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## TEAMWORK! (Cont. from pg. 1)

missionaries missing, and kids kidding.

We have a great staff team that I'm proud of and glad to serve with. But, the bulk of ministry is accomplished by volunteer teams. We believe that the ministry belongs to the body – not the professionals. Our staff serve primarily as team-builders and team-trainers. So, you will often hear our team cheers for the ministry: "Every disciple has a ministry. Every ministry has a team. Every team has a leader."

For some time, we have been searching for a team leader to quarterback our disciple making ministries. His envisioned role is to be a coach and trainer for disciple making teams like the Adult Communities, Men/Women's groups and future small groups. The search process itself has been an exercise in teamwork as we've prayed, googled, e-mailed, read resumes and questionnaires, interviewed – but above all sought a united heart and mind. But that's just a small part of the play.

The whole congregation launched this effort in prayer and by adopting the ministry description. It's time for the congregation to team together for a run

at the goal. We are planning to bring Paul Canady to Grand Island for our church's consideration to call as our Pastor of Adult Discipleship, on the weekend of September 10-13.

I invite you take part in the teamwork by:

- \* Praying for God to reveal His will clearly to us, as a church, and to Paul and Mary Lou Canady
- \* Participating in the events scheduled from September 10 – 13
- \* Providing input and insight by communicating with the elders and search team
- \* Partnering to make a decision at a business meeting Sunday, September 13th

What an exciting time to be a part of what God's doing. It's enough to make one want to break into a cheer. I suggest the motto of The Three Musketeers: "It's all for one and one for all!"

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## Teamwork: It's a Beautiful Thing!

by Pastor Mike Neely

Nothing is more beautiful than united teamwork. The center snaps the football. The quarterback takes the snap and with the protection of the linemen he hands the ball off. A block opens a hole for the running back and another block opens the way into the end-zone. The whole team shares the joy and victory. Team work: It's a beautiful thing! It's also what makes church and ministry work. We join each other as we join God at work. It's all

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teamwork.

This congregation is a large team made up of many smaller teams. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through us. In this past year I've seen many beautiful examples of the joy and victory of teamwork. Every week our ministries unite varied skills and diverse roles to serve: directors directing, teachers teaching, singers singing, servers serving, prayers praying, givers giving,

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## Adult Discipleship Pastor Candidate - Paul Canady

During the weekend of September 11-13, 2009, the congregation will have the opportunity to meet and to vote on the official candidate for the Adult Discipleship Pastor position – Paul Canady. The new pastor will be responsible for the adult discipleship ministries of the church: men's and



Paul and Mary Lou Canady. Paul will be here to candidate for the Adult Discipleship Pastor position Septembert 11-13

women's ministries, Sunday morning adult communities (mid-size groups), leadership development, discipleship, and small group ministries. The Search Team (Pastor Mike Neely, William Feely - chair, Kenn Fredrick, Carol Stines, and Tammy Larsen) has been looking for someone who has coaching and mentoring gifts with an obvious love for people. They have sought someone with proven ministry experience as a disciple-maker who builds relationships and networks of disciple-making communities at the mid-size and small group levels.

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## fallstart'09

Start something new this fall. Start new spiritual growth. Start new relationships. Start new life in Christ. Check out the start dates for opportunities for growth for all ages.

Aug 24 -

Women's Bible Studies

Sept 9 - Kick-off for:

Rock Solid 3 yrs - 4th grade

Solid Life 5th grade

Route 6 6th grade

Middle School Free Life

High School Free Life Kickoff

Details and schedules can be

## Rock Solid Family Night September 9th

found at giefc.org or the many fallstart'09 Information Points in the church halls. Browse the flyers and info on the following ministries:

- Children's
- Middle School
- High School
- Women's Ministries
- Adult Communities

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## Rock Solid Kick Off

Rock Solid Wednesday night kids club kicks off the fall with a great night of entertainment and illusion with David and Teesha Laflin. This event is for all K-5th graders and their families at 6:45-8:00 p.m. September 9 in the Worship Center. The church family is encouraged to invite kids and families using the invitation postcards at the Children's table in the Lobby. Child care is available for children up to age 2. Children and their parents ages 3-Pre-Kindergarten are invited to attend "All Aboard Noah's Ark" in the Preschool Suite. This will be a fun time to experience what is in store for the coming year.



## 2009 Short Term Mission Teams

Visit [giefc.org](http://giefc.org) for extended stories, ministry reports, and photos of all three teams



*June Peterson (our missionary), Kevin Hiegel, and Karen Peterson lead teens in a Bible Study near Tolanchinol, Mexico. Construction projects, women's and children's ministries were key points of service from our 9 member team August 1-8.*

*Zambia Team members Nina Strickland and Diana Hofrichter shared the Gospel with students at a school. From June 14-27 the 5 member team was involved in training pastors, Bible School construction, and ministry to national pastors.*



*Our German Mission Team served these students at the Janz Team English camp July 25 - August 10. Six students trusted in Christ as Savior.*

## Growing Latino Ministry

For the past five months fifteen Spanish speaking adults have received individual tutoring by members of our church family. While some of the students possess very basic English skills, others are quite advanced - all have a desire to improve their conversational abilities. More tutors are needed as program point person, Camilla Whitman, is not able to meet all the requests for tutoring.

In the coming months our outreach to this important part of our community will continue to grow. Plans are underway to offer live translation of our worship services later this fall. It is our desire to make the Gospel accessible to all people in the Grand Island area.

## Upcoming Events

- Aug 30**  
Welcome Coffee
- Sept 6**  
Communion  
No Sunday School or Adult Communities
- Sept 9**  
Wednesday Evening ministries begin
- Sept 11**  
Extended Q & A with Paul Canady
- Sept 13**  
Congregational Meeting regarding Paul Canady
- Nov 21**  
All Church  
Fall Community Life Banquet

## Adopting EFCA Statement of Faith Constitutional Proposal

Last summer the Evangelical Free Church of America updated and sharpened our denomination's Statement of Faith. Throughout this summer in the combined Adult Community, we have been reviewing and explaining this confession of faith. It is now time for our congregation to adopt this statement as our own. Our existing constitution is extremely restrictive in allowing us to do so - requiring a unanimous vote from half of our membership.

This requirement was originally written in 1941 for a much smaller membership of 50 or less. It is extremely difficult to gather half of our 368 members in today's world (the largest meeting attendance we have had is approximately 120).

The first reading of a proposed constitutional change will take place at the September 13 Congregational Meeting. The new quorum requirement would fall in line with the Bylaws definition "those present and with the consent of the Church Moderator of the meeting." Amendments to Article 2 (Statement of Faith) can only be changed in compliance with the Evangelical Free Church of America."

### Adult Discipleship Pastor (Cont. from pg. 1)

The Search Team and Elder Board believes that Paul Canady possesses the skills, passion, experience, love for people, and character that we require for this position. Paul has been involved in vocational ministry since 1978. Paul attended Western Bible College in Colorado where he obtained his B.A. in Biblical Science. He obtained his M.A. of Ministry degree at Moody Bible Institute. Although Paul has pastored churches in Colorado, New York, Virginia, and Maryland, he has worked under the umbrella organization of Village Missions, a church planting and maintaining organization that provides pastors for rural and suburban communities in the U.S. and Canada. In essence, Paul was sent to dying churches in order to revitalize them.

Paul is passionate about sharing the Word of God with people - whether in a large group, small group, or one-on-one. He desires to minister where the inerrant scriptures are held in high regard, where the spiritual growth and maturing of the saints is considered a primary responsibility of the church, and where there is a heart to win the lost community and world to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Paul is looking forward to working with a team of pastors.

Although a vocational minister, Paul has volunteered at two adult day care homes over the last 20 years. He ministered to adults through monthly devotions, hymn sings, and counseling.

Paul and his wife, Mary Lou, have four grown children and seven grandchildren. Paul enjoys music, reading, and golfing. They enjoy traveling and motorcycle riding together (Mary Lou enjoys listening to "books" on her iPod while riding).

## They're Going Fast

Perhaps God has provided you with just the right skills and heart for these final ministry needs; but hurry they're going fast!

- Nursery staff for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening
- Nursery toy sanitizers
- Sunday morning Children's Greeters/Check-In Assistants
- Preschool and elementary teachers and assistants for Children's Church and Sunday School
- Preschool Rock Solid Guides
- Wednesday evening Van Drivers
- Teacher Appreciation Committee
- Wednesday evening Security Team

Contact Dawn Feely:  
[dawn@giefc.org](mailto:dawn@giefc.org) or 382-1898.

### Adult Discipleship Pastor Candidate September 11-13

Friday 6:30 - 8:30 pm Entire Church Family  
Extended interaction & questions

#### Sunday

8:15 & 11:00 am Worship Services

Paul Canady will be preaching

9:36 - 10:45 am Combined Adult Communities and Church Family

Condensed interaction & questions

6:30 pm Congregational Business Meeting  
Discussion, Prayer, Membership Voting