

## August 2019

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### DO YOU KNOW GEN Z?



New ministry challenges are on the horizon for our families and churches that have children born between 1999 and 2015. In this time span 70 million new babies have been born. This generation has been branded Generation Z. In order to get a handle on what makes this next generation tick, we must understand what is important to them.

Just a few traits about Gen Z according to the Georgia based Barna Research Group...

- \* Gen Z is an app-savvy, tech savvy young people who have never known a time without smart phones, iPods, iPads, and other devices. Devices are becoming another appendage to our youngest generation yet.
- \* 35 percent of Generation Z teens consider themselves to be atheist, agnostic, or not affiliated with any religion.
- \* The public square & digital world is promoting discussion regarding LGBTQ+ issues. Our families and the Church should be too.
- \* Other findings show that 12 percent of Generation Z identified sexually as something other than "heterosexual," with seven percent saying they are "bisexual." "This is the highest percentage of self-identified non-heterosexual experience that we are seeing now of any generation." David Kinneman, Barna
- \* Seven out of 10 Generation Z teens said that they think it is acceptable to be born one gender and "feel like another."
- \* Just 61 percent of "churched teens" agreed that the Bible is totally accurate in all the principles it teaches.

How should we respond—As a Church? As Parents? As a Family? Paul's word to the Romans in 1:5 states, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..."*

MBC values family devotions and Bible reading. An annual *Read Through the Bible* plan & New City Catechism are available in order to get the Word of God in front of your family. Other resources for MBC families include Sunday night Bible study for Middle School and High School, Wednesday night Awana, and Pipeline Sunday School class which is intended to equip parents, grandparents, and maturing adults to navigate your family in today's culture.

I hope to encourage our families to intentionally disciple your children during the early years of a child's life. Paul said to Timothy as an adult, "I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you." 2 Tim 1:5 Timothy was trained and equipped in his faith & theology, AS A CHILD. As a result of his young faith he was able to handle the challenges and stress of ministry later on. In addition, I see tremendous value in parents reading stories of faith to their children, and young families engaging their community together in service, acts of outreach, and ministry.

Next, I believe that Generation Z needs regular doses of the Gospel repetitiously preached and lived out in their homes. They won't hear it in the neighborhood, at school, or at baseball practice. We must make it a habit to discuss and reflect upon the Gospel of Jesus daily with our children. With Jesus central in your home, it won't be long before your child understands that technology can be used to share the Gospel, or it can be used by our Babylonian-like society to mislead mankind. Our children can know and experience the Power of the Word of God. Paul said in Romans 12: *2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*




Finally, Our kids must comprehend the Gospel themselves. Young kids can and should know the Gospel. They should be comfortable discussing the gospel. For them to stand true in their convictions in a day that is challenging the Christian faith, our kids must have a sincere conversion and a vibrant growing dependence upon Jesus.

What then is the answer? The Gospel... True Conversion... Prayer and A lifetime of Discipleship! Trusting the Gospel to uphold our Families!

*Pastor Trey*

# August '19



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VBS - 9am—Noon  Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg.~ 6 pm, LL #101  NA - 7 pm, LL #102	2 VBS ~ 9am—Noon	3 Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
4 Community Celebration Single Worship Service - 10:30 am, Twining Park West Shelter (All Church Picnic Potluck, games, & fellowship)  (No services at MBC today)	5 Green County Food Pantry Packing - 1:30-4 pm  Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	6 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon  Primetimers Lunch & Games - 10 am—1 pm, NC/K	7 Women's study "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" ~ 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, NC	8 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg.~ 6 pm, LL #101  NA - 7 pm, LL #102	9	10 Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
11 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am  Guatemala Presentation ~ after 2nd service - S  Next Steps-Step 1 - Noon, #102 Next Steps-Step 2 (s.1) - 6:30 pm, #102  Iglesia Biblica Service - 2-4 pm, NC	12 Green County Food Pantry Packing - 1:30-4 pm  Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102  Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106  Fusion—Chicago Urban Mission trip	13 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon    Fusion—Chicago Urban Mission trip	14 Women's study "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" ~ 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, NC    Fusion—Chicago Urban Mission trip	15 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg ~ 6 pm, LL #101  NA - 7 pm, LL #102    Fusion—Chicago Urban Mission trip	16 Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch - 11:15 am    Fusion—Chicago Urban Mission trip	17 Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
18 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am  Iglesia Biblica Service - 2-4 pm, NC  Next Steps-Step 2 (s. 2) - 6:30 pm, #102  Ignite Camping—Governor Dodge State Park	19 Green County Food Pantry Packing - 1:30-4 pm  Prayer Mtg.~ 6:30 pm, LL #102  Ignite Camping—Governor Dodge State Park	20 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon    Ignite Camping—Governor Dodge State Park	21 Women's study "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" ~ 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, NC	22 Blood Drive ~  12:30—6 pm, NC  Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg ~ 6 pm, LL #101  NA - 7 pm, LL #102	23	24 Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
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## Happy Birthday!



- 3 Donna Garwell
- 5 Carrah Jenson
- 6 Meghann Holverson
- 7 Rita Chambliss  
Daniel Skoumal  
Jill Skoumall
- 9 Natalie Kuenzi  
Jovani McNett  
Tom Rossing
- 10 Bernadette Wong
- 11 Lydia Setterstrom
- 14 Abby Faith
- 15 Mariana Beernink

- 15 Cindy Demianiuk  
Katelin Rische  
Clare Thoman
- 17 Rhonda Schwarze
- 18 Eva Haworth  
Laura Holverson
- 19 Marianne Hoffman
- 20 Hannah Larson
- 21 Callee Jenson
- 25 Chelsea Hardacre
- 26 Don Bartelt  
Hilda Brunner
- 31 Sarah Harder

- 2 Jonathan & Sarah Ragan  
Shane & Kara Schulte
- 5 Ron & Barb Bernhagen  
Kim & Yvonne Heinbaugh
- 8 Rick & Cheryl Hartwig
- 9 Pat & Angela Miller
- 12 Kim & Kathy Markham
- 13 Larry & Jenny LaRosh
- 14 Richard & Jane Thoman
- 15 Nate & Kay Bloom  
Paul & Andrea Brunner
- 17 Troy & Crystal Watson
- 19 Matt & Elise Lincicum
- 22 Justin & Jaclyn Miller
- 23 Michael & Beth Figi
- 30 Roger & Mary Ann Stauffacher

## **Women's Recovery Workshop**

### **Find Freedom, Hope, & New Beginnings**



- \*Have you ever wondered why you always felt "not good enough"?
- \*Are you a people pleaser?
- \*Do you feel it's your part in relationships to hold things together?
- \*Do you ever feel if you don't do it yourself, things will never get done?
- \*Did you want to experience more from life, but you don't know how to access intimacy with God and others?

The Christian Codependence Recovery Workshop for women is designed to help you find who God created you to be. Codependence isn't a label, but a mindset that can be overcome. There is healing in Jesus name.

#### **Group Workshop**

**Date: Tuesdays, begins September 10, 2019**

**Time: 7-9 pm (location TBA)**

**If you are interested, for more information**

**Contact: Tracy Signer at 214-4976 or [tracysnhy7@gmail.com](mailto:tracysnhy7@gmail.com)**

## **Monroe Area Community Closet (MACC)**

If you'd like to take advantage of the Closet, they're bulging at the seams with all the donations received during this garage sale season. There are clothes of all sizes for babies, children, men, and women. Everything from formal wear to work clothes, shoes, sandals, purses,—depending on whatever is donated, inventory changes weekly. Everything is FREE, so it's a great place to start back-to-school shopping and to donate items you no longer wear. Soon all summer clothing will be replaced with fall items, so the next few weeks is the time to look for summer clothes! All you do is walk in, shop for what you can use, and leave with it after they document how many items you have. The Closet is for everyone.

W5951 Patina LN, Monroe

Hours: Mondays, 3:00-7:00 PM



## **Monroe Community Blood Drive**

Thursday, August 22nd

12:30—6:00 PM

Monroe Bible Church, Nehemiah Center

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Use RapidPass online and save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood.

## **Prayer Ministry**

I recently read an article by J.C. Ryle, who was a writer, pastor, and teacher. The article was titled "A Praying Savior". He quoted Mark 1:35 which tells of Jesus getting up long before daylight, going to a solitary place and praying.

Jesus made prayer a priority in His life. All through the Gospels are examples of Jesus praying. If prayer was important to Jesus, it should be important to all believers. He had diligent communication with His Father. A praying Master, Jesus, needs praying servants. Praying involves having the mind of Christ. When prayers are few, grace, peace, strength, and hope are small.

I have to ask myself, "How diligent am I in Prayer"? Do I spend more time watching television than praying? Do I waste time doing unimportant things, more than the time I set aside to pray?

Let us as believers set a priority on prayer as Jesus our Savior did. All believers can be prayer warriors. Make it a goal this month to pray especially for unsaved relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Dan Keen, Ministry Leader

## 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!*

*We'd like to offer our sympathies to  
the families and friends of:*

*Randy & Gloria Ringhand, and  
Chad & Brenda Ringhand.  
Randy's dad and Chad's Grandpa,  
Walter Ringhand,  
passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2019.*

*Doris Kampfer passed away  
Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.*



*May God comfort  
each of you  
and bless you with  
His peace.*



*Congratulations to  
Justin & Jaclyn Miller on  
the birth of their daughter!  
Wrendahyn Miller  
was born June 17<sup>th</sup>.*

*She weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21" long.  
May God bless your family!*

### Fusion-Chicago Mission Trip

Lydia Home Association in Chicago 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.”

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 12-16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Interested? See Pastor Troy.

## Women's Retreat Save the Date! October 18<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup>

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>  
Returning around 1:00 pm,  
Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Questions?  
Contact Chris & Elise Morris  
608-968-1318

Permission Slips will be at  
the Welcome Center.



## Playground Project

Praise God! We have raised the \$15,000 needed to purchase and ship a refurbished playground through *Kids Around The World!* We will send a short-term mission team to Guatemala in the summer of 2020 to install the playground. Look for more information in the fall.



## 2019 Guatemala Mission Trip

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! The team will be giving a presentation on August 11 at noon, after the second service in the Sanctuary. Come see how God worked in Guatemala!

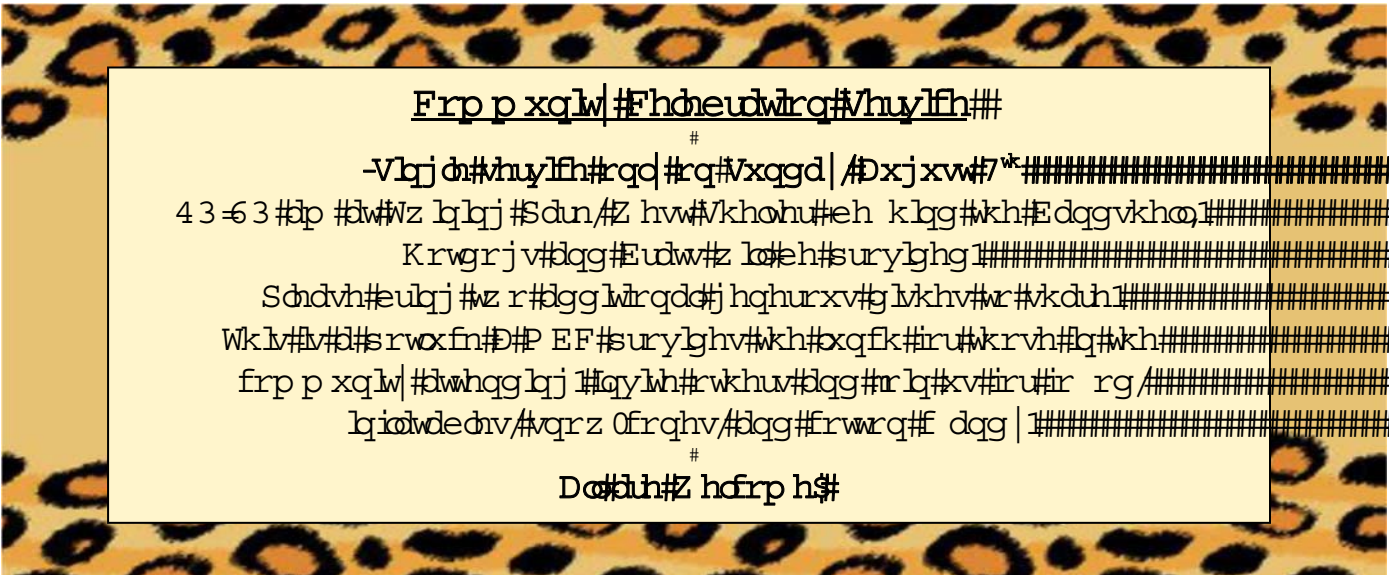


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Kim Markham  
Jesse Petersen  
Helen Tuttle  
Ruth Tuttle  
Mike Westcomb  
Wendy Westcomb  
Andrea Wilson

## Harvest Weekend - Food, Fun and Fellowship

This year our Missionary guests include Steve & Rhonda Schwarze (Far East Broadcasting Co - Manila, Philippines) and Brian & Barbara Thompson (United World Mission - Hungary). Please mark **Saturday, Oct. 5** on your calendar for the Men/Boy's Breakfast at 8 am and the Women/Girl's Luncheon at 12:30 pm - free of charge. This is a great opportunity to get to know our missionaries better and show them our love and support!





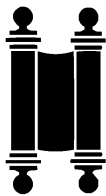
# Just for Kids!



## Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

*Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.*



**ACROSS**

2. David's grandfather

5. Jacob's grandfather

6. Esau's grandmother

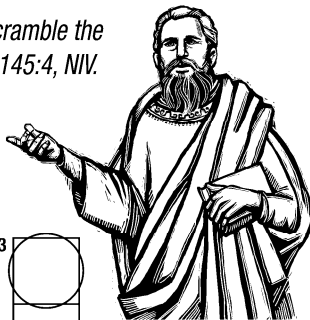
**DOWN**

1. Judah's grandmother

3. Joseph's grandfather

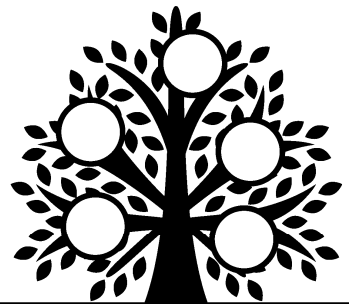
4. Solomon's grandfather

7. Jesse's grandmother



One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation



## GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

**What you need:**

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

**What you do:**

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.