Focus Factor News
(youth grades 6-12)
Fred and Pastor Lynne have enjoyed serving as youth leaders during the past 2 1/2 years. They have enjoyed working with our youth and watching them grow in their faith.

They are pleased to announce that Vicki, Chuck and Chris Schubert will be taking over as youth leaders beginning Sept. 14. They love the Lord and our youth and are excited about this new adventure.

The schedule for September
(Sundays 4-5:30 pm in the office building)

Sept. 7—Pastor Lynne and Fred will lead this meeting and introduce the Schubert Family to our youth. We’ll play some crazy, fun getting acquainted games, have a devotion and enjoy some delicious snacks from Joyce Teele.

Meetings on Sept. 14, 21 and 28th will carry the theme “Challenges of being in school and how to keep your focus on God”
On the 14th—ice cream sundaes!
Sept 28—pizza party!

1st “Out in the Community” Worship Service
Sunday September 14 at 10 am
Worship on the front lawn.
(weather permitting)
Chairs and tents will be available. Come and enjoy our first outdoor Worship Service as we praise God in the great outdoors. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special event. Donuts and cider to be served outdoors after the service.

Rally Day/Family Brunch
September 21st.
10am—Worship And Sunday School
A delicious brunch to follow the service.

Sunday School for grades 5 & under continued throughout the summer this year and the Fall curriculum will start on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Grades 5 & younger will be studying the Ten Commandments in a fun and creative way.

Youth who are in Grades 6-12 will begin on Sept. 28th continuing the book, “The Power of a Praying Teen” by Stormie O’Martian. They meet only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Nancy Gove and Dave & Eanne Hahn will be the facilitators.
Small Group Opportunities this Fall

**Bible Study**
Thursday Evenings at 6:30 pm in the church office building.
Studying “Ephesians”

**Choir**
Is a wonderful small group. They practice every Sunday morning at 9 am. See Lorrie Callaghan if you are interested.

**Men’s Morning Out**
September 6 at 8 am in the Church Office Building.
Delicious hot breakfast. Devotion by Fred Hubley especially for men. Losing Prayer. All Men are invited to attend.

**Women’s Morning Out**
on September 13 at 8 am in the Church Office Building.
Delicious hot breakfast, time of sharing and prayer. All women are invited.

**Men’s Fellowship**
Wed., Sept. 24 at 6:30 pm
At the Home of Fred Hubley Pool, refreshments and fellowship.

**Mom’s Group**
Beginning Tuesday Sept. 16 at 10 am in the church office building with child care.
Come and meet with other moms and receive support and encouragement in this awesome calling. We are continuing in our book “The Love Dare For Parents.”

**Book Study**
“The Battlefield of the Mind” by Joyce Meyer
To start October 20

**Study of Spiritual Gifts**
and how you can use them in our church.
Sunday October 19
5:30 Potluck Dinner
6:30-8 pm Workshop

**Book Study**
“What Are You Afraid of?”
David Jeremiah
(sometime this Fall or Winter)

**Welcome Baskets**
Do you know of anyone who has moved to Bradford in the last few months? We would love to give them a Welcome Basket that contains some homemade goodies, information about the town, a listing of local churches and our own church.

**Photographer**
We are looking for someone who has a camera and likes to take pictures of our different ministries and activities. We would love to put more pictures of what our church is all about on our website and face book page.

**Church Library**
Did you know that we have a church library in the office building?
We have lots of great Christian books by authors like Max Lucado and Joyce Meyer. We have videos and much more.
A big thanks to Sheila Denoncourt and Judy Brown who organized the books alphabetically by author.
Stop by and borrow a book or two.
**Trustees Update**

**Food Pantry**
The flood we had on Aug. 13 caused damage to our new cabinets and some of the food supply. We are still working with the insurance company to help with the cost to repair the damage. Thank you to all who have helped us clean-up and get out our regular monthly food distribution.

**Facelift to Office Building**
Painting and scraping the outside of the Office Building (not including the barn), is scheduled to start.

**New Roof**
Kitchen roof and replacing some siding boards, started on Aug. 25th.

**Friendship Room Bathroom**
The new floor tiles and new toilet, are scheduled to be finished by mid September.

**New Audio/Visual System**
Beginning with moving the front speakers in Sept.

*Financing for these projects will come from the income flow off the churches investment fund along with donated funds, not out of the working budget.*

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$2367.72 is needed each week to make our budget. As of August 24, we are **behind by $7,100.58**

**What does your Sunday offering do?** It helps pay for the following:
- Help us carry on Christ’s ministry through this church.
- Heating the buildings
- Electrical
- Phone/internet
- Office expenses: paper, copier, toner, stamps
- Christian education materials including: vacation bible school, Sunday school, group study materials
- General repairs and maintenance on buildings
- Music supplies (sheet music, CD’s, audio/visual equipment)
- Insurance
- Payroll: pastor, music director, youth leader, administrative assistant, custodian
- Missions: ABC/VNH regional and Camp Sentinel including 4 special offerings (Retired Minister & Missionaries, America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission)
- Paper and Cleaning Supply’s for the Church use (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, floor cleaners, Windex, etc.)
September 2014

Dear Members and Friends of FBC

My son Matthew introduced me to a couple of TV shows this summer and I must confess, “I am hooked.” One is called “Property Brothers”. In the show, one of the brothers makes renovations to a couple’s existing home to increase it’s value, while the other brother takes the couple and helps them find their dream home. The other show that I love is called “Love It or List It.” This show involves a healthy competition between a real estate broker who tries to find the couple their dream home. Meanwhile, a designer renovates their existing home hoping the couple will decide to “love it” instead of “list it”.

What intrigues me the most is seeing homes that leave a lot to be desired—transformed into show pieces.

The reason these shows have caught my attention I think, is because I love to see transformation—especially in people’s lives. Our church may be small in comparison to many others, but there is a spiritual maturity here that is amazing. I get goosebumps whenever someone shares their struggles, but can identify God in those struggles and the good that is going to come out at the end. I love to hear people say “my life is a mess right now, but I have God’s peace”. I also love seeing broken people used by God for His glory.

God is truly in the renovation business. As Isaiah 61:3 says. “Beauty for Ashes”. Andy Stanley and Bill Willits, in their book “Creating Community” talk about three components to spiritual maturity.

The first is “Intimacy with God”. Because God desires an intimate relationship with His children, the mark of a spiritually mature person is a person who continually pursues an intimate relationship with Him—intimacy takes time and we have to be intentional about it. More and more people have shared with me that they now start their day in prayer and in God’s word.

Another mark of a spiritually mature person is “community with insiders” The authors point out in “Creating Community” that people who are maturing in their faith are connected with other believers. Spiritually mature believers spend time with other believers encouraging and supporting one another. This occurs in worship, but really in small groups.

The third mark of a mature believer is investing in the lives of unbelievers and inviting them at the appropriate time.

I will continue to watch “Property Brothers” and “Love It or List It” because I love to see transformation. I will continue to marvel at God as a change agent and His ability to transform lives.

Blessings
Pastor Lynne
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Churchward Lorina is a four weight typeface family originally designed in 1996 by New Zealand type designer Joseph Churchward. A personable geometric sans serif, it possesses some of Churchward’s trademark quirkiness but remains highly legible and readable on screen as well as in print. The family includes Light, Regular, Bold and Black. Designers: Joseph Churchward. Source: http://www.myfonts.com/fonts/blhd/churchward-lorina/. Churchward Lorina Light. Churchward's Mu was a huge continent, which stretched from Micronesia in the West to Easter Island and Hawaii in the East. Churchward also believed in a literal mid-Atlantic Atlantis. He proposed a global network of huge gas-filled caverns which, if vented, could cause large areas of land to be submerged. Churchward served with the British Army for thirty years. He claimed that, while posted in India, he befriended a priest ('Rishi'), who revealed to him ancient tablets written in an otherwise unknown language. James Churchward (27 February 1851 – 4 January 1936) was a British occult writer, inventor, engineer, and fisherman. Churchward is most notable for proposing the existence of a lost continent, called “Mu,” in the Pacific Ocean. His writings on Mu are considered to be pseudoscience. Churchward was born in Bridestow, Okehampton, Devon at Stone House to Henry and Matilda (née Gould) Churchward. James had four brothers and four sisters. In November 1854, Henry died and the family moved in with Matilda’s