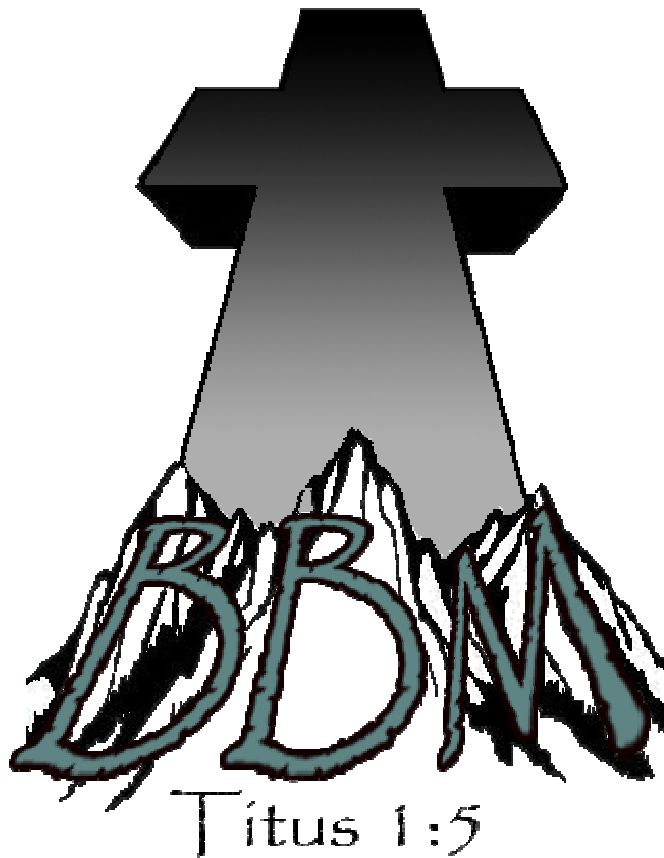


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## FAMILY UPDATE

Happy New Year! 2011 flew by. Even the kids were commenting on how quickly the year passed. 2012 promises to be full as well. The year has started out with more snow, and the kids are enjoying the sledding hill Dave is sculpting for them in the back yard. School fills our weekdays, and the kids enjoy getting out to play when school is done for the day.

We are all looking forward to having a little time off school to be able to visit family in February. It has been almost two years since we've been able to visit with Dave's family, so we are looking forward to having the opportunity to visit with them in the near future.

Ruth is also kept busy with a Teaching Children Effectively (TCE) class. She started in November, and goes to Escanaba every other Saturday to attend. The class is through Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), and it's purpose is to help train teachers to present effective Bible lessons that impact students lives for God's glory. There are two levels of the class. The first level focuses on the unsaved child and clearly and effectively teaching the Gospel. The second level, the one Ruth is currently on, focuses on the saved child and clearly and effectively teaching lessons that will impact their lives today to bring them into maturity in Christ. The class continues into the beginning of March, so you can keep Ruth in your prayers as she travels back and forth to Escanaba (sometimes the weather is not the best to travel in) and as she learns the methods taught in the class.

Thank you again for all of your prayers for us and your support of our ministry. I know that we are more effective in our ministry because of your support!

## Ministry Update

December was a very exciting and busy month for us. Most notably, Faith Baptist Church unanimously called Ben Boeshaar to be their new pastor. We rejoice that God has led them in this decision and pray earnestly for His blessing on their ministry together. Pastor Boeshaar will be moving up to Munising in early February and we will be installing him as the pastor on February 5. There is much to be done in preparation for their arrival. They are finalizing housing arrangement in Munising, closing out business affairs in Milwaukee, packing, preparing their house to go on the market and Ben is preparing for his ordination council on January 13. At the same time, I am wrapping up things at the church and making sure everything is in order so that the transition will be as smooth as possible. It is an exciting time, a busy time and a sad time.

We have enjoyed the chance to minister at Faith Baptist. We have made some lasting friendships there and as so often happens, we leave a piece of ourselves behind. God has been very gracious to us throughout our time at the church. Through the pastor search and constitution revision, God's hand has been very evident. Though there have been some challenges along the way, even in those I see God's gracious hand working His good purposes for His church. As we look at leaving the church, Revelation 2 lingers in my mind. "These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks." I find great comfort and encouragement in the certain knowledge that Christ holds the pastors of His churches in His hands. I rejoice in the fact of Christ's continual presence in and among His churches. Though I pass the shepherding of this flock to another man, I know that the Chief Shepherd remains unchanged and His plan for them remains fixed.

We also look forward to spending some time traveling south during the month of February. Shortly after Pastor Boeshaar is installed, we will load up the truck and head to warmer climates. We intend to spend a couple weeks traveling and visiting family members in Indiana, the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee, before returning to the UP towards the end of the month.

Beginning in March, I will be serving as pulpit supply at Manistique Bible Church. We still hold our membership at that church and have been for some time considering the possibility of spending more time assisting in that ministry. This past fall, their pastor resigned, and I will be helping them keep the pulpit filled until we begin our VBS season in June. Please keep that church in prayer as they go through the pastor search process.



We continue to make our preparations for Vacation Bible School. Things are coming along pretty well, as we put the finishing touches on the teacher's guide and lesson plans. Though we are a bit behind from where we would like to be, we will soon have all the informational materials and lesson outlines online. The summer schedule is starting to take shape as well,

with several churches already getting their weeks scheduled. Lord willing we will have another full summer of Vacation Bible School ministry as we help lead the children to see they have been wonderfully created by God for His wonderful purposes.



### *The Wonderful Eye*



Sight is a truly marvelous ability. The ability to collect light, focus and then translate it into a discernable image is incredibly complex. Ask a camera manufacturer. The ability to do this over and over again, dozens of times a second, is nearly baffling. As a light collecting device, the eye is superb. As a light translating device, it is excellent. The ability to focus super close and at near infinity, constantly and adjusting.

What we see is the reflected light from any object. Our eyes act as a light collector. Light photons are transmitted through the pupil (which is enlarged and shrunk to adjust the amount of light being transmitted), focused by an inner lens before reaching the retina at the back of the eye. There on the retina the really incredible stuff happens. Over 120 million light receptors collect the light and special cells, called ganglions, process the light for color, motion, outline and detail. Then it is transmitted to the brain where everything it put together, resulting in a brilliant moving image that we can see, track, comprehend and anticipate. God's design of the eye is a testament of His wonderful care for us.

The eye should be a continual reminder that God calls us all to look to Him. He has not gifted us with sight so that we could fill our eyes with our own lusts. He has given us this sight that we might look to Him for our eternal salvation, our present sanctification and our complete satisfaction.

*Look unto me, and be ye saved,  
all the ends of the earth:  
for I am God, and there is none else.  
Isaiah 45:22*