

Front Row Seat at Southbrook Church



Pastor Bobby Sinclair & the panelists

“Panelists’ discussions were very helpful, encouraging us to be uncomfortable in a conversation to get to know someone’s story that has impacted their life.”

“The discussions about racism we all talk about having do not have to be confrontational, negative and debilitating”

“I loved hearing the panelists talk. I found out I still have a long way to go with my learning.”

Visit www.basicsinmke.org/front-row-seat for more information about Front Row Seat and for resources and video clips from this event.

We are planning more Front Row Seat events in the fall. Join the conversation! Email deanna@basicsinmke.org to request to be on the list for Front Row Seat updates.

“Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tender-hearted, and keep a humble attitude.” 1 Peter 3:8 NLT ■

“So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.” Romans 14:9 NASB

A diverse group of 80 panelists and participants, representing over 24 churches in the Milwaukee area, gathered at Southbrook Church in Franklin for “Front Row Seat: A Dialogue for Understanding” – an honest conversation about our experiences with race.

Front Row Seat is a BASICS initiative inviting followers of Christ to live out His commandment to love others in practical and relational ways.

Our prayer was that this interactive dialog would bring understanding to the unique experiences of race, from either side of the aisle. Our goal for Front Row Seat was to bridge a divide that separates not only our culture, but the Church as well, to build compassion for one another, unity as one body, one family – one human race under Christ!

The event began with 8 panelists, 4 white and 4 people of color. Moderators posed discussion questions to the panelists, allowing them to model honest and respectful conversations – then after the panel discussion, it was everyone’s turn! At that point, everyone went to their randomly-assigned table and had their own discussions, learning, making new connections while they shared a meal together.

Participants were encouraged to take active steps to connect and continue the relationships that had begun at the event. Some feedback from attendees about their experiences at Front Row Seat:



NYE Outreach by Jane Gobeli

Jane Gobeli is Director of Missions and Outreach at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. This is her experience as a first-time volunteer with BASICS.



December 31, 2018 marked the third year Frank Woods ministered to the neighborhood where Burleigh, Fond du Lac and 35th Street intersect. The intersection is a triangular piece of land that offers a parking lot, green space, and a bus stop. Businesses across the street

attracted lots of foot traffic, despite the chilly rain falling that day. Upon arriving, Frank gathered everyone together to bathe the event in prayer.

Everyone helped unload Frank's trailer filled with tables, tents, collapsible chairs, boxes of clothing, a generator, a food warmer, large capacity coffee pots and plenty of food.

About the time the tables were set up and people began unpacking clothing, a light drizzle began. The tents went up quickly, keeping winter coats, knit hats, scarves and mittens, shoes, boots and clothing dry.

Frank's trailer was turned into a food service station, providing hot chocolate, coffee, hot soup, hot dogs, burgers, beans, and some delicious ribs, made by Frank's wife, LaDawn.

Frank used a bullhorn to proclaim the goodness of God and to invite people to come and be blessed! Once visitors braved the rain and ventured onto the small triangle of land, they were met by people ready to love them! Physical needs were met as clothing and food were shared; spiritual needs were met through one-on-one ministering, prayer, and through sharing the Gospel. Peo-

ple were valued as eye contact, smiles, conversation, stories, laughter and tears were exchanged. The challenges of day-to-day life were, for a time, confronted by God's presence through His people. Some visitors returned several times, bringing other family members or friends, not wanting their loved ones to miss out.

Witnessing the impact of Frank's New Year's Eve Ministry was a true privilege. God's dearly beloved being cared for and cared about in tangible ways through people established in their relationship with Him, striving to be His hands and feet, working to share the reason for their hope—what a gracious God we serve!

In His mercy, we are permitted to work in His kingdom and to share His love and His promises with all. May all whose lives were touched on that rainy New Year's Eve afternoon, through serving or being served, continue to grow in their love for and knowledge of our Everlasting Father, our Prince of Peace.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16



To find out how you can volunteer at a BASICS outreach, email deanna@basicsinmke.org or call 414-372-7200. ■

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus by Mark Mallwitz



Mark Mallwitz

On Monday, April 15th, I went to McDonalds to get an iced tea. But God had a lot more in store!

As I approached the counter, a woman named Laura greeted me, looked at my shirt that had embroidered on it "Jesus Loves You" and she said, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me!"

When asked why she feels that way, Laura shared she is a single mother with 2 children, has had problems with

her brain for many years, and on Wednesday, April 24th, she was going to have brain surgery.

Laura said she did not have family members in the area, but she had her church that preaches the Word of God, and she is so glad to know that Jesus is always with her.

Laura then told me to wait a minute, grabbed a packet of ketchup, and said, "Mark, please share the message that this ketchup package represents, that the Blood of Jesus covers all of us, and covers me even during this time of brain surgery."

Wow, how timely in light of Holy Week! What a powerful reminder of the perfect gift Jesus Christ gave on the cross for all mankind.

What a powerful testimony of a dear sister in Christ, Laura, even in the most difficult season of her life is remaining faithful and blew me away with her devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ!

I have kept this ketchup packet and used it at as a visual about the blood of The Lamb Jesus Christ!

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9 ■

Remembering Mike Hayden by Mark Mallwitz



Mike and Susie Hayden

On Monday, February 18th, 2019, BASICS Team member Mike Hayden went to be with the Lord following a car accident.

There are 3 areas of Mike’s life that I want to share with you: **Mike’s love of his family, Mike’s love of others and Mike’s love of Jesus Christ.**

- Mike and Susie oversaw a ministry called Positive Programs for the Family/Helping One Another. Their primary objectives were to show care and compassion for those in need, identify with the distress of others to help relieve their discomfort, and come alongside organizations that help lift families out of poverty.

Mike loved Jesus Christ. Before Mike Hayden met Jesus Christ and began to follow Him on May 6, 1970, Mike described his life as “Involved in gangs, alcohol, fights, being arrested, an emotional mess, and my life was filled with fear.”

After Mike met Jesus Christ and began to be a disciple of Jesus, Mike described his life as one filled with joy, love and peace!

I met Mike Hayden at The March for Jesus in the late 1990s. Mike had a march or a parade for many years in Milwaukee declaring to everyone “I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus – No turning back, no turning back.”

And Mike did not turn back. He followed, served and loved Jesus faithfully for almost 50 years.

Because of that March for Jesus, which was the first Christian event I ever attended, I have been following and serving Jesus Christ with Mike and Susie Hayden for over 20 years.

One of Mike’s favorite Bible verses was John 3:16-18: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in the Son (Jesus) has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.”*

Mike Hayden had his life changed forever when he put his faith, his life, and his hope in Jesus Christ. And he wanted not only to tell everyone how much Jesus Christ loved them, but he showed everyone how much Jesus Christ loved them by his actions. ■

Mike Hayden loved his family. He prayed for his family every day. He wrote poems about his family. He always was proud to share the good things that were happening in their lives. He enjoyed spending time with his family as much as he possibly could.

Mike loved others – For the past 25 years, Mike has been serving others in the greater Milwaukee area in many ways. Some of the selfless and loving ways Mike loved people:

- Mike was an action guy. When Mike heard of a need, he would either handle the problem himself, or he would contact others and ask them to join him in helping serve someone else.
- Established and developed an inner city basketball program called Hoops for Kids
- Gave countless Milwaukee Bucks and Milwaukee Brewers tickets to inner city youth
- Served on a board of directors for an urban ministry for a number of years
- Picked up and delivered thousands of household items to people all over the city of Milwaukee – if there was a need, Mike, Susie and his team of people would go and get what you needed and deliver it to you free with no strings attached – just because Mike loved people!

Pastor and Ministry Leader Appreciation Breakfast

On April 2nd, BASICS hosted our 17th Annual Pastor and Ministry Leader Appreciation Breakfast at The Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee. 175 + pastors and ministry leaders gathered to enjoy fellowship, delicious breakfast, and to hear from Pastor Bobby Sinclair of Community of Grace Baptist Church on the theme of **“Respect: Honoring One Another for the Glory of God”**

Worship leaders Connie Hendrix, Eric Hobbs and Laura Fears of Eastbrook Church led the gathering in a powerful time of worship. We also heard about opportunities to connect with different organizations and local events. Representatives from the Global Leadership Network, Crossover MKE, Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills, Royal Family Kids Camp and the Captive Project were there to talk about their upcoming events.

It was a time of encouragement, fellowship and connection – and there was such a spirit of unity in the room!
Some feedback from attendees:

- “Well organized and put together. Thoughtful discussion questions and time to connect with others”

- “Pastor Bobby Sinclair’s message was thought provoking and challenged me to assess my heart as it pertains to others.”
- “Thank you for all that you are doing to bring awareness to God’s kingdom on earth - we call it forth as it is in heaven!!”

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” Romans 12:10 ■



Upcoming Events

Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills Returns to Milwaukee!



Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this practical and invaluable workshop!

Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills (SYIS) was developed specifically to enhance both the interpersonal skills and attitudes of Christian workers as they relate to people, family

members, coworkers and friends...even those from across cultures.

Who Should Attend? Everyone who works with others and knows the day-to-day challenges inherent with personal interactions.

What Will I Learn? Practical, interactive topics of this five-day workshop include: Loving Listening, Advice & Problem Solving, Confronting, Conflict Resolution, Community, Stress, Suffering Loss and more!

Working and sharing in pairs, small groups and large group, SYIS participants learn and then practice biblically-based interpersonal skills...an approach proven to maximize learning and retention.

WHEN? July 14th – 19th, 2019:

Sunday. 6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.,
Monday – Thursday 8:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m.,
Friday 8:15 – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE? Meadowbrook Church ,
Wauwatosa, WI

Register now – space is limited!

Registration Fee: \$350 (includes workbook, materials, lunches and certified trainers)

***Early Bird Registration:** Save \$50 when you register for the July workshop on or before May 15! – **just \$300!**

To request a registration form, please email genise_anderson@ntm.org

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Learn more at www.relationshipskills.com

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“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
Colossians 3:12-14

Mini-Golf FUN-Raiser



On Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019* BASICS will be holding its 2nd Annual Mini-Golf FUN-Raiser. This year’s event will be at Helman’s Driving Range (N56 W19901 Silver Spring

Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051)

Tickets before June 1st will be \$20/golfer or \$100/team of 5 (after June 1st: \$25/golfer or \$100/team). Teams can sign up to either play a round of mini-golf or on the driving range. Dinner is included.

Gather your friends and come enjoy mini-golf, dinner and fellowship – and be encouraged as you hear about some of the ways God is working in Milwaukee through BASICS. Funds raised will help support programming such as Leadership Development, Citywide outreach and a Christian camp for kids caught in the foster care system.

For more information, or to register, visit www.basicsinmke.org/mini-golf-event



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