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Newsletter—October 2021

Pastor's Pen: Fractured and Normal



In a recent parachurch's newsletter, the author began with a "suppose in the year 2030" scenario. It included churches losing tax-exempt status, complaints from neighbors, etc.

Speaking of the church he then said this:

I certainly believe that the attempt may be to legislate the church to the margins of society. And yet through it all, Jesus' command remains: "Go and make disciples of all nations." All throughout this pandemic I've been watching church after church struggling to "get back to normal", some going to great lengths to "fight the persecution". I wonder if the question we should be asking, and the struggle we should be struggling with, is how do we make disciples in the coming reality? Are we ready for the potential of a decentralized church? We've had center-stage and "most favored nation" status for a long time; are you planning for the day it goes away? (Pinnacle Ministries, August 2021)

The Elders and Deacons have begun thinking and talking about this, and will continue. The above newsletter, as well as another article about how evangelical church is being fractured, are next up for discussion. Church leaders certainly need to think and pray and plan for upcoming changes. Individuals and families need to as well.

That's partly why I will continue to keep the concept of discipleship and evangelism through relationships in front of you. The other main reason is that discipleship and evangelism is most effective through relationships. So, even if the pendulum swings back, and the church again enjoys the favor of our culture, a relationship strategy still makes sense.

How do we then go about this? Our first challenge is time, almost everyone is "crazy busy". I get it, it's a daily struggle for me. As I wrote before, there's two things to take into consideration. It's more about learning to be intentional in the contacts and relationships we already have, and, begin in your home and family. Building families is central to our vision so I hope you line up. Let me give you a short acrostic that I think can help all of us. It is L-A-B.

Love people. If I don't, the problem is in me. We have to begin here. It means we see others, inside or outside the church, as people, not projects. By simply asking more questions in our conversations we can get to know them better, and how to show we care. There's a multitude of ways to show care, many of which take little time and effort. If I spend more time thinking about, researching, and planning for a recreational interest than a soul headed for a Christless eternity, the problem is in me. Learn to master showing you care and doors will open.

Ask God. Ask God to give you insight. Ask God to open the door to spiritual conversation. Ask God for an opportunity to share your testimony. Ask God how you can disciple your 14 year old. Ask God to not let you get discouraged and give up. Ask God, ask God, ask God. Then let Him do what only He can do!

Be yourself. We don't have to have it all together. Actually, when people see we don't, they're more comfortable around us! As I write, I've told a number of people that I'm weary and I don't have my "A game" in me right now. It isn't that we look for pity or attention, just that we can admit we don't have it all together. If we are open about our ups and downs we'll show that we are real.

This applies to discipleship and evangelism. A fractured church may be the new normal. However, unity is still God's will and extremely important, so we must look for how this might be accomplished. In the meantime, let's be in the L-A-B, busy in the Lord's work.

In the L-A-B,
 Pastor Dan




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	2 Open AA Mtg, 6-7 pm, 18 & 8th NC/K in use 12:30-5:30 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
3 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am Next Steps-Step 1 (1s.)— Noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	4 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	5 Apologetics Speaker & Teacher Scott Weckerly—6:30-8 pm, S	6 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm Apologetics Speaker & Teacher Scott Weckerly—6:30-8 pm, S	7 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Missions Meeting—7:00 pm, LL #106	8 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	9 NC/K in use 10 am—5 pm Iglesia Biblica Women's study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
10 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.1)— 9am, LL #100 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm, dinner & guest speaker	11 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Meeting—6:30 pm, #106	12	13 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	14 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	15 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	16 Harvest Weekend: Men's Breakfast—8 am, NC Ladies' Lunch— 12:30 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
17 Harvest Weekend Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am Next Steps-Step 2 (s.2)— 9am, LL #100 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	18 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	19 Deacon Board Mtg.—6:00 pm, LL #106	20 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	21 Blood Drive—12:30-6 pm, NC  Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, #101	22 Women's Recovery Mtg.—5-7 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Women's 2021 Revive Conference—2-8:30 pm, 18 & 8th	23 AA Mtg.—8-11 am, NC Iglesia Biblica Women's study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC Women's 2021 Revive Conference—9 am—4:30 pm, 18 & 8th
24 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	25 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	26	27 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	28 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	29 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Fusion Youth Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI	30 Men's Breakfast—8-10 am , NC/K S in use, 1 pm Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC Fusion Youth Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI
31 Lord's Table The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, S No Ignite or Fusion Fusion returns home						



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1 Jan Burke
Josh Hardacre
Rhys Witt
3 Mary Ann Stauffacher
4 McKenzie LeStarge
6 Barbara Bernhagen
Mason Brunner
Kai Schadewaldt
7 Deb Setterstrom
9 Luba Dechtiarenko
11 Ron Coppes
13 Anna Skoumal

14 Jacob Harder
19 Colette Wyttenbach
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

1 Dan & Jennifer Krahenbuhl
3 Shane & Jennifer Eddy
4 Ed & Cindy Demianiuk
Keith & Roxanne Geisler
5 Tom & Brenda Rossing
8 Walt & Carol Botteron
Craig & Helen Tuttle
11 Tyler & Crystal Hartwig
12 Chris & Elise Morris
15 Scott & Carol Larson
16 Shane & Karena Figi
27 Nate & Shannon Ackerman



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let's show our pastors and their families our appreciation! Throughout the month of October, there will be a Card Box on the table behind the Sanctuary.

A special gift offering will be taken during worship services on Sunday, October 24th and 31st.

We will present our pastors with the monetary gift on Sunday, November 7th.

Thank you for being a blessing!



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Thursday, October 21st

12:30—6 PM

Nehemiah Center



GRAUNDED

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 want to offer our sympathy to
 Jan Burke & her family.
 Jan's sister, Joan Piel,
 passed away
 Thursday, September 2nd.*



*May God bless you
 and comfort you
 with His peace.*

Explore Life Groups is Still Underway!

Life changes, circumstances change. Now through October 15th is the time to "Explore Life Groups". If the Life Group you were in is no longer working for you, take advantage of this time 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! Contact the leader and let them know you'd like to come and get the meeting details. Life Group meeting times, leader names, and contact information are on our church website (www.monroebiblechurch.org), at the Welcome Center, and on the Plexi-board (above the drinking fountain). Call Pastor Dan at 325-3966 if you have questions.

Open AA Meetings

Saturday, October 2nd 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





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Have you ever wondered if people really listen to you when you are talking to them? A man decided to conduct an experiment at a reception. When greeting the guests he said something completely absurd and untrue. Only one person out of the many he greeted actually heard what he said. When we pray, God listens to us. I John 5:14 states this truth.



Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God". Are you in so big of a hurry that you rush your prayer time? Slow down and realize God is our refuge and strength and ever-present help in time of trouble.

Remember, God is a Father to us. He wants us to communicate with Him. Also remember to confess your sins regularly. Unconfessed sin blocks your prayers. Luke 11 gives a format on how to pray.

I would like to challenge all husbands to pray for their wife regularly. The enemy likes to attack and seeks to destroy your wife. Your prayers should include God's protection over your wife. A great book to read is "The Power of a Praying Husband" by Stormie Omartian. Ask God to help you be the husband He wants you to be to your wife.

A closing thought on prayer: Prayer changes things. Prayer brings an increased measure of God's power. Much prayer, much power. Little prayer, little power. No prayer, no power. Read Psalm 116:2. Pray!

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

The Gang's All Here!

The Wednesday Senior Life Group surprised Gladdy Scheppele for her birthday with a special party and hymn sing at her house.

Happy Birthday, Gladdy!





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The Gathering Grounds

Cool weather is coming fast, and doesn't a nice hot cup of coffee just make you feel comfortable and at home?? We've been serving coffee and tea for our Café service for several years now. Its not just so we can have a cup of joe...it is intended to create a relaxed atmosphere to gather, sharing ourselves with church family, and especially welcoming the guests and newer attenders.



Would you (and a friend) be interested in making coffee occasionally, to serve the Café service? Stop by and we'll talk; we can arrange to teach you to use the equipment and get you on board with our Café fellowship ministry.

Jennifer Krahenbuhl

Backpack Buddies

Volunteer Needed: (one person, a couple, a family) for 1 ½ hours, two times each month, on a Monday or Tuesday during the day. You'll need to be able to lift 20 lbs. You'll be picking up the totes from the Monroe School District Office, taking the totes back to 18 & 8th, and filling them up for the next week's delivery.

If you can help, contact Sharon Kubly
 at 608-558-4003.

Food Needed: we are especially in need of cans of Spaghetti with Meat Sauce. 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 all 15-16 oz. cans. If you would like to donate to Backpack Buddies, place food in the bins provided in the church foyer. Thank you for your donations!

MISSIONS

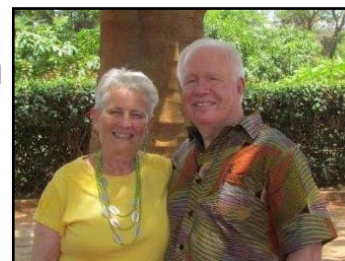
**This is your last chance
 to sign up for
 Harvest Weekend
 October 16th—17th!**



The Men's Breakfast begins at 8 AM and when everyone has had their fill of tasty breakfast foods, Tracy and Karen Singleton, missionaries to Zambia with ACTION Pastors College, will share how they train pastors through affordable seminary courses spread over a three year span. Karen serves as a mentor to the pastors' wives. Of course COVID has changed how much time they are able to spend in Zambia, but they find ways to continue the work. Monroe Bible Church has supported the Singleton's since 2007 and we are honored to have them join us this Harvest Saturday as they prepare to retire at the end of this year.

Tracy and Karen will also be speakers for the Ladies' Luncheon. If their travel plans work out, Oscar and Karla Chiquito will also join the ladies. They originally hoped to be here for the men's breakfast but the airlines changed their arrival time, making that impossible. Oscar will preach both services on Sunday, as well as at Iglesia Biblica in the afternoon. He will share his vision for the Retreat and Training Center For Pastors in Sumpango, Guatemala.

Harvest Weekend is also when we collect offerings for monetary Christmas gifts for our missionaries. Last year your donations were very generous and much appreciated as our missionaries were struggling to meet increased needs all around them. Please be in prayer over how much you can give this year.



Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader



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6:30- 8:00 pm - Two Nights!
Tue. & Wed. - Oct 5th & 6th
(Awana Arrive at Regular Time of 6:15 pm to Check In)

Scott Weckerly
Apologetics Speaker & Teacher
at Monroe Bible Church



Everyone Welcome
Join Us - Invite Family & Friends!

Scott has been the featured speaker for youth retreats, college groups and churches, he is currently an adjunct speaker for Creation Training Initiative (CTI), which is dedicated to equipping others to stand firm on Biblical truth and defend their faith (1 Peter 3:14).

Tuesday night: Critical thinking skills are powerful tools that can be easily mastered by anyone wanting to have more effective Biblical conversations. They can also help you learn to ask powerful questions that cut through the fluff and get to the heart of any issue. Learning to spot fuzzy words, magic words and basic logical fallacies in conversations and written articles can help you discern truth from error and give you easy answers to tough questions.

Wednesday night: Special $\frac{1}{2}$ hour session for kids & parents, followed by a session for adults while kids attend Awana. Are dinosaurs proof of evolution or a testimony to the truth of God's Word? How do you fit dinosaurs into the Bible? This "Dinosaurs and the Bible" presentation is designed to give biblical tools to defend the truth of biblical creation to an unbelieving world. Not only will it update you on the latest scientific dinosaur research but it will also give you ideas on how to use a conversation about dinosaurs to share the Gospel!



Next Steps at MBC

Step 1 "Our Mission & Vision" (1 session) **Sunday, October 3rd** at Noon, LL room #106. Learn what our vision is and how you can become a part of it. Please sign up, lunch is provided.

Step 2 "Our Core Beliefs" (2 sessions) **October 10th & 17th** at 9:00 am, LL room #100. Find out what our core beliefs are and learn some basic Bible doctrines in these two interactive sessions. **Steps 2 & 3 are required for membership.*

Sign up for all Next Steps classes on our website, use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center, or contact the church office.

2021-22 **25-Day One Year** **Bible Reading Plan**

Read Through the Bible

The Monroe Bible Church 2021-22 One Year Bible Reading Plan is now available at the Welcome Center and on the wall rack by the Plexi-board (next to the drinking fountain). This year's plan is a 25-Day per month reading plan and begins in October. It's a great opportunity for our church to read through the entire bible together in a year!



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ALL SINS FORGIVEN

Instructions:

Cross out all words that may be considered a sin or something that would be wrong in God's eyes.

(NOTE: Do not cross out the words "sins" and "unrighteous")

BITTERNESS	FOR	QUARRELSOME	WICKEDNESS	JEALOUSY	GOSSIP	CHRIST
HATE	UNFAITHFULNESS	FILTHY TALK	DIED	LYING	IMMORALITY	LAZINESS
FOR	ARGUING	SINS	SLANDER	COVETING	IDOLATRY	SLANDER
MURDER	ONCE	KILLING	BLASPHEMY	ADULTRY	FOR	SELFISHNESS
STEALING	SLANDER	RAGE	STINGY	ALL,	GREED	THE
RIGHTEOUS	ENVY	ARROGANCE	FOR	PRIDE	GLUTTONY	QUARRELSOME
FOOLISHNESS	THE	COMPLAINING	LUST	UNRIGHTEOUS,	IMPURITY	STEALING
TO	GAMBLING	BRING	RACISM	WICKEDNESS	YOU	WORRY
UNKINDNESS	PRIDE	TO	IDOLATRY	GOD	ANGER	DISOBEDIENCE



What do the remaining words say? Write them in order on the lines below.

1 Peter 3:18a NIV1984