

# "The Big Move of 1954"

Rev. David J. Bauer

*"So we loaded up the truck and moved to Woodland Hills"  
We were not refugees as it would appear. This is the Bauer family, parents, John and Rosemary, with David, Ruth and John in front of a big trailer, hauling all our belongings from Clearing-Chicago to our new home in the unsettled suburbs. The suburbs were unincorporated then, its segments going by such names as Woodland Hills, Wesley Fields and Roberts Park.*

*Rev. Svoboda sent dad out to candidate at the Roberts Road Bible Church, an unfinished basement building along Roberts Road, then a two lane gravel road bordered by steep ditches on each side. Shortly after dad's arrival he would conduct the funeral service for the town drunk, found face down in the roadside ditch.*



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## Quotes from Rev. Charles Svoboda:

Procrastination is the thief of time. Many of God's children are "putting off" making things right with members of God's family, which inevitably sets them up for a direct meeting eventually with our Lord over the matter at the Judgment Seat of Christ -2 Corinthians 5:10-11.

Rejecting peacemaking efforts results in continued hostility and aggravations and takes on a cancerous effect – it spreads. It doesn't go away – it festers and spreads. Better to heed the advice of Proverbs 10:8 "The wise in heart will receive commandments but a prating fool shall fall."



## Wild Rice Casserole

1 box Long Grain wild Rice (Uncle Ben's)

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp Dry Mustard

$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp Salt

2  $\frac{1}{4}$  Cups Water

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup Chopped Onion

1 Tbsp Butter

8 oz. (2 cups) Shredded Cheddar

1 10 oz package Frozen Chopped Spinach

Preheat Oven 375 degrees.

Grease 2 quart casserole dish. Place rice mixture in dish. Sprinkle seasoning mixture over rice, then dry mustard and salt.

Layer spinach and onion over top, then pour water over all.

Cover and bake 30 minutes, until most of the liquid is absorbed. Remove cover, stir in cheese and bake 10-15 additional minutes. Yum! --Betty Owen

Our dream home on one acre of land, with 77 unclaimed acres of hilly uneven field in back, nearby woods, ponds, and swampland was a city kid's playground. But the house was not much to look at. It consisted of two rooms (and unfinished attic) with a path (to the outhouse in back). Water source was a pump in the front yard, heating source a space heater fed by an oil tank on a tall stand in back of the house. Bottled gas supplied the combo living room/kitchen stove for cooking. Dirty water was simply dumped out in the back yard. For our once a week baths, we all took turns using water heated on the stove and poured into a galvanized tub.

But us city kids felt like pioneers, with mother immediately beginning cleaning bushels of broken glass carelessly tossed into the backyard by the previous owner. The first year, with help of church people we poured an additional footing, extending the house so it had an actual kitchen, bath and utility room. Dad installed cast iron soil pipe, and septic system.

The church building was not much more than one large room, down six steps from ground level. There was no running water in the church either (don't ask). In a hard rainfall the unfinished basement would flood with water. Mice inhabited the place big time. Among father's ongoing duties in those early days were to catch the mice (and they didn't get re-released by him either!).

But dad began visitation in Roberts Park behind the church. Many of these homes were in more humble shape. Empty lots originally sold for as low as \$50 back when Roberts Park was named. Many Park homes did not have indoor plumbing. Several of them were barely more than tar paper shacks of a single room, heated by a wood burning cooking stove.

Dad would tell of one home that had a dirt floor. We found this to be a very impoverished area. But for our father, it gave him great opportunity to share the gospel personally in homes of common folks with great spiritual needs.

In his 28 years of service to the church, we witnessed two building projects, at the Bauer house as well as two on the church property. Dad led over 2,000 souls to a saving knowledge of Christ during his ministry. From the basement floor of that early Roberts Road Bible Church where his first service had less than 10 adults in attendance, to a second new building with over 200 in morning service, we saw living results of dad's call to ministry. Many other churches in Northern Illinois benefited from dad's evangelism, as he had a custom of sending folks recently won to the Lord to the nearest Bible teaching church in their own neighborhood. How nice is that?

The floor of that early basement church is still there to this day, where I knelt to receive Christ as my Savior in a Sunday school class at age six. I still visit there and look at that floor. It is precious to me. It was in that first building where a 9 year-old girl asked a VBS teacher how she could get to heaven. The teacher was my mother, and the girl was Dolores. My mother told me four years later that this girl would make a good wife. I was uninterested at the time. But ten years after mother led her to the Lord, I married Dolores, March 9, 1968 in that church building with dad officiating.

Not many pastors today would accept a call to such an area, to labor with building a church as well as a home at the same time. My parents had 11 children: three are in heaven, 8 of us are alive today; I am oldest. The area was dirty and unincorporated. The people were common, not wealthy or affluent. But God was in it for our growing family and the church too!



## Helpful Hints

**The Joys of Chicken Soup:** Of course, chicken soup does not cure a cold, but it does wonders for removing symptoms. It soothes a sore throat and clears nasal passages.

**Frosting Style:** To make really beautiful cakes, first frost with a thin layer of icing and let set. This holds down crumbs and provides an even base coat. When set, the final frosting will go on easily and will look extra wonderful!

**Smoother Cake Batter:** You'll get a much smoother cake batter by adding 2 tablespoons of boiling water when creaming the sugar and eggs.

**Sinking Nuts:** Keep nuts from sinking to the bottom of a cake batter by first heating them in the oven and then dusting them with flour. This will suspend them in the batter.

**Keeping Baking Pans Clean:** Keep a roll of Parchment Paper handy to line your pan for baking cookies or other goodies. No more messy pans!

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*"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; Unless the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." -Psalm 127:1*

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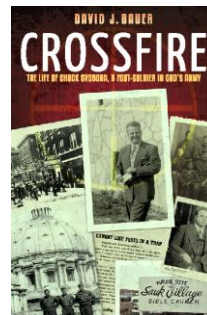
## Rev. David J. Bauer's March Itinerary



- March 8 10:30 a.m. New Life Bible Church, Twin Lakes, WI
- March 9 10:00 a.m. NIR Meeting, Rev. Bauer Guest Speaker  
Lisle Bible Church, Lisle, IL
- March 19 12:00 noon Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL
- March 20 7:00 p.m. BRM Board Meeting, Countryside, IL
- March 27 8:00 a.m. Engage 2020, Palatine, IL
- March 29 10:30 a.m. Argyle Bible Church, Colchester, IL

**The Lighter Side:** A client bought a new home and the broker wanted to send flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the home and the owner read the card; it said "Rest in Peace."

The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist said. "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry you should imagine this. Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new home.'"



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## BRM Field Report #3

We had a busy month of February as we met with pastors, boards and church people, offering counsel when requested.

We heard yet another story about a mistreated pastor. He cannot relocate to another church because his wife is chronically ill. This past year we have seen three pastors dismissed by board consensus; two of them were founders of their church with over 25 years of faithful service. Each ministry had grown under each pastor's care. Yet when these men reached late 50's they were ushered out by "mutual board consent"? Sad...

Dolores and pastor Bauer met for lunch with a pastor and his wife, who have logged over 30 years in the same church. It was good to hear of his continuing plans for church growth and energy that he still has today!

Rev. Dave Bauer had meetings with a couple of pastors, new to our area. It was a time of encouragement, sharing ideas for evangelism and church growth with today's new challenges.

A man from an older, extended family in a church is using leverage against a newer pastor, threatening to leave the church if he doesn't get his own way. It is amazing how childish folks can get, exercising none of the spiritual fruit of Galatians 5:22-23.

We were able to pray with and encourage a young pastor, facing an angry board member, bent upon causing an uprising where such was unnecessary and destructive to the congregation. Much of our work is in the art of defusing "bombs" that will harm sheep of Jesus' pasture.

Yes, there is still a noticeable shortage of good pastoral candidates out there. Average time to complete search for a pastor is two years! Think on this, as you evaluate your current pastor's performance. Better yet, if you really don't like your pastor, send him to us. There are plenty of churches looking for a good pastor these days.

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer --1 John 4:7-8