



Faith That Works!

Honoring Jim Engberg's 57 years of "faith" and "works" at KBC

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." —Hebrews 12:1-2

Jim Engberg's life illustrates two of Pastor Dean Carlson's recent sermon series, "Faith That Works" and "Show 'N Tell." Jim has served faithfully on various Kenosha Bible Church boards for 57 consecutive years with the above scripture (one of his favorites) as part of his inspiration for serving the Lord.

Board Positions

Jim Engberg has served in the following board positions from December 1950 through December 2007:

- Deacon – December 1950 through 1965
- Church Chairman – 1966 through 1976
- Trustee Board member – 1977 through 1979
- Trustee Board Chairman & Church Vice Chairman – 1980 through 1986
- Trustee Board member – 1987 through December 2007

Jim is a humble man who has never wanted to be in the limelight or receive any praise or accolades for all that he has done in serving the Lord. However, as such a faithful and enthusiastic servant of Jesus Christ, he has been an inspiration to countless others at KBC and the community. And with his experience and knowledge of every aspect of KBC's facility, along with his faith and wisdom, he has been a positive example to other board members and KBC attendees and a mentor to many.

Jim Engberg meets the love of his life

Jim Engberg, born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin, attended Calvary Memorial Church while growing up. He met the love of his life, Mable Glasman, in 1947 at a Youth for Christ banquet at his church. In the fall of 1948, they started dating. They were married in August 1950 and settled in Woodworth, where they have lived ever since. Their wedding was the last one performed in the original Kenosha Bible Church building at 67th Street and 20th Avenue.

38 Years at American Motors (Chrysler)

Jim's entire working career was spent at American Motors (later Chrysler) where he was first employed in the fall of 1950. He started on the assembly line where he worked until he was promoted to supervisor in 1967. He later turned down other promotion opportunities because they would have meant not working the day shift. Keeping evenings and weekends free for his family and serving the Lord at KBC were higher priorities to Jim than more promotions. He retired from Chrysler in 1988.

Other events in Jim's ministry at KBC

In addition to his 57 consecutive years serving on various boards at KBC, following are some of the many other ways that Jim served during those years:

- 1950–2000 – Jim was a member of the KBC choir
- 1957 – Jim was a leader for the newly formed Boys Christian Brigade
- 1972 – Camp Timber-lee land was purchased and Jim started serving on its Board of Governors
- 1972 – Jim served on the pulpit committee when Pastor Wayne Matejka was called
- 1973 – While Jim served as Church Chairman, the land purchase contract for our current location at 5405 67th Street was signed on March 1st, and the mortgage for the old church was paid off and burned on March 4th.
- 1977 – Jim was Chairman of the KBC Long Range Planning Committee



1973 land purchase and mortgage burning

Kenosha Bible Church is thankful for the 57 consecutive years that Jim Engberg has so faithfully and effectively served on our church boards. Those who have worked with Jim on various boards have considered it an honor and privilege to serve with him.

At KBC's 50th anniversary celebration, Jim Engberg, in looking back, commented how God showed us specific needs, then enabled us **by faith**, to provide adequately for the needs. He said, **"It is my prayer that as a church we will again, by faith, see God's leading and ask, what does God want us to do now?"**

With dedicated servants like Jim Engberg and **by faith, "Faith that Works,"** we pray that we will see how God wants us to move forward in the future for His Kingdom.