

Newsletter—September 2021



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Pastor's Pen: The Times



Most of the free world watched in horror the chaotic scenes of people trying to get out of Afghanistan before the Taliban took full control of the country. Meanwhile, over 2,000 people have died in poverty-stricken Haiti after a devastating earthquake. COVID variants are fueling another round of sickness and death. Catastrophic tornados and floods are also taking lives and causing enormous amounts of damage, and seem to be on the increase. In addition, the decline in morality and belief in God, and the increasing interest in cultic spiritism, is alarming. Any wonder many believe an apocalypse is near? Any wonder more and more people are afraid of what the future might hold?

As Christ-followers how are we to respond? We know God doesn't want us to succumb to fear. We know that holing up and isolating isn't the answer either, although it seems appealing. Perhaps the early church is a good example; persecution put enormous pressure on these new followers of Christ. How did they respond?

I would suggest that it was only a few basic truths, well embraced, that helped them. For example, the promises of Jesus that He would not abandon them (John 14:18), and that He would come again and take them to be with Him (John 14:3). Acts 2:42 says they were continually devoting themselves to coming together for worship and fellowship. I wonder if the words of Jesus to the Samaritan woman that God is seeking worshipers who will worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23) rang through their gatherings? Surely, they heard the great commandment, "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength," and the second, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31).

How do we respond when times are difficult? The instructions are really quite basic and simple – keep love of God and love of others your priorities. The coming together is a key way God uses to encourage us and help us stay focused. I'm sure that's why we were given the instruction to "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together but encourage one another," through the writer of Hebrews. (Hebrews 10:25). How many things are actively at work in our world to keep us from coming together to stay encouraged? How many things, other than these loves that Jesus stressed, are vying for our first love?

It is with the importance of relationships and what the Lord wants us to do (make disciples), that I'm challenging you to be intentional this ministry year about relationships. Would you be intentional to invest some time to disciple another individual? If you have children, this is where you need to be focused first. Would you be intentional to spend some time with someone outside the kingdom, to show them the love of Christ? Maybe a relative or neighbor? There are many outside the kingdom who are fearful of the future. If we love them, we have to help them see the hope we have in Christ.

The Christian faith is increasingly being maligned in our culture. It's important that we represent Christ well, and remain ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us with gentleness and reverence (1 Peter 3:15). Some of us are fully engaged, that's awesome. Some of us may need to reorder some priorities; many may just need to be more intentional in the interactions we already have with people outside the kingdom. Would you actively pray about those relationships, and about what God would want you to do? The times desperately need us to be engaged! I'm confident that Christ will help us!

Striving to be Engaged,
Pastor Dan

Hello September!






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Fall Ministries Begin!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	2 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	3 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	4 Open AA Mtg, 6-7 pm, 18 & 8th Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
5 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S	6 Labor Day! Office Closed	7	8 No Sr. Life Group	9 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Missions Meeting— 6:30 pm, LL #106	10 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	11 Pregnancy Center "Walk for Life" — 9 am, Hope Community Center Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
12 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School begins— 9 am Pipeline begins—9 am Next Steps-Step 3 (1s.)— 9am, LL #100 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S	13 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Joint Elder/Deacon Board Mtg.—6:00 pm, LL #106	14	15 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana Kick Off! Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Hotdogs & Treats for all Clubbers & Families— 6:15 pm	16 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	17 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Marriage Retreat—6- 8:30 pm, NC	18 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—6 pm, S Marriage Retreat—9am -2 pm, NC
19 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Next Steps-Step 4 (s.1)— 9am, LL #100 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S Fusion begins with the Amazing Race, 4:30-8:30 pm, meet at MBC	20 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	21	22 "See You at the Pole" Youth Breakfast—6:30 am, NC/K Leave MBC for the Pole—7:15 am Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	23 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	24 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	25 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Family Fun Night with Christian Illusionist at 18 & 8th! Doors Open: 6 pm Show begins: 6:30 pm
26 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School—9 am Pipeline—9 am, Trevor Schwarze Speaking Next Steps-Step 4 (s.2)— 9am, LL #100 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S Ignite Kick Off—4-6 pm Fusion—6-8 pm	27 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	28	29 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	30 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC		



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1 Indy Garchie
2 Charles Champlin
Faith Richardson
3 Ramona Johnson
Gladdy Scheppele
5 Nancy Larson
Anna Ritschard
6 Nate Ackerman
Rick Hartwig
Madeline Pals
7 Russell Meyer
Scarlett Reed
8 Josh Montgomery
Ezekiel Ritschard

8 Samuel Roidt
Tom Skoumal
Helen Tuttle
10 Austin Kramer
11 Isaiah Ritschard
12 Maggie Holverson
Aiden Pleindoux
13 Caden Montgomery
15 Keziah Reed
16 Robin Nafzger
17 Ophelia Hardacre
19 Andrea Brunner
Greg Dyer
Yvonne Heinbaugh

20 Anne Keegan
Peter Rische
21 Abigail Rhoe
22 Deb Hauri
23 Nathan Botteron
Bob Hauri
26 Cree Schadewaldt
27 Joe Thoman
28 Ellie Rische
Violet Schwindt
29 Chris Morris
30 Roman Dechtiarenko
Larry Hermanson

9 Chris & Laura Holverson
13 Steve & Gritly McNett
14 Brian & Lexi Baer
18 Jeff & Marie Wunschel
19 Steve & Shannon Allbaugh
21 Jessie & Gracie Petersen



22 Jeff & Ann Italiano
25 Rich & Anita Peach
27 Bill & Deb Westphal
28 Dan & Deb Hendrickson
29 Larry & Jeanne Hermanson

The CareNet Pregnancy Center of Green County's Annual "Walk for Life" fundraiser will be on Saturday, September 11th beginning at 9:00 AM at the Hope Community Center, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

You can make a difference by participating in this year's

Walk for Life. Gather pledges and walk with us!

Contact the CareNet Pregnancy Center of Green County for more information:
608-325-5051 or pregnancycentered@tds.net

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Revive Our Hearts
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Standing Firm in a Shaking World

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



We would like to offer our sympathy to Jeff & Ann Italiano and their family. Jeff's sister, Lulu Wagner, passed away Monday, August 23rd. May God comfort & bless you with His peace.

Marriage Enrichment Opportunity

In the beginning God created Marriage and this special union mirrors the one between God and His Church. Marriage is a physical, spiritual, and emotional union, and the beginning of family and a life long commitment. It provides an opportunity to grow in selflessness as you serve your spouse and children. All marriages require ongoing effort and need a "tune up" from time to time.

All married couples and singles who would like to learn more about God's perfect design for marriage are encouraged to join Richard and Adina Ness as they will be leading "Experiencing God's Dream for Your Marriage" by Chip Ingram from Living on the Edge Ministries. The event will be held in the Nehemiah Center on Friday evening Sept 17th from 6:00 pm to 8:30, and Saturday the 18th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The cost is \$5 and lunch will be provided.

This event is being hosted by Richard & Adina Ness. If you have any questions, contact them at 608-512-2288 or adinanessus@yahoo.com

Open AA Meetings

Saturday, September 4th 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.

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MISSIONS

Last month you were introduced to a new missionary couple MBC is supporting. They would like us to know they have reached 100% of their support and will depart September 30th for the closed country where they will serve for the next several years. Please

remember them and their family in prayer as they bring Christ to a people who do not know the Good News.

Another one of our new missionaries that we've begun supporting plans to visit MBC September 26th during the Sunday School hour to share with us their call as a radio planter in the Asia Pacific. Don't miss this opportunity to meet this person and learn what he'll be doing to help God's Word spread in closed places.

Harvest Weekend October 16th-17th is fast approaching. Be sure to save the date and sign up for Saturday's activities. Our guests will be Oscar and Karla Chiquito from Guatemala. We also will be honoring Tracy and Karen Singleton as they retire from over 13 years of ministry in Zambia. Let's appreciate the great effort our guests put forth to be with us by celebrating their "harvest" together. We will again collect offerings toward monetary Christmas gifts for our missionaries over Harvest Weekend. Last year your generous gifts were a real blessing for many as their lives and ministries were disrupted by the pandemic. Thank you for caring!

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader

Summer is flying by and it will soon be the start of the school year, AWANA, Sunday School, and youth groups.

We should remember to pray for all those who teach in the public, private, and home schools. Please pray for the students attending school. They face many difficult situations as they live their lives as the Lord would want them to, and also as they witness to their friends about Jesus.

Pray for the AWANA leaders as they impact the lives of many young people. The AWANA books teach many good things about Jesus and God's Word. Pray for the clubbers as they memorize God's Word. It can have a great impact on their lives. Young people are growing up in a society which is anti-God and anti-Bible. The results of this adversely affect our society and our young people. Pray for our Ignite and Fusion leaders.

Pray for all our Sunday School teachers. Students learn many truths from God's Word that are applicable to everyday life. These truths help students to witness to their friends and also help the students to walk close to God.

We need to pray that teachers and students will be a light to the unsaved people they know. The world needs Jesus, He is the only answer.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader





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FUSION

THE AMAZING RACE

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JOIN US!

for FUSION
 (MBC High School Youth Group)

Kick Off Event
 on Sunday, Sept. 19
 from 4:30-8:30pm

**Invite Friends and Come
 Ready to Race around
 Green County!**

Your goal is to be the 1st team to
 cross the finish line and win a
 \$1,000,000 prize!

Meet and Pick-up at MBC

Questions: Contact Beth Roidt
 608-897-6058



Awana Kick Off

Wednesday, September 15th

Trek & Journey begin at 5:30 pm
 Cubbies—T & T begin at 6:15 pm.

**All Clubbers and their families are invited to join us this first night
 for hotdogs & treats at 6:15 pm to kick-off the new year!**

Donations of desserts would be greatly appreciated!
 If you would like to help provide desserts, please drop them
 off in the church kitchen before the event.

Contact Kim Markham, Awana Commander with
 any questions at 608-558-0936.

Middle School Youth Group

Ignite Middle School Sunday Nights will restart on Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 4-6pm. This ministry is for all students in 6-8th grade. We will begin with a welcome back party, games, cake, ice cream, bounce house and did I mention, games?? We will introduce you to our new leaders and a



few past leaders, and welcome back the opportunity to spend time with the Lord and one another. Parents are welcome to join us on this night, eat some cake, yes, play games, etc. More details to come. Mark your calendar! Plan to join us!

Explore Life Groups!

Life changes, circumstances change. That's why September 12th through October 15th will be our "Explore Life Groups" weeks. If the Life Group you were in is no longer working for you, take advantage of these five weeks to try one or more of the other groups. If you have not yet tried a Life Group, give one or more groups a try! Just contact the leader and let them know you'd like to come and get the meeting details, then show up, it's that simple. Life Group meeting times, leader names and contact info, are on our website at www.monroebiblechurch.org, the Welcome Center, or call Pastor Dan at 325-3966 if you have questions.

Beginning the week of October 17th our groups will be doing something special so you will want to be in a group by then!

Pipeline & Sunday School

Sunday School and Pipeline will begin on Sunday mornings at 9am on September 12th. Pipeline is our adult class that meets with the intentional 4-6 week long discussions & prayer on various topics including marriage, parenting, grandparenting, discipling your family and more... Our first Pipeline class will begin with an introduction of upcoming topics, prayer together, question/answer and more. Join us and have some input on the direction we will take the Pipeline class this Fall and Winter!!



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