

The Spotlight

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SRCC Calls Jeremy Bower as Youth & Family Minister



It's official! Sunday, January 22nd, the saints at Salem Road voted unanimously to call to ministry Pastor Jeremy R. Bower. The decision was the culmination of a busy candidating weekend that included meetings for Jeremy and his wife Kari with our elders and spouses, middle schoolers, high schoolers, and their parents. Sunday Jeremy preached in the service, and then in Sunday School, he gave his testimony and answered questions. The gentle teasing from our youth in the front rows was evidence that he had already begun to build relationships, and

there were smiles all around when the result of the vote was announced.

So what was his answer? Well, he said YES, and then "I can't keep the smile off my face." Jeremy and Kari are eager to begin and feel God has led them every step of the way. One of the other things that they did last weekend was house hunting, and we are very happy to report that they found a home, made an offer, and will close on March 27th. Jeremy will officially begin work at SRCC on Tuesday, April 3rd.

As that day gets closer, there will be more plans we'll need to communicate, but for now prepare to welcome Jeremy, Kari, Hannah, Jayna, Haven, and Baby #4 (due in June!) to the Salem Road family! Pray for them as they say goodbyes to their current church and friends - that will be hard in spite of their joy. Pray that the details of the move go smoothly. And pray for us as a church, that we can care for the Bower family as they seek to serve us. To God be the glory, great things he hath done.

Ask the Lord of the Harvest (continued on back page)

In 2011 we focused on bringing people "one step" closer to Jesus. In 2012, we're going to add to that ongoing theme. The Covenant's focus during the coming year is "Ask the Lord of the harvest," in other words - prayer.

There are three ways that you can pray for people and the harvest. First, start asking God now to bring to mind people you know who need Jesus. Soon you'll be getting a brochure where you can list family, friends, neighbors, and

CHIC Fundraising Update



SRCC 2012 High School CHIC kids

We have been blessed beyond measure by our SRCC family! We have had wonderful opportunities provided to us by many, including yard work, painting, roofing, and raking. Working together has bonded friendships even more among our high school class, and they are having fun doing it! The Second Sunday Lunches have pro-

vided a great fellowship time for all. If you made it to the Craft Sale or the Pizza Ranch, we would like to let you know they were a great success! We received \$1,175.50 from the craft sale, and \$661.37 from the Pizza Ranch in tips and sales. We truly are overwhelmed by the support shown to us! As of writing this, the kids have earned a total of \$5,614.87 of their \$7,000.00 goal.

FUTURE FUNDRAISER: The CHIC kids will be part of an auction with Rochester Covenant Church and New Day Covenant Church. Plan to come on March 3rd:

10:00 a.m. doors open for viewing and silent auction

12:15 the live auction begins

There will be lunch (walking tacos) available for purchase, as well as other treats. Hope to see you there!

CHIC Committee

Ask the Lord of the Harvest (continued from page 1)

co-workers for whom you will pray. Second, we can pray that God will send workers into the harvest fields where we cannot go. Not everyone has the gift of evangelism. Not all can easily share their faith with another, but we can all pray for those who do. Third, we can pray that God will give each of us the courage to talk about our faith openly when we have the opportunity.

As I mingle with unbelievers and nominal Christians, I find that I have more opportunities to talk about Jesus than I previously realized. Though it's just a little here and a little there, a seed is being planted, friendships are being cultivated, and opportunities for further conversation are opening. Just recently, one of my nominal Christian friends told me he was reading his Bible. This is the result of

several years of friendship with conversations here and there that have led to further interest in spiritual things.

I also must admit that I am now a lot more comfortable with letting the Lord set the agenda and timing for another person's conversion. It has taken the pressure off me as I've realized that I cannot be the Holy Spirit in another person's life. What I am responsible for, however, is being a faithful witness, and that is something we all can and should do - all the time, in every place God puts us. When you have the chance to share your faith, even for a moment, it is really exciting. It makes me feel like I'm doing something good for God, and it creates in me a sense of excitement to see what God is going to do. Get ready to "ask the Lord of the harvest" in 2012.

Pastor Mark

Quizzers Have Outstanding Month

Novice League: Ella Ouverson placed second in the individual standings. Her team, Flowers of the Field, placed first in the team standings.

Little League: Double-Edged Sword, a team made up of Evan Ouverson, Sam Ouverson and Faith Boyum placed fourth. Faith placed fourth individually.

A/B League: Theophilo, a team that includes Rebekah Novinger, placed third. In individual standings, Grace Boyum placed second and Kohl Hanson, third.

Crown College Invitational: Kohl Hanson and Grace Boyum partnered with two quizzers from Grace Evangelical Free Church of Stewartville to place third in the A Silver Division of the 30th annual Crown College Invitational, which was held Jan. 13-14 in St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. Grace placed sixth in the individual standings. Thirty-six teams from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Canada participated in the tournament.

February Family Event

February 17, 6 PM Family Game Night
Join us for a fun evening with your church family of pizza and pop followed by games. Bring your favorite games. Sign up by February 12. Contact Connie Reinhart with any questions.

March Dates

March 3, CHIC Auction at Rochester Covenant for SRCC, New Day, & RCC

March 11, Lake Beauty Promo at SRCC



- 1 - Dave Danielson
- 2 - Elleca Lucas
- 4 - Nicole Driscoll
- 8 - Faith Boyum
- 11- Bailey Gillis
- 12 - Barb Carter
- 14 - Beth Bergstrom
- 15 - Alexa Zerbe
- 16 - Kay Johnson
- 16 - Leone Svelmoe
- 17 - Harry Naatz
- 20 - Grace Boyum
- 20 - Audrey Taylor
- 21 - Joey Gillis
- 25 - Terry Driscoll
- 28 - Alex Roberts

Greeters

- 5 - Driscoll
- 12 - Roberts
- 19 - Stewart
- 26 - Naatz

Set-Up

- Parker-Torkelson-
- Riegler
- Ouverson
- Reimer

April Housing Need

Evans Abbey, an endoscopy nurse from Ghana is coming to train at Mayo during April. He needs housing from April 14 - 28 which would include breakfast, dinner and daily transportation to Mayo Clinic. If you could help with 1 or 2 of these weeks, contact Lewis Roberts, 281-9507. Thanks for your consideration of this opportunity.