

Newsletter—October 2020



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Pastor's Pen:

Within and Without



It's discouraging. We've seen another COVID-19 spike and the governor has extended the face covering order. The COVID-19 related death toll continues to climb, people are without work, people are losing the businesses they've worked hard and taken great risk to establish, families are divided, and churches are struggling. I've read that pollsters are estimating that 20% of our churches will not reopen, 20% of those watching church online won't ever return to a church in person, and many pastors will quit because of the stress. Police are under attack and many are quitting, riots break out in our streets, politics are as rancorous as ever, and people say they believe the science but have different conclusions. This is why I love the current posting on our highway sign, "If you're going to believe everything you read, start with the Bible."

So, I keep reminding myself, "you have need of endurance" (Hebrews 10:36). I remind myself that God hasn't changed (Malachi 3:6), He is still sovereign and hasn't turned over His throne to anyone else (Daniel 4:35), and that His will is still "good, acceptable, and perfect" (Romans 12:2). The gift of eternal life has not been withdrawn, its fulness is closer than ever, and the indwelling Holy Spirit has not been removed from His people. There are many more encouraging truths we can find in God's Word, so I need to stay there.

One of the things that hasn't changed is our mission – build the Lord's church by making disciples. There is a "within" aspect and a "without" aspect, neither of which we dare overlook. The "within" challenge is the same as it has always been, differences exist among the people in the church. Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, different nationalities, political affiliation, etc. are just a few of the differences. While those differences can destroy a church, they can also be the very thing that strengthens it. Churches that stress conformity in everything are seldom effective in reaching those outside their walls. Churches that learn to build unity with their differences become stronger and their testimony more powerful in the community. The key to building unity with differences is to **emphasize the essential**. The reformers identified these essentials: Sola scriptura ("by Scripture alone"), Sola fide ("by faith alone"), Sola gratia ("by grace alone"), Solus Christus or Solo Christo ("Christ alone" or "through Christ alone"), and Soli Deo gloria ("glory to God alone").

The "without" challenge is giving the gospel. We cannot make disciples and build the Lord's church from among outsiders unless we give the gospel. Obviously, this means the gospel message, but it also means the gospel in life. We are now in what is called a "cancel culture." It means those who disagree with you, "cancel" you. They unfriend or delete you in social media, or invalidate you and your opinion however they can. This presents a great challenge to helping someone understand that they are a sinner, an essential understanding in the gospel message. The apostle Paul's words, "I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22, NASB), are SO relevant today! What was he talking about? Respecting the beliefs of others, without necessarily agreeing with them, in order to have conversation with them. It is knowing that come judgment day, the only thing that really matters is whether anyone is right or wrong concerning the gospel of Christ.

In addition to respect, is the issue of love. Jesus made it clear that His followers are to be known by their love for one another (John 13:35), and to love even their enemies (Matthew 5:44). People are far more ready to listen to someone who has shown them **compassion and respect**, especially when they also see other evidences of Jesus living within.

If we emphasize the essential with compassion and respect, and stay intentional at the mission Christ has called us to, I think these discouraging days can be encouraging days!

Leaning on Christ,
Pastor Dan



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• HAPPY •
Wedding
• ANNIVERSARY •

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

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Backpack Buddies, 6pm, 18 & 8th Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	2 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC	3 Women's Group—10 am, Library/NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
4 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.1) - 9am, LL #100 Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm Fusion: 6-8 pm	5 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	6	7 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana Awards Ceremony - 6:15 pm	8 Women's Group—1:30 pm, Library (NC) Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	9 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC	10 Harvest Weekend: Men's Breakfast, 8 am Ladies' Lunch, 12:30 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
11 Harvest Weekend Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.2) - 9am, LL #100 Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm Fusion: 6-8 pm	12 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg.—6:30 pm, LL #106	13	14 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	15 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	16 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC	17 Women's Conference, 10am—2:30 pm, S/NC/K Gateway Training, 4-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—6:00pm, NC
18 The Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm Fusion: 6-8 pm	19 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	20	21 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	22 Blood Drive—12:30-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, 101 Health Team Mtg.—6:30 pm, #106	23 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC	24 Iglesia Biblica Marriage Conference, 9am-4pm, NC/S Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
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1 Jan Burke
Josh Hardacre
Rhys Witt
3 Mary Ann Stauffacher
4 Mckenzie LeStarge
5 Dominic Proudfit
6 Barbara Bernhagen
Kai Schadewaldt

7 Deb Setterstrom
9 Luba Dechtiarenko
11 Ron Coppes
13 Anna Skoumal
14 Jacob Harder
Ruth Zimmick
19 Colette Wytttenbach
20 Doug Larson

21 Noah Kuenzi
Aleigh Zettle
23 Pauline Wyss
24 Pam Young
25 Roger Becker
Jeff McNett
27 Carter Rische
30 Linda Samson



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive
MBC Nehemiah Center
12:30-6 pm
Thursday, October 22nd**

**NEXT
STEPS**

Step 2 "Our Core Beliefs" (2 sessions)
Sunday, October 4th & 11th
At 9:00 am, LL #100

**Steps 2 & 3 are required for membership*

Sign up online on our church website
or at the Welcome Center!

prayer

I listened to a broadcast of "In the Market" with Janet Parshall on September 8th. Janet interviewed Admiral Barry Black, the Chaplain of the United States Senate. He wrote a book called "Make Your Voice Heard in Heaven" (How to Pray with Power). It contains Principles and Prayers to help you thrive in a threatening world. You can listen to the broadcast in the archives of "In the Market". I highly recommend it.

Prayer is the believer's vital breath. John Bunyan said "Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan." Jonathan Edwards said "There is no way that Christians in the private capacity can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of God as by prayer." Hudson Taylor said "Do not have your concert first and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word and prayer, and first of all into harmony with Him." There is much truth in these quotes. Read them regularly and take them to heart.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



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This year's Women's Retreat has been cancelled. Instead on the same date, Saturday, October 17th, we will have Amy Breuscher and Tanya Glanzman and their ministry, "My Father's Daughter".

Tanya's heart is that every daughter of God would come to understand the truth that He longs to be the Redeemer and Restorer of their lives and that no matter what they have experienced, through His love and healing they can become the person He has created them to be and live the life He has intended them to have.

Plan on spending the day with us!

Lunch will be provided. Sign up online on our Website or at the Welcome Center.

My FATHER'S Daughter Women's Conference

Loved. Chosen. Forgiven.

Embracing Your Identity As a Daughter of God

**October 17th
10:00 am - 2:30 pm
Monroe Bible Church**



Tanya is a licensed professional counselor that specializes in the needs of women's trauma recovery. As a survivor of traumatic childhood abuse, her heart is that every woman would know God as the Healer, Redeemer and Restorer,

He desires to be for them. She speaks and writes as My Father's Daughter, offering hope and encouragement wrapped in grace filled truth, with the mission that every woman would know what it truly means to be a Daughter of the King. Her first book, My Father's Daughter, Embracing your Identity as a Daughter of The King, was released on July 30th.

*Tanya Glanzman, LPC
& Amy Breuscher*



Together, Tanya and Amy work as a team hosting a podcast, holding women's retreats, speaking at women's conferences and writing to share the truth of what it truly means to be a Daughter of the King.

www.myfathersdaughter.com



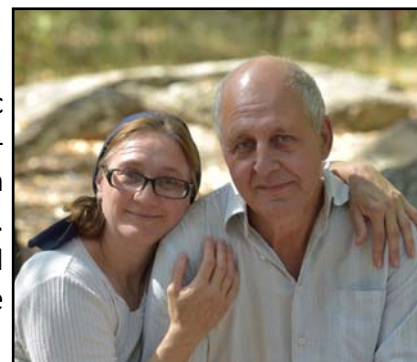
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Last call to sign up for Harvest Weekend activities the weekend of October 10-11th! Men and boys won't want to miss Saturday's breakfast at 8:00 am with Kevin Phillips of Shepherds College in Union Grove, WI. Ladies and girls will also be blessed by Mr. Phillips at the 12:30 pm luncheon. Come learn about the Christian care and vocational training in horticulture, culinary arts, and much more provided by Shepherds College for adults with developmental disabilities. Hear how young people are helped to grow in their faith, achieve appropriate independence, and develop skills needed for meaningful employment. Perhaps you know a college student majoring in special education or a family with a special needs high schooler wondering what comes next. Invite them to join us! Let's not keep the unique ministry opportunities of Shepherds College a secret. Sign up for the meals at the Welcome Center!

Our missionary guest on Sunday will be Alex Pashkovets of Slavic Gospel Association. Alex visited Viktor and Lena Schpits in Kazakhstan, observing first hand how our support enables them to reach out to the lost as well as disciple our brothers and sisters in Christ. Kazakhstan was the Country in Focus in September's Church Around the World bulletin insert. Perfect timing to familiarize us with the homeland of the Schpits family and the challenges of ministry there!



Harvest Weekend is also when we collect an offering for monetary Christmas gifts for our missionaries. Don't forget to budget for this so we can generously bless our missionary families. Let's encourage our children to think of the children of missionaries in countries like Kazakhstan and how they might give something of their own. Maybe they can do an extra chore to earn an offering or sacrifice a week's allowance. No offering is too small or child too young to learn how to please God through joyful giving!

The traditional November Birthday Party at Pleasant View will not be held this year due to COVID restrictions. Currently we are working on an alternative way to honor those residents with November birthdays which is safe but makes them feel special. More information will soon be coming.

Crystal Zimmerman,
 Missions Ministry Leader



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Backpack Buddies

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Backpack Buddy program. Your donations have been exceedingly generous and have been a blessing! Our biggest donation needs right now are over 200 cans a month (any brand). Please keep in mind that the food needs to be prepared by the kids and they aren't able to use a can opener or the stove.

Pop-top lids are needed on the 15-16 oz. cans.

Place donations in the Backpack Buddies tub in the foyer.

Contact Sharon Kubly with questions, 608-558-4003.

Suggested Shopping List Items:

SpaghettiOs with meatballs
 Ravioli with meat or meatballs
 Spaghetti and Meatballs
 Macaroni and Beef

Volunteers are also needed!

- ◆ Packers – once per month on a Thursday at 18 & 8th from 6:00-7:00 PM (**We currently have enough packers for the month of October*). More packers will be needed in the following months.
- ◆ Delivery person or couple: every other week on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning for 1 hour.
- ◆ 1-2 People to count packs for each school and label containers for the delivery people (Tuesday)

**Next Packing Date: Thursday, October 1st at
 6:00 PM at 18 & 8th – Lower Level**

Sign up online on our Website or at the Welcome Center!

Backpack 
BUDDIES

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

Healthy Relationships Women's Recovery Workshop



Come and learn the Biblical solutions to find freedom and hope in healthy relationships!

On-Going Group Workshops are formed throughout the year.

Groups are anonymous and confidential & follow Celebrate Recovery Guidelines.

To find out more & when the next group starts, contact Tracy Signer: 214-4976 or tracysnhy7@gmail.com



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Save the Date: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

ALL NEW: Winter Retreat at Living Waters Bible Camp in Westby, WI



Who: Monroe Bible Church Fusion & Ignite & Lena EFC Youth Groups.

Ages: Middle School & High School

When: January 8-10, 2021

Friday 4pm-Sunday (afternoon return)

What will we do? A full weekend of Worship meetings with Lena Free Youth Group, small groups, Broomball: large ice-covered pond, Winter Tubing under the lights, cross country skiing, building friendships and more.

Cost: \$85 per person. More info to come. Save the Date!

Contact Pastor Troy for info.



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Memorize

List #3

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