

extensions

building up the church one investor at a time



Mountain View



Recently, we coined this familiar phrase in our church: **Bloom where you are planted.**

How we came to use this phrase continues to have an impact on all the various ministries within our church.

Over 2 years ago our local school district approached us with a possible proposal to purchase our property to build a new elementary school in our growing city. The impact of just the possibility of moving was interesting:

• *It put most of our plans for building improvement on hold.*

• *It took away the momentum of growing ministries.*

• *It curtailed plans for future outreaches.*

After a few months of negotiations, it became evident that this would quite possibly become a long and drawn out process. So what were we to do?



After discussion and prayer, we committed ourselves to step out in faith and continue on in our plans for outreaches and building improvements. Since that time we have seen and experienced God's mighty hand at work.

We purposed to make the improvements in our building.

Due to the fact our facility is a former YMCA sight, the improvements were greatly needed. Therefore, we took the faith-steps necessary to renovate, lay carpet and push forward.



Our growing preschool needed more rooms and new playground equipment. So we stretched our faith by renovating and building a beautiful new playground area.

Our youth ministry had grown significantly, so we renovated a racquetball court into a big youth room.

We purposed to press on with outreaches and ministries.



A great faith step for our congregation, in the midst of the possibility of moving, was beginning

new outreaches and ministries that would impact our neighborhood.

We chose to press on and continue our social outreaches. The result was a weekly food ministry, giving food away to 50 to 70 families a month; a mobile medical clinic that uses our site once a month, and various other ministries and outreaches.

Since we set forth ourselves to bloom where we're planted, we have seen increased ministry, increased attendance and most importantly, real spiritual growth. We are currently in the process of a capital funds campaign to complete two more projects.

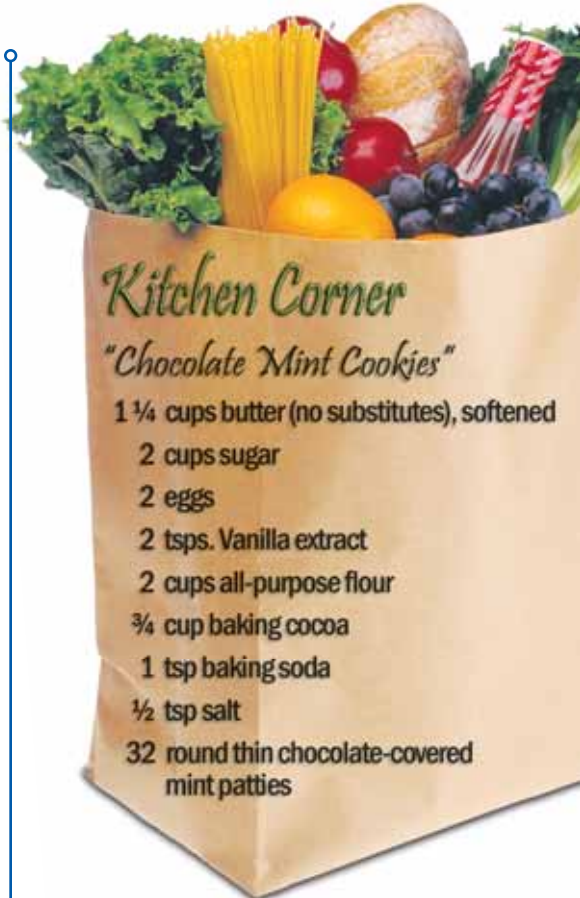


Near the end of 2006, we were informed that the school district was no longer pursuing our property. Imagine what could have happened if we wouldn't have stepped out in faith with our projects and ministries!

Bloom where you are planted!

by Bob Klein
Lead Pastor

Mountain View Community Church



Kitchen Corner "Chocolate Mint Cookies"

- 1 ¼ cups butter (no substitutes), softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup baking cocoa
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 32 round thin chocolate-covered mint patties

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture, beating until well combined. Drop by teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-9 minutes or until puffy and tops are cracked. Invert half of the cookies onto wire racks. Immediately place a mint patty on each, then top with remaining cookies. Press lightly to seal. Cool completely.
Yield: 32 sandwich cookies.

by Nora Glim
[wife of Bob Glim - CEIF Marketing]

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What exactly is the North American Baptist Conference all about? How is NAB's home office located in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois set-up to aid our family of churches in the 21st century? What resources can we offer our pastors to better equip them to lead their flocks? Welcome to the Team is a fun-filled weekend designed to meet such questions as these. This past February, during the weekend of the 9th through the 11th, NAB churches from all across North America sent their pastors and wives for a weekend in Chicago. Through staff interaction, office tours and multi-media presentations the spirit of God at work in this conference was seen, not to mention the making of new friendships along the way. Each participant left with a

notebook full of handy resources! If you are a new pastor to our conference, or if you have never experienced a visit to our NAB home office, we highly recommend you join us for the next Welcome to the Team weekend! Please give us a call at 1-800-543-CEIF and we will be more than happy to fill you in with additional details!

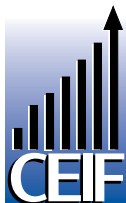


Rate Review

US Term Certificates*		
	Under \$3000	\$3000 and up
Five Year	4.75%	5.25%
Canada Term Bonds*		
	Under \$3000	\$3000 and up
Five Year	3.75%	4.25%

*Rates good through May 31, 2007.

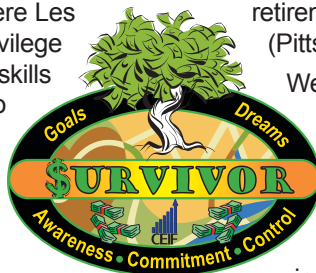
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Eastern Association Pastors & Wives Retreat

CEIF had the wonderful opportunity this past February 12th through the 14th to be a part of the Eastern Association's Pastors and Wives Retreat. It was a time where Les Collins, Bob Glim and Shana Griggs had the privilege to share and equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge that would enable them to create financial credibility by managing their personal money, both practically and spiritually, aid in giving them a better understanding of some of the struggles most people face, why they face them and how to overcome them, and equipping the pastors and their wives to better be able to answer financial questions that may arise from within their congregations.



"This provided good reminders of sound personal financial principles. It also served as a healthy kick-start to begin taking retirement planning more seriously." – Pastor Dana Goodnough (Pittsford Community Church)

We at CEIF feel God leading us to share the knowledge that we have each gained over the years from education and personal experiences. We are praying that God will open up opportunities for us to serve your association in this capacity in the near future.

"Les and team put together a brilliant presentation including video projections, handouts, spreadsheets and CD data libraries, all for God's glory." – Dr. Dave Ewing (Eastern Association Regional Minister)