

# Mountviews

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## Asked and Answered Part 2

So last month I began a newsletter series that seeks to address some of the frequently asked questions people pose to me that I do not always get a chance to answer as I am getting ready to start worship or heading into a meeting with someone. I am glad so many of you enjoyed learning the origins of one Mr. Tiger Williams. Here are some more.

### **Question 2: What are you reading these days?**

In my daily Bible reading, I am just beginning Joshua 18 as God is continuing to divvy up the promise land and give it to the Israelites as the inheritance promised to them. What a faithful God we serve!

On my recent vacation I read 7 books. Now, something you need to know about me is that whatever I start I like to finish, and leaving something halfway unknown is almost never an option for me. So when I sit down to eat, I eat everything on my plate...no exceptions. When Cori and I first got married, she would make an entire can of green beans for just the two of us. She would put about 12 green beans on her plate and dump the entire rest of the can on my plate. Now I like green beans, but after the first 3 to 400 forkfuls and with the onset of my skin color being that of the Incredible Hulk, I finally had to tell my wife that an entire can for the two of us was way too much. So she told me to just eat what I wanted and leave the rest. I told her that was not an option. I am going to finish what I start.

The same is true when it comes to books. I am not going to read 30 pages, put the book down, and then

come back to it next week. It is all or nothing. So having a day traveling to and from Puerto Vallarta, meant that I could catch up on all the reading I have purposefully not started over the past 9 months. Here are a few books I read and a quick comment about each.

*The Winners Manual* by Jim Tressel: While I know Coach Tressel is a believer in Jesus Christ, I have heard him speak a few times and never once actually heard him say the name Jesus. I was thrilled that in his book he took the time to make this publicly known as well as share his personal evangelism strategy.

*The Dangerous Duty of Delight* by John Piper: This is not a long book by any stretch (84 pages) but it is deep and it is powerful. It is all about what is called "Christian Hedonism," the concept he defines as: "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." Wow, is that incredible or what?

*Compassion, Justice, and the Christian Life* by Robert D. Lupton: On the heels of our series on "the least of these," this book opened up for me some extremely insightful ways of ministering to this population while allowing them to have the dignity, value, and worth that every child of God deserves. By ministering in different ways than normally thought of, we can accomplish this together as the people of God. If you are looking for something to read, something that just might change the way you think about caring for the poor, start here.

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# Students Ministries

As a general rule, I do not promote, or read anything in my email that has a subject title starting with "FWD:" aka the forward. But every once in a while I will read the first couple of lines and get hooked. A few days ago I came across a forward for a "Youth Minister Scorecard" that included 100 statements about youth pastors. I decided to go ahead and score myself. I thought for today's article I would share with you my score and a few highlights from the questions.

## My score: 112

I am proud to say that my score puts me in the category of "Legend."

"51+ points: Legend

Seminaries have classes dedicated to your escapades. Your work on the Johnson house in 2008 is still discussed at the Charmin factory headquarters. You've put so many kids in your car it made circus clown cars seem lazy. You are a legend my friend. You will go down in the Youth Minister Hall of Fame." (Which I made up for this post but would probably be in Ohio if I had to guess.)

Here are a couple highlights from the questions.

The full list can be obtained at:

<http://stuffchristianslike.net/2010/04/2773/>

Question #4: Thinks burping is gross = -2 points

I gave myself a -1, while I think it is awesome when guys do it, I must admit my double standard. When a girl burps it's gross, especially when that girl is my wife.

Question #15: Using the youth minister job as a stepping stone to being a senior pastor = -100 points

I scored a zero for this one, as I don't personally see youth ministry as a stepping stone to being a senior pastor. In fact when people ask me if I would ever

consider being a senior pastor I ask them, "Why would I want a demotion?" What's next for me after my career as a student ministries pastor comes to an end? At this point I have no clue, I am not ruling out being a senior pastor, I just don't have the desire at this stage in my life. My personal desire would be to teach youth ministry at a Christian college.

Question #22: Have been known to wear fanny packs on mission trips = -3 points

While I have never worn a fanny pack on a mission trip, I have used a bluetooth headset while at the airport during last year's mission trip. Many of the students will be giving me a hard time about this for years.

Question #34: Justifies iPad purchase as "something I need because a lot of my students have one" = +3 points

I am hoping to pull this one off in September when the church votes on the 2010/11 budget.

Question #49: Has been known to take students off-roading in knee deep mud in a church van on the way to camp = +3 points

The nice part about renting vans as opposed to owning a church van is twofold. First, there's no number on the side of the van to call when one of the student ministry leaders accidentally cuts you off. Secondly, when returning the van it gives me the opportunity to "drive it like a rental."

Question 51: Has a tattoo and explains that if you look at it in the right light, it has deeper meaning as a witnessing tool = +3 points

Unfortunately I didn't get the three points for this question. However, Mountview's former student ministries pastor, Brian Minnes, would have.

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**Question 3: With some of the violence and uprising going on in Thailand right now, is our missionary Kit Ripley safe and will our Mountview mission team be alright this summer?**

As you may know, Lance and Cheryl Scotney of our Mountview family just returned from an incredible trip to Thailand. Not being able to go this summer because of work, Lance and Cheryl went two months early to work alongside of Mike and Becky Mann putting in a fresh water system for a Thai village. They had an incredibly blessed and safe time serving the Lord and serving the least. (To hear and see video footage of their trip, go to [www.mountview.org/media](http://www.mountview.org/media))

I also just received Kit's latest issue of her monthly journal entry. She ended her article with the following:

*On April 10 protests became violent and the Thai authorities stepped in. 25 people were killed, including both soldiers and protestors and over eight hundred people were wounded. On Friday, April 23, five grenades were launched from the encampment of the Red Shirts in the Silom area of Bangkok, killing one person, and wounding 86. Two other groups have been launching counter-protests. These are the "Yellow Shirts," who are supportive of the current Prime Minister, and the "no color" group, who have also been gathering to support the government's enforcement of the law and the restoration of order.*

*The General Secretary of the Church of Christ in Thailand, Rev. Sayam, is calling for prayer for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. I live in the city of Chiang Mai, which is about a 9-hour drive north from Bangkok. We are having "Red Shirt" protests at our city hall, which has caused the government officials to shut down the building. However, the protests have not become violent, and have been*

*confined to certain designated areas of town, so as to minimize interference with people's daily lives. The heart of the violence has, so far, been limited to Bangkok. So I am not currently in physical danger at this time. But I would join Rev. Sayam in requesting prayers for the nation of Thailand. --Love, Kit*

Thanks for all your questions and I look forward to answering a few more in the coming months.

In His Love,  
Pastor Kevin

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Question 55 Can easily distinguish Dr. Pepper from Dr. Thunder in a blind taste test. = +1 point

Any day of the week, nothing beats the taste of Dr. Pepper, I would also like to add that I can also taste the difference between Mountain Dew and Mountain Lightning.

Question 68: Devotes an entire month to talking about sex and abstinence = +2 points

I thought this question should have been worth more than two points but I'll take it. Currently, in Element on Sunday nights we have been spending time talking about dating, sex, and what it means to flee any hint of sexual immorality.

Question 97: Tweets more than Jon Acuff = +3 points  
You can follow me at [www.twitter.com/oberlink](http://www.twitter.com/oberlink)

Question 108: Has ever accidentally left a youth at a rest stop while on a road trip = +1 point  
Define accidentally.

I would like to thank all the students of Mountview;, without you I'm mediocre at best!

Pastor Kurt Oberlin

## Announcements

**The discovery class** is a six-week class led by Brad Reynolds on Sunday mornings, beginning May 2 from 9–10:30am, for all those who are interested in discovering and taking the next step in their faith journey. We will be covering such topics as giving your life to Christ, baptism, spiritual gifts, discipleship, church membership, what we believe, and why we do what we do. Connect with others from your church family who seek to honor God by growing in their walk with the Lord as we build relationships, learn about the church, and share our Christian experience with one another. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Lynn Swonger ([office@mountview.org](mailto:office@mountview.org)) in the office.

**The church golf outing** will be held on Sunday, May 2 following the second service. We invite all interested men and women of Mountview to join us for an afternoon of golf. Dinner will follow at Charles Monfort's home (3238 Northampton Dr. Hilliard, OH 43026). If interested, please contact Charles Monfort ([monfort05@yahoo.com](mailto:monfort05@yahoo.com)).

**Help prepare Camp Koinonia** for the summer season by joining the team traveling there on Saturday, May 15. We will leave the church at 7am and return about 8pm. Contact Paul Lambert (313.9262 or [leadership@mountview.org](mailto:leadership@mountview.org)) to sign up.

**Camp counselors needed** We are currently looking for men and women age 16 and older to serve at elementary camp (third–fifth grades) the week of June 20–26 at Camp Koinonia. If you are looking for ways that God can grow you closer to Him this summer as you share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others this is a great place for you. Contact Sarah Platine ([children@mountview.org](mailto:children@mountview.org)) for more information.

**Would you consider sponsoring a camper?** This summer, we are hoping to send 15 or more children from Neighborhood Ministries in Youngstown, OH to Camp Koinonia for elementary camp. We have seen many children's lives changed by the commitments they have made at camp to believe in and follow Jesus Christ as their Savior. The cost is \$245 to send one child to elementary camp. If you would like to help by giving to this ministry contact Sarah Platine ([children@mountview.org](mailto:children@mountview.org)).



**Mission trip meeting** The team members who are going to Thailand this summer will meet on May 16 in the youth center at 4:30pm. For up-to-date information and to get a copy of the information packet, please visit [www.mountview.org/thailand](http://www.mountview.org/thailand).

### **Discipleship groups at Mountview**

We are striving to be a disciple-making church that creates irresistible environments where balanced disciples live out their faith in Jesus Christ together. We meet in homes and seek to achieve this through: 8 weeks of study, prayer, and fellowship, 1 week of service, and 1 week of relationship building repeated 5 times a year. Please contact Lynn Swonger ([office@mountview.org](mailto:office@mountview.org)) for more details or to join a d-group.

# Route 356 Traffic Report

Summer is almost upon us! What a wonderful time of year: the pools will be open soon, the parks are full of people having fun, playing softball, and picnicking, and Route 356 ministries goes into full summer mode! If you've never been with us for a summer before, let me share with you some of the exciting things coming up:

## Summer service projects

We will be participating in two service projects throughout the summer months: one in May and one in July.

### *Thailand clothing drive*

All throughout May we will be collecting clothing items for our team traveling to Thailand to give to the villagers. We will have boxes set up in the fellowship hall for families to drop off donated clothing items. All items should be either new or gently used, and are needed for all ages. Items requested: shirts, pants (not shorts), socks, jackets and coats, shoes and sandals. We will be collecting items until May 23.



### *Kick for a cause: healing Haiti one soccer ball at a time*

We all know about the devastation and horrific aftermath the earthquake in Haiti left this past January. In an effort to help the children of Haiti

to have hope and the ability to enjoy some of the simpler things in life again, Timothy O'Leary, one of our Route 356 parents, has put together this service organization. The goal of Kick for a Cause is simple: to raise 5,000 soccer balls and 2,500 air pumps to send to schoolchildren in Haiti. In July, Route 356 will be collecting soccer balls and air pumps to send to Haiti through Kick for a Cause. For more information on this ministry, visit [www.kick4acause.org](http://www.kick4acause.org).

## Elementary camp

My absolute favorite part of summer in the life of children's ministry is camp. It's such an amazing experience for both campers and counselors. There's just something about being outdoors in God's creation, away from the hustle and bustle of the city, from all the distractions like television and video games that just intensifies my time with God and helps me to hear that still, quiet whisper from my Creator. Camp is a time for many kids who have never even heard of Jesus Christ before to experience His unfailing love all week long through all sorts of activities. We still have slots open for counselors. If you would be willing to open up a week of your life to helping kids really experience God's love, grace, and mercy email Sarah Platine ([children@mountview.org](mailto:children@mountview.org)) for more information.

## Drive-in movie night

The drive-in movie is a great opportunity to meet families from all over the Upper Arlington community, and it happens right here in our church parking lot! This year our featured movie will be (drumroll, please)... Veggie Tales' *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything!* Drive-in movie night will be on July 30 and promises to be fun for the whole family! Make sure to mark your calendar to be there and meet our neighbors.

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# Mountview Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

We are pleased to announce that Mountview Christian Preschool and Kindergarten has again qualified for a One Star quality rating in the Step Up To Quality rating system for the 2010–2011 school year.

Step Up To Quality is a voluntary quality rating system for Ohio Department of Job and Family Services licensed child-care programs. Step Up To Quality recognizes early care and education programs that exceed quality benchmarks over and above Ohio's licensing standards.



We are still accepting applications for our preschool's 2010–2011 school-year program. We offer classes for children ages 2 ½, 3, 4, and kindergarten. All children attending must be potty-trained. Preschool classes are available 2, 3, or 5 days per week. The hours of availability range from 3 to 10 hours per day. Our kindergarten program next year will offer a half-day kindergarten, a full-day kindergarten, and a full-day program with before and after school care. We can also accept kindergarten students who attend half-day public kindergarten into our afternoon or morning program. (No transportation is provided between the school and here, however.)

This summer we are again offering half-day and full-day preschool and kindergarten summer care here at Mountview. Current, former, and enrolled families may take advantage of this program, though enrollment is limited and positions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is offered for children ages 3 through those just completing kindergarten.

The 2010 Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation and Promotion Program will take place on Thursday, May 27 at 7pm. The program will be held in the sanctuary. This program will consist of songs presented by each class, promotion of the younger classes, and graduation of the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes. The program will be followed by a student art show and reception. Everyone is invited.

Blessings,  
Pam Larson, director

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## **Vacation Bible School**

All hands on deck, ye mateys, it's time to set sail for a... High Seas Expedition! The date is set for August 2–6! Vacation Bible School this year will be action-packed and full of adventure as we join our favorite chipmunk, Chadder, and his friends to explore the mighty love of God and take a vast voyage through God's Word. Each day kids from all over the city will be learning how God's Word is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing, and for everyone. We'll need a great crew who isn't afraid to get a little wet and have a lot of fun! Email Sarah Platine ([children@mountview.org](mailto:children@mountview.org)) if you would like to join our VBS adventure.

As you can see, a lot of great stuff is planned for this summer in Route 356. You don't want to miss it. I can't wait to see what God is going to do!

In Him,  
Miss Sarah

## Weekly ministries

### Sunday

9am	Traditional worship
9am	Middle school d-group
11am	Contemporary worship
6pm	Women's precept Bible study
6pm	Element

### Monday

1pm	BYKOTA Bible study
7pm	College d-group

### Wednesday

9am	Women's Bible study
6:15pm	Bell choir rehearsal
7pm	Men's Bible study

### Thursday

6:45pm	HS boys d-group
7pm	HS girls d-group
7:30pm	Chancel choir rehearsal

### Friday

6:30am	Men's Bible study
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### Saturday

9am	Worship team rehearsal
10am	Prayers and squares (third Saturday)

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## May birthdays

Patty Jones	01
Sarah Gilchrist	02
Jenny Watt	02
Richard Lange	03
Marvin Boring	04
Phyllis Burks	07
George Hinkle	07
Brendan Ankney	08
Carson Ankney	08
Josie Harrington	08
Beth Knauer	08
Bonita Erenpreiss	09
Ben Gogolski	10
Gail Mitchell	11
Rachel O'Leary	12
Candy Platine	12
Nate Brown	14
Brooke Gardner	15
Andrea Moore	16
Lorrie Bohn	21
Bryan Conrad	21
Emilija Erenpreiss	21
David Skelton	22
Terry Jones	24
Glenna Taubert	24
Beth Snider	25
Brad Reynolds	26
Dominic Canestraro	27
Kyle Houk	30
Matthew Houk	30
Joan Bence	31
Wes Yohey	31