



There are 10 million bacteria at the place where you rest your hands at a desk.

welcome to winter

by joe webb, pastor of student ministries

Well we are there...we are in the thick of winter. During these next three months, snow will fall, pipes will freeze, fires will blaze, and school will be closed. There is also one more thing about winter that I love, things move a little slower (unless you are an accountant). Maybe it's just because we can't get around as fast, maybe because there are fewer major holidays, or maybe it is due to our bones freezing up because of the bitter cold. But for whatever reason, for a lot of people, things slow down a bit.

Let me be the first to say it: our lives are often moving too fast! Mine included. God calls us to slow down and spend more time with Him, look at our life with more purpose, and sometimes cut out some things that are getting in the way. There are so many things to do in life. And the reality is we just can't do them all. But there is one thing that we **must** do: "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) When lives get busy, people tend to leave time alone with God on the to-do list, when in fact we should be doing the opposite.



I think back to when everyone thought that the sun revolved around the world. It just made sense, we are stationary, everything else moves around us. It took many years to discover the truth that we are the ones going in circles. The same is true in our lives. We often act as if the Son should be circling around our worlds, when in fact, we need to set our course around Him. How many times have we made the mistake of getting it backwards?

As the new year begins, as things hopefully slow down, it is my prayer that we would all begin to revolve around God and have him be our center. I pray that we would slow down, not be lazy, but pay attention to the things that matter, God and family. Enjoy the winter and play in the snow!

Barber's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

Coming this summer: International Youth Convention 2006!

North students will travel to Anaheim, California to attend the convention from July 25-28. Convention artists and speakers include Chris Tomlin, Erwin McManus, Grits, and Kutless. A missions experience is scheduled for the days following the convention, until August 4. The total cost of the trip is \$850 per student, which covers convention registration, hotels, meals, airfare and other travel, and the missions experience. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due February 1. Questions? Contact Pastor Joe Webb.





student ministries super bowl party!

Colts? Patriots? Giants? Bears? Bengals? We may not know who will be playing, but one thing we do know... there will be an amazing Super Bowl Party at the Cross Street Ministry Center on February 5 from the biggest screen in Anderson and enjoy some fabulous food. If you are not interested in the Super Bowl come anyways, because there will be a tons of other activities, door prizes, and games. The cost is just \$3.

what's happening



march 29

MadCoW (Madison County Worship) brings students from church youth groups throughout Madison County together for one big night of worship. The event, sponsored by the Youth Ministry Network, will be held Wednesday, March 29 at Bethany Christian Church. We'll meet at the Cross Street Ministry Center at 6:00pm and return at 9:00pm.

weekly events

every sunday at 8:30am

GATHERING

We currently have two electives for students to choose from on Sunday mornings. The first is an in-depth study of Acts, taught by Joe Webb and Nick Tanner. Our second class is taught by Richard Harvey; discuss a variety of biblical topics dealing with your everyday life. Our upcoming **Big Breakfast** mornings—when the usual donuts are replaced with a huge, delicious spread—are January 8, February 1 and March 1.

every sunday at 6:00pm



Area Bible Studies (ABS) is a ministry of small groups where students meet weekly to strengthen and build friendships... have fun... and study **God's Word**. ABS groups meet every Sunday from 6:00-8:00pm in homes throughout Anderson and Pendleton. Visit www.northweb.org for a detailed schedule and to find out where your grade meets. Questions about ABS? Contact Nick Tanner.

every wednesday at 6:30pm



Come join us every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30pm (doors open at

6:15pm) at the Cross Street Gym. This program is for all Jr. and Sr. High students who want to experience fun-filled, dynamic worship. Each week brings a new format. For a complete schedule, check out www.northweb.org.

The space between your eyebrows is called the Glabella.

welcome team

join the team!

The Ministries Welcome Team is looking for a few great people who have a heart for helping others feel welcome. We meet once a month (at a local restaurant—yeah!) to develop our strategy and leadership. Interested? Contact Nick Tanner at the Church Office.

ryan's reviews: the trends of 2005

What are the fads that 2005 will be remembered for? Here are a few of my picks of the year's lasting impressions...

Personalized Websites:

Facebook, Blog, Xanga, and MySpace all took the web by storm in 2005, coupling and linking friends for no real purpose. Seriously! The purpose of a Facebook... can anyone tell me? Don't

worry; if you missed this online bandwagon of '05, let those worries and fears fade. In just a few short months, pop culture will introduce us to something else we all *must* have.

Track Jackets: These little sporty pieces of clothing became huge in 2005 because of *yours truly!* Be

honest... you know you want to look like me. I mean, I am dubbed the style king here in Student Ministries. But if you own a jacket with either a location or logo across the chest, then you, my friend, have one of the trends of 2005. I'm hoping they make the pants to match all my jackets. (Hey, maybe *sweat suits* will be the big trend of 2006.)

Celebrity: VH1 coined this phrase during 2005 when they launched a series of shows based around celebrities both past and present, bombarding their everyday lives for the general public's viewing pleasure. The past year saw shows like "Hogan Knows Best," observing the infamous Hulk Hogan as a dad; "Breaking Bonaduce," an up-close look at the Partridge Family star's demented life; "Gene Simmons School of Rock," a pathetic show that bears no description; and the ever famous "Surreal Life," placing old has-been celebrities in a house together and forcing them to like each other.

january

- 4 - Extreme Souled Out @ Cross Street
- 8 - The Gathering/NO ABS
- 11 - Souled Out
- 15 - The Gathering/Welcome Team Meeting/ABS
- 18 - Souled Out
- 22 - The Gathering/ABS
- 25 - Souled Out/Adult Leaders Meeting
- 29 - The Gathering/ABS

february

- 1 - Souled Out
- 5 - The Gathering/NO ABS/Superbowl Party @ Cross Street
- 8 - Souled Out
- 12 - The Gathering/Welcome Team Meeting/ABS
- 15 - Souled Out
- 19 - The Gathering/ABS
- 22 - Souled Out/Adult Leaders Meeting
- 26 - The Gathering/ABS

march

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- 5 - The Gathering/ABS
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- 15 - Souled Out
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- 22 - Souled Out/Adult Leaders Meeting
- 26 - The Gathering/ABS
- 29 - MadCoW @ Bethany Christian Church

dates to remember

It only took 17 days for Apple to sell a million iPod Nanos.



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