

July 2019

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Our Neighbors

I was challenged to think about my “neighbor” a bit differently yesterday. Does the question, “And who is my neighbor?” ring a bell? It’s from Luke 10:29. Here’s the context. “And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”²⁶ And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?”²⁷ And he answered, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”²⁸ And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE.”²⁹ But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:25-29, NASB). You know what’s coming next – *The Good Samaritan Parable*.



Jesus makes the point that it isn’t the religious person, but the one who helps a person in need that proves they love their neighbor. I was challenged to think of my neighbor as not just those who live across the street or next door to my house, but those who live near “my” church. And more specifically, those who live in the neighborhood of 18 & 8th. Here’s what happened.

A man named Rick has a ministry of helping churches recognize their neighbors and connect with them. He is associated with the Billy Graham organization. The EFCA Forest Lakes District has subscribed to his services and thus made it available, free of cost, to all the churches in the district. While Rick was in the district office they gave him the address for our 18 & 8th property. Using his computer program, he ran a report, and they sent it to us. It is 29 pages of charts, graphs, and descriptions about the neighborhood around 18 & 8th. It is an incredible report. It is FAR more than the demographics one can get from the census reports. There’s a wealth of information about what is important and what concerns the people who live in the neighborhood. It identifies their preferences, of special interest to us, in the areas of family and spirituality.

In the email, the district said Rick would be in Madison and happy to meet me, and Pastor Rick from Hope Church, so I said “sure.” That’s where I was challenged to think a bit differently about my “neighbor.” Today I received a report full of data for the Monroe Bible Church neighborhood. Rick also said he will come to Monroe and see if he can build some bridges between us and some key people in the community. He will also bring some samples of free evangelistic resources that we can access. All of this is free to us.

What’s the catch? Well, I guess if we don’t do anything with it, it won’t be of any value. It reminds me of our salvation and sanctification (the process of growing more like Christ). Salvation is a free gift we receive. With salvation we receive all the “resources” we need for sanctification. This includes what we need to joyously bear fruit, which is part of our sanctification, but we have to apply ourselves. I face the same struggle as many of you – time. Now I’m asking myself, “What place does ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself’ have on my priority list with other commitments, responsibilities, and activities?” I think we all want to hear the words, “well done good and faithful servant,” found in the parable of the minas in Luke 19. Can we find a couple of hours each month to reach our neighbors?

In the neighborhood,
Pastor Dan





July '19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Library – Each Sunday after Services!</p> <p>These ministries are on Summer Recess: Sunday School, Pipeline, Ignite & Fusion</p>	<p>1 Fusion Chicago Trip Mtg. ~ 6:00 pm, NC</p> <p>Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106</p> <p>Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>2 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon & 1-3 pm</p> <p>Kid's Library reading program ~ 2–3 pm</p>	3	<p>JULY 4TH</p> <p>Ignite Service Project at Twining Park, Running Carnival Games ~ 2 :00 – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>5 Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5 pm, NC</p>	<p>6 No Men's Breakfast or Men's Study</p> <p>Mission Trip Prayer ~ 7:00 am, Guatemala 2019 Mission Team Departs ~ 7:30 am, Returning July 13</p>
<p>7 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2—4 pm, NC</p> <p>Lost & Found on display/NC</p>	<p>8 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>9 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon & 1-3 pm</p> <p>Kid's Library reading program ~ 2–3 pm</p> <p>Primetimers Bus Trip to Oshkosh ~ departs 8:15 am</p>	10	<p>11 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg. ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>12 Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5 pm, NC</p>	<p>13 Guatemala 2019 Missions Team Returns</p>
<p>14 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2—4 pm, NC</p>	<p>15 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>16 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon & 1-3 pm</p> <p>Kid's Library reading program ~ 2–3 pm</p>	<p>17 Brewers Game ~ departs MBC ~ 8:30 am, Game at 1:00 pm</p> <p>VBS Leader's Mtg. ~ 9-10:15 am, NC</p> <p>Women's study begins "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" ~ 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, NC</p>	<p>18 VBS prayer/hand out invites ~ 4:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>19 Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5 pm, NC</p>	<p>20 VBS Leader's Mtg. ~ 9 -10:15 am, NC</p>
<p>21 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC</p>	<p>22 VBS prayer/hand out invites ~ 4:30-6:30 pm</p> <p>Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>23 Pleasant View Service ~ 9:30 am</p> <p>Library Hours: 10 am-Noon & 1-3 pm</p> <p>Kid's Library reading program 2—3 pm</p> <p>Board of Deacons Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>24 Women's study "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" ~ 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, NC</p>	<p>25 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg ~ 6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>26 Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5 pm, NC</p>	<p>27 VBS decorating ~ 4-7 pm</p>
<p>28 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Annual Congregational Meeting ~ 12:15 pm, Sanctuary</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2—4 pm, NC</p> <p>VBS decorating ~ 3 pm until done</p>	<p>29 Vacation Bible School ~ "In the Wild" ~ 9 am—Noon, 4 yrs.—5th grade</p> <p>Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>30 Vacation Bible School ~ "In the Wild" ~ 9 am—Noon, 4 yrs.—5th grade</p> <p>Library Hours: 10 am-Noon & 1-3 pm</p>	<p>31 Vacation Bible School ~ "In the Wild" ~ 9 am—Noon, 4 yrs.—5th grade</p> <p>Women's study "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" ~ 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, NC</p>	<p>AUGUST 1</p> <p>Vacation Bible School ~ "In the Wild" ~ 9 am—Noon, 4 yrs.—5th grade</p>	<p>AUGUST 2</p> <p>Vacation Bible School ~ "In the Wild" ~ 9 am—Noon, 4 yrs.—5th grade</p>	



Happy Birthdays!



1 **Jeanne Hermanson**
Kristi Hudson
Todd Ils
Kyle Ohlrich
Holly Rhoe
2 **Paul Brunner**
Wendy Westcomb
3 **Ellie Thoman**
4 **Rich Peach**
Paul Ritschard
5 **Nicole Bartelt**
Mark McNett
Shirley Reed
6 **Natalie Brunner**
Jennifer Eddy
9 **Evan Brunner**
Dawn Jordan
Joel Miller

Birthdays!

14 **Whitaker Holverson**
Benson Miller
15 **Liz Meyer**
16 **Cory Bruehlman**
17 **Jeff Meyer**
Deb Wyss
19 **Kevin Samson**
20 **Zo Anne Lester**
Corrine Meier
22 **Ron Faith**
23 **Randy Ringhand**
Sarah Wong
24 **Silas Setterstrom**
25 **Kristi Bruehlman**
Heather Hayden
26 **Shane Eddy**
Beth Roidt
29 **Kara Schulte**

3 **Craig & Laura Roth**
Gene & Neva Schultz
4 **Chuck & Jenn Chladil**
5 **Ryan & Deb Wyss**
12 **Jeff & Deb Meyer**
13 **Andy & Megan Thoman**
15 **Mike & Wendy Westcomb**
23 **Loren & Kristi Bruehlman**
26 **Don & Darlene Bartelt**
30 **Justin & Hilda Brunner**
30 **Curt & Colette Wyttenbach**



We would like to offer our condolences to the Ralph Johnson family. Ralph's mom, Gayle, passed away May 29th. May God comfort and bless you with His peace.

Fusion – Chicago Mission Trip

Have you heard of Lydia Home Association in Chicago? I hadn't either until moving into Chicago in 1991. LYDIA Home Association is a Christian, non-profit organization, founded by the Evangelical Free Church of America that has been serving children in Chicago since 1916. Their website states, "Our mission is to strengthen families to care for children and to care for children when families cannot." Our programs are meant to both serve youth in care and be a blessing to our local community." LYDIA Home was named after a woman in the Bible recorded in the book of Acts. The woman, Lydia, was a faithful, Godly woman who opened her home to those who needed shelter. (Acts 16:14-15)

Every summer for over 20 years, Lydia Home has run Champs Camp, a program on the Lydia campus for the 40 children who call Lydia home. This year Fusion Student Ministries has the opportunity to develop the plan and run it from August 12-16th. We will spend the afternoons working with another organization from the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), who is a small church plant and are meeting in the park near Lydia Home.

Why take Fusion to Lydia Home to serve? I am glad you asked! I had the opportunity to work at Lydia Home as a childcare worker for over 5 years while attending Moody Bible Institute in the 1990's. I not only worked at Lydia, but received credit and Practical Christian Ministry as a student at Moody. Lydia Home was instrumental in my understanding of ministry in the urban setting, allowing me to see family ministry in a different context than I was used to. I believe our students from MBC will be stretched and challenged in their faith, and will see God's workings in a non-profit ministry setting. Our students will also learn what it means to "Love your neighbor as yourself", and meet neighbors they were unaware of.

**We have a meeting on Monday, July 1st at 6 pm in the Nehemiah Center.
Please join us and learn more!**

Pastor Troy Watson

Ignite Service Project

July 4th

Twining Park

Carnival Games

2 pm—4 pm

Meet at Twining Park!

Contact Chris & Elise Morris
with questions,
608-968-1318

Permission Slips at the
Welcome Center

Ignite Campout

For all students going into 6th-8th Grades!

Governor Dodge State Park

August 18—20

Leaving MBC at 1:00 pm Sunday, August 18th
Returning around 1:00 pm
Tuesday, August 20th

Questions?

Contact Chris & Elise Morris
608-968-1318

Permission Slips will be at
the Welcome Center.

NEXT STEPS

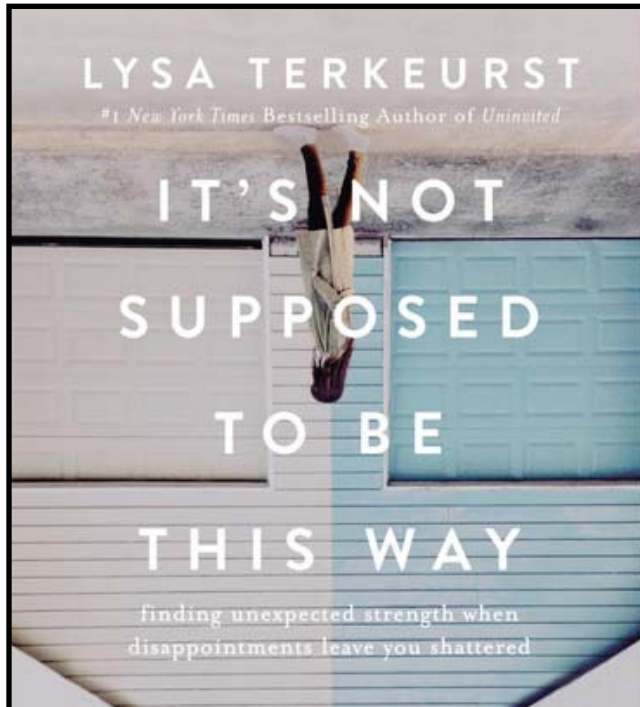
Next Steps—Step 1 (1 session):
“Our Mission & Vision”
Sunday, August 11th ~ Noon, LL #102
Learn what our vision is and how you
can become a part of it.

Lunch is provided.
Sign up at the Welcome Center

NEXT STEPS

Next Steps—Step 2 (2 sessions):
“Our Core Beliefs”
Sunday, Aug. 11th & 18th
6:30 pm, LL #102

Our beliefs and Bible doctrine.
**This step is required for membership.*
Sign up at the Welcome Center!



Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm
July 17 ~ August 21
Nehemiah Center

Sign up at the Welcome Center.
**Attendees must purchase their
own book & workbook!*

Some places that offer the books:
Amazon, Christianbooks, and
Barnes & Noble.

Any Questions, please contact:
Helen Tuttle (608-473-2951), or
Jenn Chladil at (608-636-4852).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Josh & Chelsea Hardacre

*Women's Retreat
Save the Date!
October 18th—20th*



Playground Project

Praise God! With the \$3,000 from the garage sale fundraiser, we have met our \$15,000 goal for the purchase and shipment of a refurbished playground through *Kids Around the World!* We will send a mission team to Guatemala in the summer of 2020 to install the playground.

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

Leftover items from the sale were given to the Awana store and multiple charitable organizations.

2019 Guatemala Mission Trip

With leftover funds from previous trips, donations, and the special offering, \$22,252.29 of the \$24,000 goal has been collected. Thank you for your financial support!

The Trip: Our team leaves July 6 and returns July 13. Come pray with the team at 7:00 am at MBC before the team departs at 7:30 am. The team will be working at the training center construction site in the mornings and holding a Vacation Bible School in the afternoons at Sol de Justicia Church in San Juan Sacatepequez City. The curriculum is "Turned Around" by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare craft materials for the VBS!

Prayer Needed: Please pray that the children attending VBS receive a clear Gospel Message and many accept the Lord Jesus as their Savior, for relationships to be built with Sol de Justicia 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!



2019 Mission Team:

- Adam Brunner
- Charles Chladil
- Ariel Foesch
- Kim Foesch
- Bailey Gruber
- Rick Haworth
- Jim Hurlbert
- Gabrielle IIs
- Dan Krahenbuhl
- Kim Markham
- Jesse Petersen
- Helen Tuttle
- Ruth Tuttle
- Mike Westcomb
- Wendy Westcomb
- Andrea Wilson



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 three-year, nine-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 5th 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!



All are invited to a Brewers outing on Wednesday, July 17th. Game time is 1 pm as the Brewers take on the Atlanta Braves. We will be leaving MBC at 8:30 am. Cost is \$21 per person. We will be carpooling from the church. We'll be tail-gating before the game. A sign-up is at the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Bernie Roidt at 608-558-3293.



You Lost, We Found

Sunday, July 7th

The first Sunday of each month all lost and found items will be displayed on a table in the Nehemiah Center. Any items not claimed will be donated.

Please check the table to see if anything belongs to you.



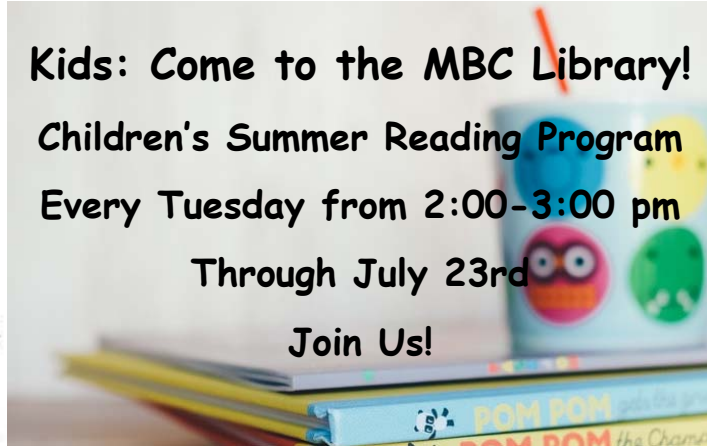
Kids: Come to the MBC Library!

Children's Summer Reading Program

Every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 pm

Through July 23rd

Join Us!



July 4th Word Find

Just in time for Independence Day, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

BLUE	FREEDOM	RED
CELEBRATE	INDEPENDENCE	STATES
FIREWORKS	JULY	UNITED
FLAG	PARADE	WHITE

G	R	U	I	Q	S	U	U	V	Y	A	J
A	S	O	N	Y	K	T	N	L	G	Z	Q
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F	A	R	E	D	O	J	U	E	T	A	U
L	T	D	P	O	W	K	T	L	R	E	L
W	E	H	E	T	E	A	A	A	B	H	D
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B	V	I	D	B	I	E	Q	W	J	B	R
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C	C	A	E	B	F	U	D	H	Y	P	B

Primetimers Bus Trip to Oshkosh

Tuesday, July 9th
Leaving MBC at 8:15 AM,
returning after 4:30 PM.
Becky and her daughter
will be serving lunch.
Cost is \$16.00/person, payable to
Deb Hendrickson by July 9th.

Pizza Hut Lunch on Friday,
July 19th at 11:15 AM

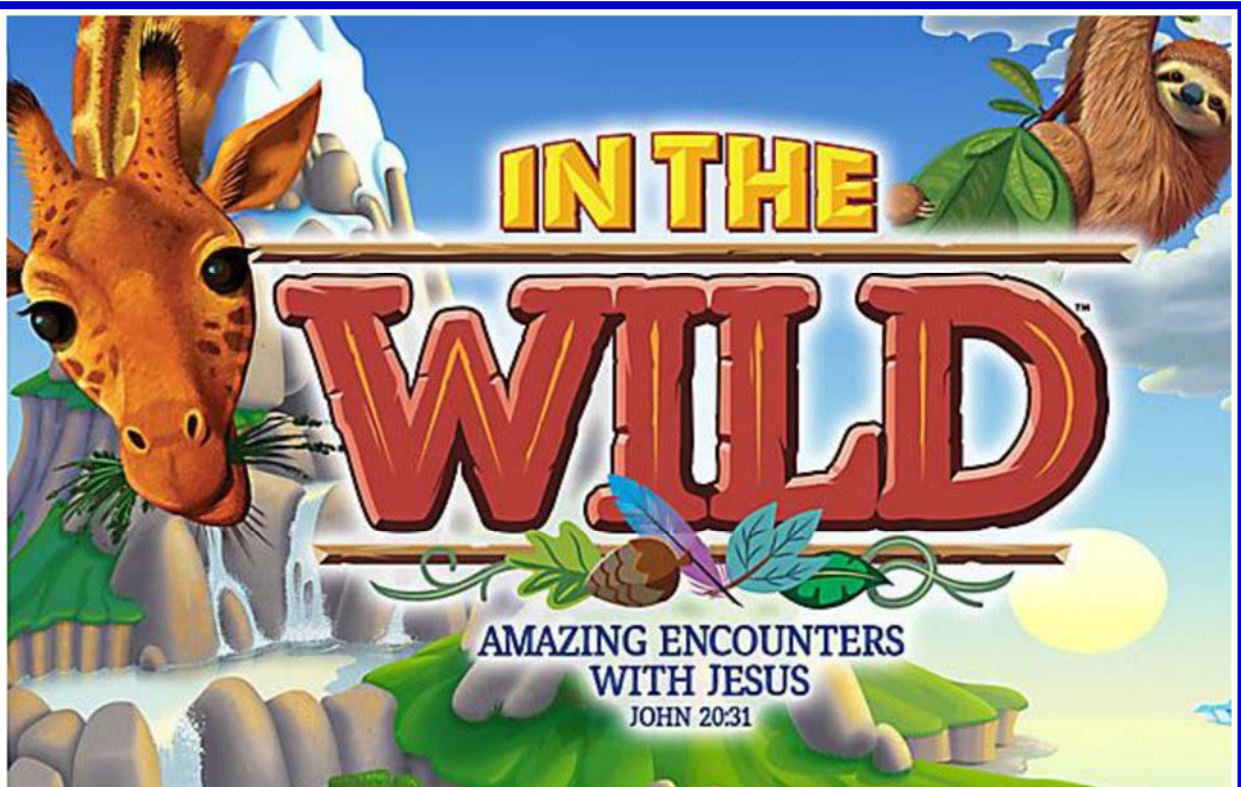
(No Primetimers Lunch & Games in July)

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 28th at 12:15 PM in the
Sanctuary. Feel free to bring your lunch.

- ◆ Financial Report & New Fiscal Year Budget
- ◆ Pastor Reports
- ◆ EFCA Affiliation
- ◆ Affirmation of Elders & Deacons

Please contact an Elder with any
questions you may have regarding
EFCA affiliation before the Annual
Congregational Meeting.



JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

July 29 - August 2
9AM - Noon
At Monroe Bible Church
For Students 4K - 5th Grade
Register for FREE at
monroebiblechurch.org

*If you would like to help
with VBS, Contact
Beth Roidt: 608-897-6058*

Important Dates & Times:

July 17 or 20
(only need to attend 1)
9:00-10:15 am
Leaders Meeting

July 18 & 22
4:30-6:30 pm
Prayer & Handing
out invites

July 27
4:00-7:00 pm
Decorating Downstairs
& Nehemiah Center

July 28
3:00 pm-until it's done!
Decorating the rest
of the church

July 29-August 2
8:30 am-12:30 pm
"In the Wild" VBS Week

August 4
10:30 am-3:00 pm
Community Celebration
Service at Twining Park
West Shelter (behind
the Bandshell)