



Watershed Update – July 2010

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry here in Traverse City!

Here are a few of the things happening:

1. Summer is the best and busiest time of year in Traverse City! From the Cherry Festival to the Film Festival to the Microbrewery and Music Festival, there's always something happening for the tourists and locals, not to mention the fabulous beaches, shops and restaurants. In the midst of this natural beauty and bustling activity, Watershed continues to be a place that seeks to draw people to the God who gives us such good gifts. We give thanks for the blessing it is to live in this area, while asking God to keep our eyes open to the real physical and spiritual needs around us, and the brokenness that is always lying beneath the surface.

2. New people continue to join our worshipping community. Here are a few comments from some recent attenders:

"I love that you're integrated in the community, both in terms of the physical space, and in terms of getting involved in organizations and activities that are already going on."

"Really, really appreciate the insights into the culture and world of the Bible, and the atmosphere of the gathering. I wish we had a church like this in Cleveland!"

"We've been looking for a place to get involved, and here we have found people who are genuine and welcoming, and a worship service that isn't cookie-cutter."

3. Worship on the Lawn continues to be a highlight of this time of year for us. We took a big step this year and purchased a portable sound system, to allow our bigger crowds the ability to hear amidst distractions when we are worshiping outdoors. We are grateful for the support of people like who which helped us afford this system. Pray that God continues to draw in new visitors and passersby to these outdoor services.

4. Turkey – Bryan and Christy are heading to Turkey on a study tour with That The World May Know Ministries. The trip will be led by Rev. Ray Vanderlaan, and promises to be an incredible time of learning and growth. We are grateful that many of you have helped us with the cost of the trip! Please pray for the safety of all involved in the study tour, and for the sanity of those who are watching Henry, Winston, Charles and Josephine!

5. Housing Update – Christy and I sold our house in February, a real answer to prayer in this economic climate. The house had two bedrooms, and that was proving a challenge with four children. Despite being a "buyers market", we have had several potential home purchases fall through, and have yet to purchase a new home. Please pray that God provides a house that gives us the space we need within our budget!