

Praising God for His Good Works

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Prelude

Welcome

Dale Showalter

Blessed Be Your Name

Call to Worship & Pastoral Prayer

Jeff Kamphausen, Ron Mangin

You Are My All In All

I Will Proclaim Your Great Deeds

Psalm 145

Now Thank We All Our God

Connecting with You

John Casey

Proclaiming God's Good Work

For All You've Done

Forever

Everlasting God

Our Offerings

Upon This Rock, Worship Choir

Closing Prayer

James Grout

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OUR MISSION

Forming a people through Christ
to glorify Him everywhere.

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**Catalyst Team members, leading changes
according to our purpose, values, and vision*

WELCOME TO BLANCHARD

We are one church with two congregations in Wheaton and Warrenville, being formed as God's own people and revealing God's grace and truth to people in our lives. Welcome! We are glad that you are here.

OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

This morning, due to our all-church services, care will be provided for children aged infant–first grade during both ministry hours; second graders and older are encouraged to attend the 9:00 or 11:15 worship service with their parents. There will be no classes for students or adults. The following is our regular Sunday schedule:

Early Childhood: Care for infants and classes for two through four year olds are offered during both ministry hours.

Kid's Community offers ministry for K–5th grade children. *Wheaton Campus:* At 9:00, Kid's Exploration provides a hands-on look at God's Word. At 10:45, Kid's Celebration teaches children to worship in fresh and creative ways. *Warrenville Campus:* At 9:30, Kid's Exploration provides a hands-on look at God's Word. At 10:45, children join the congregation for worship. They are dismissed to Kids Celebration during the sermon. The children participate in activities which equip them to engage in corporate worship.

Student Classes: Our classes for students meet during the 9:00 ministry hour at our Wheaton campus; sixth graders meet at the Blanchard House; junior high students and high school students are currently meeting together in the Foundation Room.

Adult Bible Communities: Our Adult Bible Communities (ABCs) are Sunday morning gatherings of people desiring to grow and learn more about how God's Word applies to our daily lives. For a listing of communities that are currently meeting in Wheaton, please visit the Welcome Center in the foyer. At our Warrenville campus, join us at 9:30 A.M. for *Spanish 101*, led by Phyllis Mitchell, or *The Beatitudes*, led by Dan Wisley.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for these concerns:

- Rejoice with Kelly and Kelly F in the October 8 birth of Caitlin Ann (8lbs, 1oz), and with Tim and Tina W in the October 16 birth of Jonathan Dale (9lbs, 3oz).
- Pray for Judy Schulz as she recovers from back surgery.
- Six year old E, daughter of Scott and Theresa, has recently been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. Pray for her and the family as they adjust to this new reality.
- Pray that our students and our men would meet God in powerful ways as they gather for their respective fall retreats in the next few weeks.
- Pray for T and H as they learn the difficult Kurdish language.
- Pray for the complete healing of Kelsey H, daughter of missionaries Leonard and Leslie, as she is in and out of the hospital due to an autoimmune disorder and other complications.
- Pray for the deep, transformative work of God in those attending our many small groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Albany Park Soup Kitchen	October 25
High School Fall Retreat	October 30-November 1
PerSisters	November 5
Men's Retreat	November 13-15
PADS	November 30

BLANCHARD NEWS

A WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad that you chose to visit us this morning. Our prayer each week is that people attending would meet God. Tell us about your experience at Blanchard by dropping in at the Welcome Center after the service. You're also invited to join us in the Jubilee Room (downstairs, below the Sanctuary) for an extended time of fellowship between services this morning.

WORSHIP PAGE FOR CHILDREN

Did you know? There are pages available at Welcome Center in the foyer for children who attend the worship service with their parents. They contain questions and activities to help them connect with the message. Stop by and pick one up for your child this morning!

BLANCHARD MEN...

Do you have a father wound? Are you aware what you received from your earthly father, or didn't receive, impacts your relationship with people, and Jesus, today? Plan on taking a break from your routine, have some fun, and jump-start a fresh leg of your spiritual journey. Sign up today in the foyer for Blanchard men's retreat, *Sacred and Redeemed*. November 13-15 at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva.

WOMEN OF BLANCHARD...COME AND SEE!

Mark your calendars: our annual women's Christmas luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. This is a wonderful and festive event to kick off the season. Fill a whole table with your neighbors and friends. Sally Miller will be our speaker as we take *A Fresh Look at the Manger*.

BLANCHARD HOMESCHOOLERS LUNCH

All homeschooling families, and those interested in homeschooling, are invited to a "Meet & Eat" lunch. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us in the Jubilee Room at Blanchard Wheaton on Friday, October 30 from 12-1:00 P.M. The whole family is welcome, from preschool to high school. Questions? Contact Kim Eich or Sarah Van Oss (630.653.1555).

MENTORED TO LEAD SPIRITUAL DISCUSSIONS

Pastor Ron is beginning another 8 week turbo group designed to equip you to lead a neighborhood or workplace spiritual discussion group called a QPlace. There are openings on either Wednesday or Thursday nights, depending on participants' availability, and the target is to begin by the end of this month. To indicate your interest, contact Pastor Ron at ron@blanchardalliance.org or 630.653.1555, ext. 225.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Recently, a team of sixteen people from Blanchard met at **Feed My Starving Children** to pack meals. In less than two hours, we packed **9,720** meals, which will feed **27 kids** for an entire year! Our next date to serve is set for Friday, November 6th from 12:00-2:00 P.M. We hope you can join us. Contact Susan Lewis if you are interested.

CLOTHING DRIVE & CHRISTMAS SHARING

Throughout November we will be collecting clothing for the homeless in Albany Park and for needy residents in Warrenville. Clothes for all ages will be accepted for Christmas Sharing in Warrenville, while winter clothing (hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, and boots) will be gathered for the homeless in Albany Park. We'll accept donations throughout the month, but it would be helpful if you'd bring your donated items to the church foyer primarily on November 1 & 8.

STAFF A SHIFT AT DISCOVERIES RESALE SHOP

Discoveries Resale Shop in Warrenville exclusively supports the work and ministry of Warrenville Youth & Family Services as they serve Christ and the community of Warrenville. The shop is having its best year ever and would like to expand its hours into the evening but needs volunteer help (4-5) from partner churches like Blanchard to make it happen. If you're interested in staffing a Wednesday evening shift, contact Pastor Jeff ASAP at the church office or via e-mail at jeff@blanchardalliance.org .

PURCHASE A THANKSGIVING MEAL TO GIVE AWAY

Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville hosts Angel Food Ministries on the last Saturday of every month to distribute deeply discounted boxes of high-quality food for purchase on their web site. This Thanksgiving, they have invited us at Blanchard to help them purchase 100 Thanksgiving meals in a box to deliver to families during the week of Thanksgiving. To buy food for yourself or to be given away to needy families, visit www.angelfoodministries.com and enter Warrenville's ZIP (60555) to find Immanuel's order site. When you place your order, indicate in the "order notes" section that your purchase is a donation for the Giving Thanks program.

NEED HELP MOVING?

Our Men's Ministry has a team of guys who volunteer to assist people in our congregation when they move. If you could use their help, contact Ron DeVries.

CARENET BANQUET

Dinesh D' Souza, author of *What's So Great About Christianity*, will be the featured speaker at this year's annual CareNet banquet on Thursday, October 29. Call 630.493.1340 or email jfletcher@carenetdupage.com for more information.

USED EYEGLASS AND HEARING AID DONATIONS

The Lions Club is collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids. A box for donations is located at the Welcome Center.

SAVE THE DATE: URBANA 09

Experience a truly global missions gathering at Urbana in St. Louis, December 27-31. Go on-line to www.urbana09.org to register or for more information.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

The Edge - Senior High Ministries

Night Off - Thursday, October 29

In anticipation of our weekend retreat The Edge does not meet this Thursday.

"Restored" - Fall Retreat '09 - Deadline Today!!

High school students, today is the registration deadline for our annual Fall Retreat. This means your \$80 payment is due today as well as the online registration form. The retreat is this coming weekend, October 30 - November 1, 2009. Apply and get details online at www.blanchardalliance.org.

The Stand - Junior High Ministries

Wednesday, October 28

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to our weekly gathering known simply as "The Stand." Come and connect with friends, leaders, and God. We meet from 7:00-8:45 P.M. in the Cornerstone Room. Join us as we follow up on the good things that took place at the retreat.