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Pastor's Corner

Fire & Reign

CrossBridge Church is in its infancy, growing stronger each day. It is so encouraging to see the love of Christ's people grow for God and each other. As we journey together in forming this church we must look at the early church to see the life and passion of a new church. The book of Acts in the Bible tells of men and women who had a faith that was so infectious that others wanted to know where it came from. They were people who waited for God's leading and power. God did remarkable things in these people as they spoke boldly of Jesus and opened their hearts to the outcast of society. They watched God change broken people into devoted followers of Jesus Christ. These people had such courage and faith, nothing could hinder them from following God's will in their lives.

We will be starting a series in the fall, called Fire & Reign that will look at the early church in the book of Acts. The sermons will be focused on the book of Acts as well as the small groups that will meet at different times of the week. Small groups will include a work book that will have daily study guides as well as group discussion questions. I encourage you to get involved in a small group and begin to see the transformation of the people in the early church. We can ask the questions, "What would happen if the Holy Spirit had control of Cross-Bridge Church." What would happen if the Holy Spirit had more control of each of us." I am excited to see what God will do as we seek to become like His Son Jesus.

I believe you will be encouraged by this series, Fire & Reign. Make the effort to get connected

with a small group. It is worth the time. There will be sign-up sheets on the media table.

Praise God for the Missions Team from Mississippi!

The Missions team from Mississippi was such a great blessing in July as they came in and worked on our church building and held 2 back yard Bible Clubs. They painted the building, put in a kitchenette, and many other things that put us way ahead as a church. Their boldness in sharing Christ and promoting CrossBridge in the community was fantastic. Several people mentioned how they missed them after they left. We were very encouraged by their gift of time and labor. Among the team of 24 people there were teachers, an accountant, a truck driver, a retired man, medical students, busy executives, a pastor and wife, a man almost blind and handicapped, and busy teenagers. It was humbling to see their sacrifice of time to come and help us out. The Hillview Baptist Church has a building that is not able to be used yet because of work and money and yet they took money and time out to come and minister to us. The Nesbit First Baptist Church group wanted to begin to go on missions trips and serve. They took time out of their busy summers to come and care for us. I believe that their actions were a great demonstration of Christ's call to serve one another. I pray the Lord will bless their churches greatly and that in some way we can serve them as well.

It was fun to hear a southerners use yoooper terms. I have never seen a group that texted between each other as much as this group did!

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Prayer Note

Please pray this month for the VBS August 15-17—that God will richly bless the volunteers and that the children attending would have a good time and come to know Jesus as their Savior.





This month we were blessed with an incredible work crew from Mississippi! In one week's time, it was amazing to see how much they were able to accomplish! They painted the exterior of the building, and many people slowed down to look as they drove by. They were a huge advocate for us with anyone who would listen, and we are excited to see how God will use their encouragement.

Work on the youth center continues as the work crew helped us rip down the old tar paper exterior and hang steel sheets to grant us a refreshed look. We are working with the county to prepare details, and have found there may be some additional costs. We are aiming to launch at the start of the school year, and hope to work through these details as quickly as we can. We would greatly appreciate your continued prayers as we work through the details of getting ready for the fall, and for wisdom as we proceed with youth planning. Please continue to pray for the students of Ishpeming, and that we would be careful in ministering well for Christ! Please pray that

distractions and delays would be minimized, and that we would be able to launch on schedule. I will keep everyone updated in the next newsletter. God is incredible, and I am readily trusting His hand in this season.

As we were awaiting an answer from the Ishpeming zoning commission, a woman who was in the room stopped by and whispered "I hope you guys get the youth center. My kids will be there." There are many around town that are talking about all that is going on. It seems I have run into more people lately that have not only heard of the church, but know where it is. I am excited for what the Lord will bring this coming year, and for the opportunities He will bring in building relationships with the students in Ishpeming.

In His service,
Pastor Kurt Andree

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Church Service Project We will be having a church service project on Saturday, August 13th. Contact Jerome Foster for more information. 485-5209

BAPTISM! We will be having our service on August 21st at the Al Quaal Lodge by the lake, followed by a baptism. If you are interested in being baptized and have not talked to Pastor Kevin yet, please get in touch with him.

Small Groups Sign-Ups There will be sign up sheets on the media table. We'd like to encourage you to sign up for one of the small groups.

August Birthdays

Joyce Bussiere	8/23
Rick Wills	8/24

August Anniversaries

Jeremy & Stacy Sheckell	8/8
Mark & Laura Woolard	8/11
Brian & Nicole Richards	8/19
Rick & Andrea Wills	8/21

CrossBridge Softball Schedule

8/4/11	7:00 PM
8/11/11	7:00 PM
8/16/11	6:00 PM
8/23/11	6:00 PM
9/1/11	6:00 PM
9/6/11	6:00 PM

All games are played at the Negaunee Township fields.