

# FRIENDLY VISITOR

The Newsletter of the Warren Park Presbyterian Church ~ October 2011

## *Pastor's Page*

Some good things are happening at Warren Park. On Thursday, September 29, the Good News Club begins, involving grades K-5, and it will meet weekly from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We are grateful to Hope Prinkey for her leadership in this ministry, along with others who will assist in various ways. Hope has been permitted to advertise in at least one of the public schools, and that it is quite remarkable, in view of the trepidation that some school systems have about anything Christian. This morning in our worship service, just out of curiosity, I asked how many people present came to Christ as a child, and about half the people raised their hands. The Good News Club is such a great opportunity to reach children for Jesus. Those of you who can help in some way and have not contacted Hope, please get in touch with her. All of us, however, can pray, and I want us to bathe this ministry in prayer.

It is a wonderful day when some of our missionaries return to update us on their ministry, and on October 23 David and Debbie Frank, serving the Lord in Spain, will be with us and report on what the Lord is doing in that country. I'm sure you will want to hear them. We are grateful for the ministry WPPC has had on the mission field through the Frank's, and on so many mission fields of the world through the faithful missionaries who have served our Lord through the years of our history.

On October 11 we will have another day of prayer and fasting as we continue to plead with heaven to show us the way into the future. Some of you cannot fast because of health reasons—that's understandable, but, again, we can all pray. Please join with us in the pastor's study at noon that day for intercessory prayer. If you cannot be there physically, we invite you to join with us wherever are. I would like to suggest that some of you former Warren Parkers might pray that same day--it doesn't have to be at noon--gather your family or a small group of those whose lives have been touched by this church, and lift us up to the throne of grace. And if you can do that, let us know either beforehand or afterwards. We would like to have a wide network of prayer going on that day.

In the love of Jesus,  
Hassell Bullock

## Notes from Eric & Hope...

### For Such a Time as This

*"Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. **And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?**" (Esther 4:13-14)*

Queen Esther was a poor, Jewish orphan. But, God had favor on her and raised her up to be the Queen of Persia. However, she was not brought to this position simply to be adorned with exquisite clothes and precious gems. She was brought to use her power and status to keep the whole Jewish race from being killed. Esther was just one person, but her faithfulness to God made the difference in thousands of lives. Think of where you work, where you live, and where you shop. It is no accident that you are where you are. So, ask yourself the same question Mordecai asked Esther, "Who knows but that YOU, one individual, have come to this position for such a time as this?"

### The Chronicles of Narnia Continues....

We very much enjoyed watching The Lion, Witch and The Wardrobe last month. What a great reminder it was of all God has done for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus! In October, we will continue the Narnia series with The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian. Come out and join us October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm! Light refreshments will be provided.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast...

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will resume again on October 8<sup>th</sup>. This has developed into a great time of food, friendship and seeking God together. Men & boys ages 8 & up are invited to join. Pancakes, eggs, and sausage will be served at 9:30AM.

### After School Good News Club Starts September 29<sup>th</sup>!

Starting on September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will hold an afterschool program between 3:30-5pm for children grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Warren Park. Every Thursday, we will have exciting Bible stories, games, songs and snacks.

### *What can you do to help?*

Spread the word to the children in the community, volunteer to be a part of the ministry team, pray for the club, and give of your financial resources. If you have questions or would like more information, call 708-529-8873 or go to our website to download an informational brochure: [www.warrenparkchurch.org](http://www.warrenparkchurch.org).

## Mission Report

**Julie and Elias Madeira** have been living in their new apartment for three months and sent pictures that show a pleasant place on a quiet street in a large diverse neighborhood. A wealthy area is in contrast to local favelas and there are several churches nearby. But the really wonderful news is that they are expecting a baby! They are overjoyed and ask that we pray for a healthy pregnancy. Thanks to all who have prayed with her these past years. They attended a mission retreat and learned their mission board, Action International, will be setting up an office in Brazil. Julie and Elias ask for prayer about a ministry decision; they were asked to consider working in another Action ministry in Brazil. It was not clear whether it was in addition to or instead of their current work. Be in prayer with them to find new ministry partners as finances tighten. Please keep praying for Elias to be granted a visa. They want to come and share what God is doing.

**Gloria Ginn** thanks us for our prayers for the church plant in Medlanky. The ministry team and their families had a mini-retreat last month. The mayor of Medlanky, who encouraged them through all their plans for the new church, was invited to attend the first fall meeting at Sypka community center. It is to be a special outreach as they begin all the other regular activities, Mom's Club, Kid's Club, Dad's and kids gym night, English conversation classes, archery class and of course the English Bible study. Gloria reminisced about where life has taken some of the past leaders of the Bible study; many have married and/or moved to serve in other places. Leaders for this season are Cindy Howard, Mike Young, Gloria and possibly Beth Larson and Sudeepth. At this time there are no Czech leaders. Please pray for these workers and that God would lay it on the heart of at least three Czechs to join the team. God's blessing on all those who will be included in these activities.

**David and Debbie Frank** have worked with the Spanish people for 33 years. They are happy to be involved with them in many ways. The ministry has been building over the years. God has given them the respect and love of many Spaniards here. They are so grateful. Dave and Debbie are committed to continuing the work in Spain for His glory. Ask God to help them meet their financial need. Good wishes and much love are wished to daughter, Tami, and Alex Caruso as they wed on October 8<sup>th</sup>. God's blessing for a fruitful life together.

**John and Sharon Stacknik** thank us for the remembering them in prayer as missionary of the week. John also noted in the *Friendly Visitor* article, "Backward Glances," that he served as pulpit supply in 1986. It reminded him of our long relationship. In August Pastor

Bullock shared his sermon on Psalm 37. That Psalm is a special one for the Stackniks. In 1979 John was walking around a lake in Minneapolis and memorizing that Psalm. That same evening he crossed paths with Sharon, showed her the Psalm and married her ten months later. This August Sharon encouraged him to take a solo trip to Poland to connect with his cousins and family there. He had a good time and many opportunities to share his faith.

Since September **Norman and Gwen Bowman** have been back at Calvary Reformed Church in Orland Park participating in a prayer/counseling ministry called Healing and Helping the Hurting. We look forward to seeing them in November when they will present a program for our Harvest Home Banquet. It will be a good time to catch up on their family news and hear about their ministry in Spain.

Donna Tulach,  
Missions Chairman

*You are invited to the*  
**70<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Home Dinner**

Sunday, November 13, 2011

Crystal Sky Banquets  
7941 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, McCook, Illinois

Musical Program by  
**Norman and Gwen Bowman**

12:30 p.m. Punch and Fellowship      1:00 p.m. Dinner

Please make your reservations by November 4, 2011

Call Jeanette Dajc at 708 865-1432, or Diane Tomcik at 708 562-2362

If you make a reservation and find you cannot attend, please call to cancel

## *October 2011 at Warren Park*

Sundays	Adult Sunday School Class Meets in the Board room	9:00 am
Thursdays	Good News Club Bible stories, songs, snacks, fun Grades K - 5	3:30 to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 4	Women's Prayer Fellowship Share this special time with us (Note the new meeting day)	2:00 to 3:30 pm
Friday, October 7	Neighborhood Movie Night "Prince Caspian" The second Narnia film	7:00 pm
Saturday, October 8	Men's Prayer Breakfast Food, friendship and prayer	9:30 am
Tuesday, October 11	Day of Prayer and Fasting Meet in Pastor's office to pray at noon Or pray where you are	
Saturday, October 15	Combined EPC-WPPC prayer meeting A time to pray for our neighborhood	9:00 am
Sunday, October 23	Pastor Appreciation Day Reception following morning worship	