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Pastor's Pen: A New Ministry Year Challenge

Our new ministry year began July first, even though our annual meeting wasn't until July 25^{th} . As I shared at the annual meeting, a goal I have for this next year is to, "Teach and promote evangelism and discipleship through commitment to ongoing personal relationships." My challenge is to motivate the unmotivated, and help



equip those who want it, so that we each are committed to a team effort of evangelism and discipleship. Yes, you are a player on the team, and yes, you can do it.

I wrote this goal out for the Elders in June. In July I helped a woman understand the gospel and receive Christ as Savior. She needed a mentor, which, being a man, was not going to be me. I only knew of one woman who has done this, so I asked her, she was willing, and the two of them were off and running. It reminded me that there are many in our church who actually could do this, but who just haven't engaged in mentoring. I whole-heartedly believe that if we become a church of mentors, we will see God grow us in many ways.

This is what's behind the goal. Over the course of almost three decades of ministry in this town, I've seen many attempts, by our church and other churches, to use outreaches for evangelism, and very little fruit from it. On the other hand, the majority of people who I've seen come to faith in Christ, have done so in the context of individual relationships. I can also testify that the people I see grow the most are those who are in close relationships with other growing believers. This is why we emphasize Life Groups, and why I want to stress mentoring relationships in the coming years.

If you are a brand-new Christian, find someone to mentor you. If you've been a growing Christian for a few years, you can mentor someone else. You can, quite simply, because the Holy Spirit is in you, you have the Word of God, and you already have interactions with a number of people who either don't know Christ, or who aren't growing in their faith. Jesus told His first disciples, "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NASB95). Jesus also told them before He ascended, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." (John 17:17). God's Word and God's Spirit are the engine and power, we just have to be available.

This is not adding another thing into busy schedules; it is infusing words of life into what we already do! We need to pray, and think, and pray, and work through how we can share words of testimony and discipleship in our present lifestyles and priorities. For parents, of both small children and adult, this is the place to start. Conversations as you eat, work, play, or travel, to process what is happening in your lives as Christ-followers, should be your norm. You can do this! We're about building families!

There are also others that we have interactions with on a somewhat regular basis, such as co-workers, neighbors, parents of our children's friends, clerks in stores, fellow participants in leagues or recreational hobbies, etc. that are opportunities we all have. Some of you are doing this really well already!

Here's how I'm challenging you. 1) Disciple your children, small to adult. 2) Learn to simply, sincerely, and encouragingly, share a word of testimony every opportunity you can as you encounter people. 3) Ask God for a few names of people to pray for an opportunity to share the gospel with sometime this year. 4) Ask God to direct you to someone for a mentoring relationship. Ask and trust God to put whoever it is that He wants you to meet with on your heart. Mentoring should not be hard. It should mostly be about applying God's Word and seeking His help in the circumstances of life. If you need some resources, or have questions, we will help you.

Why do this? There is no greater joy as a Christian than helping another hear God's call, and to start to follow Him on the path of abundant life. Not only is this a joy, it is also the purpose of our lives, and that for which we will be rewarded on believer's judgment day! Will you commit to mentoring?

For Mentoring, Pastor Dan





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Back-to-School Community Celebration Single Worship Service & Picnic Potluck with Games, Twining Park, 10:30 am	2 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	3	4 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	5 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	6 Church League Soft- ball at Twining Park Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	7 Open AA Mtg, 6-7 pm, 18 & 8th Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
8 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.1)—	9 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg.—6:30 pm, LL #106	10	11 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	12 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	13 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	14 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
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- 6 Meghann Holverson
- 7 Rita Chambliss
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- 9 Natalie Kuenzi Jovani McNett

- 9 Tom Rossing
- 10 Shirley Drewell Bernadette Wong
- 11 Lydia Setterstrom
- 13 Jon Richardson
- 14 Abby Faith
- 15 Mariana Beernink Cindy Demianiuk Katelin Rische

- 15 Clare Thoman
- 18 Eva Haworth
 Laura Holverson
- 19 Marianne Hoffman
- 23 Walter Ohlrich
- 25 Chelsea Hardacre
- 26 Don Bartelt
- 31 Sarah Harder

- 2 Jonathan & Sarah Ragan
 - 2 Shane & Kara Schulte
- 5 Ron & Barbara Bernhagen
- 5 Kim & Yvonne Heinbaugh
- 7 Jon & Becky Richardson
- 8 Rick & Cheryl Hartwig
- 12 Kim & Kathy Markham





- 14 Richard & Jane Thoman
 - 15 Nate & Kay Bloom
- 15 Paul & Andrea Brunner
- 17 Troy & Crystal Watson
- 22 Justin & Jaclyn Miller
- 23 Michael & Beth Figi
- 30 Roger & Mary Ann Stauffacher

Child Protection Training

Child Protection Training is Required for everyone who plans to work with youth in <u>any</u> capacity at Monroe Bible Church (Nursery, Sunday School, Awana, Youth Groups, Outreach, etc.). For the majority of you, your certifications have already expired, or are expiring this month. Not sure when your training expires? Call the Office to find out. **Don't Wait!** Contact the Church Office to become Certified <u>before</u> the ministry begins.



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We want to offer our sympathy to
Marlys Isely & her family.
Marlys' brother, Erling
Isely, passed away
Wednesday, June 30th.
May God comfort and
bless you with His peace.



Open AA Meetings

Saturday, August 7th from 6:00—7:00 pm at

18 & 8th (1802 8th Street, Monroe).

A sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous will share 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

Ignite & Fusion Campout

Youth groups will be tent camping at Governor Dodge State Park

Leaving at 2 pm on Sunday, August 15th & returning at 2 pm on Tuesday, August 17th.

Sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

Permission Slips are at the Welcome Center.

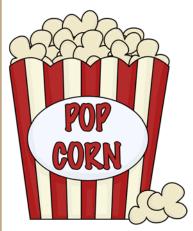
Questions? Contact Elise Morris at 608-968-1318.

Prayer Ministry

Are you praying for the missionaries our church supports? If you're not, consider doing so. You can pick up the handout that lists all our missionaries at the Welcome Center. It will describe where the missionaries are serving and give details of their ministry. Also consider communicating with our missionaries through email. It is a great way to encourage our missionaries and find out prayer requests that they have. Missionaries need fellowship, encouragement, and prayer as much or more than we who live in the U.S. do. It will be a blessing to them and encourage you as well. Please pray for our missionaries.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

Free Family Movie Night!



We are pleased and excited to announce a new date has been set for the 1st
Family Movie Night at 18 & 8th!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday evening, August 28th

We will be showing the family friendly movie "UP"

Doors open at 5:45 pm.

Movie starts at 6:30 & will finish around 8:15 pm.

Popcorn and water will be provided.

Help us get this information out into our

community and surrounding area by personally inviting your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family.

See You at the Movies!



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Harvest Weekend is scheduled for October 16th & 17th this year. Oscar and Karla Chiquito will join us from Guatemala as well as Tracy and Karen Singleton who recently returned from Zambia. Watch for sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center for Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Luncheon. Oscar will preach on Sunday at both services, as well as for Iglesia Biblica. You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet missionaries we support and to hear how God is working!

If you haven't looked at the Missionary Wall lately, you might want to take a few minutes to do so and to pick up prayer cards for some of our new missionaries. There have been several changes this summer. First, Awana missionaries Tim and Sherry Thomas retired and moved to Florida to be near family. Tim and Cheryl Gilley have absorbed our Wisconsin AWANA territory along with theirs in Minnesota. Brian and Barbara Thompson are unable to return to Hungary due to COVID restrictions. After much prayer, they have left United World Mission as full-time missionaries, although they will continue to do projects with them on a part-time basis. Ryan Wyss has moved to a salaried position with TEAM and no longer needs our monthly support. And lastly, our missionaries to Zambia, Tracy and Karen Singleton, are retiring from ACTION INTERNATIONAL, hoping to make a few return trips in the future to support the national pastors and churches with whom they have served.

As they leave MBC support, we welcome new missionaries who have responded to God's call. Steve and Victoria Fowler (S.E.E.) worked closely with Art and Irene Sommerville in France, and continue to serve the churches and Bible Institute since Art's death. We are happy to continue support for this mission field through the Fowlers. A new family we've begun supporting will soon leave to spread the Good News in a closed country in western Asia with Pioneers. They currently are in the process of selling their home and most of their material possessions. Another new missionary MBC is supporting plans to serve in the Asia Pacific as a radio planter with Reach Beyond. This person will be the third generation of overseas missionaries supported by Monroe Bible Church. It has been a privilege to witness the excitement of these brothers and sisters in Christ as they obediently answer God's call. We are privileged to partner with them. Let's remember we all are called to be witnesses wherever we happen to be.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader

Women's / Girl's Campout: Sunday-Monday, August 8th-9th

We will be tent camping at Governor Dodge State Park. We'll meet after the 2nd service on Sunday, August 8th and plan to leave at noon. We'll return by 5pm Monday, August 9th. We'll have a picnic lunch upon arrival. The main dish and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish to share (chips, salad, fruit, veggies, dessert). All other meals provided.

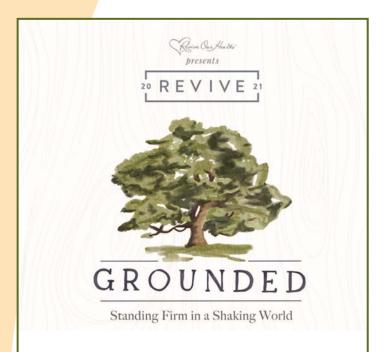
There will be some group activities and devotions, but plenty of free time for play and fellowship. Feel free to bring your bike or kayak. All vehicles will need a WI state park pass or purchase of day passes. Looking forward to some fun fellowship time!

Sign-Up by August 4th, Online or at the Welcome Center!

Feel free to contact Jadyn Elgin 608-851-0690 or Andrea Elgin 608-214-9343 with any questions.



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Women's FREE Livestream Event

October 22-23 at 18 & 8th (1802 8th Street) Monroe, WI

Register at: www.revive21monroe.com
or sign-up at the Welcome Center.
Indicate which day or days you'll be attending & which meal or meals you'll be having.
Contact Amanda Ohlrich with questions:
719-339-5366.

Friday 2pm-8:30pm Doors Open at 1pm Supper Provided Saturday 9am-4:30pm Doors Open at 8:30am Lunch Provided

Back-to-School Celebration Service

Monroe Bible Church will have a Single Worship Service on Sunday, August 1st at Twining Park

Service at 10:30am followed by a
Picnic, Games, & Bounce Houses, with
Cotton Candy, Sno-Cones, & Popcorn!
Brats & Hotdogs will be provided.
*Please bring a side dish and dessert to share.
Don't forget to bring lawn chairs or blankets!



Volunteers are Needed to
Help with the Games & Snacks.
Sign-Up at the Welcome Center!

We have collected
Back-to-School Supplies
and we'll distribute the
backpacks & school supplies at
this Back-to-School Service.



Backpacks & Supplies will be available August 2nd-13th to pick up at MBC during office hours: 8am-4pm Monday-Thursday, & 8am-Noon Friday.

After August 13th all extra backpacks & supplies will be donated to the schools.



Thursday, August 19th 12:30-6:00 PM Nehemiah Center



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