

Newsletter—December 2020



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Pastor's Pen:

He is Our King



While reading the account of the birth of Jesus I was struck with the phrase, "and He will reign...forever." I'm sure you're familiar with the account; when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary he told her she would give birth to a son, and, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." (Luke 1:32, 33, NASB).

Perhaps it struck me because we saw in the 1 Corinthians sermon series that Jesus would reign until the end. "Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he has brought to an end all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet (1 Corinthians 15:24, 25).

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15 refer, in particular, to the coming reign of Christ on earth in the 1,000-year millennium. He will physically reign on earth during that time. While Jesus was on earth in His incarnate body, He told the Pharisees the kingdom of God was in their midst (John 17:21), obviously because He was there, and He told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this realm." (John 18:36). We see the beginning and the end of His reign on earth in these passages, but what about the in-between, like now, when He isn't physically here on earth? Is He reigning? Gabriel told Mary He would reign forever.

Well, in our conversion we confess Him as Lord (Romans 10:9), and we preach Him, at least we should, as Lord in our ministry like Paul did (2 Corinthians 4:5). Is there any significant difference between Jesus being King or Lord? I don't think so, in either case we are subject to His authority. His kingdom is a spiritual kingdom for now and He reigns as King in heaven, even though much of earth is in rebellion against His reign.

What then does it mean, and what does it look like for Jesus to reign as our King, right now? The idea of a king reigning over us is foreign. Americans are used to so many freedoms that it's difficult to comprehend what it should be like to live under a king. And yet for us as Christians, this should be something we're experiencing now, and long for to an even greater degree! Furthermore, we've lived in such safety that I'm not sure we adequately understand we have enemies that need to be conquered.

Are you grateful that a King was born for you? December 13th we'll begin a short three-Sunday Advent series entitled; *He is our King*. We will look at the fact that God promised a King would be born, the King's arrival was announced, and the King will come again. Hopefully our appreciation of Jesus as our King will grow this Christmas season!

Serving the King of Kings,
Pastor Dan





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HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

Operation Christmas Child

MBC contributed 287 shoeboxes this year
Praise God & Thank You for your donations!

1 Roy & Karie Nafzger
7 Mark & Deb Setterstrom
20 Larry & Pam Young

22 Bernie & Beth Roidt
30 Carter & Sarah Rische



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T— 6:15 pm	3 Women's Group—1:30 pm, Library (NC) Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	4 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC	5 Vigilant Soul Concert – 18 & 8th, 7 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
6 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 1 Noon, LL #106 Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm Fusion: 6-8 pm	7 Women's Group—10:30 am, Library (NC) Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	8	9 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T— 6:15 pm	10 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Missions Meeting—6:15 pm, LL #106	11 NC in use—Art show set-up Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC	12 Art Show: 10 am—4:30 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC Gateway Training, Iglesia—4-6 pm, LL #106
13 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	14 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg.—6:30 pm, LL #106	15 Women's Group—6:00 pm, Library (NC) Board of Deacons Mtg—6:00 pm, LL #106	16 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T— 6:15 pm	17 Blood Drive—12:30-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101 Health Team Mtg.—6:30 pm, LL #106	18 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC	19 NC in use—Party, 10 am-7 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—7:00pm, NC
20 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite Christmas: 4-6 pm Fusion: 6-8 pm	21 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	22	23 No Awana	24 <i>Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
27 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am No Pipeline or Sunday School Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC No Ignite or Fusion Winter Retreat Sign-Up Deadline	28 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	29	30 No Awana	31 New Year's Eve Guatemala 2021 Application Deadline		



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3 Mike Klitzke
Shane Schulte
Bill Westphal
4 Gavin Eddy
6 Jim Brown
Mike Figi
Cierra Larson
7 Evan Bartelt
8 Ann Italiano
Shirley Pieper
Ryan Proudfit
9 Crystal Watson
10 Amelia Haworth

11 Stan Johnson
12 John Hudson
Ralph Johnson
Owen Kuenzi
Rose Larson
Jonathan Ragan
13 Betty Siedschlag
14 Shannon Allbaugh
Jeff Italiano
15 Timothy Thoman
16 Kaya Holverson
17 Brian Thompson

18 Henry Kuenzi
19 Jonah Ohlrich
21 John Bartelt
22 Jacob Brunner
Dan Krahenbuhl
Troy Watson
24 Joe Phillipps
25 Chris Faith
28 Jenny Turkelson
29 Eli Elgin
31 Rylie Hartwig
Barbara Thompson

Fusion & Ignite

**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. **Deadline to sign up:** December 27th.

Permissions Slips at the Welcome Center.

See Pastor Troy with any questions.



NEXT STEPS

Step 1 "Our Mission & Vision"
(1 session)

Sunday, December 6th

At Noon, LL #106

(Following 2nd service)

**Lunch is provided*

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



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Vigilant Soul “Hope of The World” Christmas Concert

Vigilant Soul is a Contemporary Christian rock band from Monroe, Wisconsin. They perform songs ranging from simple sweet soulful worship to energy infused praise rock. Featuring today's top songs and favorites from the past that tell His story, Vigilant Soul has been performing individually for decades and together for years including opening for Jason Gray, a well-known national Christian singer and songwriter. Vigilant Soul supports area Christian events and organizations and strives to reach out to anyone who would listen to the good news of Jesus Christ through a dynamic quality musical experience.

Mark your Calendars!

The band will be playing at 18 & 8th on Saturday, December 5th.
Doors will open at 6:30 pm & the concert will begin at 7 pm.

Seating is limited—Register online at monroebiblechurch.org

VOCALS
TRACY
ACOUSTIC
BILL
BASS
DAVE
ELECTRIC
KEVIN
DRUMS
JEFF
KEYS
JOSH
SOUND
CRAIG



2020 has been an interesting year. God is in control. Give Him thanks for the many blessings He has given to us.

For the past several weeks I have been leaving the television off and reading or re-reading several good books on prayer. I would encourage you to do the same, especially avoid watching the news. Our enemy, Satan, wants to distract us from what God wants us to do and what He has for us. Immerse yourself in God's Word and spend much time in prayer. Focus on things above. I Timothy 2:2 encourages us to pray for those in authority. John 14:27 tells us that Jesus gives us peace and we shouldn't be fearful. Satan wants us to be afraid, because he will try to control us with fear and that will take our eyes off of Jesus. Trust in God, read His Word and books on prayer, and Pray, Pray, Pray!

Dan Keen
Prayer Ministry Leader

Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the lower level for prayer.



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Thank You!

Thank you SO much, congregation, for the cards, kind words of encouragement, and generous gifts for Pastor Appreciation month. We are humbled. You are an amazing congregation that we appreciate and feel blessed to serve.

Your Pastors and Families.

(1 Cor. 15:58)

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 17th

12:30-6:00 PM

Nehemiah Center

Christmas Eve Service Thursday, December 24th At 4:00 PM

The Christmas Eve Service will be Livestreamed. For those watching at home, have candles ready to join with everyone in the congregational candle lighting during the service.





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Thank you for your very generous offerings of almost \$3000 over Harvest Weekend! It has been divided amongst our missionaries for Christmas gifts. The virus pandemic has created financial challenges and other difficulties for many of them. Several are facing serious health issues. We pray they feel loved and encouraged through these Christmas gifts. Holidays can be lonely for those serving on the mission field. Most of those we support have addresses in the Church Without Walls Missions 2020-2021 booklet. It would be so edifying to be remembered with Christmas greetings. Won't you please consider sacrificing a few minutes to send an encouraging email or card to someone who has obeyed God's call to serve Him?

You also showed great generosity with bountiful donations for the November Pleasant View Birthday Party. Residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities are feeling very isolated and alone from coronavirus visitor restrictions. The monthly birthday party is a bright spot for them even when it has to be celebrated in a different manner than usual. Thank you for blessing them!

Two new missionaries were recently approved by the Elders. We welcome Hunter and Brittany Hancock, serving with the Navigators at UW-River Falls, and Daniel Jezowski serving with Wycliffe in Papua, New Guinea. We look forward to learning how they are used by God to spread the Good News and make disciples. MBC also was a table sponsor for the annual Care Net Pregnancy Center Banquet held November 10. It is your faithful tithes and offerings that make these ministry activities possible. Please know what a blessing your gifts are to others. At a time when many churches are struggling financially, you dear brothers and sisters continue to give joyfully, faithfully, and sometimes sacrificially to ensure God's work continues. Thank you!

Is God perhaps calling you to short-term missions? Applications are due December 31 for our 2021 Guatemala mission trip. Plans are to install the playground purchased through *Kids Around The World* after several years of fundraising. This is a great year for those who like hands-on physical work or are blessed with construction skills to try a short-term mission experience. If you were unable to attend one of the November Information meetings, contact Crystal Zimmerman (608-325-6793) soon. Dates for the mission trip are June 26th to July 3rd, 2021. The team will be announced in January, as well as having the first preparation meeting.



Healthy Relationships Women's Recovery Workshops

On-Going Group Workshops
formed throughout the year.

Groups are anonymous & confidential and
follow Celebrate Recovery Guidelines.

To find out more & when groups start, contact
Tracy Signer: 214-4976 or tracysnh7@gmail.com

Join Us! Women's Group

Meets in the Library/Nehemiah Center

Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 1:30 pm

Monday, Dec. 7th, 10:00 am

Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 6:00 pm





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Wondering What to do if Church is Cancelled due to Inclement Weather?

Follow these steps:

1. Check the Church Website
www.monroebiblechurch.org
2. Check our Facebook page
3. Call MBC at 325-3966
4. Check the following Radio Stations
WEKZ - 1260 AM
WEKZ – 93.7 FM

*Please note: cancellations will not be scrolled
at the bottom of any television stations.

There is a possibility that we would
only cancel the 9 AM service and Sunday School.



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Kid's Coloring Page



For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)