

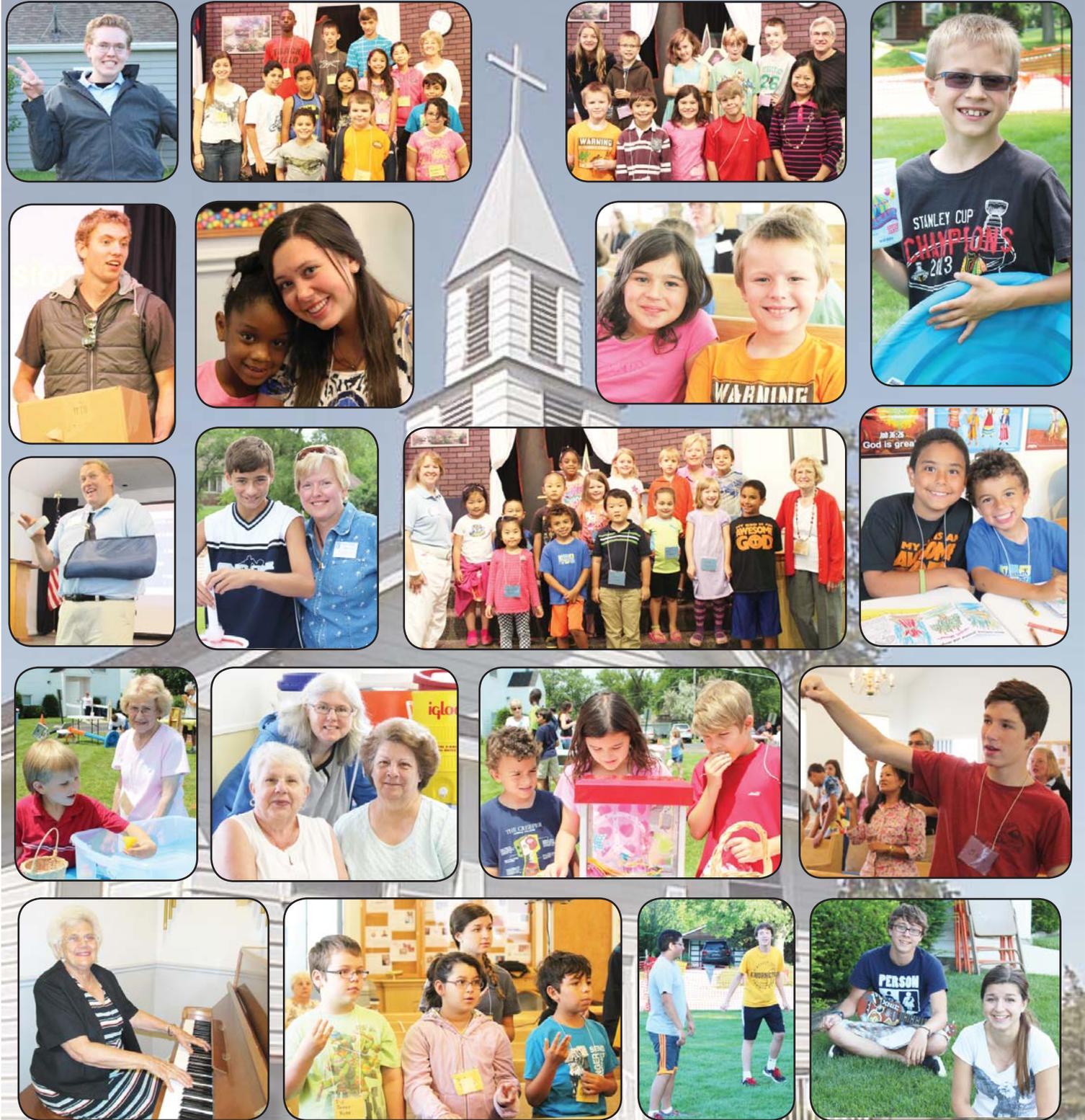
FALL 2014

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to Marion Hills Bible Church



Vacation Bible School & Teen Club 2014 July 14-18





Someone You Should Know



Evelyn Ferguson and her family came to faith in Christ at Emmanuel Baptist Church on October 6, 1972, and were baptized shortly after that. In 1998, Evelyn's husband Ken of 40 years passed away. Emmanuel Baptist Church had moved farther away, so when Evelyn's oldest daughter was home on spring break from college she visited and began attending LaGrange Bible Church. Soon Evelyn and the rest of her family followed and started attending LaGrange Church on a regular basis.

Five years ago a friend of Evelyn's from LaGrange Bible Church suggested that they attend Marion Hills Bible Church for the summer. She

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felt very welcomed at our church. Because our church is small and the people are very friendly are some of the reasons she is still attending MHBC. Evelyn also likes former Pastor Everett Hovey's quote in the bulletin and looks for it every Sunday. It reads, "You can go anywhere you want to, but nobody wants you more than we do."

Evelyn has two daughters, Donna and Julie and one son, Michael, who have given her eight grandchildren. She feels very blessed that two of them live nearby. She frequently travels to their homes to stay with her grandchildren. Evelyn even makes many trips to Crystal Lake where Donna and her family live. When we don't see her on Sunday mornings, she is probably helping her family.

Evelyn keeps very busy attending Golden Fellowship on Tuesday mornings at LaGrange Bible Church, as well as helping to distribute food at the church pantry on Saturday mornings. She volunteers at Sunrise Assistant Living as well. She looks forward to helping fold our church newsletters and helping with Vacation Bible School. This year she could be found helping with the Pre Ks and Kindergarteners. She attends our Berean's Ladies meetings, where she did a wonderful study on "Mary the Mother of Jesus." She also serves as a prayer partner for our Pioneer Club's Scooter group.

"In the Garden" is Evelyn's favorite song and one of her favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 3:5-6. *Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

We are so happy that God directed your path to Marion Hills Bible Church, Evelyn!



The Man Behind the Pulpit

by Pastor Michael Campo

With the **fall** of year fast approaching, I thought I might write about that word **fall**! Paul wrote in Romans 14, "To his own master he stands or **falls**."

Once there was a man who became unhappy with his church and so he left. Finally, he found a church that met his criteria. And then all at once he was disappointed. In a **fallen** world "pretty good" is about all we should expect. If we **fall** into a situation that is somehow "very good," we should be grateful to God because even "very good" churches don't stay that way forever.

By definition every local church will be filled with people who see things differently. "How could she believe that?" "Why does he follow that strange practice?" We're going to have our own opinions about things like music, dress, child rearing techniques, the "right" way to educate our children, on and on we go. How are we supposed to get

along with believers who do things we think are little bit cock-eyed? In Romans 14 Paul faced this issue head-on. Some people ate meat, others were vegetarians, some observed holy days, others regarded all days as special, some drank wine, and others did not. Evidently there was tension between the various groups in the church. Paul's answer is simple. Don't judge other Christians who have opinions on secondary issues that differ from your own. That's what Paul means when he says, "To his own master he stands or **falls**." There is no perfect church and we won't always agree with each other.

God's plan is unity in the main things, diversity in lesser things, and charity in all things. And then leave the judging to God, but please don't **fall** out of the pew and **fall** for the idea that there is some perfect church.

You can listen to Pastor Michael's sermons at www.mhbchurch.org.

The Younger Crowd

September 27th marks the one-year anniversary of introducing Teen View to our youth group. The plan was to release one of five episodes in December on YouTube each week, along with a single program that would summarize the first season. We were trying to upload them before the Christmas season while teens are off for two weeks. But as you know this did not happen.

The plan was almost perfect! Our group is filled with many talents: film making, TV production, video editing, pre-production, writing, acting, speaking, and last but not least, we all had experience sharing/defending our faith. Matt and Faith Grider did a very good job teaching us this needed skill during our apologetic study. Individual members had cameras, microphones, and computers, but we still needed a set, lights, audio recorders, and editing software to make Teen View happen. We had every skill needed to make a show like Teen View. The only problem was meeting the budget.

We didn't have what we needed but decided to keep going. We worked out the kinks and made a single pilot episode of Teen View. It has no costumes, no special effects, and the lighting is bad. Even though it has poor video quality, we have grown from this entire experience, as individuals and a group. That's invaluable!

We've grown in three important ways. 1) Every group member's view on drugs, alcohol, sex, relationships, and responsibility is known. These were the topics for the first five episodes. We discussed and have a view on these topics. We are now able to voice them well. 2) We became lifelong friends. Who knew three high school jocks, two video game nerds, a college writer, one soon-to-be pastry chef, and a hopeless dreamer could become such good friends? 3) Most importantly, we have all been drawn much closer to God. We heard, comprehended, thought about, and decided our own views. This experience has reaffirmed that our God, the God of the Bible, is the one true God.

What's next for Teen View? We are not one hundred percent sure. We intend to continue working on a social media platform but without the man power, time, equipment, and finances, Teen View cannot be done right and we can't continue with this format.

We are currently working on a draft for a new program that has 2-4 teens discussing current issues from every angle. This new structure allows us to shoot on a smaller set, have less issues scheduling, and we could choose more relevant topics due to a fast turnaround time. This new program could be produced in the week, if not day, of its posting. Though far from it, we hope to eventually bring back Teen View in its original structure. We are confident that with God's help we can turn the Teen View YouTube channel into a full-fledged ministry for teens across the country and around the world.

Check out our new and improved website at www.mhbchurch.org.

† Gospel Connection

When you think of King David, you may think of a person who was a courageous warrior or as the courageous person who slew Goliath. David was a courageous person, but was he ever afraid? And from where did he get this courage?

Though David was a courageous person, even David fought against fear. David wrote in Psalm 56:3 that when he (David) was afraid he would put his trust in God. David's response to fear was to trust in the Lord. In Psalm 23, David said that he would fear no evil because he knew that God was with him.

What did Jesus say about fear? When Jesus and His disciples were in a boat during a great storm, in which the boat was being covered with waves, the disciples were afraid. But Jesus asked them, "Why are you afraid?" The disciples had no reason to fear. Jesus was with them, just as the Lord was with David.

Trust in Jesus to overcome fear. The Lord will give you courage just as He gave David courage.



Get Plugged-In



Congratulations to **Greg and Tiffany Whalen** on the birth of your daughter, Olivia Sage, born June 7th. Olivia's big sisters are Trinity and Savannah.



On July 10th **Sarah and Peter Flanagan** became brand new parents when their son, Wesley Nathaniel, was born. Congratulations!

Berean Ladies Fellowship will have their first meeting on September 18th at 6:30 pm. Watch for more information concerning this meeting. Future meeting dates are October 16th and November 20th.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship meets one Saturday morning a month. Check your bulletin for the date and time.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am on November 2nd.

Anything you would like to tell the newsletter team. Send us an e-mail to newsletter@mhbchurch.org.

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Schedule of Weekly Events:

Sunday School9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service.....6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Services
 Children’s Ministry7:00 pm
 SYM Teen Club.....7:00 pm
 Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting7:00 pm

Schedule of Special Events:

Nov. 27 9:00 am.....Thanksgiving Service

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