

Recognition of Pastor Ron Glusenkamp's 30th Anniversary of Ordination
Sunday, August 14, 2011 – 10:30 am Service

Bob Pote: And Ron, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Pastor Ron, through your friendship and personal witness, you have shown me the path that leads to transforming my life and service to God in body, mind and spirit.

Brenda Greenwald: (RTG: You shouldn't trust either one of us with fire – I just need to say that. It's kind of dangerous. But who knows what's going to happen!?) Holy Spirit! My name is Brenda Greenwald, and Pastor, you have a heart that's filled with compassion and vision and leadership and discipleship and you truly live out loving one's neighbor. From Hebrews 10:22: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and full assurance of faith. Bless you!

Deborah Bayles: Pastor Ron, I love coming to church on Sunday when one of the first things I hear from my son is, "I need to go find Pastor Ron!" Your connection to our children is truly a gift from God, so for all of the Moms that you have served for the past 30 years, thank you for planting a seed of faith in our children and for being there to help it grow.

Jean Lindsay: Pastor Ron, thank you for your support of our Stephen Ministry program. Thank you for your support of our Disciple Bible Study, which has really helped us to re-focus on the Bible. Thank you for sermons, which bring the love, grace, and impact of the Gospel message to us in such an incredibly meaningful way.

Cathy Evans: Pastor Ron, thank you for blessing me with the continual awareness of who I am and whose I am. May God continue to bless you with that same awareness of who you are and whose you are.

Joel Halvorson: Pastor Ron has been a blessing to the staff with his leadership, vision and organizational principles. Ron and Sue Ann have been a blessing to Bethany and my family with their passion for faith-forming ministry and care for people in crisis.

Sarah Hulslander: Thank you, Pastor Ron, for opening my eyes, my mind, and my heart to who is my neighbor. You've been a coach, a cheerleader and a mentor and I look forward to many more years of service with you.

Marilyn Guiver: When I learned that Pastor Ron grew up very close to me in Indiana...(Hoosiers!)...Hoosiers, even though a generation apart, I knew he would do fine here. I admire your sense of humor, your vim and vigor, as you teach us to follow the Lord. Thank you!

Susan Swank: I am the Director of the Early Childhood Center and I would like to thank you for your support and your acceptance of all of the families that are part of Bethany Early Childhood Center. I've been very inspired by your spirit of giving and generosity to others in our community, and from Galatians 6:10: "Therefore, we have opportunity: let us do good to all people."

Lynne Butler: (She's trying to burn the candles at both end). I'm back again, for the third time, because you are our hunger relief champion. I give thanks to you, Pastor Ron, because you get angry that there are hungry people in Denver, Colorado, and that 1 out of every 7 families who awakened this morning in Denver did not have breakfast this morning because they couldn't afford to buy food. Thank you for making that not be so in the future and thank you so much for being the love of Jesus, tangibly.