is Maria Kim. She is a student at CMU majoring in professional writing. She attends the Asian Christian fellowship at CMU and worships at Bellefield. She has had experience working with young children at the Cyert Center at CMU and with children during VBS at her home church in the Philadelphia area. Please join me in welcoming her to the Bellefield community.

Our second intern, Elizabeth Kim, is arriving on Wednesday, May 25th. She has finished her freshman year at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. She was involved in the Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship at her school. She too has had experience with children in assisting and teaching in Vacation Bible schools, babysitting, and teaching cello at a children's music camp.

Maria and Elizabeth will begin to organize the five day evangelistic program for your neighborhood focused on sharing the love of Christ with your neighbor's children. Check your summer calendar to see when you would like to schedule a backyard Bible club. Some other helpful ways to get involved would be to **share a car** that you don't need during some portion of this summer, provide a meal to the interns when their hosting family is out of town, or a bag of groceries. Pray for Elizabeth and Maria during their internship here at Bellefield and for the children who will be hearing the Gospel for the first time.



Maria Kim, new Children's Ministry intern.

### Sunday Children's Program

With the change in the church schedule during the summer, we will no longer offer a separate Sunday school hour, but we will continue to provide a church time program for the children. This year we are trying something new. We will separate the older children from the younger but both groups will be studying the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew. We will be exploring the meaning of this scripture through various workshops including art, games, food, and drama. We will staff these classes with volunteers who aren't usually involved in children's ministry. This gives other members a chance to serve in Children's ministry on a short term basis and gives the school-year teachers a rest from their weekly classes.

## Bellefield Welcomes New Members!

On Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed 17 new members into the Bellefield family. Ten of these newest members are middle and high school students. Each of these students were mentored by a member of session. Be sure to welcome and get to know them this summer!



# Session News Release

by Karl Williams



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation of Bellefield was held in the Fellowship Hall on Monday May 9, 2005, with 57 members attending. The meeting was started in a very unusual way. Our pastor informed us in his sermon the day before that the way geese encourage their leader was by their honking. Bob Phelps picked up on this and secretly had the members prepared, so that when Dave was about to start the meeting he was greeted by a loud chorus of honking, as the members "voiced" their support and encouragement of Dave's godly leadership of our church.

One of the items of business was the **election of officers** to the three boards of our church. Those elected to session (also known as elders) are Jeanne Griffith, Troy Hawkins, Mary Lou Rosemeyer, and Gerard Beenen. The members elected to the deacon board are Lauri Lafferty, Chrissy Hostutler, Daren D'Ippolito, Renee D'Ippolito, and Frank Raymund. And for the board of trustees, we elected Bary Balliet, and Laura Teufel.

The congregation next elected members to serve on the **Nominating Committee** for the coming ministry year. Those elected are Tadd Laughlin, Bill Griffith, Glenn Vernon, Laurel Shaw, and Jan Van Dyke. The three boards will also name representatives to this committee.

The **proposed budget** for Ministry Year 2005-2006 was presented. The plan is for session to finalize the budget on June 21<sup>st</sup>, and to have the final form available at the congregational meeting in September.

The **Personnel Team**, chaired by Gary Liberati, proposed a salary increase of 3% for our pastor, and the congregation approved this change.

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### Growth Factsoids

April	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
<b>Week 1</b>	272	367	549	506
<b>Week 2</b>	344	425	<u>674</u>	555
<b>Week 3</b>	292	<u>583</u>	541	502
<b>Week 4</b>	332	397	443	572
<b>Average</b>	310	443	552	534

Easter Sunday Services

\*2004 & 2005 figures include Open Door attendance

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# New Bellefield Team Equips Members for Good Works

by Victor Norman

How many of you participated in the Forty Days of Purpose at Bellefield Church last year? How many of you remember the main verse from that exercise? It was Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." This verse has at least three important implications:

First, God created us to **do good works**. It is not right for us just to know about God's saving love, his faithfulness, his creativity, or his other qualities. No, God says that we are to get out there and do good works—not just sit around basking in our salvation through grace.

Second, the verse indicates that God prepares opportunities for us to do the good works. We just need to become aware of the opportunities and then jump at them when they become available.

Third, the verse does not say that only certain people should do good works – no, the command is not qualified. Instead, the verse exhorts *everyone* to do good works, regardless of the person's age, gender, strength, or gifts.

To help our members find opportunities to do good works in and through our church, Bob Phelps and I have begun forming a new team – **The Equipping Team** – under the guidance of the Connections Council. The purpose of this team is simple to explain: *to help identify opportunities for good works, and to help match up members with these opportunities*. Or, in other words, to help *equip* members for service in our church and in God's kingdom.

We have been studying *The Equipping Church Guidebook* by Sue Mallory & Brad Smith to help us understand what we need to do to improve service in our church. This book observes that:

1. Real spiritual growth is activated as we serve others.
2. We more deeply understand our personal relationship with Christ as we serve in community.
3. The role of leaders in a church community is to equip others to use their gifts so that everyone can grow.
4. Most people are not self-starters and need help to progress along the path (of spiritual growth). (Most people) will know that they are supposed to (serve), but they may fall through the cracks for lack of application assistance.

The authors of the book go on to propose that a complete equipping ministry...

1. involves new and existing members,
2. sets the context for service,
3. supports a discovery process,
4. matches members to service, based on their gifts,
5. places members in ministry opportunities,
6. provides coaching for their involvement, and
7. celebrates service as an avenue for spiritual growth.

We, the Equipping Team, hope to put all of these steps into practice in the coming months and years. It is going to take a lot of work, but, with God's and your help, we will succeed.

So, you are (hopefully) asking, "How can I help?" Good question! Here are some ideas:

- Come volunteer to be a member of the Equipping Team. Currently, our team consists of Gerard Beenan, Greg Bruns, Jeff Stehle, Renee D'Ippolito, Bob Phelps, and me. We need more people, especially women, to offer their insight and time.
- Pray. We need this big effort to be supported by prayer

If you are a leader in the church, begin thinking about how your ministry area could use more volunteers. (You might as well start thinking about it now, because soon a member of the Equipping Team will come knocking on your door asking for this information!)

And, stay tuned, because in next month's issue of *The Belle*, I'll talk more about the first steps we plan to put into place to help equip others to **do good works** (which God prepared in advance for us to do). And, keep checking out the Opportunities for Service box in our weekly bulletin – for current opportunities to serve.



## Summertime Involvement Eases Open Door into New Church Home

by BJ Woodworth

For some time now you may have heard that the Open Door has become a new church development of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. You have most likely heard discussion about being sent out by Bellefield Church from Oakland into the East End. The time has come for that to happen. The plan is on Sunday, September 11, 2005 our church community will officially be relocating to the East End of Pittsburgh and renting space and partnering with the Union Project ([www.unionproject.org](http://www.unionproject.org)).

The Open Door's vision, to use its artistic approach to worship as a means of incarnating the good news of Jesus Christ, fits perfectly with the Union Project's mission to create community in common ground by utilizing faith and the arts. It is this common ground and similar vision that excites us—the opportunity to daily invest in the lives of East End residents by occupying a common space while also developing and growing the body of Christ. We have been in communication with the Union Project for almost a year, dreaming about what this collaboration could look like. We believe that this partnership offers us a missional presence in the Union Project facility (and its surrounding neighborhoods) as a tenant for as long as the space matches the needs of Open Door. Phase I construction of the Union Project development includes space for artists, community development organizations, a coffee shop and multi-use spaces designed to attract community activities, all within the very space in which we will also gather for worship. This will provide an extraordinary opportunity for us to work, partner, relate, connect and share the Gospel with diverse populations and organizations, thereby increasing our reach to even “within the walls” of our “church” as our target population comes to us. It can happen seamlessly and naturally as we daily invest in the East End together at the Union Project.

Our hope is to invest in the Union Project and the East End community this summer even before we are “officially” located there. To prepare for that shift we are doing a number of things this summer that you can pray for and help with.

### Prayer Walking



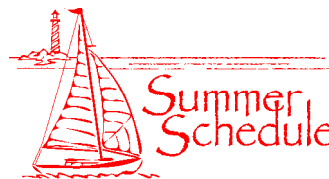
We have prayed in April and May in Friendship and Garfield.

•**June's focus is East Liberty.** We will be prayer walking Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. We will

start and finish at the Shadow Lounge on Baum Boulevard.

•**July's focus is Highland Park.** We will prayer walk on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. We will start and finish at the Taj Mahal restaurant on Bryant Street.

•**August's focus is Morningside.** We will prayer walk on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-12:30 pm. We will start and end at the Union Project on the corner of Stanton and Negley. We are thinking about hosting an event at the UP after prayer walking.



On the first Sunday of each month (June 5, July 3, August 7 and September 4) we will be having cook-outs at the Union Project to build community, reach out to our neighbors and have some fun. Show up at our 5:30 pm in our new location to have some fun and meet our neighbors.

On the remaining Sundays each month, we will be gathering at Bellefield through the summer for a meal and worship:

**5:30-6:30** Community dinner

(bring something to share)

**6:30-8:00** Worship (bring something to share)

### Work Days at the Union Project

June 9, 7-9pm

June 18, 10am-3pm

August 10, 10am-3pm

### Union Project Farmers and Arts Market Every Thursday from 4-7 pm



The Open Door along with other organizations, artists and local farmers will have art for sale, information available and some kid's activities in June and July. Come on out and encourage others to stop by!

We hope you will join us in prayer and support this summer as we prepare for relocating our weekly worship gathering and partnering with the Union Project. This is an invigorating and exhilarating time in the life of our church community!

If you need more information feel free to contact BJ Woodworth, [bj@bellefield.org](mailto:bj@bellefield.org) or John Creasy, or check out our web site: [www.pghopendoor.org](http://www.pghopendoor.org) for updates.

# June Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> •10:00am-PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-Narcotics Anonymous	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00pm- Arabic Christian Fellowship
<b>5</b> •10:00am-Morning Worship •5:30pm-Open Door 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> •12:10am-Overeaters Anonymous •7:00pm-Prayer Team	<b>8</b> •10:00am-PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-NA •6:00pm-Summerstone	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00pm-Indonesian Christian Fellowship
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> •12:10pm-OA	<b>15</b> •10:00am-PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-NA •6:00PM Summerstone	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> •12:10-pm OA •7:00pm-SESSION mtg	<b>22</b> •10:00am-PRISM:IWBS •11:30am- NA •6:00pm-Summerstone	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00pm-Indonesian Christian Fellowship
<b>26</b> •12:00pm-Deacons' Food Pantry	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> •12:10pm-OA •7:00pm-TRUSTEES mtg	<b>29</b> •10:00am-PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-NA •6:00pm-Summerstone	<b>30</b>		

## June Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Matt Gormley       | 17 Ken Wagoner       |
| 2 Helen Katrin       | 17 Sean Rice         |
| 2 Fred Hummell       | 19 Christie Zolko    |
| 2 Ann Raymund        | 21 Diana Williams    |
| 4 Sawyer McCloud     | 21 Jen Stein         |
| 4 Phineas Bonner     | 21 Jennifer Tucker   |
| 5 Gene Puskar        | 22 Ian Dolan         |
| 6 Adam Watson        | 22 Riah Carlin       |
| 6 Heather Rice       | 23 Susan George      |
| 7 Erick Fox          | 23 Jim Paul, Jr.     |
| 7 Emily Griffith     | 23 Susan Vande Geest |
| 8 Shannon Smith      | 25 John Zolko        |
| 10 Mahlon Raymund    | 25 Katie Samuels     |
| 10 Kristen Smalley   | 26 Lauren Pruszynski |
| 11 Chrissy Hostutler | 26 Abigail Lee       |
| 13 Tina Bruns        | 27 Kristin Wagoner   |
| 14 Kyle Balliet      | 29 Ross Donaldson    |
| 16 Andrea Arrington  |                      |

## Treasurer's Update

Bellefield Year To Date Offerings

The fiscal year ends on June 30th. Here's where we stand through April:

— '03-'04 giving ——— '04-'05 giving - - - '04-'05 target

'03-'04 YTD = \$294,571 '04-'05 YTD = \$331, 272 Target YTD = \$343, 200

This chart illustrates that although offerings "AM worship & Open Door" exceed last year's totals by over 12%, we are falling short of our current year target by over 6%.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

-2 Corinthians 9:12

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Our mission is 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.

Summer Schedule  
Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Evening Worship Gathering: "the Open Door" - 5:30 pm

**Don't Forget to Change to  
the ...**



**Welcome PRISM's Newest Staff Member!**

## Adrian Ciganic



**Q: Why have you joined the PRISM staff? What is your vision for ministry?**

**A:** I have a burden to reach out with the gospel to the many international students who come to Pittsburgh. I have had this burden for about ten years, and I have been focusing on the Chinese students predominately. However, I want to reach out to the many other international students through PRISM.

My vision is to help mobilized churches get involved in reaching out to the 6,000+ international students in Pittsburgh. Our vision is to encourage Christian families to host one international student for a year.

All they would need to do is visit with the student once a month, and contact them once a week. That is how I see the church reaching out to the many international students.

I also love to talk to students about their faith. PRISM takes about 5 to 6 trips a year with international students to places of interests. We contact churches and they host the students so they can present the gospel to them. Afterward, we invite the students to our weekly PRISM Open House meetings.

**Q: What is your education and previous work experience?**

**A:** I have a bachelor's degree and an M.Div. I received my bachelor's degree at Toccoa Falls College and my M.Div at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry.

I have been working with The Pittsburgh Chinese church for about 6 years, most recently as an intern.

**Q: What is your cross-cultural experience?**

**A:** I have been to Peru, Ecuador, Russia, China and Slovenia for missions trips. I have also been to Croatia many times to witness to my cousins.

**Q: What are your hobbies?**

**A:** I like to read a lot. I love to read Classic Christians books. I also like meeting with people and getting to know them. (Adrian recommends "Holiness" by J C Ryle, which he says is "very powerful and easy to read.")