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## Pastor's Corner

### Serving Like Jesus

Over the last weeks we have been sharing and studying the Scriptures to set the vision, the mission, and the core values of CrossBridge Church. We pray that we will be unified in Christ and all that He has called us to. One of the key areas of our mission is to serve the world around us with a selfless motivation. Christ set an example of serving as He washed the feet of His disciples and demonstrated our need to be unified in serving one another. Sometimes it is hard to learn how to serve unless you see it done.

July 10th – 15<sup>th</sup>, Hillview Baptist Church and First Baptist of Nesbit will bring a team from Greenwood, Mississippi to serve our church and the Ishpeming community. Pastor David Bartlett is coming with the team to work on the CrossBridge building and lead some back yard Bible Clubs. They are good at what they do and we can learn from their example of service.

Pastor David has led his church to serve on missions trips many places. Their teams have served in Mexico, in

the clean up after hurricane Katrina and recently after Tornadoes in the south. Pastor David will be coming from a trip serving in Mexico the week before he arrives here in Ishpeming. I hope that we might take some time out during that week to rub shoulders and serve with their 25 people. The team from Mississippi will be traveling over a 1000 miles to serve us here in the name of Christ. I pray we would be inspired by their example to serve Christ with a passion. May we catch the passion of serving the world like Jesus.

There will be several projects to get involved with in repairs to the building, repairs to the youth building, and ministering with children. You may want to contribute financially so their team has the materials they need to do the work. Maybe you could team up with another family and host a meal for the team.

On Thursday night July 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be having an appreciation dinner for their team and everyone from the church is welcome to come

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that evening at 6:30 PM. Please pray for their team as they come to minister among us.

Jodi and I praise God for each of you and we are grateful for the call He has given us to serve here in Ishpeming.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kevin



# 501 IMPACT

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children.  
-Ephesians 5:01

To teens, identity is everything. Who Am I? How do I fit in? Who are my friends? What am I good at? Who will I be down the road? It's no different for anyone else, in any age, but for students this is a time of firsts in life. Choices now will affect everything about you, and all about who you are. God desires us to follow Him, and find our Identity in Christ. Impact 501 is a twofold name. My prayer is that this group of students would follow Christ, not out of obligation, but out of a love relationship with Christ; knowing that because of what Christ has done for us we are not only forgiven, but a member of God's family. Loving God will Impact our lives, and our world in amazing ways, as we strive to know Christ and to make Christ known.

It has been amazing to see God grow and deepen the High School and College age of CrossBridge Church. It has been a great joy for me to be a part of the growth God has been providing in the students, and to watch them hunger to understand God's Word for themselves. We have gone through some great book studies, such as "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan, and have worked our way through Philipians. Each study has brought a unique growth and challenge time, and it has been amazing to see.

Over the past couple weeks, I have felt God's leading to make some changes and transitions in preparation for the fall. My desire is to make the youth group more outreach centered as we continue to pray about and plan out the youth center building. I am excited to see what God will do in and through the youth

this coming year as we long to impact the students in Ishpeming.

Please continue to pray that the youth center would be approved for zoning and that we would be able to make use of it soon.

Please be praying for me as I long to be careful in handling the work God has before me, the leaders, and the youth.

I cannot begin to tell you how amazing God has been over this past year, and it has only been the beginning! Thanks for all your support and encouragement. I look forward to giving more updates soon!

Pastor Kurt  
Youth Pastor



# JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## June Birthdays

**501 IMPACT** (youth ministry) will meet at the church on Tuesday nights from 6:30PM to 8:30 PM.

Tim Palomaki 6/3  
 Tabin Filizetti 6/9  
 Mike Timm 6/16  
 Stacy Sheckell 6/19  
 Chris Parkkonen 6/21  
 Ronda Parkkonen 6/22  
 Melody McIlhany 6/24

**CrossBridge Softball Game**-The Cross-Bridge Softball Team is playing church of Christ on Thursday, June 2 @ 6:00 at the Negaunee Township fields. Come out and support the team!

## June Anniversaries

**Men's A-Team Retreat** (all Men welcome)- June 17'th-18'th @ Lake Ellen. \$30 fee - scholarships available. Depart from church at 6:00 PM on Friday and Return Saturday at 3:00 PM. Please sign up at the Media Table

Steve & Amy Narhi 6/20  
 Mike & Pam Timm 6/23  
 Chris & Kate Welter 6/26  
 Terry & Ronda Parkkonen 6/28

## CrossBridge Softball Schedule

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 6/9/11  | 6:00 PM | 8/4/11  | 7:00 PM |
| 6/14/11 | 7:00 PM | 8/11/11 | 7:00 PM |
| 6/21/11 | 7:00 PM | 8/16/11 | 6:00 PM |
| 6/30/11 | 7:00 PM | 8/23/11 | 6:00 PM |
| 7/5/11  | 7:00 PM | 9/1/11  | 6:00 PM |
| 7/19/11 | 7:00 PM | 9/6/11  | 6:00 PM |
| 7/26/11 | 6:00 PM |         |         |

All games are played at the Negaunee Township fields.