



February 2012

27th Annual Mission Conference February 23 — 26 The Global Church is on the Move

FBC Mission Statement

Our mission is to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ

FBC Vision Statement

Our vision is to present Christ to Decatur and the world in a contemporary and creative way through equipped and mobilized believers who make disciples.

Friday & Saturday Sessions
6:00 pm

Sunday Morning
9:15 & 10:45 am

Sunday Night
5:15 pm



Dr. Hans Finzel,
President, WorldVenture

The time is near. We are excited and our 2012 Mission Conference preparations are underway. It is our prayer that this weekend will expand our vision for God among the unreached locally and in the world and that each of us will find a way to become personally involved in missions.

Our speaker this year will be **Dr. Hans Finzel**. Hans is a successful author, teacher and leader among leaders. He has trained leaders internationally on five continents.

Hans recently completed twenty years as President and CEO of international non-profit WorldVenture with a staff of 650 workers in 70 countries worldwide.

Hans and his wife Donna spent ten years living in Vienna, Austria while training leaders throughout Eastern Europe behind the Iron Curtain before the fall of communism. Dr. Finzel is the author of seven books, including his bestseller, *The Top Ten Mistakes Leaders Make*.

He and his wife have four grown children and four grandchildren. They reside in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

Hans Finzel Sessions

Friday - Session One: The Global Church is on the Move — Acts 1:7-11

Saturday - Session Two: Think China — Acts 16:9-10

Sunday AM-Session Three: God's Passion for His Planet — Luke 5:1-11

Steve Bateman Session

Sunday PM Session: The Base Camp on Spring Avenue — Acts 13:1-3

Make your plans to dedicate this weekend to the conference events.

Beginning February 5, in the Coffee Commons area, there will be sign-up sheets if you wish to take a missionary out to eat and to indicate the cottage meeting you wish to attend.

Missionaries attending the Conference



Andy & Linda Brucato
Italy



Maxim Grin & Slava Grin
Ekaterinerburg, Russia



Scott Slate
Ireland



Mitch & Amy Jaeger
US



Loreen Ittermann
Moldova



Brian & Abbey Harper
Brazil



Scott & Stephanie Nannen
Texas



Mark & Kathy Schaaf
South Africa



Tommy & Heather Kyle
US



Costya & Lilia Poctarenco
Moldova



Joel & Vivian Lara
Spain

Looking Ahead with Steve...

One of the stunning features and recurring themes of the gospel of Matthew is that it starts and ends with missions. The signs are subtle in the first chapter, such as a Gentile woman named Rahab in the genealogy of Jesus (1:5). The deportation to Babylon (1:11) reminds us how God providentially scattered his people, and thus his Word, into a great Gentile nation where they would be introduced to the Jewish messiah yet to come. That's why the "wise men from the east" (2:1) knew to come looking for him soon after that first Christmas. In the tragedy of the Babylonian deportation, God was priming the pump, preparing gentile lands for the coming king. He is not just king of the Jews, but he is the king of kings. That's the way Matthew begins. Matthew ends, of course with the Great Commission, the command to "***make disciples of all nations***" (28:19). That's the mother of all missions texts.

One more thing. Matthew begins with "Immanuel", the name of the Baby that declares "God with us" (1:23). With us, indeed. God came and lived among us, walked on dirt and stone, ate fish and bread, drank water and wine, sweat and slept, because he was fully man. But he was, and is fully God, the only one qualified to die in the place of sinners. Only God is perfect and only man can die, so God became a man. God with us! But Matthew also ends with "Immanuel." I had never seen it before I started

preaching this book, but there it is, right there in the Great Commission: "*And behold, I am with you always...*" (28:20). God with us! Always! Immanuel!

That was great news to those original disciples. No money, no power, no influence, no status, no resources...and Jesus tells them to make disciples of all the nations? How, Lord? We are weak and overlooked; social outcasts and working class. How can we do such a thing? Why should they listen to us? The answer comes back: "*I am with you!*" And with them he was, and with those who followed in their footsteps and with every generation of church history, and he is with us still. Today, no religion claims more adherents than Christianity. Those twelve men changed the course of history, and so will we. Yes the task is enormous. Yes, there is much work to be done. Yes, we have many obstacles. Yes, storm clouds gather on the horizon. Yes, the church in America is on a plateau or in decline. Yes, our culture has never been more hostile to Biblical Christianity. Yes, many more Christians will die for this cause. So what? **God is with us!** And he is moving, doing remarkable things all over the world for his glory.

One of the reasons we hold an annual missions conference is to be reminded of what we already know. **God is with us, and he will get the job done. Be there.**



Steve Bateman
Senior Pastor

**Great
Kids
Ministries**

Great Kids Missions Conference 2012:

SIMPLE LOVE



Make sure your children do not miss this great opportunity to learn simple ways they can share the love of Christ with the nations. This is our most exciting event of the year!

This year, real missionaries from around the world will help your children...

Pray It.

Tell It.

Believe It.

Live It.

Preschool thru 5th Grade

Friday, Feb. 24th
6-7:30 pm

Saturday, Feb. 25th
6-7:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 26th
During normal Kids Worship services

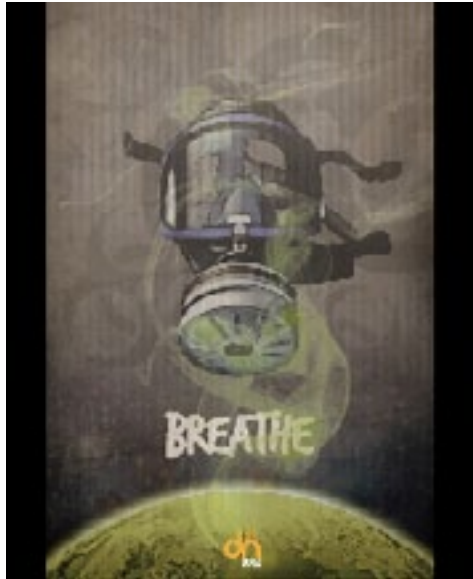
Charlie Hall
DNOW Pre-rally
Feb 1
Decatur Baptist
Church
6:30 pm



Youth Activities



Wayne Campbell
Pastor to Students



DNOW 2012: Breathe

Kick off Rally February 1
at Decatur Baptist Church
DNOW Weekend: Feb. 3-5
Cost: \$50
For: 6th-12th grades

DNOW is a great opportunity for our students to grow in their faith. We partner with other churches throughout Decatur for citywide rallies and will be studying the same curriculum. **DNOW** is always a great time and you won't want to miss it.

To sign up, turn in your \$50 to the church office.



Alexander Roberts
Assoc. Director of
Student Ministries



Mission Conference Youth Kickoff

February 22, 2012
6:00 pm eat - 6:30 service
Speaker: Josh Howerton

Josh graduated from Union University in 2005. He is a friend of Wayne Campbell, but more importantly he sees himself as a Christian, husband, daddy, and pastor. He is the pastor of The Bridge Church in Spring Hill, TN. He has also attended Southern Seminary. Josh has a heart for the Lord and seeing people come to know the Savior.



Seminar C 4 — Our Commission

People We Influence

February 19, 2012 ~ 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Do you want to confidently discuss spiritual matters with your friends?

Do you want to learn how to have global impact?

The pinnacle of the Christian Life and Service Seminars is C4. Most believers want to share their faith but don't know how. Most believers want to participate in world missions but don't know where to start. This seminar equips you to be a Great Commission Christian in Decatur and the world.

Seminar C1 is a prerequisite for attending this seminar.

2012 Mission Trips

Missionary/ Organization	Location	Supported By FBC	Leader Contact	Dates	People Needed	Project
L. Ittermann	Ukraine	Yes	Scotty Hubbard	Summer	6-8 people	Kitchen Renovation
Jarko Jurik	Serbia	Yes	Em Barran	Late May Early June	6 - max	Light Construction
L. Ittermann	Prednistrovia	Yes	Mike Hutchens	Summer	5 men	Camp/Orphanage Construction
K. Wintter	Romania	Yes	Bob Suran	July 11-23	10-15	English Camp
L. Ittermann	Yekaterinburg, Russia	Yes	Sam Barnett	Jun 30-Jul 7	6-7 men	Priming/Painting drywall
Bill Parker	Uruguay	Yes	Bob Dishman	March-April	6 Some Youth	Construction
Not Forgotten	Peru	Yes	Brian Cook	Jun 23-Jul 1	12-15	Orphanage Vision trip + Contruction
Compassion International	Dominican Republic	No	Ellen Casale	Fall		
Camino Global	Guatemala	No	Johnny Coker?	Tentative		Construction
Haiti Baptist Mission	Haiti	No	Wayne Campbell G. & S. Metzger	June 8-16	Youth	VBS/Construction
CRU	London	No	Bud Orr	Jun28-Jul 8	Filled	Mission to Muslims

Sympathy

Please express Christian sympathy to families who have had deaths in their family: **Lori Bateman** (her mother, Lovi Freytag); **Mary South** (her mother, Eva Ward); **Cindy Moore Yates** (her father, Robert Boerner, Sr.); **Paula Armstrong** (her father, Junior Elton Gray); **Bonnie Paulin** (her father, Bruce Duke).

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 am



Newest Addition

Leland Tate Gosnell
born: January 24, 2012
weight: 7 lbs 7 oz
Parents:
Brent & Lindsay Gosnell

Gideon Wilson Sandlin
born: January 24, 2012
weight: 9 lbs 2.6 oz
Parents: Destin & Tara Sandlin

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 DNOW Kickoff @ Decatur Bapt. 6:30 pm
- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 3-5 DNOW WEEKEND
- Feb 5 GIGAS/Sortsters Super Bowl Challenge
- Feb 7 Elders Meet 6 pm
- Feb 9 Mission Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm
- Feb 10 MOPS 9:30 am
CR Leaders Meer - Location TBA
- Feb 12 Deacons Meet 7 am
- Feb 19 C4: Our Commission Seminar 3:00-6:30 pm
- Feb 21 Decatur Outreach Committee Mtg 5:30 pm
- Feb 24-26 **MISSION CONFERENCE WEEKEND**
- Feb 26 Carpenters ABF Luncheon (Kitchen Area)

February 2012						
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February 2012 Deacon of the Month



Barry Musick

Welcome New Members



Jonathan and Jackson Schuster



Mission Conference Cottage Meetings

What is a Cottage Meeting? Each of our missionaries will be assigned to a home where they will share about their ministry and where you will have an opportunity to interact with and get to know them better. It's always a fun time.

If you would like to open your home to host a Cottage Meeting on Saturday morning, February 25 just contact the church office or Earlene Baker 256-353-2711. She will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

We will have signup pages for people to attend the cottage meetings in the Coffee Commons Area, beginning February 5.



News From Our Partners Around the World

Reported by Maria Coker



Andy & Linda Brucato

- Andy goes 3 days a week to the prison for 2 Bible studies and personal visits. Antonio, one of the inmates, came to Christ last week. Pray for others to come to faith and for new believers to be built up in their faith!
- Pray for the hearts of those Linda spoke to at a recent women's conference. Pray the women would press on in their faith.



Brom & Betty Cowser

- Please pray with me for the leading of the Lord and the future of the radio broadcasting.



Kent & Marion Fuller

- Pray for Jose Chun - he made a bad choice (alcohol) that is affecting his whole family. He was placed on discipline and he asked the church for prayer and

the mending of his family.

- Pray for victory against the continued attempt by the homosexuality groups to change our laws.
- Pray God will move mightily at the upcoming family conference on February 5th.
- Pray for the Cal family. Artemio (church planter) has two sons hospitalized from a motorcycle accident. They'll need special rehabilitation for five months, and costs are climbing.
- Pray for Marion to get her license to teach Bible in public schools.



Cleon & Kathy Rogers

- Pray for Micah, our youngest son. He is having comprehensive exams from over the last two years in March. Pray as he studies and prepares. We ask for God's direction as he decides which college to attend.
- Pray for our 9 week old grandson who was recently hospitalized at UAB. He is doing well and changes that were seen from his early symptoms and the results of testing could only be described as miraculous! We ask you to pray with us that his life will honor God!

- We will be praying the missions conference will go well and the church will be challenged as well as encouraged.
- Here is a link to a video clip thanking you for your prayers, support and involvement in our ministry. May the Lord bless you! <https://www.fthgiessen.de//Podcast/Podcast--Cleon-Rogers/4177/>



Teo & Madalena Cavaco

- Praise God for good meetings with all our workers, we planned the year's activities.
- Pray for the next 3 months as we work toward the transfer of ministry leadership.
- Pray the Lord gives us wisdom.
- Pray for God's encouragement with the many changes in ministry and our lives.
- Continue to pray for Ruben's job hunting and the healing of Ester's ankle.



Bill & Ginann Franklin

- Seminary students are off for a month for Chinese New Year, but one is asking to still meet

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with Bill. He's struggling with personal issues challenging his theology. Pray for Bill as he helps this student think through the biblical truths and that this will help the student minister in the future to help others with needs.

- Ginann is helping edit some English lessons geared to using the Bible to teach English as an outreach. It needs to be done by the end of February to make the printer on time. Pray those working on this be able to make the deadline.



Lynne Herlein

- Our Children's Ministry Institute begins soon, with students from all over the world arriving January 25th. One is from Kenya, so I will get to practice my Swahili again! Pray they make adjustments to each other and Missouri quickly. Pray that God will work to conform them to His image as they learn how to better evangelize and disciple children all over the world.
- Pray God will give me wisdom as I teach/lead the students and staff in the 12 week school. Some staff are new, so pray for clear teaching.
- Pray doctors will be able to find what is causing me to be anemic and for extra strength during CMI. I have an appointment with a hematologist February 7.



Scott & Ruth Yingling

- Pray God would work by the Holy Spirit in the lives of those we have contact with around the world through our various internet ministries. Pray He would use our counsel and materials to encourage them to make wise choices based on the truth of His word.
- Pray for our 5 children (all teens) for guidance as they make important decisions affecting the rest of their lives.



Brent & Lindsay Gosnell

- Praise for the safe delivery of Leland Tate Gosnell, born January 24. Mother and baby are doing well!
- Pray for our work at UTA. We were able to launch things last semester and praying that the Lord would grow our students in their relationship with Him and give a desire to share their faith on Campus.
- In February, Matt (a student) and Brent will be "casting our nets" to the Free Thinkers (the Atheist and Agnostic club) on UTA's campus. We will be speaking for 5 minutes and handing out a

copy of *More Than a Carpenter*. Pray that the Lord would speak through us and many come into a relationship with Jesus!

- Be praying for 5 UTA students to go on a Summer Project this summer.



Brian & Abbey Harper

- We are having our annual Vacation Project conference January 25-29. Christians and non-Christians will be attending so pray for the followup, that the hearts are softened and would respond.



Glenn & Sharlene Grubb

- Pray for the team going to Papua New Guinea to do a safety audit. We were scheduled to go but budget constraints kept us in the office. This was a blessing as Sharlene has had to take over some caregiver duties for her parents. Pray for physical strength as well as mental and emotional strength as life goes on, even without sleep.
- Pray for Glenn as he battles the cold/flu bug that is making the rounds.



Loreen Ittermann

- Please pray for Veronica, a Jew-ess searching for Truth. She requested references of O.T. prophecies which point to Jesus Christ as their Messiah!
- Pray for finances to repair the damage to the Orphanage from the boiler explosion.
- Pray especially for Costya’s new church plant as well as the new church plant of Maxim and Slava Grin. All 3 of these young men plan to attend the FBC Mis-sions Conference.



Jarko & Elena Jurik

Pray for:

- Missionary work with the Gyp-sies
- One local couple we need for missionary work in SW Serbia
- The local Baptist community who have become disinterested in missionary work
- Open new churches
- Many people who heard the Gospel during the Christmas season
- New believers in the town-Ruma
- We ask prayer that this year will be more successful than last year

and Elena and I will have more enthusiasm to work for Him.



Michael Stephenson

- Pray as I get all the ministry in-surance payments and paperwork for the Guatemala field com-pleted. Pray all comes in on time with no problems.
- We continue to meet with pastors in the Solola area and a new area around the lake. There are plans to meet with both groups in Feb-ruary. Pray for our time together, that it would be edifying and honoring to God. Also that all are safe in travel there and back.
- Continue to pray for my health and finances.



David & Bethanne Moles

- Praise that Bethanne’s believing nurse who studied for a certifica-tion to continue taking care of Bethanne, passed her test! To complete the certification, she’ll have to do a practical hands-on training during February. After she passes this, we can schedule Bethanne’s ventilator surgery.
- We are grateful to the Lord for the surge of people joining Cru as Part time Field Staff. David

oversees 23 of these staff. This is the largest group in the US. It has opened the door for people to do campus ministry who previously could not have been on our staff. Pray for 20 more to join us in the April-August application period.

- Pray for our children – Emily, Caroline and Matt – to walk closely with the Lord while their mother does valiant battle with her illness.



Arthur & Meg Kraai

- Pray that we’ll be able to get to know our new neighbors and get settled in our new apartment.
- Pray as we both continue to study Japanese.
- Pray for our health in the winter months.
- Pray that Sam can make some Japanese friends his age.



Tommy & Heather Kyle

- Nations of Coaches asks for prayer for 4 new staff members as they raise support, the Final Four planning and preparation

for ministry events and that God will supply 13 new character coaches.

- Please pray for the continuing process to adopt Esmeralda and Jada and prayer for wisdom as we have recently taken a foster baby. Pray we trust God's plan in this!



Scott & Stephanie Nannen

- Praise for the 970 students from 57 countries who attended our Vision Conference over New Years! Almost half attendees were non-believers and 25 were known to place their faith in Christ. We are especially grateful for the 90 students from countries all over the Middle East and North Africa.
- Pray for us to get healthy! Either Scott or Stephanie has been sick for the last three weeks and we are ready to be healthy at the same time!



John & Lois North

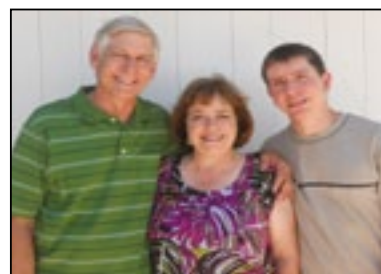
John has just begun a 3 month involvement with all the churches of three cities west of Sydney. He will be developing the pastors in evangelism strategies, preaching in many of the churches but mainly running 6 weeks of evangelism training for believers in these cities, teaching them how to live out their calling from God to those around them. Pray for a real move of God in this region as the believers begin to reach out.

- This month, John has his first of 4 retreats with a group of 15 church leaders that he will mentor for a year. Pray for openness and the beginning of real change in these leaders' approach to ministry.
- Pray for the **Love 'Em Like Jesus** evangelistic outreach at our church that Lois has helped design and lead.



Jim & Nadine Rupp

- We request prayer for Juan. Driving home, he was hit by a taxi in a distant town. A mob forced him to pay a large sum. He had cash that had been given him by the believers for a special purchase and thus lost it. He was able to creep home but will also be facing a large repair bill.



Bill & Linda Parker

- Pray for the leadership of "Mi Refugio" as it changes hands.
- Pray for the healing for our grandson Tobin who has pneumonia
- Pray for a possible work/mission team from FBC, God's guidance, timing and provision
- Also for stamina for the demands of our busy summer months (Dec-Feb)