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“Discipling the head, heart, and hands”

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THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and what does it mean to be a believer in the Gospel and a member of the Kingdom of God?

At Faith Builders we believe and teach that Jesus Christ **was, taught, and lived** the Gospel of the Kingdom of God; **bore to the cross** everything that is opposed to the Gospel of the Kingdom of God; and **arose from the dead** so that people who belong to Satan's Kingdom can become members of the Father's Kingdom and live the Kingdom kind of **life** in the present.

Matthew 4 introduces the Gospel of the Kingdom.

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother. . . . And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. . . . And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them” (Matthew 4:17-24). These verses demonstrate that the Gospel that Christ offers to us is rooted in Christ's understanding of the human condition that he saw and experienced during His life. Christ saw first-hand and fully understood all the pain, temptation, sin, failure, shame, guilt, imperfection, agony, rejection, burden, and affliction that anyone would ever experience. In His suffering and death He bore all this evil to the cross. This is why he can assist us in our temptations (Heb. 2:16-18).

Jesus Christ equips and empowers believers to live the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in the present.

According to Matthew 4-7, Jesus taught: 1) that entrance into the “kingdom of heaven” requires neediness and repentance, 2) that living in the kingdom of heaven with Jesus requires following Jesus, and 3) that a Kingdom of God person lives according to Kingdom of God principles.

Jesus Christ says that a Kingdom of God person is desperate, destitute, deprived, and deficient; these “poor in spirit” people are the only ones who can receive the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. They can receive the Gospel of the Kingdom precisely because 1) they know they do not have it, 2) they know they desperately need it, and 3) they turn away from everything other than Jesus Christ that they depend on to deliver them from their “poor in spirit” condition. Enemies of the Kingdom become friends of the Kingdom by responding to Christ's loving pursuit and receiving Christ as Savior and Lord; this response in turn results in conversion of heart, forgiveness of sins, union with Christ, and being transplanted into the Kingdom of God.

Jesus Christ says that a Kingdom of God person lives in the Kingdom of God now. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near at hand” (Matthew 4:17). The Gospel of the Kingdom is the good news that those who turn from their sins can enter into a “near at hand” kingdom in the present. In answer to the Pharisees question in Luke 17:20ff, “When will the kingdom of God come?” Jesus answered, “The kingdom of God cometh not with observation” (its coming cannot be discerned or observed rationally from a distance on the basis of pre-established evidence) because the kingdom of God and the Son of Man is among or within you; furthermore, neither the kingdom nor the Son of Man can come until the Son of Man has suffered many things and been rejected by this generation. There is more to the Gospel of the Kingdom of God than Jesus' death so people can go to heaven (participate in God's future Kingdom); there is Kingdom **life** to live now. Jesus Christ equips and empowers believers to live the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in the present even

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A KINGDOM COLLOQUY

*January 28, 2006,
9:00 AM-5:00 PM*

Melvin Lehman will present an extended discourse on “Contours of a Kingdom Theology,” a vision for life in the Kingdom of God. Two guest speakers will respond to his theme paper and discuss the issues he raises. The audience will also have opportunity to question or comment.

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Register now for Teacher Workshops!

Teacher Workshops 2005

Encouragement for Teachers

October 15-16, 2005

Teaching is hard work. This weekend is designed to encourage, energize and support the teachers in the trenches.



Saturday

- 9:00 Opening – Steven Brubaker
 9:15 *Stoking Your Passion for Learning, Growing and Teaching*
 ~ Marcus Yoder
 9:55 Groups
 11:00 Workshops
 12:00 Lunch
 1:30 *Reading to Our Students*
 2:20 Workshops
 3:20 Workshops
 4:20 Groups
 5:15 Supper
 7:00 Volleyball
 9:30 Singing in Chapel

Sunday

- 9:15 Opening & Worship
 9:30 Groups
 10:30 *Teaching and Living From the Heart* ~ Marcus Yoder

WORKSHOPS – FBEP and guest personnel will offer several workshops during each of the slots listed.

Steven Brubaker, Gerald Miller – Creative Development I & II*
 Esther Bean – Running a Good Recess
 Melvin Lehman – Teaching the Life Sciences
 Vivian Mast – Organizing Your World
 Marcus Yoder – Teaching Bible
 Marcus Yoder – Teaching History
 Sharon Yoder – Children's Literature in the Classroom
 Milo Zehr – Caring for Troubled Students
 *(long-term teachers only)

Please register for Teacher Workshops by calling Mary Sue Zehr at 814-789-4518.

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as Jesus lived it when He lived in the world. According to Matthew 4, Jesus went about teaching, preaching, and "healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Whether their desperate need included illness, possession by demons, insanity, or paralysis, Jesus healed them all. Christ died and rose again to defeat the enemy of the Kingdom of God in our world today, and believers in the Gospel of the Kingdom participate with Him in the defeat of Satan's Kingdom and in the building of His Kingdom.

Jesus Christ says that you can be a Kingdom of God person today, in this present evil world.

~ Milo Zehr

You are invited to our March Workshop

Developing Vision and Goals for the Local Church

March 18-19, 2006

This workshop is focused on the development of:

- ◆ specific vision for what God wants to do in our local churches,
- ◆ corporate intention for pursuing this vision, and
- ◆ plans for pursuing this vision

Sessions will include vision development and planning strategies for discipleship, worship, shepherding, Christian education, outreach, and community life. **If you plan to attend this workshop, please call the office to register.**

FB Calendar

- Fall Semester** 9/22-12/16, 2005
- Fall Apprenticing begins Aug 22
- Fall Term Classes begin Sept 21
- Teacher Workshops Oct 15-16
- Men's Music Weekend Nov 11-13
- Thanksgiving Break Nov 23-29
- Chorale Program 3:30 PM, Dec 11
- Winter Short Term** 1/2-2/3, 2006
- Orientation 7:00 PM, Jan 2
- January Colloquy Jan 28
- Choir Tour Feb 4-5
- Spring Semester** 2/13-5/18, 2006
- March Workshops March 19-20
- Spring Chorale Program May 14
- Commencement May 19
- Choir Tour May 20-29
- Summer Term** 6/26-7/28, 2006
- College Student Retreat June 29-July 2

Join us for Winter Term 2006

January 3 – February 3, 2006

Invitation: Come for 1, 2, 3, 4 or all 5 weeks of instruction, Bible study, fellowship, and renewal! We extend a special invitation to our church leaders to study and grow with us during this time. Winter Term also offers unique opportunities for older singles and families.

Instructors: Allen Roth, Wendell Heatwole, Milo Zehr, Melvin Lehman, Brandon Mullet, Stephen Russell, and Steven Brubaker.

Courses: Biblical Interpretation and Application, Sermon Preparation and Delivery, Church Planting and Growth, Historical Theology, Menno Simons Seminar, Introduction to Spiritual Formation, Music Fundamentals, Class Voice, Choral Conducting, Anabaptist Theology, Introduction to Worldviews, Modern Church History, and more.

Information: We will send our Winter Term Brochure and Application to everyone on our mailing list by October 15. If you are not on our list and wish to receive an application, email us at fbep@fbep.org or call 814-789-4518.

Testimonies from 2005: "This is an engaged and engaging group of students." "Very stimulating, making me think about what I do and why I do it." "These classes were worth the work." "I enjoyed the variety in ages." "My one week was profitable, and the instructors did well in adjusting us to the class."

Board members of FB

- John Miller, chair (Bourbon, IN)
- Wayne Martin, vice-chair (Wallenstein, ON)
- Sam Bontrager (Middlebury, IN)
- Roy Gingerich (Uniontown, OH)
- Melvin Lehman (Guys Mills, PA)
- Leroy Martin (Latham, MO)
- Reuben Yoder (Free Union, VA)

Service Opportunities at FB

- Kitchen: May, August 2006
- Domestic: Jan 2006
- PCH: Nov 2005; April, May 2006
- Volunteer youth groups to schedule spring projects

Renovation Project

- Constructing concrete foundation and enclosing lower level of little gym: \$35,000-\$40,000
- Volunteer block masons for this fall

Special Projects for FB

- Knotted comforters for single beds
- Ladies' dorms hallway carpet: \$3,000
- West wing office A/C: \$7,000
- Safety lighting in front of dorms: \$1,800 remaining
- Woodshop tools: jointer, planer, router with table, band saw
- Gas-powered power washer

FB INCOME & EXPENSE July 2004-June 2005*

Income	
Donations	\$270,140.23
Net scholarship Income	\$65,075.08
Student Tuition	\$168,983.20
FBCS Income	\$120,912.66
Room & Board**	\$129,491.55
PCH Income	\$93,474.23
Administrative & Other	\$23,961.65
Total Income	\$872,038.60
Expense	
Personnel Expenses	\$478,092.78
Academic Department	\$100,603.41
FBCS Expense	\$36,102.71
Operations	\$48,283.20
Utilities	\$66,003.28
Insurance	\$12,191.00
PCH Expense	\$12,664.10
Administrative/Other	\$41,625.09
Estimated Depreciation	\$52,481.00
Total Expense	\$848,046.57
Net Income	\$23,992.03

* Using unaudited financial data
** Includes internal staff housing

If you misplaced any personal items at our August Teachers Week, please contact our office.

NEWS from Faith Builders

Welcome to...

- ❖ Miriam High, Myerstown, PA, PCH, July
- ❖ Hilda Yoder, Hutchinson, KS, kitchen, Aug
- ❖ Joanne Yoder, Rustburg, VA, kitchen, Aug
- ❖ Libby Turner, Woodburn, OR, student
- ❖ Carolyn Miller, Plain City, OH, student
- ❖ Javan Bender, Mifflinburg, PA, student
- ❖ Janelle Kauffman, Weldon, IA, student
- ❖ Lisa Good, Harrisonburg, VA, student
- ❖ Estalee Martin, Hayward, WI, student
- ❖ Emma Jane Peachey, Mifflin, PA, student
- ❖ Betty Yoder, Hutchinson, KS, student
- ❖ Bettina Yoder, Stanardsville, VA, student
- ❖ Matthew Varney, Guys Mills, PA, student
- ❖ Adia Brooks, Sparta, WI, student
- ❖ Rhoda Hostetler, Chambersburg, PA, student

Farewell to...

- ❖ Lorraine Byler, short-term kitchen help, El Dorado Springs, MO
- ❖ Evelyn McKay, long-standing PCH resident, transferred to another care facility. Her life here was blessed with love from students, VSers, & visitors.

Engagements

- ❖ Lonnie Weaver & Evelyn Glick



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Weddings

- ❖ Wesley Sensenig & Karen Schrock, July 8, 2005
- ❖ Myron Miller & Rosina Mast, July 16, 2005
- ❖ Benji Yoder & Mandi Dove, Sept 2, 2005

Births

- ❖ Glen & Rachel (Kauffman) Zehr, 3rd & 4th children, 1st & 2nd sons, Jayden Robert Santello, May 26, 2005; received for adoption, June 27, 2005; Jackson Milo Tyquan, June 28, 2005; received for adoption, June 30, 2005
- ❖ Lee & Yvonne Nisly, 2nd child, 1st son, Audric Rene, June 7, 2005

- ❖ Kevin & Tish (LeFever) Weaver, 2nd child, 1st daughter, Elsa Ruth, June 21, 2005
- ❖ Ryan & Shari Zook, 1st child & son, Aarick Sean, June 25, 2005
- ❖ Jeff & Phyllis Hobbs, 2nd child & daughter, Janet Jolene, Aug 15, 2005
- ❖ Joel & Barbara (Hoover) Hege, 4th child, 2nd son, Brent Wade, Aug 27, 2005
- ❖ Phil & Lisa Miller, 4th child & daughter, Katherine Sylvia, Aug 29, 2005
- ❖ Richard & RoseAnn Weaver, 5th child, 3rd daughter, Roselle Joy, Sept 6, 2005

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- ❖ Barry & Christa (Wadel) Thrush, 2nd child & daughter, Melissa Renae, Sept 13, 2005

The Faith Builders Library has nearly 12,000 volumes available for student research and reference. We are looking for book donations or auctions. If you know of someone who may be interested in donating or selling books, please contact our office.

Get Involved! If you would like to become a student, register for workshops, or inquire about VS opportunities and other ways to be a part of the FB vision, you can contact us ...

- ☎ **By Phone** 814-789-4518
- 📠 **By Fax** 814-789-3396
- ✉ **By E-mail** fbep@fbep.org
- 📧 **By Mail** PO Box 127, Guys Mills, PA 16327

Response Form

Please check all that apply.

- 1. I want information on a workshop or colloquy. _____
- 2. Please send a copy of your catalog.
- 3. Please correct my address as listed below.
- 4. I am interested in a VS opportunity. Please send an application.
- 5. I would like to make a donation toward _____.
- 6. Please send me information about contributing to student scholarships.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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 Phone: _____ Church: _____
 E-mail address _____

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