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Enriched, or Plundered?



I think my favorite Psalm for the rest of this year will be Psalm 145. I'm challenging myself, and you too, for the rest of the year with this definition of a disciple. In the September 9th sermon I defined a disciple of Christ as one who, "*loves Him more than anything, listens to Him more than anyone, and leaves more for Him than for anything.*" Hence, when I came to Psalm 145 in my personal through-the-Bible reading I felt like I'd hit a gold mine! There I found an example in David, and a number of reasons to love God.

Consider the "I will" statements he opens the Psalm with in the first seven verses. "*I will extol You, my God, O King, And I will bless Your name forever and ever.*" ² *Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.* ³ Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, And His greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵ On the glorious splendor of Your majesty And **on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.** ⁶ Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, And **I will tell of Your greatness.** ⁷ They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness." (*Psalm 145:1-7, NASB*)

Look back through these verses for what David says the congregation will do. He speaks not only of his own commitment, but also that of the congregation. There is a sense of *compulsion* to give God worship! This can only come from a personal experience with God. I find myself asking, "When was the last time I really extolled and blessed the Lord?" Do I really even know what it means? When did I last meditate on His works, goodness, righteousness, or tell others of His greatness? How about you? Been a while? What causes this kind of response to well up within us? What hinders this response from happening in us?

Notice how David continues speaking of the attributes of God in verses 8-13. "The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works. ¹⁰ All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, And Your godly ones shall bless You. ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power; ¹² To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations." (*Psalm 145:8-13*). Take a pen and underline the reasons David gives for praising God. Can you point to circumstances in your life in which you, experientially, came to know some of these truths about God?

Finally, David speaks confidently of what God will do in the rest of the Psalm. "The LORD sustains all who fall And raises up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to You, And You give them their food in due time. ¹⁶ You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. ¹⁹ He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them. ²⁰ The LORD keeps all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy. ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever." (*Psalm 145:14-21*). Are you confident that this is who God will be to and for you?

There is so much more to learn about the character and works of God. Would not knowing God in these ways in our experience be more enriching than anything we experience in the world? Of all the decisions I make in a week's time, I wonder which ones truly enrich, and which actually plunder my life? How about you? Will you strive with me to, "*love Him more than anything, listen to Him more than anyone, and leave more for Him than for anything*"?

Made Rich by Christ, (2 Cor. 8:9)


Pastor Dan

Hello October!



October '18



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Mission: Monroe Care Net Spaghetti Supper @ Hope Community Center ~ 4-9 pm	2 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon, & 1-3 pm	3 Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm Awana ~ 6:15 pm	4 Ladies "Hebrews" Study ~ 9:30 am, NC Young Adults Study ~ 7 pm, LL #106 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	5 Fusion Fall Retreat	6 Men's Breakfast ~ 8 am, NC/K Fusion Fall Retreat
7 Worship Services: 9 & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline ~ 9 am, NC Fusion Returns from Fall Retreat (No Fusion at 6) Ignite ~ 4-6 pm, LL #106	8 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	9 Primetimers Games & Lunch 10 am-1 pm, NC/K Library Hours: 10 am-Noon, & 1-3 pm	10 Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm Awana ~ 6:15 pm	11 Ladies "Hebrews" Study ~ 9:30 am, NC Good News Club begins @ Parkside School ~ 4 pm Young Adults Study ~ 7 pm, LL #106 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	12 Outdoor Movie Night "WONDER" @ Watson's (W6750 Cnty B), Monroe ~ 8-11 pm	13 "Next Steps" Step 1 ~ 8 am, NC Breakfast Provided
14 Pastor Appreciation Offering Taken Worship Services: 9 & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline ~ 9 am, NC Closing Mtg. Wild Mountain Man ~ Following 2nd Service Ignite ~ 3-6 pm, Monroe Clinic Service Night Fusion ~ 6-8 pm, LL #106 Next Steps "Step 2" (1st s.) ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	15 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	16 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon, & 1-3 pm Board of Deacons ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106	17 Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm Awana ~ 6:15 pm	18 Ladies Bible Study, Hebrews ~ 9:30 am, NC Good News Club @ Parkside School ~ 4 pm Young Adults Study ~ 7 pm, LL #106 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	19 Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am Women's Retreat - Inspiration Center, Walworth WI, 5 pm	20 Women's Retreat - Inspiration Center, Walworth WI Tree Removal @ MBC 8 am
21 Women Return Home Worship Services: 9 & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline ~ 9 am, NC Next Steps "Step 2" (2nd s.) ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Ignite ~ 12:30 pm, Corn Maze Fusion ~ 6-8 pm, LL #106	22 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Bd. Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106	23 Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am Library Hours: 10 am-Noon, & 1-3 pm	24 Trek/Journey ~ 5:30 pm Awana ~ 6:15 pm	25 Ladies Bible Study, Hebrews ~ 9:30 am, NC Good News Club @ Parkside School ~ 4 pm Young Adults Study ~ 7 pm, LL #106 NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	26 Awana Girls T + T Event-Sat., Oct. 27	27 Missionary Oscar Chiquito speaking ~ 10:30 am, NC
28 Gideon Int. Guest Worship Services: 9 & Café 10:30 am Guatemala 2019 Info Mtg. ~ 10:05 am, LL Ignite ~ 4-6 pm, LL #106 Fusion ~ 6-8 pm, LL #106	29 Pastor Appreciation & Concert of Prayer ~ 6:30 pm, NC	30 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon, & 1-3 pm	31			



Birthdays!



- 1 Jan Burke
- Rhys Witt
- 3 MaryAnn Stauffacher
- 5 Dominic Proudfit
- 6 Barbara Bernhagen
- Kai Schadewaldt
- 7 Deb Setterstrom
- 9 Luba Dechtiarenko
- 10 Ray Jones
- 11 Ron Coppes
- 13 Anna Skoumal
- 14 Jacob Harder
- Ruth Zimmick

- 15 Elise Lincicum
- 19 Arthur Sommerville
- Colette Wytttenbach
- 20 Doug Larson
- 21 Noah Kuenzi
- Aleigh Zettle
- 22 Elise Rossing
- 23 Pauline Wyss
- 24 Pam Young
- 25 Roger Becker
- Jeff McNett
- 30 Linda Samson

- 1 Pastor Dan & Jennifer Krahenbuhl
- 3 Shane & Jennifer Eddy
- 4 Ed & Cindy Demianiuk
- Keith & Roxanne Geisler
- 5 Tom & Brenda Rossing
- 7 Brian & Barbara Thompson
- 8 Walter & Carol Botteron
- Craig & Helen Tuttle
- 11 Tyler & Crystal Hartwig
- 12 Chris & Elise Morris
- 15 Scott & Carol Larson
- 16 Shane & Karena Figi
- Rex & Kristin Schout
- 19 Keith & Penny Ferreri
- 27 Nate & Shannon Ackerman
- 29 Scott & Jenny Turkelson



Congratulations!
Liz Garchie & Kevin Schulthess
were married Saturday,
June 16th in Monroe.
May God Bless You!



Saturday, October 6th
8 am — Nehemiah Center

With Our Sympathy

We would like to extend our sympathy to the friends of Judy Wray.
Judy passed away on Sunday, September 2nd.



Our condolences go to Lynn & Dale Klitzke & family. Lynn's Mom,
Jeanette Taylor, passed into eternity on Sunday,
August 26th and her Dad, George Taylor, passed away
Saturday, September 1st.

Our sympathy to the family of
Mark and Suzanne Rohloff. Mark's father,
Wayne, passed away on Wednesday, September 19th.

May God bless you and sustain you with His peace.

Week 3 Winners

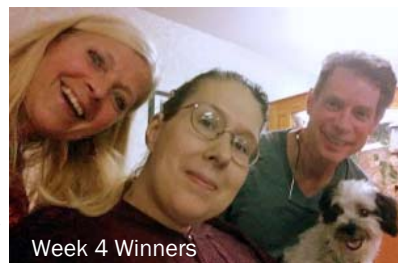


Week 3 Winners
of the August Date
Your Spouse Chal-
lenge were the

Larson's! Scott and Carol went to the Dane
Co. Farmers Market and then on to High Cliff
State Park on Lake Winnebago. They received \$15 of Monroe Money to
spend on their next date.



Larry and Pam Young were the winning couple who dated their
spouse during week 4 . Larry and Pam have found a great way
to date every Wednesday evening (along with their dog Cooper)
as they visit with and minister to residents at the Monroe Manor.
They received \$15 of Monroe Money to spend on their next date.



Week 4 Winners

*And the
Winners are...*

This concludes the dating challenge.
Week 1 - Paul and Andrea Brunner
Week 2 - Josh and April Kuenzi
Week 3 - Scott and Carol Larson
Week 4 - Larry and Pam Young

We hope that you will make it a priority to set a special date with your spouse from time to time. Thanks to all the couples who participated in the Date Your Spouse Challenge. We trust that you had some good discussions, strengthened your marriage, and honored God with your commitments to each other.

We always welcome suggestions for the Ministry to be considered for future marriage and family related activities or events. Contact us at 328-7881 or by email to marriageandfamilymbc@gmail.com.

Have fun dating your spouse!!

AWANA

AWANA for ages 3 1/2 through 12th grade.

Ages 3 1/2 through 6th grade meet from 6:15 to 7:45 pm Wednesday evenings.

7th through 12th grade is 5:30 to 6:15 pm on Wednesday evenings.

Contact Jim Hurlbert, Commander, (325-3430) if you have any questions or if you are interested in helping.



MISSION: MONROE

Monday, October 1st, we will take care of all aspects of the Spaghetti Supper for Care Net at Hope Community Center (2902 13th St., Monroe) Everyone can help with this by baking desserts, set-up, serving, and clean-up.

We still need 3—4 people for the following:
Serving (4:30—8 pm)

We will need to provide approximately 20 desserts—cakes, bars, pies. Please DO NOT pre-cut your baked goods. Gluten free or sugar free/diabetic desserts are welcomed.



Ladies Retreat 2018

Pick up a Registration Brochure at the Welcome Center!

Perception

Perspective

Proclamation

A journey through Psalm 73

October 19—21

Primetimers

Luncheon and Game Day



Tuesday, October 9th. Show your silly side and dress crazy for Halloween and tell your crazy Halloween story. Don't be afraid of what you might see when you come in and join the fun! Our spooky fellowship starts at 10 am, with lunch at 11:45 am. This month will be BBQ and chips, with fall color food if contributing. Call Deb Hendrickson with questions or ideas for games, 214-5532.

NEXT STEPS

“Next Steps” Step 1 (1 s.)
Saturday, October 13th at 8 am, NC
Breakfast provided.

“Next Steps” Step 2 (2 s.)
Sunday, October 14th & 21st
at 6:30 pm, LL #102

**This step is required for membership*

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Cutting Trees at MBC

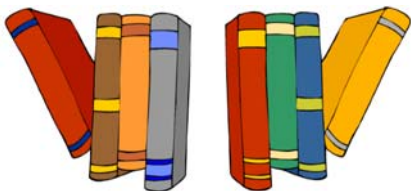
Because of emerald ash borer damage to our three large trees, it is necessary to remove them. We'll be requesting help for this process.



There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for you to sign up to help. We plan to do the tree removal October 20th beginning at 8 am.

Lunch will be provided.

Any questions can be directed to
Duane Zimmerman at 608-214-6793.



Library News



This past summer welcomed some new happenings within the Library!

We added many new books with a week of highlights on the Library's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/thembclibrary/>). The Library has some new fiction series; new workbook studies including "Sex and the Single Girl", "He Is Enough", and "Fundamentals of the Faith"; and several new books relating to social issues in America (homosexuality, how we use our words, the courtroom, how to be a Christian in today's America, and more).

We also held two contests this summer. The first was a children's BINGO reading contest, with a participant receiving a Clubhouse Magazine from Focus on the Family. The second was a couple's reading contest: a big congratulations to Aaron and Meghann Holverson as our winners! They received a date night package which included a Buggyworks gift certificate, movie tickets, and free babysitting as the prize. The goal of this contest was to help couples grow in their relationship with each other and their walk with the Lord, so each participant received a prize that can help them to grow together and in Christ. Starting in October and going through January we will have another couple's reading contest. All participants will receive a participation prize and the Grand Prize winners will receive a date night package (Grand Prize winners also receive the participation prize). Beginning in October we will have a children's reading challenge. Some of the prizes for the children's challenge include book gift cards and ice cream. See the library for more details!

The goal of the Library is to help YOU in your walk with God. That comes in many different forms, in the Library it comes through books, movies, audio, magazines, etc. If there is a book (or another media form) that YOU would like to see, or a topic, come share it with the librarians, or Amanda Ohlrich personally. We will either provide you a book we have, or purchase the book for lending!

The books we strive to have in the Library are books that will help grow you in your faith; that can be through fiction or factual stories of faith lived out, studies that help you explore God's Word, relational books that can speak life into your marriage or parenting, apologetic books that help you defend your faith or help to answer questions you already have.

If you are looking to donate books, we are ready and willing to accept them, we only ask that you state whether you want the books back that we are unable to use. There is a "FREE to Take" shelf in the Library. If you don't want the books back they will go on that shelf. Also, if you wish to buy books for the Library, we have a list of desired books, please contact Amanda Ohlrich (ohlrich316@gmail.com) for that list.



You are cordially invited!!!



Oscar and Karla Chiquito, our supported missionaries in Guatemala, along with their children, Emily and Emmanuel, will be visiting the United States in October. Oscar coordinates our annual Guatemala Mission Trips and is working with Pastor Dan to connect Guatemalan pastors to the Pathways Training Network. Oscar will be speaking at Monroe Bible Church Saturday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 am in the Nehemiah Center. Please plan to attend to encourage them and learn more about their missionary work.

Looking for food, fun and fellowship?

Join us for Harvest Weekend Nov. 10 & 11!



This year's missionary guests are Tim & Nicole Wilcox (Youth With a Mission-Madison) and Kevin & Robin Warren (Glory Reins Ranch-Virginia).

Saturday, Nov 10 we will start off the weekend in the Nehemiah Center with a **Men/boys Breakfast** at 8 am followed by the **Women/girls Luncheon**



at 12:30 pm. A sign-up will be at the Welcome Center starting Oct. 7 and all food is provided at no charge. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for donation to the Green County Food Pantry on Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday, Nov. 11 our guests will be speaking during **Pipeline** at 9 am in the Nehemiah Center. A **special offering** will be taken at each service to provide our supported missionaries with a monetary Christmas gift. New this year - we will be having a **Harvest Potluck** lunch in the Nehemiah Center following the 2nd service. Please bring 2 dishes to pass. Hot dogs, buns and beverages will be provided. This is a great opportunity to meet and support our missionaries personally!

2019 Guatemala Mission Trip Preparation

It's already time to start planning for next year's trip! If you are interested in going to Guatemala July 6 -13, please attend ONE of the following 20-minute meetings:

Oct. 28, 10:05 am lower level	Nov. 4, 11:50 am lower level
Nov. 18, 10:05 am lower level	Dec. 9, 11:50 am lower level



To be considered for the 2019 team, 4 requirements must be met:

- ◆ Currently in High School or older
- ◆ Attend 1 of the informational meetings listed above
- ◆ Submit a completed application to the church office no later than Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018
- ◆ Attend #5 Next Steps class "On Mission" which is 2 sessions in June

November 13 - Pleasant View Birthday Party



Monroe Bible Church is among 12 churches in the surrounding community that sponsor a birthday party and our month is November. We ask for volunteers to help residents with Bingo, serve food and Bingo prizes, play an instrument, sing, and/or transport residents to/from their rooms. Children are welcome!

A **sign-up** will be at the Welcome Center starting Oct. 14 to provide cupcakes or help at the event at 1:15 pm. A box for Bingo prize donations will be located near the Welcome Center. Donations may include: Individually wrapped fun-sized candy bars (nut-free), life savers, diabetic candy (nut-free chocolates and hard candy), individual serving sized cookies and chips (ie. Keebler, Pringles, Nabisco crackers), Life savers, Kleenex, jewelry (no earrings with posts), perfume, cologne, and word search books. Please make sure all prizes are age appropriate.