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Pastor's Pen: Being Renewed!



I went for an early morning bike ride with a good friend this morning. As I returned home, I thought to myself, "I really enjoyed being out this morning, I feel great now!" The onset of warmer weather, longer daylight, and opportunity to get outside, is good for our bodies and good for clearing out our heads. Apparently, a lot of people rediscovered how enjoyable being outside can be last year, as parks and campgrounds filled up, and many retailers of outdoor gear were unable to get enough product to meet demand. What outdoor activity is refreshing for you? Is it in the backyard, like gardening, or in the water, like kayaking, or in the woods like camping, or on the roads like biking? I sometimes think of Bible verses that speak of "being renewed," like 2 Corinthians 4:16, and I think it's fair to say that most of us look forward to those times.

As much as I enjoy being outside, and refreshing as it is, I'm always reminded that these activities don't refresh my soul at the deepest level. It's like dessert compared to a nutritious meal. Dessert is a treat I rarely turn down, but if I make it the mainstay of my diet, I'll always be sick. At the soul level we all need some time in our personal relationship with God, telling God what we're thinking, and asking God what He thinks about things in our lives. Obviously, this is prayer, but it's also intake of God's Word, for that is how we learn what God's thoughts are. This is more than reading a daily devotional (of someone else's thoughts). It's the "solid food" of God's Word used in the "training our senses to discern good and evil" that Paul writes about in Hebrews 5:12-14.

Do you have time like this set aside each day? Unfortunately, the very things that we find refreshing for the rest of ourselves can be the things that choke out the refreshing of our souls, if we spend too much time thinking about, planning for, and doing them. Let me suggest three steps you can take to help keep "soul feeding" in your routine. 1) **Accept the fact** that you ASOLUTELY NEED to spend this time every day. In the earlier years of my Christian life, I had periods of time that this was part of my daily routine, and times that it wasn't. I could see the difference in my life. I saw the result in the lives of others Christians who didn't establish this daily habit and finally came to the conclusion that it is not optional. Accept this as mandatory. 2) **Adopt a plan** to keep you accountable. The daily devotional can help here. Even better is a through the New Testament, through a book of the Bible at a time, or a through the whole Bible reading plan. Part of your plan is also choosing the time and place. It's important to choose when and where you will spend this time so that you will be awake, attentive, and not distracted. Adding a plan to the conviction that you need this time will help immensely. 3) **Abolish distractions** (keeping with the "A" words). Remove every distraction from sight and earshot. This includes cell phone, computer, TV, radio, food, other reading material, whatever catches your eye, ear, or your attention. While there's a place for social media, and newsfeeds, and refreshing outdoor activity, if they hinder soul feeding, you'll need to be ruthless in removing them or they will be more distracting than a circus clown in a church service.

I should give you the rest of 2 Corinthians 4:16, "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day." Our physical bodies are decaying as we age. Soul refreshment comes from the Lord, being attentive in His presence, and "seeing" the unseen things in His Word. It happens as we are moved to surrender the sin that lies deep within. Please understand, I'm writing this as one who's learned from failure and who still has struggles to bring himself to the Person of refreshment. None of us ever rise above the state of need, or achieve perfection. Christ is our help.

In our culture there are a number of ideas about spirituality and cavalier attitudes toward the basic orthodox beliefs that have been foundational to the Christian faith for 2,000 years. Many people are falling into some of these ideas and away from Christ. The times ahead of us may be difficult for people of the faith. Now is the time to get well established in an authentic growing relationship with Christ through times of refreshment. How are you doing?

A Needy Soul,
Pastor Dan

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	3 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Missions Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106	4 Church League Softball at Twining Park Wedding Rehearsal—5 pm, S	5 Wedding—All Church in use Pathways Training— 4-6 pm, Pastor Dan's home Open AA Mtg, 6-7 pm 18 & 8th
6 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Seniors Recognized Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S Returning home from the Annual Canoe Trip Next Steps-Step 5, 6:30 pm, LL #102 Summer Youth Connections (SYC)—6-8:30 pm, Reed's Home	7 CareNet Spaghetti Supper—4:30-8 pm, Hope Church Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg.—6:30 pm, LL #106	8	9 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	10 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	11 Church League Softball at Twining Park Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	12 Annual Canoe Trip (Breakfast at MBC, 7-9 am before leaving) Church in use— Celebration of Life Service, 11 am—1pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
13 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S SYC—6-8:30 pm, Reed's Home	14 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	15 Board of Deacons Mtg—6:00 pm, LL #106	16 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	17 Blood Drive— 12:30-6 pm, NC  Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101	18 Church League Softball at Twining Park Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	19 NC in use—Baby Shower— 9am—6 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
20 Father's Day Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S SYC—6-8:30 pm, Reed's Home	21 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	22	23 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	24 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	25 Church League Softball at Twining Park Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	26 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
27 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, at 18 & 8th SYC—6-8:30 pm, Reed's Home Mission Team leaves for Corpus Christi, Texas	28 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Mission Team in Corpus Christi, Texas	29 Mission Team in Corpus Christi, Texas	30 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Mission Team in Corpus Christi, Texas	 July 1st Mission Team in Corpus Christi, Texas	 July 2nd Mission Team in Corpus Christi, Texas	 July 3rd Mission Team returns home from Corpus Christi, Texas



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1 Brenda Rossing
2 Joyce Coplien
5 Kathy Krauss
Lyla Ritschard
6 Alexis Elgin
Joan Haight
Steven McNett
7 Henry Morris
8 Rebekah Thoman
10 Vicki McNett
11 Olivia Rhoe

12 Ezra Kramer
Tracy Petersen
Luke Skoumal
13 Gloria Ringhand
14 Jadyne Elgin
Chris Holverson
Patrick White
16 Ashley Bruehlman
Katie Demianiuk
17 Wrendalyn Miller

19 Noah Eddy
Carol Hasselmann
Jennifer Krahenbuhl
Lucy Whyte
21 Roger Stauffacher
24 Deannndra Pleindoux-
DeBlack
28 Andy Thoman
29 Judy Derrickson
Caleb Kuenzi
30 Madelyn Thoman

2 Adam & Chelsea Brunner
4 Erik & Amy Haworth
Justin & Holly Rhoe
10 Milt & Suzette Sherman
13 Roman & Luba Dechtiarenko
15 Jim & Becky Brown
Charles & Julie Champlin



17 Paul & Anna Ritschard
18 Dan & Celia Keen
Kevin & Liz Garchie-Schulthess
19 Al & Colleen Ostenson
21 Ralph & Margie Johnson
25 Ron & Chris Faith
27 Kyle & Amanda Ohlrich

Contact the church office to make sure your birthday & anniversary dates are included in the monthly calendars!



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Class of 2021 Graduates



Lukas Andersen

Lukas graduated early from Monroe High School. He intends to work for a year and decide at a later time what he will pursue.



Tess Nafzger

Graduated on May 29th from Monroe High School. She will be attending Blackhawk Technical College in the fall in the Dental Assistant Program. She will be having an Open House on June 12th from 3:00-6:00 pm.



Austin Zettle

Austin is planning to attend Blackhawk Tech in Milton, WI in the fall to pursue a higher education in Welding/Fabrication, while also continuing to work at Carter Machine. His graduation party will be June 5th at W7462 County Rd. P, Monroe, WI.



WISCONSIN
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Silas Setterstrom

Silas Setterstrom, son of Mark and Deb Setterstrom, graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison with double majors in Computer Science and Political Science on May 8, 2021. His next step includes working for Liberty Mutual based out of the Seattle office.



Elise Rossing

Elise Rossing graduated from Madison College on Friday, May 14, 2021 with an Associate Degree in Hospitality Management.



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Monroe Bible Church Family Campout

When: Friday, July 9 - Sunday, July 11

Where: Yellowstone Lake Campground

****WI State Park entrance sticker is required!***

We have reserved a group tent site for up to 50 tent campers for July 9-11th. These sites have electricity on them but are for TENT CAMPING ONLY. We are limited to **50 total people** for overnight, and **16 total tents** that can be set up. Sign up on our church website or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center. If you are interested in joining us with a camper, you will need to contact Yellowstone Lake Campground to reserve a camper site for these dates.

Each camping family will be responsible for your own camping supplies, fishing poles, sleeping bags, canoes, boats, outdoor games, bags, etc.

If your family does not wish to camp but would like to come out for the day, you are welcome to do that any time. We will have a of couple meals together during the weekend on Friday and Saturday evening, and will ask participating families to bring something to be shared (potluck style). We will also hold a church service around the campfire and a baptism in the lake on Sunday morning. Please bring lawn chairs and Bibles for this time. Let Pastor Dan or Pastor Troy know if you'd like to be baptized.

There is a separate sign-up online if you would like to attend one or both of the church family meals on Friday and/or Saturday at 6 pm. Sign up on our church website or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center. I am also looking for a food organizer for our two simple community meals. If you are able to help, please call pastor Troy or the church office.

The cost is \$8 per person.

Make checks payable to Monroe Bible Church and indicate "campout" on the memo line.

Deadline for payment is July 1st.

We look forward to getting together in God's Great Outdoors on July 9th!

Pastor Troy Watson

Men's/Kid's Annual Canoe Trip

June 12th-13th

Sign up on our website or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center.
Breakfast will be at Monroe Bible Church in the Nehemiah Center from 7-9 am
before we leave for the Wisconsin River to canoe and camp out.
Contact Kyle Ohlrich with any questions, 719-439-1003.



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Open AA Meetings

Saturday, June 5th from 6:00—7:00 pm at
18 & 8th (1802 8th Street, Monroe).

A sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous
will tell their story.

This is an OPEN meeting, all are welcome
and encouraged to attend.

Questions? Contact Carolyn at
608-345-1730 or
Dale at 608-921-9360.

www.greencountyaa.org



NEXT STEPS

Step 5 "On Mission"

Discuss the importance of local to international
mission, and how to effectively share your story
and the gospel. (2 sessions)

Sunday, June 6th and Sunday, June 13th
6:30 pm, LL #106

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

2021 Church League Softball Schedule—June

June 4th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	Crossroads	Gratiot EFC	Potter's H
8:30	MBC A	Potter's H	Crossroads
9:30	Faith Baptist	MBC B	Gratiot EFC

West

7:30	Family Faith	UMC/ FBC	MBC A
8:30	MBC C	Gratiot EFC	Family Faith
9:30	No Game	-	-

June 11th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	Faith Baptist	Family Faith	Potter's H
8:30	Family Faith	MBC B	UMC/ FBC
9:30	MBC A	UMC/ FBC	Faith Baptist

West

7:30	MBC C	Crossroads	MBC B
8:30	Faith Baptist	Potter's H	Crossroads
9:30	MBC B	Gratiot EFC	Family Faith

June 18th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	MBC C	Family Faith	MBC A
8:30	MBC A	MBC C	Faith Baptist
9:30	Faith Baptist	Potter's H	MBC C

West

7:30	UMC/ FBC	MBC B	Potter's H
8:30	Potter's H	UMC/ FBC	Family Faith
9:30	Crossroads	Gratiot EFC	UMC/ FBC

June 25th

East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	MBC A	Gratiot EFC	UMC/ FBC
8:30	UMC/ FBC	Gratiot EFC	MBC A
9:30	MBC C	Potter's H	Gratiot EFC

West

7:30	Family Faith	Crossroads	MBC C
8:30	MBC C	MBC B	Family Faith
9:30	Faith Baptist	UMC/ FBC	MBC B



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May has Mother's Day and June has Father's Day. It brings back memories of my parents. I had a praying mom and a praying dad. After my mom passed away, I looked through her prayer journal. It had many pages. She prayed for her children, grandchildren, relatives, friends, missionaries, and all levels of government leaders, as well as church leaders. What a heritage. This challenges me in my own prayer life.

Recently, a rotating schedule was given to the eight Life Groups. Each group is assigned one of the seven areas of influence with specific names for those serving in Green County in those areas. Also a pamphlet from NDP on "HOW to Pray for Your Leaders", and a handout called "Family Adventures in Discovery Bible Study" were made available. If you don't have these, check at the Welcome Center.

If you haven't developed a daily prayer time, ask God to help you develop one. You can pray while walking, driving to work, during daily chores, etc. Also set aside a time for reading and studying God's Word and praying. God wants us to communicate with Him. We need to take the time to communicate with Him.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



Thank you all for such a wonderful response to the OneMeal food packing event! The total raised was \$6,387—far exceeding the goal of \$5400. Around 50 willing workers came to 18 & 8th to quickly pack 21,168 meals in about 2 hours. We may see lentils, rice, and dehydrated veggies in our sleep, but it was a fun morning as we responded to a world in need of Jesus as well as food. Our meal packets are slated for children in Zambia.

Disappointment at the cancellation of the mission trip to Guatemala has very quickly turned into a frenzy of activity as we prepare for an alternative mission in Corpus Christi, Texas. We are preparing to serve with ReachGlobal Crisis Response (a ministry of EFCA) the same week originally slated for Guatemala. We are urged to be prepared to do whatever we are asked to do in restoration of areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. We could be gutting houses, hanging drywall, mudding, tiling, insulating, painting, preparing meals, taking prayer walks, talking and praying with those impacted by the hurricane, and anything else that needs to be done. Please pray for wisdom as we pull all the details together in a short period of time. We so appreciate your generous financial support making this a possibility. We also are planning to fund the installation of the playground in Guatemala. *Kids Around the World* will send an installation supervisor to Guatemala to manage the project so that local workers can get the playground out of storage and up for use yet this summer. It was a difficult decision. The team was very excited about the project, but COVID has altered many things this past year. We know God is in control and trust it is His plan for us to help in Texas instead.

Don't forget the Baby Bottle Campaign to support the CareNet Pregnancy Center of Green County goes through Father's Day. Return bottles filled with your spare change to the Welcome Center by Sunday, June 20th.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader



One Meal Packing Event at 18 & 8th



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BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 17
12:30—6:00 pm
Nehemiah Center

Summer Youth Connections (SYC)

Ignite & Fusion Students

Ignite & Fusion are coming together to form S.Y.C. = Summer Youth Connections!! A time for fellowship & fun.

Meeting Sunday evenings in June, July, & August from **6-8:30 pm** at Eric & Tonya Reed's home, 2269 18th Street Ct., Monroe (unless otherwise notified)

1st hangout is Sunday, June 6 – Come ready for lawn games, cookout over the bonfire, and s'mores!!

Hope to see you there!

Questions, contact Tonya Reed at 608-558-4142

Coloring Picture

