



## Valley Baptist Church

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Dear Fellow Pastors,

All of us are aware that our individual churches are a part of the Body of Christ extending across the Fox Valley. It is a joy to work together to share the gospel witness of the saving grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ and to help those who embrace Christ to learn to faithfully follow Him.

We are writing to let you know about a significant evangelistic event we are planning to bring to Appleton and the Fox Valley. We want this to be an event that adds to and builds up every church that shares the vision of reaching people for Christ and making disciples.

This fall we are bringing strongman and evangelist Steve Carrier to our area. We have had Steve here on two previous occasions, and we have seen God provide a strong response each time. Like last time, we're making arrangements for him to speak in schools and do evening outreach events. This year Steve will be here October 1-5.

Steve Carrier (former Power Team member and a Guinness world record holder) performs feats of strength like ripping up phone books and bending bars of steel to get kids attention at assemblies. Then he shares an engaging message of overcoming physical adversity in his life, anti-bullying, and the power of choices. In the evening events he does his full strength demonstration and shares a powerful Gospel message. His websites <http://www.stevecarrier.org/> (for schools) and <http://www.megaforceministries.com/> (for pastors and churches) give a good glimpse of some of the things he does. Click on the videos page of the [stevecarrier.org](http://www.stevecarrier.org/) and watch the principal references video and you'll see the reference from one of our former Appleton High School principals.

This year we want to open up this outreach event further. We want to partner with other Christ-centered churches to make this a multi-church event. We're hoping to accomplish the following:

- Reach families by setting up assemblies for Steve in 9-12 different area elementary, middle, and high schools. Elementary and middle schools are the top priority since in

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Steve's experience they bring whole families who are most likely to plug into churches and grow after hearing the Gospel. Steve's heart is especially to reach fathers in our community.

- Work together to identify a list of top priority schools to work on getting Steve into. Tony (our Associate Pastor of Family Ministries) is being trained to work as Steve's representative for the speaking engagements and will reach out to the schools we identify to set up Steve's schedule. Tony will be leading the team that will accompany Steve into schools.
- Rent a neutral site in Appleton or Kimberly, like a HS auditorium, which gives us space, sufficient parking, and a non-threatening space for families to attend. This would also allow every partnering church to get promoted equally.
- Use different avenues together to promote the event at low expense via radio, papers, news media, bulletin boards, other means of promotion.
- Work together to find local business sponsors for the event.
- Work together to provide a team of counselors for the events, training for the counselors, and to develop an integrated follow up plan that plugs new believers into the church that best fits them.
- Work together to provide funding. Last weekend our church voted to underwrite the entire event if needed. However, we would welcome assistance in funding for the event, whether in the form of finding business sponsors or directly helping with the expense. That said, we don't want finances to prevent anyone from partnering with us.

We are eager to see what God will do as we join together for this outreach effort. Please take a few days to pray about it and talk about it with your leaders. If you're interested in learning more, Steve has offered to do a conference call with area pastors on May 1 or May 2, where he will answer any questions we have with no pressure to commit. If you think you would like to partner in this, let us know right away so you can help us identify schools for Tony to contact for Steve's speaking engagements.

Seeking Christ to move in the Fox Valley,

Larry Creamer

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