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Be A People Builder

By: Jennifer Meyers, Administrative Associate

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up ...”
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Summer is here ... the sun is warm ... the grass is green ... the flowers are blooming in brilliant shades of red, yellow and purple ... we look around and everything is growing. Relationships can be looked at with the same perspective. They are something that needs nurturing in order to grow. There needs to be support just the same as a plant needs to be watered or the grass needs to be cut in order for them to not only look their best, but be the best they can be.

God designed us to be in relationships with other people and I think He would want us to help each other grow. Not one of us can reach our highest potential by ourselves. We all need people in our lives that can encourage us, just as we have a responsibility to encourage others and help them to reach their potential. The word “encourage” translates to “give courage, hope, or confidence to; embolden; hearten; to give support to; inspirit”.

I’ve heard it said many times that we see in other people what they can’t see in themselves. We are able to be objective and see their strengths and their talents, as well as their weaknesses and barriers. We often see that God has a very definite plan for them using the gifts and specific talents He gave them. Yet sometimes because of difficult situations and lack of support, some people don’t see that same picture. Never assume that they see or believe the same things about themselves that you do. Take a moment and encourage someone today. It could be with a nice word on the phone, a hand-written note, or even a pat on the back the next time you see them. It might be something as simple as cutting out an article from a magazine and passing it along, but it might be just the thing that reminds them of a hope or a dream they had lost sight of.

It’s too easy for any of us to give up. An important part of achieving one’s goals, hopes and dreams is attitude. I once received the following quote in a card from an acquaintance I have in South Carolina. I believe it’s worth sharing.

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than success, than what other people think, say or do. It is more important than appearance, gift or skill. ... The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past ... The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our attitudes.” ~ Charles Swindoll

Take the time today to encourage the people in your life not to give up, to know the importance of a healthy and positive attitude to keep moving forward. Let them know that the faith you have in them is unlimited and unconditional. Be a people builder and support them in their hopes and dreams; perhaps enabling them to reach their full potential and be who God intended for them to be.

May God bless each of you,
Jennifer

August 2008

Special points of interest:

- Registration Forms available now for all Fall Youth & Children's Ministry programs
- Library Fundraiser

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Power Lab News . . .

It's not too late to register for **Power Lab VBS** . . .

When: August 4th-8th, 9am-noon

Register online @ www.koklc.org, click on the Vacation Bible School link - **OR** - stop by the lobby display to fill out a registration form.

POWER LAB VBS DECORATING DATES:

Weds., July 30th, 10am-2pm

Thurs., July 31st, 7-9pm

Sat., August 2nd, 9am-noon

For more info, contact Diane Kraabel, VBS Director, 586-731-6684

THANKS FOR THE POWER LAB DONATIONS!

* The donation bulletin boards are in the hallway across from the drinking fountain.

Mark your calendar:

POWER LAB "Ice Cream Social"

**Fri., August 8th @ 7pm
All family & friends invited!**



Red Cross Summer Blood Drive

King of kings will be hosting our summer blood drive with the Red Cross on Monday, August 18th. Please consider making an appointment to donate blood. It could save someone's life.

Appointment schedules will be posted in the church lobby. Please stop by and make your appointment or call the church office at 586-566-8660 and we will help you over the phone.

Used Video and Book Library Fundraiser

The King of kings Library will be sponsoring a Used Christian Video and Book Fundraiser during the week of Vacation Bible School. The fundraiser will take place in the lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 7th & August 8th.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase new items for the church library. Any questions should be directed to Laura White at 586-677-1607 or laurajwhite123@yahoo.com.



Thrivent Financial Supports Our Efforts

We wish to thank Thrivent Financial for their participation with us in sending \$1,065.25 to Stony Lake Camp for the building of a new handicap accessible porch.

Thrivent Financial partnered with King of kings in May when we held a benefit concert for the camp.



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Faith Face By: Jennifer Meyers

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Every month I attempt to share my perspective with you of a conversation I've had to help you get to know someone better from here at King of kings. Last month I introduced you to Robin Klotz. I figured most of you had perhaps seen her as part of the Praise Band and been blessed to hear her voice. Whenever we come across someone who's been blessed by God to have a special talent and we're able to bear witness to it, we should be sure to tell them how much we enjoy it. When we admire a painting someone has just completed, we should tell them how it inspires us. When we hear someone sing a soothing song, we should tell them how it warms our hearts. When someone sends us a hand written note or card out of the blue,

we should let them know just how much we appreciated their thoughts at that exact moment. Gifts from God are a real blessing, not just to the individual that is able to accomplish something special – but also to those of us who are fortunate enough to reap the benefits. We should never get so comfortable that we take each other for granted. Not everyone realizes that the things they do actually touch, inspire or support someone else. Blessings from God, in any form, should never be taken for granted.

This month's subject inspires me with his sense of humor and overflowing enthusiasm and energy. He prefers to work and stay 'behind the scenes' which is probably why he was so difficult to track down and

gave me such a hard time about scheduling a time to sit down with me. But ultimately, the mother in me won, and I was able to chat one-on-one with him. He would undoubtedly try to tell you that I nagged him ... I prefer to think that I was merely relentless and successfully persuasive. I invite you to sit back now and hopefully get to know Marc Settlemoir - 'the man behind the sunglasses'.

Meet This Month's Faith Face: Marc Settlemoir

Marc Settlemoir is one of a family of four which includes his parents, Glen and Judy, and his sister, Leigh. Marc grew up in Detroit, but relocated to this area in 1990 where he later graduated from Utica High School. Marc and his family joined King of kings in 1990 when the church was still meeting in the Wiley Elementary gymnasium. His name is listed on the original charter list of members ... "that's back when I actually wrote my name in cursive", Marc said with a grin. In Marc's early days at King of kings he served as an Acolyte and sang in the choir. Initially he would observe the church band and later filled in on the drums at the contemporary service if he was needed.

Marc is on staff at King of kings as our highly respected Media Associate or as Marc would say "I handle the audio and visual productions for the church". He also plays the drums in the Praise Band. When he is not here at King of kings, which is usually at very strange hours of the day, he is at The Palace of Auburn

Hills where he is a Crowd Control Supervisor. Marc is always busy and always working 'somewhere'. It obviously does not leave him a lot of leftover time for hobbies or outside interests; although he does try to spend as much time as he can with his girlfriend, Amy. "I usually just go to work. I don't really have any hobbies, unless a girlfriend can be considered a hobby." He just laughed and said, "No, that probably wouldn't be a good way to put it and I don't think Amy would appreciate it." In addition to playing with the band and handling all of the church's media aspects, Marc also helps in the planning of our concert events.

I asked Marc if his media and musical interests began early on when he was in school. He said he never joined any of the school's bands until his senior year of high school when he joined the jazz band. "I like to rewrite and redo music for the drums. When you play exactly what someone else has composed - you're a percussionist, which is fine



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for some, but I prefer to think of myself as a drummer. I guess my creative side just doesn't like the restrictions." Marc also never worked within the media department at school. He was more interested in computers and solving problems. When he began to

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Baby Step Your Way to Financial Independence

Imagine eating an apple in one bite ...

That's what saving for your long-term financial goals can feel like if you don't first break them into small, manageable steps.

The best way to achieve your financial goals is to save early and often. This gives your money more time to grow. For example, by setting aside as little as \$20 a month, your savings can add up to \$15,173.50 in 20 years.*

In addition to saving often and

early, these steps can put you on your way to achieving your long-term financial goals.

- † Establish an emergency savings account.
- † Pay off your credit card debt.
- † Set up a college savings plan.
- † Open an IRA.

For help reaching your financial goals, contact Ryan Mackinder at 586-726-8899 x114 or ryan.mackinder@thrivent.com today, or visit thrivent.com.

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Open Forum on Worship

The changes to our worship schedule and style have generated a good deal of response. For the most part people have been very receptive to the changes and things are going well. With any change, however, there is some stress and anxiety, and some have expressed some thoughts about worship which have resulted in good conversations.

We will continue to remain open and receptive to the ongoing process of discernment and stay focused on keeping the lines of communication open. As such, we would like to hold an **Open Forum on Worship** at King of kings on **Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m.** The forum will be an opportunity for discussion about worship life

together and how we can be both responsive to the needs of the congregation and missional. The forum will be a time of listening and sharing not a time of decision making. Pastor Ben will facilitate this discussion.

Items Still Needed For The Church Library

We mentioned last month that as part of the Renewal 2008 Project, the current library will be moved into the old Operations' office this summer. The library currently has a minimal selection of children/family oriented DVDs. We would still like to increase our selection of family movies and are looking for donations of **used** 'G' and 'PG' rated DVDs. Only movies that have been approved by the Dove Foundation (www.dove.org) will be accepted.

Please consider helping us to increase our library dvd offerings by dropping off your donations in the library box with your name attached to the donation. Examples of types of movies we are looking for would be "National Treasure", "Ratatouille", "Spy Kids", or "High School Musical".

If you have specific questions you can contact Laura White at 586-677-1607 or laurajwhite123@yahoo.com.



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF: SEPTEMBER 7th

Back to Sunday School = Leaders Needed

As I'm writing this article I can't believe it is time to prepare 'Back to Sunday School'. In fact, just today I registered my own kids for Sunday School. Have you had a chance to register yours? It's easy ... go online @ www.koklc.org, click on Sunday School 2008/09 Form - OR - fill out a

form in the lobby.

I also just received this year's PowerXpress curriculum for our 1st-6th graders and I can't wait to get started and share it with our kids! Speaking of getting started, here's where I hope you'll come in. I'm looking for a few folks to join the

2008/09 Sunday School Team. I hope to have several leaders so we can take the 'team approach' and rotate throughout the year. You can commit to as little as 1 month or the entire year, the choice is yours. Here is where we could use some help ...

10:00 a.m. Service

For the 4yr. old - Kindergarten classroom: "Live B.I.G. (Belief in God) Curriculum

- † **NEED** '2' Leaders (can rotate Sundays, if needed)
- † **NEED** '1' Assistant per Sunday

For 1st-6th grades: "PowerXpress" Curriculum

- † **NEED** *at least* '8' Station Leaders + several Assistants. Leaders can commit to as little as 1 month or the entire year.

Stations + Current Leaders:

- 1) **Science Station: NEED YOU + YOUR FRIEND** 3) **Craft Station: NEED YOU** + Matt & Tracey Hloros
- 2) **Bible Story Station: NEED YOU + YOUR FRIEND** 4) **Movie Station: NEED YOU** + Michelle Carley

11:30 a.m. "The Edge" Service

For the 4yr. old - Kindergarten classroom: "Live B.I.G. (Belief in God) Curriculum

- † **NEED** '2' Leaders (can rotate Sundays, if needed)
- † **NEED** '1' Assistant per Sunday

For 1st-6th grades:

- † **NEED** '2' Leaders + Assistants to offer a variation of the PowerXpress Curriculum in a large-group setting with kids ranging in age from 1st-6th grade.

NOTE: An Assistant can be a confirmation or senior high youth, parent, or anyone who enjoys working with kids. An assistant schedule will be formed once a list of volunteers has been established.

I hope you will prayerfully consider being part of our children's ministry program. If you want to learn more, please tap me on the shoulder after church. I hope to talk to you soon!

Happy to serve at KOK,

Diane Kraabel, Interim Sunday School Coordinator, 586-731-6684, dkraabel@wowway.com

Mark your calendar:

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM MEETING

Monday, August 25th

8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

*** childcare available, please RSVP to the church office if needed**

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consider his college plans he thought about music production, but found that he would be required to have a music major. He felt there would be too much music theory, etc. for his 'creative side'. Marc decided he likes the production side of the media arts. He said, "I like to think of myself as the 'person behind the curtain' or 'the wizard of oz' type. I have a strong sense of team mentality and thoroughly enjoy pulling out the creative side of other people, but I also appreciate having the control and making sure that things get done right."

It made me wonder what or who inspires a creative person like Marc. He said, "I guess it depends on what I'm doing at the moment. I just want to do the best I can with the gifts I've been given." He's absolutely right about that. It's a complete waste, for any of us, not to use the gifts we've each been blessed with and to use them to the best of our abilities.

Out of spiritual curiosity, I asked Marc if he'd ever had any

'inspirational' or 'God moments' that stood out to him. "I've grown up in church. It's always been a big part of me and who I am. My faith was never anything that just hit me all of a sudden. When I was young I attended a Lutheran school where religion was a daily class and a daily experience. I guess with that kind of an upbringing, everything has just been more gradual for me." Marc did add, though, that "... if someone were going to start going to church, any church, my suggestion for them would be to get connected. Start off with something they like doing. Ask around and see if the church offers anything that relates to that. If they don't have something right then, that's ok. Try something more generic. What's most important is to start meeting people. The rest will take care of itself."

I suppose it's easier to understand now why Marc seems to prefer to 'march to the beat of his own drum' (pardon the pun). Being blessed with a creative side;



whether it's through music, painting, or building something amazing with your own two hands ... well it's clearly something that no one should ever take for granted. We need to nurture our God-given gifts in whatever ways will allow us to use them the way they were intended.

Thanks, Marc. We can't wait to see what you have in store for your next production.

Mark Your Calendar & Plan To Join Us ...

KOK CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, September 7th, 2008

'1' outdoor worship service at 10:00 a.m.
(weather permitting)

*** watch for more details**

Things You Should Know . . .

- † For information regarding scheduling a **Baptism** or **wedding** at King of kings, please contact Jennifer Meyers, Administrative Associate at 586-566-8660.
- † Just a reminder that there will be **NO Saturday evening worship** or an **8:30 a.m. Traditional worship service** during the summer months.
- † The next **GO! Study** session will be on Thursday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m.
- † The **HIS GANG** quilting group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join them.
- † Don't forget to register your children for fall youth programs. **RALLY DAY** for Sunday School will be Sunday, September 7th. The **Confirmation Orientation/Potluck** will be Wednesday, September 3rd

Thinking about joining King of kings?

We personally invite you to join us for our next New Member Orientation to find out what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran and a member of the church.

We will take the time to answer your questions and provide you with enough information to make the right choice for you and your family.

We are able to provide childcare during all of our New Member Orientations for your convenience and piece of mind.

For further information and our next orientation date, please contact Bill Bond at 586-731-9635.



Youth & Children's Programs ~ Returning In September

Sunday School

† Returning in September

For more information contact
Diane Kraabel
'Interim' Sunday School Coordinator
586-731-6684

Confirmation

† Returning in September

For more information contact
Cherie Schankin
Ministry Associate
586-566-8660

C.H.A.O.S.

† Returning in September

For more information contact
Pastor Ben
586-566-8660

We are now accepting registrations for all fall youth & children's programs.
You can register online by following the links at www.koklc.org.
Registration forms are also available on the Welcome Desk in the church lobby.



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MAIL DATE:
July 21, 2008

Join us for weekly worship:

Contemporary Praise Worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
'The Edge' Worship, Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
Contemporary Praise Worship, Mondays at 7:00 p.m.



Current Sermon Series
Continues ~

The Parables
Of Jesus