

# Demien Construction

# Nehemiah Newsletter

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## Antioch Program Designed for Smaller Churches in BGW

Building God's Way is about to release an exciting new program designed specifically to meet the building needs of smaller churches.



Antioch design features 18,460 sq. ft. of multi-use space.

The Antioch program is an affordable design solution for new building construction of less than 20,000 square feet.

The program was developed with the growing ministry in mind. Reduced architectural fees and substantial construction savings allow the church to build with lower capital investment. The Antioch program uses a turnkey approach that focuses on affordability and ministry.

Building God's Way emphasizes the Ministry of Construction and trains the organization on this and other concepts that are key to a successful building project.

The Antioch program offers a library of church plans developed to meet the needs of today's growing church. Each standard floor plan is

designed according to the affordable design system required to provide significant construction, maintenance and utility savings. Reduced operational expenses also result in substantial ongoing savings that can be redirected to other areas of the ministry.

For more information on the Building God's Way Antioch Program contact Debi at 636-332-1991

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- February: *Vision In Focus Email*
- March: *Kingdom Builder Fax*
- April: *Nehemiah Newsletter*
- May: *Vision In Focus Email*
- June: *Kingdom Builder Fax*
- July: *Nehemiah Newsletter*
- August: *Vision In Focus Email*
- September: *Kingdom Builder Fax*



The annual Demien Construction Christmas party was held post-Christmas, on December 27 at Bear Creek Golf Club. The evening offered employees and their spouses a delicious buffet followed by music and dancing.

Dave Demien, President of Demien Construction made a special presentation of trophies to the first and second place winners of the 2003 company golf tournament. Second place was awarded to Dan and Nancy Rowles. First place went to Joyce Hunsel whose golfing partner was Dave Demien himself.

## Christmas... Demien Style

Approximately 50 attendees representing Demien Construction participated in the Christmas festivities. Bear Creek Golf Club employees also joined the party for their Christmas celebration.



Dan and Nancy Rowles receive 2nd place trophy at the Christmas Party.



Dave Demien awards 1st place trophy to Joyce Hunsel at the Christmas Party.



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## The History of St. Valentine

The holiday of Valentine's Day probably derives its origins from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia. In the early days of Rome, fierce wolves roamed the woods nearby. The Romans called upon one of their gods, Lupercus, to keep the wolves away. A festival held in honor of Lupercus was celebrated February 15th. The festival was celebrated as a spring festival. Their calendar was different at that time, with February falling in early springtime.

One of the customs of the young people was name-drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man drew a slip. The girl whose name was chosen was to be his sweetheart for the year.

Legend has it that this holiday later was named Valentine's Day after a Catholic priest. Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time Christianity was a new religion. The Emperor at that time, Claudius II, ordered the Roman soldiers NOT to marry or become engaged. Claudius believed that as married men, his soldiers would want to stay home with their families rather than fight his wars. Valentine defied the Emperor's decree and secretly married the young couples. He was eventually arrested, imprisoned, and put to death.

Valentine was beheaded on February 14th, the eve of the Roman holiday Lupercalia. After his death, Valentine was named a saint. As Rome became more Christian, the priests moved the spring holiday from the 15th of February to the 14th - Valentine's Day. Thus the holiday was intended to honor Saint Valentine instead of Lupercus.

## Adolescent Thoughts on Love...

"If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." Glenn, age 7

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too." Greg, age 8

"I'm in favor of love as long as it doesn't happen when 'Dinosaurs' is on television." Jill, age 6

"I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough." Regina, age 10

"Just see if the man picks up the check. That's how you can tell if he's in love." Bobby, age 9

"Lovers will just be staring at each other and their food will get cold ...Other people care more about the food." Bart, age 9



Mike Hoff

### Mike Hoff...On Aboard

Demien Construction welcomes Mike Hoff as our new regional support representative. Mike travels to Kansas City this February 8 to help celebrate with

an area ministry as they begin

their building project with the BGW program. Then he will travel to the St. Louis area February 9 - 11 to visit with ministries who are interested in the BGW program. Any ministry who would like a meeting with Mike Hoff at that time should contact Debi Demien at 636-332-1991 to set an appointment.

Building God's Way is a national program developed by Daniel Cook and Associates exclusively for Christian schools and churches.

Using an integrated supply approach to the construction of facilities for Christian ministries, Building God's Way currently has over 7 million square feet of projects.

The Ministry of Construction is the heart of the BGW program. The Building God's Way program works to keep God at the center of the entire construction process while providing a vehicle to expand the influence of a ministry into its surrounding community. BGW along with its strategic partners are helping to build God's kingdom while saving ministries millions of dollars.

**Building God's Way architects and support staff are skilled, caring people willing to go the extra distance to see that a ministry's needs are met.**

Demien Construction is proud to be the BGW strategic building partner in Missouri. We enjoy a close working relationship with the Building God's Way staff headquartered in the Nehemiah Center in Ogden, Utah. Building God's Way architects and support staff are skilled, caring people willing to go the extra distance to see that a ministry's needs are met.