



# June 2011

## The Can –Do Spirit!

One of the things I like best about the people involved in the StoneBridge Church community is their willingness to try something new. We value our traditions, but we don't make an idol out of them. I have heard so many people and the leaders among us say more than once, "Well, let's try it and see how it goes!" It's a great approach that can lead to so much creativity. If you look around our facility---creativity is being evidenced everywhere. This year, we have enjoyed so much progress in renovation projects and trying some new things. The future here at StoneBridge Church is forecasted to be both exciting and monumental. Keep your eyes and hearts open for more additional changes which are designed to help us become a better missional church both in pleasing and glorifying God—as well as beneficial to those of us who have chosen to worship together. Thanks.... once again..... to everyone who has given sacrificially to the "Blessed to be a Blessing Campaign." *The can-do spirit of our church community continues to inspire me!*

Many have long admired the Native American nations and their understanding about Earth and its inhabitants, both animal and human. The tribal philosophy honors all, plants, creatures, and people—all aspects of the earth and their synchronic movements in the cyclical nature of life. We all have a responsibility to the "greater good."

That was largely the message that Jesus gave us: Love God and love one another.

When we follow His rule, we seek justice, mercy, peace, and reconciliation.

The Old Testament prophet Micah says, "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Jesus respected and honored differences among people. His heaviest criticism was for the members of his culture who put their own desire—their own importance—above the well being of others. He heavily criticized those who used their power to abuse the powerless, or to cause division and strife in relationships, in life in general, or inside the church world. Here at StoneBridge Church we should look beyond our own needs, wants, and customs—to move out of our comfort zones to reach the people who need us. We should always esteem others better than ourselves and to love our neighbors (church family members), like we would want to be loved and treated.

Earlier I wrote how much I loved the can-do spirit of our church. I stated, "*the can-do spirit of our church community continues to inspire me!*" Well it truly does! We can love one another like we should. We can be a ministry of reconciliation and hope. We can fulfil the destiny and purpose God has called us to.... here at StoneBridge Church. Yes we can! Yes We Can!

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Pastor Randy & Charlina Reed



**CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION** will meet Thurs., June 2 at noon for lunch. Jeanette Marshall will be sharing her recent trip to China. For more information contact Beckie Harp at 419.424.5622. Please bring a dish to share.

June 5-11–Seventeen (17) women from Christian Women Connection Western Ohio will be going on a mission trip to Hope Hill Children's Home in Kentucky. Three are from StoneBridge. Thank you for all the beads that were donated for us to take to Hope Hill.

Christian Women Connection "Ladies Game Night" Fri., May 24 at 7 pm. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share, Expect to have loads of FUN:)



**High School Graduate Recognition**

On Sun., June 5 at the 10:45 am service, we want to recognize any seniors that have called StoneBridge their church home. Please contact Pastor Nate by Wed., June 1 with the name of your high school and your post high school plans.



Sun., June 12 at the 10:45 am service. If you wish to be baptized, please sign up at the welcome center in the front lobby.

**SBC Ministry Staff**

StoneBridge Church has been fortunate over the years to have a variety of staff leaders. Our current season of ministry finds us developing our present staff to better serve and meet the needs of our congregation. With many new people now attending StoneBridge along with recent changes within our ministry staff, we thought it would be good to communicate our church staffing responsibilities for your information. We look forward to serving everyone well within our roles as ministry leaders presently and into the future.

*Randy Reed* – Senior Pastor and Visionary Leader for StoneBridge

*Jason Yost* – Executive Pastor and Worship Ministry

*Nate Hultz* – Student and Young Adult Ministries, Greeter Ministry and Connecting

*Elizabeth Hultz* – Children and Family Ministries, Assimilation

*Ruth Steinacker*– Healing Prayer, Pastoral Counseling, Visitation Coordinator

*Georgia Durain* – Office Manager and Administrative Assistant

*Bob Baker* – Facilities and Church Treasurer

**Student Ministries**

- June 1 Youth Center (6 to 8 pm)
- June 8 Youth Center (6 to 8 pm)
- June 12-17 Jr. High Camp (Grades 7-9)
- June 15 Youth Center (6 to 8 pm)
- June 19-25 Sr. High Camp (Grades 10-12)
- June 22 Game night (youth center 6 to 8 pm)
- June 26-July 1 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp
- June 29 Youth Center (6 to 8 pm)



**COLLEGE STUDENTS** If you are a recent high school graduate or a current college age student, we are diving into Crazy Love by Francis Chan this summer. We want you to be part of our college ministry this summer. Contact Pastor Nate for information.