

## July 2018

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### Busy is Ok, Rushed is Not

In conversation with a friend the other day we were talking about some high capacity people in ministry. He said he didn't think he was very high in the talent scale. I suggested that I think I'm a one. We were referring to the parable of the talents that Jesus told in Matthew 25:14-30. I probably should have said a two, because the one talent man wasn't faithful! The talents illustrated God-given abilities and opportunities. Since the parable right before this one was about being ready for the Lord's return at any moment, it's a good reminder to be faithful with the abilities God has given us and in what He has given us to do.



It seems that there's application in this to the state of busyness in which many of us find ourselves. One thing we can take from this is that it's ok to be busy, because Jesus was saying we should be, until He returns. Jesus lived a busy life. If He wasn't moving to another location, people were seeking Him out. Crowds would gather and He would teach. People asked questions, people sought healing, the religious leaders tried to trip Him up.

Here's what I would call the key, Jesus was busy, but He wasn't rushed. When I cross the "busy" to the "rushed" line, busy becomes stress. In being busy, I have to be ok with who I am, and with what capacity I have. We all have differing capacities (1 to 5 talents in the parable). Jesus also kept Himself focused on His purpose (see Mark 1:36-39 for an example). He was able to say "no" to the demands of others, because His focus was on the priorities of His purpose. Did He meet the demands and expectations of every person? I don't think so, and I think He was ok with that. We can learn to be the same.

I also think Jesus addressed our over-busy lives when He said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." <sup>29</sup> "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS." <sup>30</sup> "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (*Matthew 11:28-30, NASB*). If we are constantly weary & heavy laden we've probably taken on more than Jesus has given us. Under His "yoke" He is with us, helping pull the load. We can be busy but not burdened. We should not forget, Jesus took His disciples away for some rest when needed (Mark 6:31-32).

Do you know what God's purpose is for your life? Here's three biggies that apply to all of us: **worship, walk with Christ, and make disciples.** Jesus said, "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers." (John 4:23). God seeks those who will authentically worship Him. Worship rightly aligns us to the sovereign Creator of this world. Secondly, walk with Christ. The apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." (*Colossians 2:6*). The "walk" Jesus is talking about is with Christ as Lord which would include both obedience and a personal relationship. Thirdly, make disciples, *Matthew 28:19-20*, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." This is the mission God gave His church and all His followers.

How we live out these life purposes will differ between different people. But these purposes should still be major focuses for all of us who are believers. I like to encourage people to use 1-1-1 as a guideline. One worship service each week (even on vacation!), one activity with other believers for personal growth (such as life group or class), and one place of serving in ministry. There's lots of different ways we can apply these priorities and this guideline; we need to do it. In the parable of the talents, the desired words to hear at life's end are, "Well done thou good and faithful servant" (*Matt. 25:21, KJV*). If other things leave no room to apply these priorities what words might we hear from Jesus? Yes, I've written about busyness two months in a row. It seems to be a struggle common to so many of us that we need to overcome.



In the Yoke,

*Pastor Dan*



# July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Lord's Table Worship Services: 9 &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Men's Canoe Trip — return about 4 pm</p> <p>"Next Steps" - Step 4 (s 1) - 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>2 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>3 Milwaukee Brewers Game for All — Leaving MBC at 10 am. Tailgate party at Miller Park. \$10/ticket Game time—3 pm Contact: Bernie Roidt</p>	<p>4 <b>MBC Office Closed</b></p> 	<p>5 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>6 A—7:30 pm, West C—7:30 pm, East A—8:30 pm, East B—9:30 pm, East A—9:30 pm, East</p>	<p>7 8 am Men's Breakfast</p> 
<p>8 Worship Services: 9 &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>"Next Steps" — Step 4 (s 2) 6:30 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Guatemala Missions Trip</p>	<p>9 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Guatemala Missions Trip</p>	<p>10 Missions Meeting ~ 5 pm, LL #106</p> <p>Guatemala Missions Trip</p>	<p>11 Women's Ministry Fireside Event ~ Carpooling from MBC at 9 am (All tickets are spoken for)</p> <p>Men's Noon Bible study ~ LL #104</p> <p>Guatemala Missions Trip</p>	<p>12 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Guatemala Missions Trip</p>	<p>13 B—8:30 pm, East B—Ump 9:30 pm, East C—9:30 pm, East</p> <p>Mission Monroe ~ 5:30 pm, Concerts on the Square</p> <p>Guatemala Missions Trip</p>	<p>14 Guatemala Missions Trip</p>
<p>15 Worship Services: 9 &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Guatemala Missions Team Home</p>	<p>16 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Pastor Dan—Pathways Training, Guatemala</p>	<p>17 Primetimers Game, Food &amp; Fellowship Day 10 am—2 pm, NC/K</p> <p>Tentative: Ignite &amp; Fusion ~ Mt. Olympus</p> <p>Pastor Dan—Pathways Training, Guatemala</p>	<p>18 Men's Noon Bible study ~ LL #104</p> <p>Pastor Dan—Pathways Training, Guatemala</p>	<p>19 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Pastor Dan—Pathways Training, Guatemala</p>	<p>20 Primetimers 11:15 am, Pizza Hut lunch</p> <p>A—7:30 pm, East C—8:30 pm, East B—9:30 pm, East C—Ump 9:30 pm, East</p> <p>Pastor Dan— returns home</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9 am Worship Service at MBC 10:30 am Baptismal Worship Service &amp; Picnic at Clarno Forestry Center</p>	<p>23 Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Elder Bd. Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>24 Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am</p> <p>Board of Deacons Mtg. ~ 6 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>25 Men's Noon Bible study ~ LL #104</p>	<p>26 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>27 A—7:30 pm, East B—8:30 pm, East C—9:30 pm, East B—Ump 7:30 pm, East</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Worship Services: 9 &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Annual Congregational Meeting 12:15 pm, NC Bring your lunch!</p>	<p>30 VBS ~ 9 am—Noon</p> <p>Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>31 VBS ~ 9 am—Noon</p>	<p>August 1 VBS ~ 9 am—Noon</p>	<p>August 2 VBS ~ 9 am—Noon</p>	<p>August 3 VBS ~ 9 am—Noon</p>	



## July Birthdays!



- 1 Jeanne Hermanson  
Kristi Hudson  
Todd IIs  
Kyle Ohlrich
- 2 Erick Bisegger  
Paul Brunner  
Wendy Westcomb
- 3 Ellie Thoman
- 4 Rich Peach  
Paul Ritschard
- 5 Nicole Bartelt  
Mark McNett
- 6 Natalie Brunner  
Jennifer Eddy
- 8 Hannah Petersen
- 9 Evan Brunner  
Dawn Jordan  
Joel Miller

- 14 Whitaker Holverson  
Benson Miller
- 15 Liz Meyer
- 16 Cory Bruehlman
- 17 Jeff Meyer  
Deb Wyss
- 19 Kevin Samson
- 20 Lexi Baer  
Corrine Meier
- 21 Becky Jones
- 22 Ron Faith
- 23 Randy Ringhand  
Sarah Wong
- 24 Silas Setterstrom
- 25 Kristi Bruehlman  
Heather Hayden
- 26 Shane Eddy  
Beth Roidt

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Craig & Laura Roth  
Gene & Neva Schultz
- 5 Ryan & Deb Wyss
- 11 Douglas & Patricia Crooks
- 12 Jeff & Deb Meyer
- 13 Andy & Megan Thoman
- 15 Mike & Wendy Westcomb
- 23 Loren & Kristi Bruehlman
- 26 Don & Darlene Bartelt
- 30 Justin & Hilda Brunner  
Curt & Colette Wyttenbach





*Congratulations!*  
*Adam & Chelsea Brunner*  
*were married*  
*Saturday, June 2nd*  
*May God bless your marriage!*

**Mission: Monroe needs Volunteers**  
Pizza servers & “runners” to Suisse Haus

Friday, July 13th  
5:30 pm

Sign up at the  
Welcome  
Center!



**Brewers Baseball Game**  
Tuesday, July 3rd  
Brewers vs Minnesota Twins  
Leave MBC 10 am, Game time—3 pm  
Tickets still available at \$10. each.  
Tailgating before the game  
Everyone is invited to attend!  
Contact Bernie Roidt: 325-2199

**Men/Kids ANNUAL  
Wi River  
CANOE TRIP!**

**8 am Breakfast—June 30**  
**9 am—depart**  
**4 pm return—July 1**

**Contact:**  
**Kyle Ohlrich 719-439-1003**



**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

**Mission: Monroe**

Mission: Monroe kicked off the summer with a landscaping renewal evening at 18 & 8th. 40+ volunteers weeded, trimmed, pruned, raked, and cleaned to help beautify the property.

Friday, July 13th we will be serving pizza at the Family Promise fundraising tent at the Concert on the Square. Volunteers are need to serve as well as “run” to Suisse Haus to pick up pizzas. Sign-up information is available at the Welcome Center.

Coming in August will be a new opportunity to serve in our community at the food pantry. We will be helping all 4 Monday’s in August from 1:45 pm - 4 pm. More information will be available at the Welcome Center.

In September we will once again be hosting at the hospitality tent for Cheese Days. Details will be coming soon.



**NEXT  
STEPS**

**Step 4 ~ 2 sessions: Sundays, July 1st & 8th at 6:30 pm, Lower Level #102**

**Sign up at the Welcome Center!**

## Have you been Baptized?

Our Annual  
Baptismal Worship Service  
& Family Picnic  
will be at the Clarno Forestry Center  
on Sunday, July 22nd  
at 10:30 am



The Worship Service will begin at 10:30 AM followed by Baptism in the Richland Creek. There will be an all-church family picnic following the Baptism at the Forestry Center.

Please bring **TWO dishes to pass**. Hot dogs and drinks are provided. \*Keep in mind that there is no refrigeration & minimal electricity at the Center for food. Be careful to **BRING COOLERS WITH ICE** to keep your food adequately chilled.

Dress casually and bring lawn chairs or blankets.

**A 9:00 AM Worship Service will be held at MBC in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 22nd.**



**\*\*If you would like to be baptized in the Richland Creek that day, sign up at the Welcome Center.**

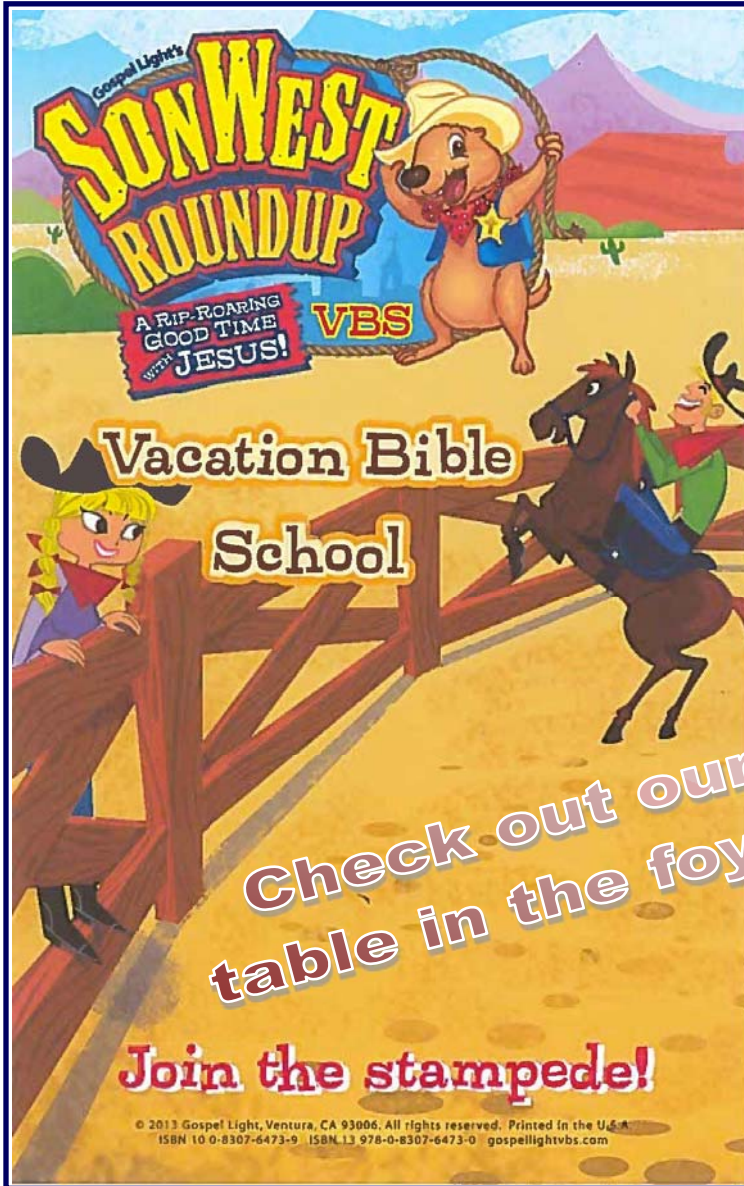
“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” *Matthew 28:19-20, NASB*

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 29th  
12:15 pm in the Nehemiah Center  
Feel free to bring your lunch!  
We will be affirming  
Elders & Deacons at this meeting  
Everyone is welcome to attend!  
Please Note: Only Members of  
MBC can vote.

Elders	Deacons
Jim Brown	Loren Bruehlman
Jason Elgin	Keith Ferreri
Chris Holverson	Ralph Johnson
Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl	Jeff McNett
Scott Larson	Richard Thoman
Kim Markham	Duane Zimmerman
Bernie Roidt	*Jim Hurlbert
Mike Westcomb	
Larry Young	
*Jeff Wunschel	

\* Denotes new Elder or Deacon



## VBS

July 30th—August 3rd

9 am—Noon

For kids in 4K—5th Grade

Register at:

[monroebiblechurch.org](http://monroebiblechurch.org)

Check out our  
table in the foyer!

Join the stampede!



**Celebration  
Sunday!**

**August 5th**

**SINGLE WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**Twining Park  
West Shelter**



**10:30 am Worship Service,  
Picnic Potluck & Games!**

**Please bring TWO generous  
dishes to share!**





# Primetimers Games & Lunch

Please join us  
Tuesday, July 17th  
10 am—2 pm, NC  
Lunch provided!

PRIME TIMERS  
**GAME DAY**  
JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, & GAMES!

### Library News!

The Library is now completely on the upper level! Are you looking for books to read? We have reading lists for men, women, young adults, chapter readers, and early reader. We'll have a new July list out soon, and our June reading list is still available. There are many books to choose from and new authors to discover!



### CONTEST TIME!



There is a [B-I-N-G-O Reading Challenge](#) offered to kids, with prizes for rows completed and a grand prize drawing for all black out boards with unlimited entries!



### Couple's Reading Challenge

Married or Engaged couples can read 2 – 3 books from a provided list and be entered into a grand prize drawing for a date night package! There are smaller prizes for each completed entry. The Challenge starts July 1st and ends August 26th, 2018.

Stop by the Library for complete details!





**Primetimers — please come!**  
**11:15 am Friday, July 20**

**Prayer — Dan Keen, Ministry Leader**

A recent survey concluded that an average of 5 minutes a day is spent praying by believers. Pastors average 7 minutes a day. Believers should plan more time each day to pray. Consider praying on your drive to and from work. Turn off your TV and pray with your spouse and children. The results will be amazing.

You're invited to the Monday evening prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make it to the church, consider having a time set aside on Monday evening to pray at home with your family. If you do pray at home on Monday evening could you send me a text telling me that you did pray? I could pass it on to the prayer group as an encouragement. You can text me at 608-897-6926.

I have Prayer Coach books available. It is one of the best books on prayer I have ever read. It was given to me by missionary Steve Farina. The cost is \$10.

**MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

Hi there! How are you are doing?

This may be the most common and most over used question of all time! The person asking "How are you doing" seldom gives you a chance to answer, and unfortunately too many times, doesn't really want to know how you are.



**Well that is not this!** The Marriage Ministry truly does want to know "How are you doing? Even more specifically "How is your marriage doing"? Take a few minutes and reflect on your last week. And think back over the last 3 or 4 months. How is your marriage doing? And if we asked your spouse, would they have the same answer?

Have you and your spouse been able to spend much time together? And the time that you did have together, were you able to comfortably talk and listen to each other? Undoubtedly there were some challenges and difficult things to work through at times. Have you been able to recognize these things, bring your concerns to your spouse, then discuss them in a polite and respectful manner and then come to agreement?

The pastors and the marriage ministry mentor couples are available to everyone at the Monroe Bible Church and to others outside the church when needs arise. However, only you and your spouse know the true current condition of your marriage. We hope that you make it a priority to regularly "Date your spouse". These "date nights" provide the necessary time to set aside the cares of work, family and other responsibilities, and to concentrate on your spouse. We need this time together!

During the months of July and August, the Marriage Ministry will be providing some special date night ideas to encourage you to have fun and date your spouse!

Date night information and materials will be made available at the Welcome Center, on the MBC website, and on MBC Facebook. Have a wonderful summer and make it a special time to discuss your vision and clarify your path to make a lasting marriage and family legacy.

Jeff & Marie Wunschel, Marriage Ministry Leaders



## GUATEMALA PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Praise God! \$3,674 was added to the Playground Fund from the garage sale, bringing the total raised to \$8,801. We are almost to the halfway point of our \$20,000 5-year goal.

Thank you to:

- everyone who donated items for the garage sale fundraiser, those who gave their time and energy to help set up, sort items, work the sale, and pack up
- The Hurlbert family who loaded and hauled lots of stuff
- Deb Hurlbert who organized and ran this fundraiser



Gospel tracts were distributed in shopper's bags, and leftover items from the sale were given to the Awana Store and multiple charitable organizations.

## 2018 GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

Praise God, we are fully funded for the Mission Trip! Thank you for your prayers and financial support!



### The Trip

Our team leaves July 7 and returns July 15. Oscar, our Guatemalan Missionary, has identified the need for emotional and spiritual help to people living in shelters due to the volcanic eruption. In light of this, some mornings the team will work at the building site for training pastors and church leaders, and other mornings they will be showing God's love at a shelter.

This will be our 2nd year working with Hebron Church in Itzapa City for the Vacation Bible School in the afternoons. Our VBS will be 5 days instead of the usual 4 days, and our team members will be teaching the Bible Lessons with an interpreter. The theme this year is "Jesus Is God Who Cares For People."

### Prayer Needed

Please pray that the children attending VBS and the people living at the shelter receive a clear Gospel Message and many accept the Lord Jesus as their Savior, for relationships to be built with Hebron Church, the team would hear and obey the Holy Spirit in all they do on the trip, good health, safety, building of team relationships, and a deepening of people's faith. Thank you!

### Trip Presentation

The team will be giving a short 30-minute slide presentation on August 19 at noon (after the last service.) Please mark your calendar and plan to attend, especially if you are considering the 2019 trip.

## PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO TRAIN PASTORS



Pastor Dan will be staying several days longer to hold a Pathways training in Guatemala. Key pastors are going through the 3-year, 9-workshop training on how to more accurately understand and teach the Bible, and are taking the training back to their districts. This will be the 4th training Pastor Dan has served in as a trainer. Please pray for safe travels and good health for all the men involved in the training, and effective transfer of the principles taught in Pathways. Your prayers and support are impacting Guatemala!

