

# New Heights News

October 2008

Mark Your Calendars:

- October 1st—  
Nov. 19th  
Wednesday Nights  
at New Heights
- Membership  
Class—begins  
October 1st.
- Women's (Beth  
Moore— Psalms)  
Bible Study begins  
Oct. 1st.
- Bible Heroes  
Study—  
Wednesdays at  
6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 3-4,  
Women's Retreat  
in Iowa
- October 4th—  
Saturday Nights  
Live at New  
Heights at 6 p.m.
- Creation Appreciation Sunday—  
October 26th!



Check out the great  
books  
in the Fireside Library!

## GOD PROVIDED THE MIRACLE WE WERE SEEKING!

by Pastor Mike Barnett



As you know God already provided the \$10,000 needed recently through the generous tithes and offerings of the New Heights Church family. Our lender was so impressed that they nearly gave us a grant to cover the back interest of \$5,500 + \$61.56 a day. But this would go against their policy. This would be like Wells Fargo paying off your debt that you owe them. They informed me that very rarely will a church our size come back from a deficit so huge in just a few weeks time.

To make a long story short, The Iowa/Minnesota District of The Wesleyan Church was so impressed with what God did among us that they are giving us a grant and are paying the back interest due. Our mortgage is now current, up to date and clean! The \$5,500 + 61.56 a day figure has been PAID IN FULL!

**IN OTHER WORDS, THE \$15,000 + THAT WE WERE TRUSTING GOD FOR HAS BEEN PROVIDED ALL IN A MATTER OF WEEKS!**

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ron McClung informed me that the Iowa/Minnesota District of the Wesleyan Church is not giving us a grant because we are a charity case and need it. The District does not have a welfare mentality and does not give churches money just because they need it or desire it. By the District's assessment we are a healthy church and they want to invest in the ministry of New Heights because it showed diligence and commitment to make things right with our lender. He wanted me to pass on this endorsement to you.

Thank you for enduring my many e-mails and letters regarding the financial situation at New Heights the past month. Nobody likes to hear about money problems especially when we have enough of our own already. So I appreciate your patience and your partnership in resolving this matter in a timely issue. Somebody already asked me when is the next mortgage payment due? Because we were so proactive in sending in money to our lender, our next mortgage payment is not until November 17<sup>th</sup>. We never have been a month ahead before and it feels good! This is where I am tempted to remind you that we need \$3,300 a week to stay on our budget and goal for the year, but enough talk about money! **LET'S CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE!** We will have plenty of opportunity to trust him and obey him in the future – He makes sure of that!

To give you the footnote version of what I asked you to do this last month:

1. Pray – Just not a begging prayer, but affirmation prayer declaring God already provided.
2. Praise and thank God ahead of time that the need is already met by faith.
3. Obey God and give generously

When we trust God and obey Him, he shows up in mighty ways. It is my hope that we all apply these principles to our daily lives so we can see God do mighty works in our personal finances and problems too! Please let me know when you have a testimony of God doing mighty works for you, so we can give you an opportunity to tell the church family either on a Sunday morning

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# October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
			<b>Wednesday Nights 6:30 p.m.</b>				<b>SATURDAY NIGHTS LIVE! 6 P.M.</b>
5 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	6	7 Sonflower Women from 5-7pm	8	9	10	11 Work Party! 8 a.m.—noon	
12 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	13	14 Sonflower Women from 5-7pm	15	16 Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	17	18	
19 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	20	21 Sonflower Women from 5-7pm	22	23	24	25 Men's Ministry 9:30 a.m.	
26 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Creation Appreciation Sunday!	27	28 Sonflower Women from 5-7pm	29	30	31		

## Usher/Greeter Schedule—*please meet your team in the prayer room at 9:55 a.m.*

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### October

#### October 4th

Paul Nelson, Lead, Teller  
Mel Karline, Teller  
Linda Karline, Greeter  
Elwood Ruud, Greeter

#### October 10th

Tracy Zeimet, Lead, Teller  
Christine Johnson  
Tony Whipple, Teller  
Elwood Ruud

#### October 19th

Ernie Moen, Lead, Teller  
Mel Karline, Teller  
Linda Karline

#### October 26th

Tracy Zeimet, Lead, Teller  
Christine Johnson  
Ernie Moen, Teller  
Elwood Ruud

*Would you like to be an usher/greeter? It's easy to join the team! Contact the church office at 651-463-9363*

# **SATURDAY NIGHTS LIVE**

**6 P.M.**

**FIRST SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH!**

**OCTOBER 4TH**

**COMEDY NIGHT**

**(BRING A SNACK TO SHARE)**

.....  
**NOVEMBER 1ST**

**"FACING THE GIANTS" MOVIE**

**(BRING AN SNACK TO SHARE)**

.....  
**DECEMBER 6TH**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY POTLUCK**

**(BRING A DISH TO SHARE)**

# Creation Appreciation Sunday - October 26th!

God has created such an awesome world and we are going to celebrate his creation on Sunday, October 26th beginning at 10:30 with a special message from Pastor Mike followed by brunch for the adults and a fun time for all the kids.

Each child (or adult) is invited to dress up as his or her favorite animal or something from God's creation such as a tree, flower or rainbow. (Nothing scary, etc.) We will also have some costume accessories here for children who are unable to dress up, such as ears, face paint, etc.

After the message, the children will go downstairs and find a variety of things to do such as listen to a story, mazes, games, relays, etc.

The adults will have a time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall. This will be a lot of fun for everyone! Volunteers needed—please call Dawn at 612-483-3111.

## Fund-Raising Volunteer Opportunities!

Due to the assessments placed on the church by the city for the work on Elm Street, we are looking for fund-raising opportunities to pay off these assessments. We have a couple of great opportunities that you may be a part of!

- **Fireworks Stand**—We may be able to staff a firework stand yet this fall to raise funds.
- **Metrodome Concessions**—12-25 people age 16 and older needed to work at the Metrodome selling concessions at the stands. Training is provided.

If you're interested in either of these opportunities, please Pastor Mike or call 651-463-9363.

### Ministry helped needed in the following areas:

- **Nursery** - rotating schedule - once every 4-6 weeks - contact Michelle Barnett
- **Greeters** - rotating schedule - once every 4-6 weeks - contact Pastor Dawn
- **Clean Team** - contact Donna Hanson for details
- **Musicians/singers** - contact Pastor Dawn for details
- **Fall event planners/decorators** - contact Pastor Dawn for details

## FINANCE CORNER:

In response to the annual church meeting, we will be putting our weekly/monthly offering report information in the monthly newsletter along with other financial information. If you have any questions, please contact Dann Whipple. We are also pleased to be able to offer SCRIP as a fundraiser for New Heights, it is available on Sunday mornings in the lobby or online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

**Total needed each month: \$14000.00**

**Weekly Average needed: \$3230.76**



### Reg. Tithes/Offerings:

#### **This Month:**

9/7 \$2058.27  
9/14 \$1438.00  
9/21 \$1528.00  
9/28 \$1133.00

#### **Last Month:**

8/3 \$4640.00  
8/10 \$4521.00  
8/17 \$ 946.00  
8/24 \$8330.10  
8/31 \$3080.00

#### **This Month:**

**Monthly Total: \$6157.27**  
**Weekly Average: \$1539.31**  
**Attendance Average: 50**

#### **Last Month:**

**Monthly Total: \$21517.10**  
**Weekly Average: \$4303.42**  
**Attendance Average: 56**

### Forward in Faith Offerings:

#### **This Month:**

9/7 \$345.00  
9/14 \$492.00  
9/21 \$473.00  
9/28 \$392.00

#### **Last Month:**

8/3 \$510.00  
8/10 \$341.00  
8/17 \$290.00  
8/24 \$508.00  
8/31 \$832.66



**September Total FIF: \$1702.00**

**August Total FIF: \$2481.66**

SCRIP is available every Sunday in the foyer—purchase grocery, gas, restaurant, gift cards for yourself or others. Your regular gas & grocery money can be put towards building the kingdom of God!

## Women's Bible Study

"Beth Moore - Psalms"

Wednesdays at  
6:30 p.m.

Leaders: Michelle Frein and  
Darlene Carlson  
Book - \$13.95

## Bible Study "Heroes of the Old Testament"

Wednesday  
Nights at  
6:30 p.m.  
Leader: Mel  
Karline

## Membership Class

Wednesday Nights at  
6:30 p.m.

Pastor Mike will share the  
core values and principles  
that drive New Heights.

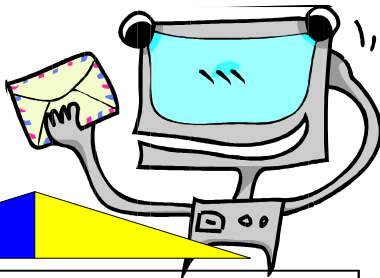
You will learn why we do  
what we do and become in-  
spired, enlightened and chal-  
lenged to become the per-  
son God created you to be!

## Prayer Opportunity!

If you would like to pray with Pastor Mike before the Sunday morning service, meet him and others in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

*We KNOW that God uses our prayers!*

*Thanks for being a part of this vital ministry!*



New Thought for Today Daily  
Devotional

Contact: [mikebarnett@frontiernet.net](mailto:mikebarnett@frontiernet.net)

## Offering Reader Schedule:

### October

5th— Kent Gorham  
12th—Tony Whipple  
19th—Linda Karline  
26th—Denise Moen

If you would like to be a part of our offering reader team, please contact Pastor Dawn in the office at 651-463-9363 or email her at [dawnwhipple@frontiernet.net](mailto:dawnwhipple@frontiernet.net)

**Men's Ministry**  
**Saturday, October 25**  
**from 9:30—11:30 a.m.**

**All men are welcome!!**  
**Contact Pastor Mike for details**  
**651-463-9363**

## Children's Church Collecting for Food Shelf!

Remember to bring in items for the food shelf!

Please place your items in the shopping cart in the foyer! Thanks for making a difference!!



## SHINE DRAMA

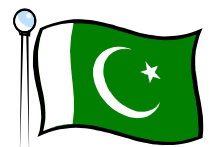
prepares for Christmas!

Casting has begun on our many drama events this holiday season. Help is needed with stage crew, decorations & costumes.

Please contact Donna Hanson at 952-440-9941 if you're available!

## Support a Pakistan Pastor for \$25.00/Month

As you know, Pakistan is a Muslim country that is closed off to the Gospel. For just \$25 per month, you can support a Pakistani pastor and be a part of souls coming to Christ in a very oppressive culture. You may give towards this project on Sunday mornings, just designate "Pakistan" on the memo line of your check.



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## Pastor Mike update continued from page 1 . . .

through the newsletter. Testimonies build the faith of the entire church family. Hopefully this testimony of God providing the \$15,000 for New Heights to be caught up on our mortgage in just a few short weeks has built up and encouraged your faith in God, who is always faithful!

Psalm 40:1-5 says:

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. **He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare".

I HOPE YOU ARE PRAISING GOD AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS TO NEW HEIGHTS!  
I thank the Lord for you too!

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## New Heights Children's Church--Check It Out And Don't Miss Out!

by: Linda Marum

We are really excited about all the great stuff we have coming up for our fall and winter season in children's church! We have already had a great start through September digging into God's Word. With some help from our fourth graders, we acted out the story of Daniel in the lion's den and learned the importance of always trusting God. Proverbs 3:5 says; "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding". Daniel's life in the Old Testament is such a great example to follow. He went through some major intense situations and always kept his eyes focused on God and not on what ever was happening around him. We also learned about a man named Zacchaeus who's life was changed when he had his own personal encounter with Jesus. Zacchaeus was one BAD dude and everybody hated him because he was a wealthy tax collector who cheated the people out of their hard-earned cash. But Jesus didn't hate Zacchaeus, and his encounter with him touched his BAD heart and changed his life forever. Everyone knows some one who acts pretty BAD on the outside, but maybe all they need is for someone to come along and touch them with the love of Jesus. A kind word or a helpful action. God could use that touch to change someone's life forever. John 13:35 says ; "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." So what are we doing with all this great stuff that we're learning from God's Word? Well, I'm glad you asked and hopefully, if you have a child in children's church, they will be able to tell you as well. We are spending some time each week memorizing these key Scriptures and are tracking them all on a Bible verse paper chain. Take a walk down the hallway by the classrooms and each child's chain is displayed on the wall. Every Sunday they will learn a new verse that coincides with the Bible story, and each verse adds a new link to their paper chain. The verses are age-appropriate with a short version for the younger children, and a longer version for the older ones.

We have also started practice on the Christmas play that will be performed by our children's church on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Last year's play was a HUGE success and LOADS of fun! Get out those invites now for that evening--friends, family, neighbors, class-mates--every one will definitely be blessed! This year's play is called "Santa Gives Back Christmas". It is a wonderful story of Santa and his elves and reindeer who are getting a bit concerned because the children are paying more attention to them than they are to the precious event of the birth of our Savior. Santa and his crew help tell the story of Jesus' birth to the children of the world. You will not want to miss this touching story. And if you have a child with a part in this play, you will not want to miss any practices. We are practicing every Sunday morning during our children's church time together and I have been informed by a very reliable source (the director, Donna Hanson) that the first practice went very well and she is excited about working with the kids again this year. This is going to be a very special evening, so put it on your calendars and invite everyone you know!

We also have a very special out-reach project coming up--more information will be out within the next couple months, so watch your newsletter. It's so good to see all the kids back on Sunday morning! We have a great time together and we miss you when you're gone!!

**New Heights Christian  
Fellowship**

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[www.nhcfchurch.org](http://www.nhcfchurch.org)

*"A place to become the person God  
created me to be!"*



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**Sunday Service**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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