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That Generation



I love the Old Testament. It takes a little more time to sift through than the New Testament but the jewels scattered throughout are so valuable to knowing God better and continuing spiritual growth. Here's an example. The first chapter of Judges lists the failure of several tribes to finish driving the inhabitants out of their inherited land. Chapter 2 begins with a rebuke for that from the angel of the Lord. Verse 7 says, "The people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel. (*Judges 2:7, NASB*). The account continues, Joshua died and was buried (v. 8-9). Then, "All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals, ¹² and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from *among* the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the LORD to anger." (*Judges 2:10-12*).

Here's the tragedy, the knowledge of God and works of God were not passed on to the next generation. The generation of Joshua and Caleb died in the wilderness for their unbelief. The next generation took the Promised Land under Joshua's leadership. They saw God's provision in the wilderness and in the series of victories that gave them control of the land. They obeyed the Lord, but they failed to convey to their children what they had experienced of what the Lord had done. And the result, a generation "who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel" (v. 10).

Reading this account in my quiet time recently left me asking myself these questions, "Have I, do I, tell my children and grandchildren what I have seen God do? Do I tell them what it is like to know God?" This account made me wonder if it isn't this exact same failure that is taking place today, a younger generation walking away from the faith, the church, and the Lord, because they haven't heard compelling testimony from their parents and that generation. Have they left it to the church and youth pastors? Children and teenagers need to hear testimony from their parents. And testimony that is reinforced by grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other Christian adults serve to combat against the multitude of forces pulling young people away from the Lord.

We have adopted the statement, "*Building Families*" in our vision statement. We have hired Pastor Troy to be our Family Ministries Pastor to help parents, and all of us, in spiritual formation of our children. But ultimately, it comes down to us as believing parents, grandparents, and young adults. We have to give testimony!

Last week I heard the host of a program on Christian radio tell of how he remembered his grandmother reading the Bible to him. She would bring each of her grandchildren up on her lap from the time they were little tikes. He attributed much of where he is today to the foundation she helped lay in his life. Every one of her 17 grandchildren are walking with the Lord today.

We have got to be people who give personal testimony to knowing God, of the work of God, and who open God's Word with conviction, to the next generation. The risk of what the consequences might be is too great to fall down on this. Today is the day to pick up the mantle. Are you in?


Still on God's Anvil,

Pastor Dan





February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Good News Club ~ 3:15 pm, Parkside School NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	2	3 No Men's Breakfast "No Regrets" Men's Conference ~ 8 am—4 pm, Faith Community Church, Janesville (6:30 am Departure from MBC)
4 Worship Services: 9 & Café 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages & Pipeline Class "Raising Kingdom Kids" ~ 9 am Ignite ~ 4 pm, LL #106 Fusion ~ 6 pm, LL #106 Next Steps—Step 1 ~ Noon, NC Lunch provided, sign-up at Welcome Center Super Bowl Party ~ 5 pm, NC No Ignite or Fusion	5 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	6 Missions Mtg. ~ 6 pm, LL #102	7 Men's Noon Bible study ~ LL #102 MISSIONS—Papa Murphy's Playground Fundraiser (Mention: Playground Project!) Awana: 5:30 ~ Jr Hi/H.S. 6:15 ~ 3 yr.—6th Gr.	8 No Good News Club NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102 Ignite to Kalahari ~ 4 pm	9 Ignite returns from Kalahari ~ 8 pm	10
11 Worship Services: 9 & Café 10:30 am Sunday School for all ages & Pipeline Class "Raising Kingdom Kids" ~ 9 am No Ignite Fusion ~ 6 pm, LL #106 Next Steps—Step 3 ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	12 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Bd. Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106	13	14 Valentine's Day  Men's Noon Bible study ~ LL #102 Awana: 5:30 ~ Jr Hi/H.S. 6:15 ~ 3 yr.—6th Gr.	15 Good News Club ~ 3:15 pm, Parkside School NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	16 Primitimers 11:15 am, Pizza Hut lunch	17
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- 1 Abigail Proudfit
- 2 Aaron Holverson
- 4 Milt Sherman
- 6 Justin Brunner
Julie Paske
- 7 Nate Bloom
Angela Miller
- 8 Justin Rhoe
- 10 Mark Setterstrom
- 11 Al Ostenson
- 12 Anita Peach
- 13 Debra Hurlbert
- 14 Josiah Hauri
Jake Watson
- 15 Gabe Kuenzi
Jaclyn Miller

- 16 Felicity Eddy
Liz Garchie
- 17 Marie Wunschel
- 18 Matt Miller
- 19 Brigham Holverson
Lynne Rhoe
- 20 Randy Whyte
- 21 Darlene Bartelt
Emmalynn Brunner
James Hurlbert
Sarah Olmstead
Lillie Rische
- 22 Lauren Baer
Joni Proudfit
- 23 Gene Dobbins
Scott Larson
- 26 Betty Anderson
- 27 Beth Figi
Gloria Huffman
Harold Pieper
- 28 Kathy Markham

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Peter & Katelin Rische
- 12 Dale & Lynn Klitzke
- 13 Roger & Kathy Krauss





Priscilla
SHIRER
SIMULCAST

Ladies! Save the date!
May 11 & 12, 2018
Faith Community
Church in Davis, IL



Congratulations

to Brian & Lexi Baer on the birth of their daughter, Maeve Marie. Maeve was born January 12th. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. & was 20.5" long. This little one joins sisters Lauren & Kate at home.



Congratulations

to Rex & Kristin Schout on the birth of their son, Brooks Alan. Brooks was born December 12th. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19.5" long. Brooks joins siblings Braeleigh and Brandt at home.



We would like to extend our sympathy to Pastor Dan and Jennifer, Anne IIs & family, Erich Krahenbuhl, and the family of Meghann & Aaron Holverson at the death of their Mother and Grandmother, Ruth Krahenbuhl. Ruth passed away Sunday, December 24th, 2017.

We were sorry to hear that Ashley Thomas' father, Max, passed away on December 11th 2017.

May God's strength and peace sustain each of you.



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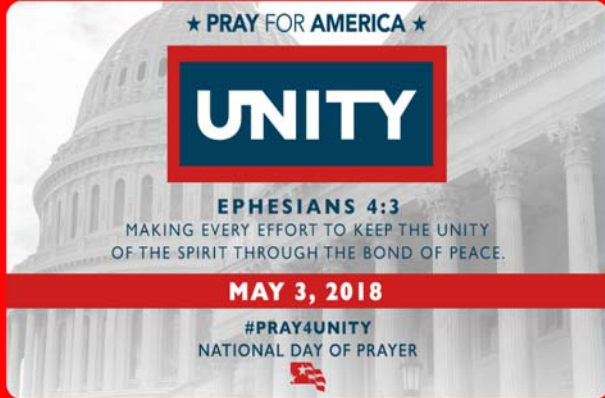
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2018 National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3rd. Mark your
calendar and save this date.



Save the date:

**Brewers Baseball Game
Tuesday, July 3rd.**

**Brewers vs Minnesota
Twins. Game time—3
pm. Tickets will be \$10.
Everyone is invited to
attend!**



Questions? Bernie Roidt: 325-2199

NEXT STEPS

Step 1—"Our Mission & Vision"

(1 session)

Sunday, February 4th
Noon, Nehemiah Center.
Lunch is provided—please sign-up at
the Welcome Center

Step 3—"Our Commitments"

(1 session)

Sunday, February 11th
at 6:30 pm, Lower Level #102
(Please note location change)
**This step is required for membership*

Pick up a brochure at the
Welcome Center for a listing of
the 2018 classes.

Primetimers

Primetimers will gather for their monthly Pizza Hut lunch on Friday, February 16th. Please try to attend and you will enjoy a nice salad and pizza buffet at a nominal price. Good fellowship is thoroughly enjoyed, beginning at 11:15 am. As a reminder, this is a monthly event, always the third Friday. Any "Empty Nesters" are welcome to join us. No reservations necessary. Hope to see YOU there!

**Questions? Contact Carol
Hasselmann, 815-505-3324**

**Please Note: the Tuesday
Lunch and Games has
been discontinued for the
foreseeable future.*

**The Good News Club has opportuni-
ties for you to supply treats.
Please—nothing with peanuts due
to peanut allergies for some chil-
dren! Contact Kay Bloom or sign-up
at the Welcome Center if you are
willing to help.**



Pipeline Update:

MBC Families, It's been a good winter at Pipeline Adult Studies. We have studied and discussed the "Art of Marriage", and the intentionality that goes into a healthy and vibrant marriage and family. We are now in the midst of a study on "Raising Kingdom Kids". Those in this 6 week class are studying & discussing our roles in raising children who follow God. These principles will help us to prepare the next generation to take on the assignments God has for their lives, today and into adulthood. You can still join us!!

We wanted the MBC family to know that our "Raising Kingdom Kids" class continues until mid-February, and then we will do a "stand-alone" class on February 18th at 9 am. In this stand-alone session I will introduce a new resource that should prove helpful for your entire family.

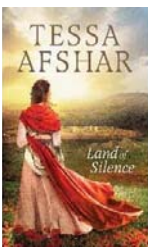
If you have 5 or 10 minutes a day to commit to studying God's Word, and a desire to live a life that pleases God, you will want to know about this resource. Join us on February 18th at 9 am in the Nehemiah Center.

The Pipeline class serves to resource adults, married & single, in their walk with the Lord and to give practical help in Joining Christ, Building Families in the faith, and transforming our Community.

Our newest study is still being prepared and will begin March 4th. Watch for details on this next study.

Making Disciples together!!
Pastor Troy

MBC Library News

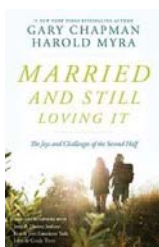


FICTION – The love of Christ

Land of Silence by Tessa Afshar- Elianna is a young girl crushed by guilt, trying to earn forgiveness. After so many years of suffering and disappointment, is it possible that one man could redeem the wounds of body . . . and soul? A story of the woman with the issue of blood and Christ's love and healing; blameless, free, and forgiven!

FOR MEN AND BOYS – A father-like love

The Wild Man: A Fable for Boys Who Can't Grow Beards... Quite Yet by Zeke Pipher - The Wild Man fable draws from the grandeur of myth to take men - young and old - on a journey to the Wild Mountain, a place of true masculinity. Each character and narrative detail is intentionally crafted to cast a vision for boys to become good, wild men. **Note:** A men's and boy's, father's, grandfather's, and mature influential men's study will come in the near future based on this book, see Pastor Troy with interest.



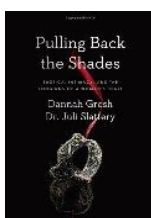
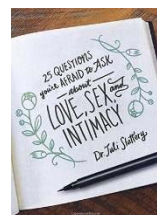
MARRIAGE – The later years of love *Married And Still Loving It: The Joys and Challenges of the Second Half* by Gary Chapman and Harold Myra

Long marriages are a gift...but they aren't always easy. This book offers wise counsel and practical insight on making your marriage thrive during the later years. Real couples share honestly about their joys and struggles, and talk movingly about their marital journeys.

SEXUALITY – An expression of love

25 Questions You're Afraid to Ask About Love, Sex, and Intimacy by Juli Slattery

Addressing matters like intimacy in the bedroom, singleness, sexual abuse, pornography, betrayal, homosexuality, masturbation, and more with quick, Biblical answers.



Pulling Back the Shades by Dannah Gresh & Juli Slattery

Addressing WHY women are drawn to erotica and what we should do with those longings we have as a woman; in response to "50 Shades of Grey." How can we be sexual and spiritual, whether we are single or married?





Playground Project

On **Wednesday, Feb. 7** Papa Murphy's in Monroe will donate 10% of sales to the Playground Fund. All you need to say is "Playground Project" for your donation to be made. If you're low on pizza, now is a great time to stock up!



We are partnering with Kid Around The World who "harvests" unwanted commercial grade playgrounds in the US, refurbishes, and ships them to 3rd world countries. It's a powerful way to show God's love, and provides unique opportunities to share the gospel. Thanks for your support!

2018 Guatemala Mission Team



The 2018 Guatemala Mission Trip Team includes: Jim Hurlbert, Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl, Jesse Petersen, Ashley Thomas, Christina Tuttle, Helen Tuttle, Ruth Tuttle, Wendy Westcomb, Mike Westcomb, and Crystal Zimmerman. Each team member will be sending out support letters to the congregation. Please note each family will receive only 1 support letter. Support will go towards team member's food, housing, transportation, VBS supplies, translators, and work project supplies.

Pastor Dan Continues to Train Pastors

The week of March 12th Pastor Dan will be returning to Guatemala as a Pathways trainer. Last March he helped launch the training for the Mundial Extendida denomination with the Latin America Pathways director. Key pastors from each of the denominations five districts are going through the three-year, nine workshop, training on how to more accurately understand and teach the Bible, and taking the training back to their districts. This will be the fourth workshop, called *The Salvation Story*, and the third one Pastor Dan has served in as a trainer. He will be taking Bob Goodsell along this time for his first Pathways training in Guatemala. Bob has expressed desire to become a trainer and hopes to return to Guatemala as a Pathways trainer in the future. Please keep Pastor Dan in your prayers. Pray for safe travels for all the men involved in the training, good health, and effective transfer of the principles taught in Pathways.



Check out the Missions wall in the foyer. There are prayer cards and general information about our supported Missionaries.

March 19 (Mon) ~ Culvers Night
June (TBD) ~ Garage Sale...start saving your items now!
Sept. 14-16 ~ Cheese Days Tent

