



Strong Families Make A Strong America

(Changing Lives One Mom At A Time)



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Front Door News

GOD IS BLESSING AND BETHEL FOUNDATION IS MOVING

By Lynda K. Powell, Founder, Bethel Foundation

Several months ago I started actively looking for a place that would be larger and able to accommodate the growing needs that we are experiencing. The Board suggested looking for an office and warehouse combination as that seemed to be what would be best.

God had a better plan for Bethel Foundation.

Shortly after that I had a dream, where in the dream I saw a solid white building with the numbers 133, and in my dream I felt this building was located between Western Avenue and the Broadway Extension. I actively started driving all around that area looking for an office/warehouse combination with those numbers and I did find one. It was exactly what the Board had discussed except it was 60,000 sq ft and a ton of money. I knew we were not ready for that large of a facility at this time of growth. I kept looking but wasn't finding anything at all and was becoming a bit discouraged, but I did know that God had a plan and I just needed to be patient and He would reveal it to me.

On Friday, July 3rd I was driving down Western Avenue to go pick up my cat from the Cat Clinic. I don't usually travel that way, but had to because Western was closed a little further north of that on my way home to Edmond. As I was driving I saw a "For Sale By Owner" sign and decided to get the phone number and check it out. I called and scheduled an appointment the following Monday, July 6th to go look at the house. The house is solid white but I needed to see the layout. I walked through the home and realized it would work great for offices but there wasn't any space that I could see for the pantry and closet until the lady ("Linda" is her name) said, "Oh, let me show you the add-on in the back." We walked back there, and it was a BIG open room that had been added on to the existing home. At that moment I realized this was the place that God had for Bethel Foundation. The

back add-on, alone, is as large as what we are currently in. As I was driving away I noticed the address was 13003 N. Western... the exact numbers given to me in the dream. I went back two other times, once for measurement and once to walk the property and pray over it for God's direction in obtaining this to continue the ministry of serving "One Mom At A Time." He then gave me a plan which I submitted to the sellers on July 23rd, and we actually signed a contract on July 28th, then closed on Friday, August 14th.

I'm always amazed at His hand...if only we will wait and not move in haste, but patiently know that He will direct us and lead us in the right direction.

We are so excited to announce that the above property located at **13003 N. Western** will become the new Corporate Offices for Bethel Foundation. We are moving from approximately 1,400 sq ft to 4,000 sq ft. This home that will become our corporate offices also sits on 5 acres of land for us to develop as God continues to direct our paths. It will be very easy to find us as it has easy access off of the Kirkpatrick Turnpike, is close to where we are currently located, and is on a heavily traveled road.

Our current office will be closed from September 21st, until we open up at our new location on Monday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m.

These two weeks will give us the time that we are in need of to move, organize and be ready to go on Monday morning October 5th. Our phone numbers will remain the same.

If anyone wants to volunteer to help us we will need help on the following days:

Saturday - September 19th

Beginning at 9am - Moving the pantry and closet only

September 21st thru September 25th

Any time from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., help get the pantry and closet area organized at the new location.

Saturday - September 26th

Moving all desks into new offices starting at 9:00 a.m.

If you can help, even for only 1 to 2 hours that would be AWESOME! The more people we have the quicker we can get all this accomplished. We need sturdy boxes for moving as well. Please call Lynda at the office at 286-3700 if you are able to help in any way at all.



IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO DO SOME PRUNING?

By Linda Ranson Jacobs

"Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, so that it will be even more fruitful.'" John 15:1-2, NIV

What is God pruning in you? What branches is He simply cutting off – to no longer be used? Maybe He is pruning the parts of you that are no longer needed. He does this so He can make room for new growth in you. The branches He is cutting away could be talents, skills, relationships or anything that could be withering away for lack of use.

For this devotion let's talk about relationships. There was a time you may have needed a certain relationship. As time marches forward, our lives change and our relationships change. Relationships have to be tended to and nurtured. Friendships come and go. Some relationships are connections on deep levels. These are the people that will be with you and walk you through many tough times.

Relationships might need to be pruned so new and vibrant relationships can be built for this time in your life. If you find a relationship is holding you down, perhaps you should think about spending less time with that person. A good example of this is when a single mom matures and turns her life toward Christ. Perhaps you have a friend who is not turning toward the Lord right now. Try spending less energy on that friendship.

Some relationships will be formed because of the point you are at right now in your life. An example of this is when your children move into a new developmental stage. Perhaps one of your children is going to middle school so naturally your child will form new friends. You may want to get acquainted with the parents of some of your child's new friends.

What about your relationship with Christ? What do you do to tend to and nurture that relationship? Christ will always be available to you. Once you accept Him as your Savior, He will be with you and He will be through you. But how deep this relationship goes depends a lot on you.

God so much wants a deep and lasting relationship with you that He gave his only son to die on a cross for you. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Is it time for you to do some pruning so you can make room for a deeper relationship with Christ?

BUILD YOUR BODY AND BETHEL, TOO!

Ladies, take time to design your beautiful body and build the body of Bethel Foundation as well! New Preferred Clients have until July 31 to sign up FREE with Arbonne!

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Plans Underway for ALL AMERICAN IDOL

Did you see the article in the Daily Oklahoman on August 26th? It reported on our upcoming "All American Idol" event:

"American Idol" Season 8 top 10 finalist Megan Joy will host "All American Idol Competition," a benefit for Bethel Foundation, in Oklahoma City this fall, with auditions beginning next month at Crossroads Mall, 7000 Crossroads Blvd.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Sept. 18 in the center of the mall on the lower level. Auditions will continue through 5 p.m. Sept. 19. The top 70 contestants will be chosen to move on to the next round. The grand prize package will be worth more than \$5,000, including a one-year contract with entertainment consulting firm Quarter Time Music Group, a 10-song demo provided by Two Hearts Production and \$500 in cash. Megan Joy will host the finale event Nov. 13 at the Coca-Cola Bricktown Events Center downtown.

For more information on ticket prices, audition details, and Bethel Foundation programs go to www.bethelfoundationusa.com.

We have had a great response to this announcement, and local interest seems to be building. Watch for more details about the auditions and the grand finale in next



Here, Megan Joy models the t-shirt she has been wearing on the American Idol Live tour.

ACRONYM FOR WORRY

By: Tee Brown

- W - Wait
- O - On the Lord to
- R - Release you
- R - Right when you
- Y - Yield to Him



MEET OUR NEWEST ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER



Pastor Mike Hays has joined the Advisory Board of Bethel Foundation. For many years Mike has been a wonderful supporter of Bethel Foundation and a mentor to me, personally. He has been Pastor of Britton Christian Church for 19 years. The church, located at 922 NW 91st Street, is

working to be a Lighthouse of Hope to the Hurting in the 73114 zip code and throughout Oklahoma City as God directs their footsteps. Pastor Mike has allowed Bethel Foundation to use the gym of Britton Christian Church for our "Kids Rock Camp" and the sanctuary for our annual educational workshop for the mothers.

Bethel Foundation is excited to have Pastor Mike Hays as a team member on our Advisory Board, to help us as we continue with our mission of "One Mom At A Time."



RAB'S RAB'S CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CLUB HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS & GIRLS!

If you are a Single Mother and you would like to register your child for the Rab Rab's Children's Birthday Club, then please call the office at 286-3700 and we will send you a Membership Form to complete. We need advance notice regarding upcoming birthdays so please register and keep us updated when your phone number changes so your child won't miss out. The Birthday Club will have available for your child on their birthday: **Balloons ~ Cake ~ Gift**

Happy Birthday to Everyone with August & September Birthdays!



JOBS AVAILABLE AT TINKER AFB

Tinker Air Force Base and contracting partners are seeking hundreds of qualified applicants, with preference to those with prior military experience. Go to www.tinkerandtheprimes.com/blog for a career fair poster and a recap of some of the jobs listed on USA Jobs.

ANOTHER SINGLE MOTHER HELPED



As a single mother of 3, Karla Resendiz was seeking help to get some classwork so she could get her license renewed to get employment. DHS referred Karla to Bethel Foundation to see if we could help her.

This class was the one thing keeping Karla from being gainfully employed full time. Karla submitted all the necessary paperwork for a scholarship to go to class. She was awarded enough to pay for her classes and

gas to get back and forth to school. The following is a letter that Karla sent to Bethel Foundation:

I've been an LTC/CNA for eight years. For the past year my license was expired and therefore I was unable to work due to circumstances beyond my control. I have 3 children all under 10 years of age and no way to pay for the class to get my license renewed. I had been working odd jobs just to try to take care of my children.

I went to DHS and asked if they could help me or direct me and they led me to Bethel Foundation. I went in to speak with Lynda and she gave me hope and completed the paperwork that Bethel needed for me to be considered for a scholarship for this class in order to get my license. I passed both tests the first time around and was able to get my license and able to become employed full time so that I can provide for my children.

I'm very thankful and could not have done this without the help of Bethel Foundation, and the encouragement that Lynda gave to me to get my license renewed so that I could get a good paying job. It all worked out and I feel blessed.

At the same time I learned about their summer "Kids Rock Camp." Both of my children were able to attend their last camp of the summer and this allowed my children a camp to go to, and they had something to go back to school and talk about.

*Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.
Karla Moncravie Resendiz*



Food Share America is partnering with Bethel Foundation as a Host Site beginning in October 2009. Food Share America can offer incredible savings through the power of group buying and the support of volunteers. Food is purchased through the same manufacturers as grocery stores without the overhead cost being passed on to you as a consumer. FSA offers the food purchasing program on a monthly basis.

At the beginning of the month you place your order and pay. Then at the end of the month, you pick up your order from Bethel Foundation. It's easy to use, saves you money and is fun to do. FSA sells at least three quality food packages monthly and à la carte items such as:

- Classic Package: Includes meats, fruits & vegetables
- Produce Package: Includes fruits & vegetables
- Special Packages: Vary each month
- 15 - 20 à la carte items: Monthly

For people who have lost their jobs or have become a single-income household or totally unemployed, this is a way to help those that can afford groceries but are trying to stretch their dollars and still receive quality food.

More information about this program will be available soon on the Bethel Foundation website, or you can contact our office for more information about this program.



In addition to participation in **Food Share America**, Bethel Foundation still has their food pantry ministry of giving away "Free Food" to Single Mothers. The hours of operation are Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 6pm. In order to receive "Free Food" please bring a current photo ID.

Also, beginning in October we hope to be able to offer meat such as chicken, hamburger meat and hotdogs, turkey, etc. as we continue to expand and grow. We will keep you informed on those items and how you can get "Free Meat".

GET YOUR G.E.D.

Metro Technology Centers currently offers a program for obtaining your GED. The Vo-Tech will offer free GED Preparation Classes beginning September 15, 2009.



Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays, walk-in & enroll

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Cost: NO CHARGE

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