

# Cross Talk

Some assembly required

Alpena First Assembly of God

## Training

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### Pastor's Place

When you hear the word training what comes to your mind? Do you think of a boxer getting ready for the big fight? Perhaps you think of a football player going through spring training. Maybe you remember seeing kids running through town as they train for a cross country track meet.

Have you considered all the things you have been trained to do? For example, walking, running, cooking, cleaning, driving, your job skills, and on the list could go!

The word train is synonymous with teach, coach, educate, instruct, guide, prepare, and tutor.

### Training continued

Do you want revival? Do you want to see God change this community? Do you want to see more people come to faith in Christ? Do you want to see this church grow? Do you want to see a difference in your personal life?

If the answer to any of

As I look at those synonyms, I see things all of us need to participate in. I need to teach others or I need to be taught. I need to coach others or I need to be coached! You get the idea, don't you?

Did you know it has been 6 months since I outlined the 20/20 vision? Do you remember it was for you/me personally as well as for us as a church?

There are seven simple elements:

1. Prayer
2. Holy Spirit Empowered
3. Remarkable Ministries
4. Relational Space
5. Leadership

these questions is yes, then we must be prepared...another word for trained!

Training requires us to **become** flexible, to use muscles we don't ordinarily use. Training causes us pain, but it is good pain!

I have learned that

- Multiplication
- 6. Relationships (Church and Community)
- 7. Financial Freedom

As I look over the calendar through the end of the year, I see the need for lots of training...do you?

Here is a secret...to be trained is to be prepared. We train because we **ANTICIPATE!** The boxer trains in anticipation of a match, a football player trains in anticipation of being in the game. Those who do not train are surprised when they are needed. **They are unprepared, ill equipped, and out of shape!**

Please continue reading below.

training is costly! It is an investment, but it also pays!

Are you ready to be trained? Are you ready to train others? Who are you training to replace you? Opportunities for training are coming soon!

In Christ,  
Pastor Clark

### First Assembly of God



A church with the community at heart!

### Happenings

#### June

Creative Community Group  
High School Graduation Ceremony  
Community Wide Team F.U.E.L. Fundraiser & Big Ticket Festival  
Father's Day Breakfast  
Picnic June 29th

#### July

Creative Community Group  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Outreach (gave away 2,800 bottles of water)  
Family Camp  
Redneck Golf  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Picnic  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor goes to Jail for MDA

## Children's Ministries

Children can be trained too! Too often, kids are overlooked as viable trainees. Most people think we have to have ministry FOR kids and forget that we can have ministry BY kids!

Pauline, Amy, and Beth are training some of the older kids how to run the technical part of the Children's Ministry. They are using

PowerPoint, Internet Explorer, and a few other programs.

In addition, the kids are being trained to be bold for Christ by leading in prayer and going to Turning Brook where they sing and share God loves. The children of First Assembly bless the older residents of Turning Brook by giving lots of hugs! These kids are the best!

## F.U.E.L.

Linda Stender, the chaperones, and the kids had a great time at BIG TICKET! After returning, pastor met with some of the students and decided to develop "The Experiment." The Experiment is a new developmental praise and worship team. It is a training ground for those next generation worship leaders and team members. You will be hearing more from them soon!

## Women's Ministries

We would like to thank all the ladies for helping with the Father's Day breakfast. We had lots of food! Everyone had plenty to eat...even the teenage boys!

In addition to the breakfast, the fathers at the church also received a free tomato plant, reminding the men that they must stay in Christ, because He is the vine and we are the branches.

It is great to watch and work with the "well-trained" women at First Assembly...some helped with setting up, some helped get plants and décor, some brought food, and some helped with the clean up.

The women also hosted the picnic

in the park. The WM's supplied the hot dogs and grilled'em too! (Yes, women can grill too! Thanks to pastor for letting us use your grill.) The WM's set up for the picnic, cleaned up the picnic area, and then took everything back to church and cleaned the utensils we used.

Who knew a picnic was so much work! Thank you, WM's!



## Men's Fellowship

The men at First Assembly are being trained to be givers! The men have:

- Donated \$200.00 to help purchase tables for the fellowship hall.
- Donated \$200.00 to the Children's Ministries so that the children and teachers can have the supplies they need.
- Donated \$200.00 to the parade outreach to help purchase hotdogs, buns, as well as other supplies.
- Donated time, energy, as well as personal finances.

Thanks to the Men's Fellowship of First Assembly!

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