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The Mission:

This church exists by the grace of God for the glory of God, which shall be the ultimate purpose in all its activities. This church glorifies God by exalting Jesus Christ through our worship, by loving Jesus Christ through our commitment, and by becoming like Jesus Christ through our service. Embedded in this worship:

- Making disciples, equipping the saints in Bible instruction and study
- Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching and personal evangelism and other means consistent with the teachings of the Holy Spirit
- Encouraging, supporting and participating in mission work, local, domestic, and international
- Administering the ordinances of baptism and communion; encouraging Biblical fellowship among believers
- Serving other individuals, families, and churches by providing for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in the name of Jesus Christ
- Calling fellow churches to Biblical faithfulness and purity through instruction and encouragement about the nature of the local church

In the months leading up to The Landing's first anniversary in 2018, it became clear to the growing faith family (and perhaps to our neighbors in Proctor) that we needed more space. As Pastor Brent Nelson, the elders, and the congregation prayed about how to manage our growth, our burgeoning ministries—and our parking—God has answered with guidance and opportunity.

Following the discovery of another smaller congregation looking to downsize from their large building, a unanimous vote by church members in two congregations, and a successful capital campaign called "Casting the Net," The Landing is now anticipating a move to our new building on the Skyline Parkway bordering Duluth and Proctor. Pastor Brent observed that "his guidance to the Skyline property was multi-angled and clear. Like a strong magnet gathering metal filings to itself, God's glory orients all practical questions, both small and large, upon himself and his Son."



The Casting the Net capital campaign was conceived out of a biblical philosophy of church finance, carefully approached by The Landing's church leadership, and carried out by a team of church members called the Future Facility Team, who have been working for many months under the guidance of the elders and pastors. "We adopted the frequently-taught biblical themes of God's generous supply for

all that he commands; God's promise to multiply loaves and fishes to become a crowd-feeding banquet; God's giving of wealth for deployment into kingdom ministry, and the permission to borrow, but with careful guidelines: swift repayment, no usury, etc." Pastor Brent also noted that in addition to biblical guidance provided by elder oversight, the Future Facility Team benefited from expertise in banking, marketing, real estate, development, and construction.

After considerable research, negotiations, designing and planning, a financial

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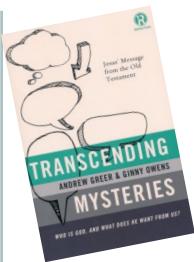
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In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that
beautiful shore!

Our New "Shore" May 5, 2019

The Dog-Eared Page

by Cherie Filmore



Transcending Mysteries: Who Is God, and What Does He Want from Us?

Andrew Greer and Ginny Owens

Thomas Nelson, 2015

I originally picked this book up at a concert where Ginny Owens was playing. At a tiny venue in Walker, Minnesota, a small church where she and Michael Card were ministering. I had been a Ginny Owens fan from the beginning of her career and always found her songs to be inspiring. So when she spoke in between songs and mentioned that she had just co-written a book with another musician friend, I was really curious.

This book is technically a study that seeks to make sense of Old Testament accounts for young adults who get excited about Jesus and the New Testament, but struggle with who God is according to the Old Testament. They do a nice job of showing how the interactions of God the Father with his people are loving and still relevant today.

Part of the problem is probably not spending a lot of time in the Old Testament; so one positive thing about this study is that it gets people into the Old Testament.

The study is eight chapters long and covers topics such as fear, prayer, mercy, grief, and obedience. It is set up around Old Testament passages and woven through with personal narratives of the authors. The authors are both accomplished singers and songwriters. The lyrics to their songs are found at the end of each chapter with a corresponding idea. They have both grown in their walks with God through the difficulties in their lives and the lives of those they love, and they have shared these lessons with us through theirs songs long before they wrote this book. At the end of each chapter is a series of questions that can be used to draw out a small group study. I would say that high school on up would find this book appealing. It would be a great read for someone new to the idea of studying God's word or someone who isn't as fond of reading and likes lots of stories to keep them interested. It isn't a difficult read and I found some good insights.

Landing Larder

Thai-Style Pulled Pork

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup red curry paste
- 1/8 cup Asian fish sauce
- 3 tbsp. dark brown sugar
- 1 cup cilantro stems
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 large shallot
- 1/2 stalk of lemon grass (inner light green and white parts)
- 1 tsp. turmeric

Method:

Throw all ingredients in crock pot and cook on low 5-8 hours. Shred pork along with all seasonings and serve on a bun with cucumber slices, red onion, cilantro leaves, and basil. (For heat, add one Thai bird chile.)



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Recipes from Cherie Filmore

Bangkok Mall Pasta

Ingredients:

- 4 oz. spaghetti noodles
- 2 oz. tin of anchovies in oil (save oil)
- 2 tbsp. pressed garlic (about 4 cloves)
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper
- 1/4 large poblano pepper (For more heat substitute 1 tbsp. minced Thai bird chile with seeds.)
- 1 1/2 tbsp. oyster sauce
- 1 1/2 tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 tsp. sugar
- Pinch of white pepper

Method:

Boil pasta to al dente. While water is boiling, sauté garlic and peppers. Finely chop anchovies. Drain pasta. Drizzle with a bit of olive oil. Add anchovies, saved oil, sautéed garlic, and peppers, oyster sauce, soy sauce, sugar, and white pepper.

When I made this recipe, I quadrupled it and added sautéed sugar snap peas. I also stirred in a batch of Thai pulled pork to add protein.

*Jesus, keep me near the cross, / There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream, / Flows from Calv'ry's mountain. ("Near the Cross," Fanny Crosby)*

Marriage Builders

Marriage Builders is gathered to discuss Tim Keller's book *The Meaning of Marriage*. We have met four times thus far, being led by two very seasoned and gracious leaders on the topic of marriage. After 49 years of experience, they are still learning! We are following the book, pulling out the meat, and discussing the biblical teaching and applied experience from each chapter.

This book, to me, is more about life and relationship to God and people than marriage: God has brought Joe and I together through prayer, He has called us individually, and He has kept us together and therefore continues to be central in our marriage. This book helped bring us to this realization and deeper meaning as to what God intended for marriage written clearly in His Word.

We have discussed how we have had to learn to focus on the "other," to look beyond ourselves, and to surrender to God and submit to one another. Both husband and wife are under God's direction and authority. Our marriages are then to reflect Christ and the church. Thus we discussed the importance of praying together and maintaining unity in the marriage and family. We need to learn how to give and receive from one another so that roles are not hindered—the husband's main role as servant leader and the wife's as strong helper. This is done in love and truth pointing one

another to Christ and desiring the best for our spouse. It takes humility and commitment while learning from Christ to fulfill the roles in the marriage covenant, the covenant we entered into on our wedding day before God and witnesses.

~Dorothy Savers

It has been a true blessing to get together with a great group of people for Marriage Builders class while studying Tim and Kathy Keller's *The Meaning of Marriage*. What I think is so enlightening about the book and coordinating short discussion videos is that it speaks to both Christians and non-Christians on the all-encompassing importance of understanding things like gender roles, expectations, sex, communication, and friendship, just to name a few. The study has been an encouraging opportunity to gently remind me and my husband how crucial it is to apply biblical principles to strengthen the foundation of our marriage. Not only is the class fun, but it's a comfortable and safe place to share thoughts and ideas on the subject matter and has been very inspirational.

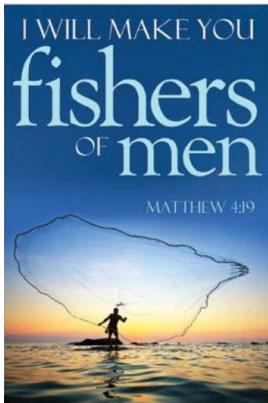
~Angie Hayes

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goal for the Casting the Net campaign was to raise half of the total cost (\$820,000) of purchase and renovation of the new property. Pastor Brent: "We had received much wisdom from other similar God-centered churches that asking for half—or \$410,000—was a viable

prayer goal to shoot for when launching a faith promise campaign. Even that amount seemed like a lot to me, but we all sensed God leading us to pray for that amount." And when the congregation learned on March 10 that they had exceeded that goal by more than \$100,000? "We were all speechless with wonder and worship!"

Pastor Brent reflected on the sense of confirmation among members of the faith family at The Landing that the congregation can continue to respond to God in faith, pursuing "the vision of God's glory and the gospel" in our structure, leadership, and ministries. He noted that there will be ongoing projects as the new building is adapted in response to ministry opportunities emerging from prayer and the growing congregation's giftings and calls to service. "A timeline, budget, and vision for all these projects must be developed and team leaders to carry them out. Also, the wider structure of Elders, Deacons, Team Leaders, and communication tools and spiritual growth all suggest themselves as areas for concentrated effort and prayer to plant the seed of the Biblical mandate and cry out to God to mercifully grant the increase (I Corinthians 3:6)." May we all join in this prayer!



"Disciple-making" Training by Heather Ross

Jesus tells His disciples in Matthew 28:16-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age" (ESV). What a tremendous privilege it is to be a disciple of Christ! He calls us, redeems us, sends us, and promises His very presence as we go.

Disciple-making is something we have been diving into deeply on Saturday mornings here at The Landing. Bill Teten has been leading a Discipleship Training Class that has been both encouraging and challenging.

What is a disciple? Why make disciples? How do we make disciples? How do we share Christ with those around us? Bill has provided Bible-saturated, gospel-centered, and practical answers to these questions and others. We have talked about how essential Bible-intake, Scripture-memory, prayer, fellowship with believers, and evangelism are to our walk with Christ. The session on evangelism left me equally burdened for the lost as well as emboldened to proclaim Christ to my family, my neighbors, and the nations. Ending that session, Bill said this: "When we are enthralled with the Savior, we can't help but tell of him." Oh, how true that is.

In the coming weeks, we will explore the steps following evangelism—the process of discipling a new believer. What a joy it is to be engaged in the work of Christ, enabled by the power of Christ, for the glory of Christ! Here is the call of disciple-making: Come with me as I look to Christ and may we hope in Him together.

Events & Announcements

- **Men's Bible Study** on **Tuesday mornings** at The Landing at **6:30am**.
- **Women's Bible Study** Book study *Let's Study James*. Two groups will meet. One meets Wednesday mornings (9:30am) at The Landing and the other meets Thursday evenings (6:30pm) at Lori Steward's.
- **Women's Tuesday Prayer** alternating mornings 10:00am and evenings 6:30pm, as announced in worship folder.
- **All-church prayer nights** are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the church at 6:30pm.
- **Pilates at 8:15am meets Tuesdays & Thursdays** in the church basement. Bring a floor mat, water, and stretchy clothes. Peggy Carlson leads in a 45-minute class.
- **Men's Breakfast** ~ Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship on Saturday, April 6, at 7:00am in the lower level of the church.

Discipleship Training at The Landing



Lunch @ The Landing

April 7 Shelley Tuttle, Larry and Cherie Filmore

April 14 Kathy and Ruthie Nelson, Annette Foucault, and Diane Nelson

April 21 Easter No Lunch @ The Landing

April 28-May 12 No Lunch @ The Landing due to move

May 19 Hotdog roast after church-sign up will be made available on perfectpotluck.com

Lunch will resume as soon as possible and the schedule will be announced at that time.

SERVING

Little Landing

| Date | Teacher | Helpers |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| April 7 | Anita Doty | Aaron Hjort Karena Loban |
| April 14 (Palm Sunday) | Marcia Doty | Maggie Johnson Chloe Johnson Tiana Nyberg |
| April 21 (Easter) | Heather Johnson *If Needed: Lois Fiege | Brooks Johnson Chloe Johnson |
| April 28 | Stephanie Johnson | Nathan Hjort Chloe Johnson Tiana Nyberg |
| May 5 | Kathy Nelson | Ruth Nelson Daniel Gutsch |
| May 12 | Heather Johnson | Brooks Johnson Chloe Johnson Tiana Nyberg |
| May 19 | Cherie Filmore | Nathan Hjort Daniel Gutsch |
| May 26 | Susan Hjort | Rachel Hjort Kiersten/Karena L |

Nursery

April 7—Emily & Evan Nichols
 April 14—Kelly Walburg & Carol McGovern
 April 21—Heather Ross & Kennedy Johnson
 April 28—Sarah & Nate Cavallin
 May 5—Nancy Teten & Ruth Row-enhorst
 May 12—Peggy Carlson & Shelley Tuttle
 May 19—Joji & Wilson Ginete
 May 26—Sarah & Ben Hartman
 June 2—Lois Fiege & Annette Foucault

June 9—Lori Steward & Brenda Florestano
 June 16—Emily & Evan Nichols
 June 23—Nancy Teten & Ruth Row-enhorst
 June 30—Kelly Walburg & Carol McGovern

