

Re: The Bottom Line

Dear Friends of Horizon,

Boil it down. Cut to the chase. Be concise and precise. Helpful as we wade through busy lives.

So, as He addressed folk in the fray and barrage of everyday life, Jesus lays down the bottom line:

“Steep your life in God-reality. Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now.

You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.”

(Matthew 6:33-34, *The Message*.)



Doing the Math. What does this look like in the middle of school, career, family, soccer games, and Illini football? Perhaps it’s simpler than we think. Perhaps all it requires is a shift in perspective...

What if we consider each moment of our lives as a God-moment? At this very hour, what is God up to all around me? And, how am I a part of it? Better yet, how can I *participate* in it?

Suddenly, waking to a new day means God has a purpose for me. Going to school or work becomes much more than a personal pursuit: It becomes my mission from God. Each interaction with another person becomes an opportunity for God to speak to us or through us. Each challenge becomes an opportunity for God to forge and display our character. Each hardship becomes an opportunity for us and others to see God flex and act.

Jesus is calling us to extend our antenna and detect God in the moment. To dial into God’s activity in our immediate vicinity. To make what God is doing, *in our particular context*, our priority and our bottom line.

It takes some practice because we’re pretty fascinated (and often perplexed) by our own interests and involvements. Yet the amazing thing about living in God’s reality is, He takes care of the details along the way—which amazes us all the more.

At New Horizon Church, we’re learning to “steep our lives in God’s reality.” It’s bold, courageous, fun & exciting. And we’d love to include you. As we all begin a new season in our lives, perhaps we could walk in this God-life together.



Growing with you,

Mark Jordan, Lead Pastor

On the HORIZON

September Message Series

“The Burning Ones”



Our Lord Jesus visioned and birthed His Church, and for 2000 years it has spanned the globe and countless people groups. Together, with believers throughout history, we are “*The Burning Ones*”—those whom Christ has called and commissioned to reflect the glory of our Almighty God. Join us for this stirring and encouraging series as we explore our identity and role as part of the Biblical Church.

NH Three-Minute Mission. As our Worship Services are dismissed, won't you use the first three minutes to meet and get to know someone you've never met before? Each of us contributing to NH's *Outward Ethos!*



NH Friend Day 2011! Sunday, September 25

The first of three “Open House” events slated for the 2011/2012 ministry season. We're dialing up our hospitality to receive your friends and relatives as you invite them to a joyful and meaningful Sunday morning worship service. With us again this year,

1000 Generations—a young & energetic worship band that will be long remembered. Afterward, inflatables, lunch, and music on the grounds. *Please be in prayer about who God would have you invite!*

New Horizon Blood Drive September 25th from 8:30am—1pm

Our goal is 30 donations! Each pint of blood donated can save up to three lives! What an easy way to be a hero! If you have questions, please call Norm Davis at 766-1202.



Homes For Haitians ~ October 8th

We will be constructing a Haiti home on NH property on October 8th at 9am! We need volunteers to help that morning and be blessed! More info. to follow. Contact Mike Mueller at mrmueller@landolakes.com to sign up.



Imagine No Malaria 5K Run/Walk September 3, 2011

Quest and Savoy UMC, our sister congregations in the Iroquois River District, will be hosting a 5K run/walk and kids run on **September 3rd** to benefit the Imagine No Malaria Campaign. Every 45 seconds someone in Africa dies from this deadly disease. These aren't just strangers; they include our close brothers and sisters in Liberia. With your help, our Illinois Great Rivers Conference has already raised over \$1 million for this campaign. This is one way you can continue to make a difference. Please consider making a donation or participating in this run/walk to help eradicate malaria. For registration information and race details, visit www.imagenomalaria5k.com or call Quest's church office (217-328-1445).



Care to Join NH? We place our membership at New Horizon by joining NH's "Ministry Team." Together, we hold shared core values, beliefs, and commitments (see our website for descriptions), and we covenant together to serve the mission and vision of our church. Explore membership by joining us for *Ministry Team Training*, **Sunday, September 11**, in the Café, from 12:30 to 5 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please register at www.newhorizonchurch.org/ministry-team-training to let us know you'll be participating.



Outdoor Baptisms at NH! Congratulations to our friends who were baptized in the NH pond on August 28th: *Jennifer Chandler, Regina DeWitt, Sophia Hortin, Skye Little, Robert McCoy, Brenda Mitsdarffer, Abbie Thomas and Emily Engelbrecht-Wiggans.*

Haiti Trip in 2012 ~ Submitted by Doug Berkman

New Horizon will be sending its ninth team to Haiti from **January 28th, 2012 to February 4, 2012**. The team will return to Thor, Haiti, an impoverished area of Port-au-Prince, where we have been building a large Methodist school since 2007. We will stay in the school building, urban camping with cots and cold showers. Activities are tailored to the individual make-up of the team but typically include light construction,



lessons for the kids, bible studies and of course sharing ourselves and the love of Christ. Trip cost will be \$1300 with any extra going towards the project funds. (Please note: February 4th is a tough travel day and we may need to spend a night in Miami, returning home February 5th. Please be flexible enough to make that happen.)

We will order tickets by September 22, 2011. Contact Doug Berkman (ichthys69@gmail.com or 217-721-3345) for more information or to apply to join this moving trip.

Launching on Sunday, October 2, 9:45 AM—“Café Worship!”

We're creating a brand new vibe and atmosphere at New Horizon. During the 9:45 AM Worship Service, we will be simulcasting from our stage and projecting on an 8'x10' screen on the platform in the Café. Attractively dressed round tables will be placed on the carpeted area. Participants will “view” the service in the Café as they enjoy NH's unprecedented hospitality. Our goal is to make the most guest & user-friendly service possible. Perhaps it will be the perfect environment for that certain someone you will invite. *We're presently seeking those to serve with Hospitality & Technology.* Please contact the church office.



Calling all Moms:
Let's join together to...

Get Connected

With Time Out 4 Mom
Small Groups at New Horizon

Time to connect with
God and with other Moms.

On select Fridays, 9-11am

4 more info visit
www.newhorizonchurch.org/time-out-4-mom

Moms get breakfast and a break.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Plency (jplency@nhros.edu)

**Begins on
Sept. 9th**
(12:00pm - 1:00pm)



New Horizon to Israel January 31 to February 9, 2012

We're beginning to set our faces towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)! Only six months until departure! Still time for you to register and join our “Trip of a Lifetime” as Pastor Mark and Denise host our professionally guided tour in the Holy Land. Please see our website for details.



It's Coming October 18-24: NH Church Picture Directory!

What a great way to get to know others at New Horizon! It's free, it's painless, and any pictures you order will be available before Christmas! Olan Mills will do our photography and produce our directory. You will schedule a sitting on our website, and order pictures on site. There is no obligation to buy, and for your sitting you will receive a free Church Directory and 8x10 color print. *Open to all who consider NH their church home!*



Calling all Women:
Let's join together to...

Get Healthy

with Body & Soul
Fitness Ministries

Morning Workouts
9-10am M & W
Starts 8/29

Evening Workouts
7-8pm M & Th
Starts 9/8

All classes meet at New Horizon
no need to pre-register! You can
find out more from Sara Easter
(easters97@sbcglobal.net)





“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said... Matthew 14:28-29a

One of my favorite stories from the life of Jesus is the miracle of Him walking on water. You can read it for yourself in Matthew 14:22-33. It’s one of my favorites for a couple of reasons. The first is that walking on water just seems so cool. Imagine being one of the disciples, out on the choppy waters, and you see Jesus walking towards you in the midst of the waves. That’s just awesome. The second reason is because of Peter. Peter had enough faith to step out of the boat and walk on water as well. Sure, his faith faltered and Jesus “immediately reached out his hand and caught him” (Matthew 14:31). But here’s the thing with Peter, at least he got out of the boat.








This fall semester at Axis we are challenging our students to be “water walkers.” In fact, that’s the very title of our September message series: “Water Walkers.” We believe that God really does call each of us to do the impossible, to get out of the boat, and step out in faith – trusting that God has amazing things in store as we place our faith in Him. Pray for us as we enter this exciting and challenging season of walking on water with Jesus. Pray that each student and volunteer would be willing to step out of their own boats of comfort and dare to walk in the places that would be impossible without Jesus. I’d invite you to pray that prayer for yourself as well. This fall, may each of us step down out of the boat, and see where our miraculous and marvelous God leads us.





By fantastic grace,
Dave Plemons, Director of Student Ministries

MEN OF NEW HORIZON. Please place some upcoming men’s events on your calendar!

- **P.I.T.—Pastor’s Intercessory Team.** Men of NH, join with Pastor Mark for breakfast and fellowship on **Saturday, September 24**, at 7 AM. Learn about our upcoming Men’s Events, and how you can pray daily for Pastor Mark. Please contact Craig Bergschneider at berkies@comcast.net if you are interested in joining us!
- **2011 Men’s Steak-Out!—Friday, October 14.** It’s back and awesome! **6 PM**—“Man Games” in the Worship Area (washers, bean bags, bocce ball, etc.) **7 PM**—Grilling begins! Bring your own steak, chicken, kabob, fish, etc., and stand in the smoke with your brothers. Grills provided. **8 PM**—Guest Speaker, Roger Lipe, SIU Saluki Chaplain and Director of FCA for Southern Illinois. *A great event for inviting friends!*
- **Men’s Winter Retreat—January 20-21, 2012.** The dates have been set for our inaugural, annual, church-wide, all-in, off-site, NH Men’s Retreat! Huge fellowship, eats, and encouragement for men of all ages. Details to follow.
- **Iron Sharpens Iron—Regional Men’s Event at NH.** NH is a host site for *ISJ* on **Saturday, April 21**. This regional event seeks to draw 400+ men from our area. *The men of NH will serve our brothers in various ways throughout the day.* Watch for registration details.


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2011</h1>						
4 Worship 8:30, 9:45 & 11:10am	5 Labor Day  Office Closed	6 ○	7 Body & Soul 9-10am Power of Prayer (POP) 5:30-6:30pm DISCIPLE Orientation 6:30pm Axis 6:30-8:15pm	8 	9 Time Out 4 Mom 9am ○	10 Women in Prayer 7:30am Imagine No Malaria 5K Walk/Run
11 Join the Church Worship 8:30, 9:45 & 11:10am Health & Wellness Ministry Team Training 12:30-5pm John's Friends Kick Off 1pm-3pm	12  Body & Soul 9-10am Body & Soul 7-8pm Scout Troop 314 7-8pm	13 ○	14 Body & Soul 9-10am POP 5:30-6:30pm Dinner 5:45-6:15pm ROCK 6:30-8pm Axis 6:30-8:15pm	15  John's Friends 6:30-8pm Body & Soul 7-8pm	16 	17 Women in Prayer 7:30am ○



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25	<p>Friend Day</p> <p>Worship 8:30, 9:45, & 11:10am</p> <p>Blood Drive 8:30am-1pm</p> <p>○</p>	<p>26</p> <p>○</p> <p>Body & Soul 9-10am</p> <p>Body & Soul 7-8pm Scout Troop 314 7-8pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>○</p>	<p>28</p> <p>○</p> <p>Body & Soul 9-10am</p> <p>POP 5:30-6:30pm Dinner 5:45-6:15pm ROCK 6:30-8pm Axis 6:30-8:15pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>○</p> <p>John's Friends 6:30-8pm Body & Soul 7-8pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p></p>	<p>For the complete calendar of all events at New Horizon, visit www.newhorizonchurch.org/calendar</p>

Special Guest Worship Band
1000 GENERATIONS
9.25.11
8:30, 9:45 & 11:10
New Horizon UMC
www.newhorizonchurch.org

Key: (see page 10 for details)

 This day is covered in prayer!

○ This day is available for prayer!

Looking Ahead:

Café Worship ~ Oct. 2

Men's Steak-Out ~ Oct. 14

Teacher Appreciation and Bible Giveaway ~ Oct. 16



Real Opportunity for Community for Kids

Begins Wednesday, September 14th 6:30-8PM

R.O.C.K. (Real Opportunity for Community for Kids) is our small groups for kids from kindergarten through fifth grade. We meet together to worship, pray, talk and play as we develop our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus each day of our lives.

During our Fall semester, we will be untangling the fear knots of children's most common fears and show them how God can help them to fear knot based on Joshua 1:9. Visit www.newhorizonchurch.org/adventureland to register!



R.O.C.K. is made possible by a dedicated group of adults desiring to see kids benefit from small groups that help them join Jesus on the adventure of a lifetime. If you are interested in serving at R.O.C.K. please contact Jennifer at 359-8909 or Jennifer@newhorizonchurch.org.



The Great Big Bible Giveaway ~ Sunday, October 16th

If your child is in third grade this school year, we would consider it an honor to present them with their very own NIV Adventure Bible on October 16th. Please email your child's name as you would like it to appear on the Dedication page and which service you will attend that Sunday to Jennifer@newhorizonchurch.org.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday ~ Sunday, October 16th

The adults, students and children of New Horizon are all richer in their knowledge of God and their ability to follow him because of the teachers, helpers and servants who dedicate their time and talent to this endeavor. We'd like you to join us in honoring them on Sunday, October 16th at all three services.

Jennifer Meteny, Director of Children's Ministries



Reach out to your community. Change a life. Be a mentor. Making a difference in the life of a child takes one hour a week! One to One mentors meet with their mentees during the school day, on school grounds, when school is in session, spending time playing games, reading, walking and talking. Want to learn more? Visit the One to One Mentoring website at

www.cu1to1.org or contact Sara Easter at 355-8449 or eastersa@champaignschools.org. New mentor trainings are coming up Thursday, September 29th and Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY ~ Submitted by Barbara Tuck

Have never read the Bible? Know your Bible well? Want to know more about God? Then DISCIPLE Bible Study Is For You! Come to **DISCIPLE Orientation on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30pm** to learn about New Horizon's morning and evening Bible Study classes. The Orientation-Informational meeting in Room 100 is immediately followed by the first Class Organizational meeting for all who choose to take a DISCIPLE class. You will receive your manual and first homework assignment. Attendance at Orientation does not obligate you in any way. Bring some friends!

DISCIPLE I – 34 weeks – Read most of the OT / All of the NT

Monday am– Led by Mary Jo Miller, Vicki Keller and Alli Moser

Monday pm– Led by Barbara Tuck and Tom Grove

Wednesday pm– Led by Marianne Nixa, Craig Bergschneider, and Andy McClure

Thursday pm– Led by Skip Binch and Joanne Miller

After completing DISCIPLE I, the following classes may be taken in any order:

DISCIPLE II – 32 weeks – Monday – Genesis/Exodus and Luke/Acts

Led by Sara McGovern and Bill Weiss

DISCIPLE III – 32 weeks – Monday – Prophets and Letters of Paul

Led by Margaret Schrock, Aaron Moser, and Jeff Courson

DISCIPLE IV – 32 weeks – Monday – O. T. Writings (Psalms, Proverbs, Ruth, Esther, etc) and John/Revelation Led by Shirl Bily and Marsha Grove

If you cannot attend the Orientation/First Class Meeting please notify Barbara Tuck at 359-1904 or Tuck601@comcast.net and a place will be reserved for you!

Childcare for Orientation/First Class Meeting and for the year's classes is provided by reservation only. The cost is covered by those using childcare. For reservations, email Deb Wonderlich at the church office (deb@newhorizonchurch.org) with your child's name and age by September 1st.

Lesson 1 for all classes begins the week of September 12. The morning class meets from 9:00-11:30am, and most evening classes meet 6:30-9:00pm. Register for classes at www.newhorizonchurch.org, at the Café DISCIPLE table, or contact Barbara Tuck.

Our Staff is here to help you. Feel free to call on us.

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 5 pm

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John's Friends ~ Submitted by Mary Ann Matthews

Many people at New Horizon are aware of our group, John's Friends, but I wonder if most know what we do? With the new school year starting it is a good time to build awareness, perhaps attract new participants and new volunteers.

John's Friends is a time for children with special needs to get together and enjoy the small group setting experience. It started when one of our participants needed a place to be while his mom attended Disciple class. I volunteered to be the first teacher as my son, John, needed a small group. The first night, John and Russell played Lucky Ducks on the floor. While we didn't play a lot of active games the first night, God blessed us, and has continued to do so. Under Barbara Tuck's leadership, it took off and many professionals wanted to help. We had five to eight participants each week. This fall we begin our seventh year.

Would you help get the word out about John's Friends? We provide respite care for families of kids with special needs. More importantly, we share Christ each week and see God work in our lives, just like any other small group at New Horizon. Please take a brochure located near the Welcome Center and pass it on to families who might like to visit. The **John's Friend's Kick Off Party** is **September 11th** from 1-3pm! Starting **September 15th** we will meet each Thursday in room 100 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM through the school year. Please contact Mary Ann Mathews at inheiry@yahoo.com for more information.

365 Days of Prayer ~ Many have signed up to pray for New Horizon *one day* during this year. If you're interested, check out the calendar on pages 6 & 7 to see which dates are still available. A prayer guide can be made available to you! To sign up or get information, contact Karen Leonard at leonard@pdnt.com.

Small Groups Update ~ Submitted by Teresa Pratt

Circles are better than rows. In a recent message from Andy Stanley, Lead Pastor of North Point Community Church in Atlanta, GA, Andy talks about how we can all expect to stumble. We all fall down...it's a part of life. It's really easy to stumble away from the faith if we are sitting nameless in a row on Sunday mornings.

Jesus says that stumbling blocks are inevitable (Luke 17:1)...things that cause us to sin are bound to come. Difficult times, times that we don't want to listen to family & friends, the busyness of life...happen. So when we stumble...who is there to pick us up?

Face-to-face circle time is best for growth, accountability, a sense of belonging, and caring for each other. King Solomon said it well in Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10: *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If one falls down, his friend can help him up....vs 12: a cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*



What better time to join a small group than right now, this September? Groups are gearing up for the fall semester. Visit the small group interactive website at www.newhorizonchurch.org under "Find a small group." Or stop by to talk to a small group coach near the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings...because **circles are better than rows!**

Applying Bible Principles

We've all heard the expression, "Money talks." That's true. Money does talk. Oh, not in words or phrases that constitute a language, but money talks. Because it is valuable to us, how we use it communicates volumes to those about us. People tend to spend their money on things that are important to them. With the exception perhaps of taxes, all of us vote with the contents of our purses, wallets and checkbooks concerning what means the most to us.

In fact, we could even go so far as to say that a person who does not spend money on something which is supposedly very important in his or her life really does not place much value on that item or activity. Suppose for a moment that you think "little league" baseball for kids is very important. You talk about it wherever you go. You attend the games. You enroll your own children in the program. But when someone calls you to ask you to be a sponsor of a team, or when someone "passes the hat" at a game to pay for equipment, you refuse to participate.

Would you not agree that an impartial observer of such behavior would conclude correctly that little league baseball really does not mean much to you? Your lack of financial support would outweigh the other positive aspects of your attendance, enthusiasm and participation.

The same thing is true in the spiritual realm. It is one thing to talk about Christianity. It is yet another to demonstrate our faith by how we use the money which God has entrusted to us. And that is especially true in our support of the ministry of New Horizon United Methodist Church. As someone said recently in one church just before the offering was received, "Lord, in spite of all we say and do, this is what we think of you."


Or as the Lord Jesus put it, "... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

NH Futuring Campaign—Spring, 2012. The Spring of 2012 will bring a Futuring Campaign to New Horizon. By God's grace, NH is experiencing a season of growth and vitality. In the past year, attendance is up by 20%, we've baptized nearly 50 people, and our membership has increased by 10%. As our church moves into 2012 and beyond, each of us will be asked for a three-year financial commitment to intentionally forward New Horizon's mission. Please be prayerful for our leadership as we plan to officially launch NH's Futuring Campaign.

Financial Update

Thank you for your generous gifts! What you give makes an eternal difference.

July		2011 Year to Date	
General Fund Receipts —	\$78,059.20	General Fund Receipts —	\$489,775.79
General Fund Disbursements—	\$66,706.51	General Fund Disbursements—	\$465,979.31
General Budget Surplus —	\$11,352.69	General Budget Surplus —	\$23,796.48
Principal Loan Balance on building —			\$1,124,762.54
Principal Loan Balance on new addition—			\$1,586,926.21
		Total—	\$2,711,688.75

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