



MARANATHA

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
FOREST LAKE, MN

Dedication Page



It is with extreme joy and satisfaction that I dedicate this directory to the people who make up the part of the body of Christ that is known as Maranatha. When this book is open, I pray that it will stir up memories of the joys and the difficulties of growing up in the family of God.

I count it a privilege and a blessing to be called to be the pastor of such a special group of God's choicest people. No matter where life's paths may lead, we can be grateful ours crossed and the unique and special gift that each person is God has used to mold, shape, and sharpen our character to conform more closely to the image of His Son, Jesus.

The pioneering portion of the church is now behind us. We are a solid church fellowship bound together by the Spirit's cords of love. Since I have been a Christian in this community, I have seen at least 13 churches start up and disband. 12 of them were charismatic! We can say with the same confidence and assurance that Samuel expressed, "Thus far, the Lord has helped us." (I Samuel 7:12). We can look forward with anticipation to growing, maturing, building, and doing the work of the ministry in this community until Jesus comes always remembering to keep our priorities in order--first, we are called to minister to the Lord, second, to minister to one another; and thirdly, to minister to a lost and dying world.

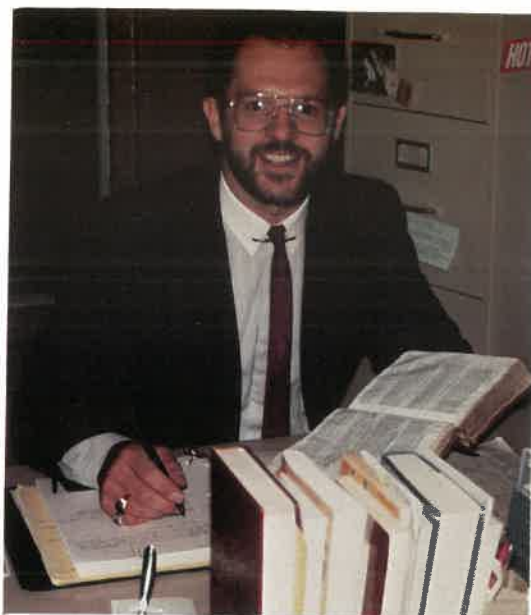
God did not call an individual to pioneer this church, He called a team. It has been a special blessing to be a part of a pastoral team that includes my own first-born son. The Lord has had His hand on us. An added blessing has been having the congregation choose my second son as a Deacon.

My sincere hope and prayer for you is that you always be found steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

In the Master's service,

Pastor Douglas Haseltine

This letter was written before Pastor Doug Haseltine's resignation in August of 1988. This page is dedicated back to him with great honor and respect for his part in making Maranatha what it is today. Our love and prayers will always be with him.



"I WANT YOU TO PREACH THE WORD" echoed in my soul as I left my devotional time with God. I was shocked, disturbed, and even a little angry. That was not the answer I had expected (and the last I would have wanted) to my question. I loved the Lord with all my heart, loved to worship Him with others, had a burning desire to see people receive Jesus and experience new life, but be a pastor—NO WAY.

That was eleven years ago with ten years in full time ministry now behind me. The words of David are true, "Thou hast put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound". (Ps. 4:7) I give special thanks and praise to God for my parents. As a rebellious youth they stood in the gap—never to give up or stop praying. Pastor Doug, my dad, is and always will be an encouragement and inspiration. He, more than any person I know, illustrates by his life to do "whatever"

the Lord asks. Rallies in the park, birthday parties for Jesus, celebrations in Quon-Yee's basement, witnessing wherever, etc. . . and the scariest of all, answering the call to pioneer a church in Forest Lake. I (we) thank God for Pastor Doug (my dad); his influence has saturated our souls.

Looking through these pages brings a smile to the heart. Knowing most of these people have also discovered the joy of knowing Jesus. Together we are striving to become worshippers of God. Giving true praise and adoration to the living God, experiencing the reality of His presence as we gather together. Striving also for the "unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Each sharing the wonders of their God.

By the time of print this directory will already be "growing" into history. New faces will already be part of the "family". This idea of becoming a family is a fascinating process. Each sharing joys, rubbing the rough edges off one another (ouch!), watching each other grow in Christ, encouraging and being encouraged.

Having backgrounds as unique as individual snow flakes and personalities as numerous as the stars, it is the miracle of Jesus making us love. Individually maintaining our identity and corporately becoming Maranatha Assembly of God.

I love you all,

Pastor Mike Haseltine

CHURCH HISTORY

Maranatha was actually conceived in the early 1970s through a prayer group at the Catholic church in Forest Lake. Brother Doug Haseltine led this group for seven years until he felt called out of the Catholic church. In 1980, he left to attend Faith Assembly of God in Chicago City, but he only stayed there for one year. The Lord was calling him to pioneer an Assemblies of God church in the Forest Lake area - a calling confirmed by his wife, Annette. Brother Doug contacted the District office of the Assemblies of God and, after interviews and evaluation, they confirmed the calling and granted Pastor Haseltine his credentials. It has always been a goal of Pastor Doug's to see a balanced charismatic/pentacostal Christian body in Forest Lake, backed by a solid foundation and system of accountability such as the Assemblies of God has to offer. He was grieved by those who were hurting after coming out of various independent churches.

On the first Sunday of December in 1981, sixteen people met in the home of Pastor Doug for the first Sunday service. On the first Sunday of January, 1982, the church began renting the facilities at the Camel Club, a former V.F.W. building. The church began to grow. In less than a year and a half they had outgrown the Camel Club and moved to the gymnasium at Forest lake Elementary in May of 1983.

Everyone involved in an infant church is a pioneer, but the efforts of certain individuals stand out and bear remembering. Memories of the Camel Club include visions of hanging sheets around pool tables and pin ball machines to form Sunday School "classrooms" thanks to the fortitude of our first Sunday School superintendent, Valerie Ihrke. Valerie also pioneered our Vacation Bible School program in 1983 in a tent set up on the vacant land that now houses Perkins Restaurant in Forest Lake. Our Royal Ranger program was begun by Wayne Peloquin and our Missionettes started up through the efforts of Bev Evenson and so Wednesday night services then began in the fall of 1983 at Central Junior High. Our Women's Ministries began under the leadership of Orleen Haseltine. Our first tent crusade gave a forum to Sam Dobrotka of Shine Ministries in Detroit. The community has also felt the presence of Maranatha through an annual commitment to the 4th of July Parade and through a rather unique "Birthday Party" for Jesus.

The pioneer lay members still with us are: Kevin and Sue Haseltine, Mark and Valerie Ihrke, Don and Diane Rhoda, and Jay and Dustina Erickson. It is this type of dedication and commitment that make a church strong in the Lord. To God be the glory!



OUR DEACONS

Donald Rhoda, Patrick Morley, Elder Dave Dobrotka, Dave Anderson, Kevin Haseltine



Sunday School and Nursery coordinators



Pastor Rob & Judy Schwensen
Missionaries to the Ivory Coast



CHURCH STAFF

Assoc. Pastor, Michael Haseltine; Sr. Pastor, Douglas Haseltine; Youth Pastor, Scott Jensen; Christian Education Director, Dave Anderson; Church Secretary, Gayle Ferderer; Director of Women's and Children's Ministries, Carol Morley.

MINISTRY THRU MUSIC



The Children's Choir



Maranatha Choir



Women's Choral Practice

MEN AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS



Pie Social



1988 Men's Advance with G. Raymond Carlson, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Ground Breaking



Jesus Birthday Party



Parade Float 1986



Parade Float 1988



Church Picnic under the tent



Water Baptism at Lakeside Park

MINISTRY TO YOUTH



1st Homeschool graduate



Homeschool Play 1985



Sunday School in Session



Royal Rangers Hard at work



Missionettes in Action



VBS under the Big Top



ALBRECHT, ALICE



**ANDERSON, DAVE & MARIANNE, LINDSAY,
ELIZABETH, SHANNON, CHARLENE, CARIANNE**



ANDERSON, GAYLE



**BERGERON, GREG & PAMELA
REBECCA, KATIE, BRADLEY, ALLEN**



**BISHOP, STEVE & JULIE
JESSE, RYAN**



BOLEEN, CLAUDIA



**BOORSMA, DONALD & MARY
STEPHANIE, MATTHEW**



**CHAMBERS, STEVEN & KAREN
ALANA, STEPHANIE**



**CRAM, HANK & LINDA, JOSEPH,
PAUL, TIMOTHY, JESSICA, CRISTINA**



**DILTZ, JOHN & CAROL
MATTHEW**



**DOBROTKA, DAVID & SUSAN
JENNIFER, DAVID**



ERICKSON, JAN



48328 **ERICKSON, JAY & DUSTINA
MIRYHA, NATIA**



**ERICKSON, JOEL & DIANE
BRITTANY, MIRANDA, KRISTIN**



**EVENSON, DONALD
& BEVERLY & FAMILY**



**FERDERER, RICHARD & GAYLE
JESSE, ISAAC, SARAH, ABRAHAM, AMY**



FRADY, GARY & CONNIE



FRENNING, ROBERT



GEISEN, JIM & KAREN



GORDON, KEVIN & KARLA
ANDI, CHRISTOPHER



GRUBER, GREG & PAULA
& FAMILY



HASELTINE, REV. DOUGLAS
& ANNETTE, CHAD



HASELTINE, KEVIN & SUZANNE
AMBER, MICHAEL, ERIC, LEAH



HASELTINE, REV. MICHAEL & ORLEEN
SYNTHIA, SAMANTHA, SAMPSON



HASELTINE, TOM



HAWTHORNE, DOUGLAS & DEBBIE
TONY, JENNIFER, SHANNON



HERRICK, DAVID & GEORGIA
RACHEL, JOHN, JAMI



HOUSE, BILL & LORI
RENEE, RACHEL



IHRKE, MARK & VALERIE
JONATHON, JOSEPH, ABBY, ANESSA



JAWORSKI, DENNIS
& SHARON



JOHNSON, JOHN & LYNNETTE
MICHELLE, KRISTINA



KEILEN, GERALDINE
SUSAN



**KENDRICK, PAUL & JANELLE
DUSTIN**



**KNODE, ROGER & LIZ
ANGELA, JASON, JEFFREY**



**KREITLOW, STEVEN & BRENDA
MATTHEW, NICOLE**



KROGER, NINA



**LABELLE, SUSAN
JASON**



**LARSON, BETH ANN
ERIKA, DANIEL, KRISTEN**



**LAU, JAMES & BEVERLY
MATTHEW, ANDY, THERESA**



**LAVANDOWSKA, LAYNE
& CRISTY, CARYN, CARYL**



**LIMANEN, RICHARD & KATHY
JON, TRACEY**



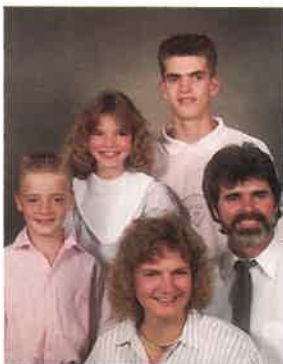
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SARAH, TERRA**



**MOBERG, RON & KERRY
ALISSA, MARK, KATIE**



MOEN, KARI



**MORLEY, PATRICK & CAROL
SHAWN, HEATHER, DAVID**



**McLEAN, DENI & SANDY
ANDREW, JESSE**



**NAYLON, STEVEN & DIANE
JUSTINE, EMILY, CHAYA, JAMES**



O'GARY, LESLIE



PELEQUIN, WAYNE



PELOQUIN, BONNIE



PELOQUIN, DAN & KATHY
SHANNON, TOM



PETERSON, REV. PAUL & VALERIE
JOY, JOEL, NOELLE, MELODY



REED, CHARLES & PATRICIA



RHODA, DONALD & DIANE
BRANDON, AMY, TINA, CARRIE



RINKE, CHARLES & ROBIN



SCHWENSEN, BETTE



STACHOWSKI, KEVIN
SHEENA, CARISSA



SULLIVAN, JOHN & KATHY
MISSY, MICHAEL



TETRAULT, LEO



TRIMBLE, BARRY & SHELLY
JASON, JESSICA



UTECHT, JO & JULIE



WATTERS, MICHAEL & DEBBIE
SHERRI, MARY ANN



WEBER, GARY & BONNIE
LORI, DAVID, SARA, JILL



WILLETT, JEFFERY



NEW MEMBERS

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CHAROIS, JOHN & DEASE



A black and white portrait of an elderly couple. The woman on the left has short, curly, light-colored hair and wears glasses and a light-colored jacket. The man on the right has short, light-colored hair, wears glasses, a white shirt, a dark tie, and a dark suit jacket. They are both smiling at the camera against a plain, light background.

HANSON, PHYLLIS & FLOYD



**WESTMORELAND, STEVEN
& JEANETTE
BENJAMIN, HEATHER, CAROL**



WOOD, FAWN



ZAHLER, LOUIE & LU

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