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# Family Voice

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*"Do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."*

## Freedom Message



Freedom is dangerous in the hands of those who don't know how to use it. That's why criminals are confined in prisons with barbed wire, steel bars, and concrete barriers. Or consider a campfire that is allowed to spread in a dry forest. It quickly becomes a blazing inferno. Unchecked freedom can create chaos. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Christian life. Believers are free from the law's curse, its penalty,

and its guilt-producing power. Fear, anxiety, and guilt are replaced by peace, forgiveness, and liberty. Who could be more free than one who is free in the depths of his soul? But here is where we often fail. We use freedom's luxury to live selfishly, or we claim ownership of what God has merely entrusted to us. We slip into patterns of self-indulgent living, especially in affluent societies. The proper use

of freedom is "faith working through love" to serve one another. When we rely on the Spirit and expend our energies on loving God and helping others, the destructive works of the flesh will be restrained by God. So let's always use our liberty to build up, not to tear down.

*Dennis De Haan*

**Freedom doesn't give us the right to do what we please, but to do what pleases God.**

## Pastors Corner

### Love at Fox Valley Church

This summer, two of our church members are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" is the only way one can stay loving that long in this world's tough time," they say. Through the assistance Jesus faithfully brings, years can remain filled with acts of care and love that make life worthy of celebration. As we start a new officers' year and a new year of living together as church

family, these words can help us consistently fill our church life with caring and loving acts towards each other that will make this year worthy of celebration. Living with Jesus every day, we can consistently act caringly and lovingly to all—as we would be treated—the golden rule (Mat 7:12). This is shown by not harming each other through attitudes, words and actions; but building each other up in spirit, truth, and love; and by lovingly holding each other accountable in these matters. It may sound trite, but the words of Jesus are no less true

today than they were when he said them: "by your love will all know you are my disciples" (John 13:35), and "without me, you can do nothing (John15:5)". There can be no health, growth, unity, or life, without love; and there can be no love without connection that enables us to consistently have the acts of care and love to each other that will make this year worth celebrating. So, "Let us Ever Walk with Jesus!"

Pastor Sam

## Let's Get Acquainted



Jordan Grapentine

Jordan Grapentine has attended Valley New School, a student-driven, project-based, charter school in Appleton. She will be starting college at UW-Green Bay majoring in psychology and business this fall.

At Valley New School, Jordan has been a co-facilitator of a Teen Talking Circles group, which has met weekly for two-hour sessions. Members gain effective listening skills while listening to others life experiences, and alternately, learn to speak openly about their experiences in a safe environment. Of Teen Talking Circles, Jordan says, "Overall it has been an uplifting, life-changing experience for everyone involved."

Her mother has had a profound effect on Jordan's life by being compassionate, forgiving, and hardworking. Jordan's advisor, David Debbink, has taught her how to set and reach realistic goals. Also, her boss, Jackie Dahlke, has stressed the importance of understanding differences of others and how to make good decisions in difficult situations.

Jordan loves spending time with friends, reading, shopping, and listening to music.

## Do You Experience Fireworks In Your Marriage?

by Dr. Gary Chapman

Soon it will be the Fourth of July and fireworks will fill the skies. But I want to ask you a question: Will there be any fireworks in your marriage?

I'm not talking about arguments. I'm talking about romantic love. What many couples do not understand is that romantic love has two stages.

The first is the euphoric stage that we normally call *falling in love*. No effort is required. We are swept along by our emotions.

But the second stage is *covenant love*. It requires effort and information. We must first know how to express love in a way that will touch the heart of our spouse. Then we must choose to do it.

I call it learning to speak the *love language* of your spouse. When you speak their love language, there will be fireworks in your marriage.



## Avoiding Misuse of Boundaries

By Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend

Over the years, we have become concerned about misunderstandings about boundaries within the marriage relationship. Our concerns generally stem from one spouse's misusing the role of boundaries in the marriage.

**Misuse of boundaries often results in increased alienation instead of increased love.**

Here are some examples:

- \*A wife whose first and only boundary is to divorce her husband.
- \*A husband who controls his wife but calls his actions "setting boundaries"
- \*A wife who uses consequences and withdrawal to get revenge on her husband
- \*A husband who excuses his rage attacks by saying he is simply being truthful

These are all grievous misunderstandings of what the Bible teaches about becoming a righteous, responsible, free person, a person with

good boundaries. Boundaries were not designed to end relationships, but to preserve and deepen them. With couples, boundaries are ultimately for working within the marriage, not outside of it.

**Boundaries are not about an escape from suffering, nor an escape from responsibility.**

**Boundaries in a marriage seek to change and redeem the relationship**

Taken from [Boundaries in Marriage](#) by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Published by Zondervan Publishing.

## Fox Valley Family News



*Family members Bob & Carol Buchholz are thankful to God for 50 wonderful years of blessings on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those blessings included three children: Robert, Jr. (Robb); Renee; and Renann. Also a daughter-in-law Jody, and son-in-law Barry Burgard. They have been blessed with seven grandchildren: Robert III, Katie, Ryan, Amberly, Zachary, Crystal & Naomi. Also two step-grandsons, Jamie (wife Anne) and Blake and three great step-grandsons; Benjamin, Jack, and Augustus.*

*In the early 70's, Bob & Carol were given the gift of eternal life for which they are forever grateful to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*"God who has called you into fellowship with His son Jesus Christ our Lord is faithful." 1 Corinthians 1:9*

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

### More Family News

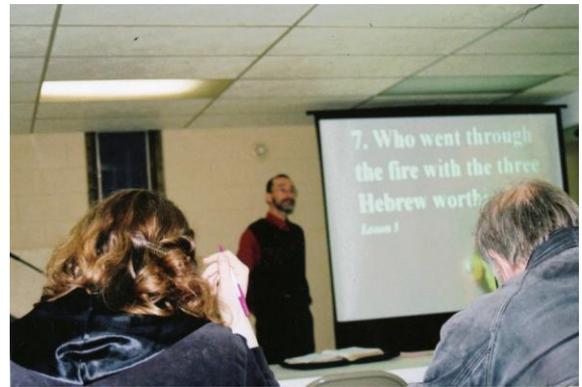
### Daniel Bible Prophecy Seminar



Nineteen folks from around the community attended the seminar. Many are interested in a Revelation seminar. We thank all who participated and those who helped to make it a success as it took many hands and many prayers. A special thank you to the shut ins that prayed faithfully every day. As the saying goes, "You can always pray." We are grateful to the Lord for you!



Registration – Sandy Ritzke & Marge Foreman



Teacher – Pearo Ackles



Children's very own seminar



Teacher – Pastor Samuel

More Family News (continued)



Baby dedication of Levi Van Deslunt Presented by his parents Todd & Terrena



Prayer of Dedication for Levi by Pastor and Elders



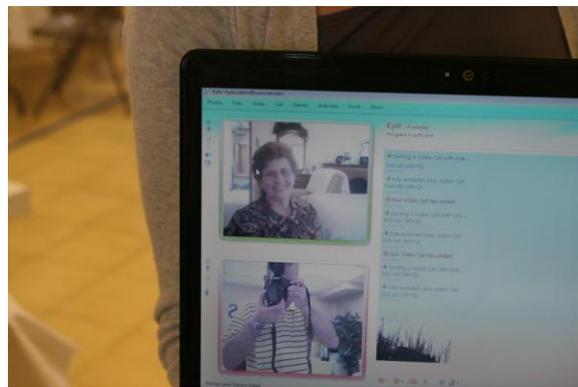
Presentation of gifts from church family



Baby Shower for Baby Boy Hunts parents



Kendra and Alex Hunt, parents-to-be



Kendra's mom joined via technology



**SUMMER GOSPEL MUSIC SOCIAL**



Rosana Fiorazo and Band



Member of the Band



Husband Dave Fiorazo



Reflect – Daniel & Catherine Lovett



Alyssa & Garry and guests worshipping



Children having fun during concert as well as the adults participating in the tent.



Until Glory – Theresa Rose & Aaron Hamous were responsible for organizing the event

Thank you Aaron & Theresa – great job!!!