

# Newsletter—November 2021



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## Pastor's Pen: Believer's Enjoyment



This stood out to me while reading in the gospel of Mark the other morning, “And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him.” (Mark 12:37, NASB). Jesus had just given the scribe what we call “The Great Commandment” (to love the Lord with all our being), stumped the crowd with a question (probably embarrassing the scribes too), and would warn the crowd of the phony piety of the scribes and priests (Mark 12:28-40). Something just didn’t seem right about the word “enjoyed.” Did it hit too close to home?

I “enjoyed” reading about the encounter Jesus had with the scribes who asked, “By what authority are you doing these things?” (Mark 11:28). Jesus had entered Jerusalem with a king’s reception, overturned merchant tables in the Temple, and killed a fig tree with His curse. Jesus answers their question with His own question, “Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men?” (Mark 11:30). Jesus shows them He knows what they are trying to do, and caught them with their own kind of trap, they couldn’t answer without condemning themselves in front of the people.

I “enjoyed” reading the contrasting accounts of Jesus asking, “What do you want Me to do for you?” (Mark 10:36, 51). James and John were looking for their own honor at the right hand and left hand seats next to Jesus in His glory (verse 37). Jesus said no. Bartimaeus asked the same question, but his request was to be healed of his blindness. Jesus said yes!

I “enjoyed” reading about Jesus answering the wealthy young man’s question about what he needed to do to inherit the kingdom of God. “Go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me.” (Mark 10:21). Jesus exposed the young man’s true allegiance.

It’s instructive that in these encounters with Jesus, the wealthy young man, the religious leaders, and even two disciples, did not get the answers they were looking for. Who did? Bartimaeus. And he, “began following Him on the road.” (Mark 10:52). I had to ask myself, “Are the things I ask of the Lord more for my own peace, comfort, or honor, or to help me follow the Lord more closely?” I had to ask myself, “Do I enjoy a good speaker or writer just for the enjoyment of hearing what they skillfully say, or am I looking for what God is telling me I should do, with a sincere intent on doing it?” Jesus’ parable in chapter four of Mark on the seed by the road, in the rocky, or the shallow soil addressed the folly of just listening. James called those who listen but don’t do, “deluded” (James 1:22-25).

We live in a day and place in which we have access to a multitude of excellent teachers but sadly, in which the church has lost its influence in modern culture. Might it be because we’ve become accustomed to enjoying listening and not doing? I’m not advocating we make a bunch of rules to follow, nor to stop learning from good teachers. I do think, however, we need to take a hard look at what we do with our time and resources. A good start would be to let our prayers be requests for God to help us follow Him each day. Might we find even greater enjoyment in doing rather than merely hearing?

Needing His Help,

Pastor Dan





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## November 2021

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	2	3 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC  Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	4 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	5 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	6 Open AA Mtg, 6-7 pm, 18 & 8th  Iglesia Biblica Women's study—4-6 pm, #102  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC  <b>(Set clocks back 1 hour tonight)</b>
7 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Congregational Meeting— Noon, S Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am Next Steps-Step 3 (1s.)—9 am, LL #100 Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	8 Deadline: Pleasant View Bingo prizes & cupcakes  Deacon Board Mtg.—6 pm, NC  Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102  Elder Board Meeting—6:30 pm, #106	9 Pleasant View Birthday Party	10 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC  Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	11 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC  Missions Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106	12 All Church in use—Wedding	13 All Church in use—Wedding
14 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School —9 am Pipeline —9 am Next Steps-Step 4 (s.1)—9 am, LL #100 Next Steps-Step 1 (1s.)—Noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	15 Deadline: Districts sign-up  Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	16 Deadline: Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes	17 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC  Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	18 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	19 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	20 Holiday Craft & Vendor Event—9am-3pm, 18 & 8th  Iglesia Biblica Women's study—4-6 pm, #102  Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, NC
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2 Oliver Brunner  
3 Everly Bade  
Lola Bade  
4 Jora Reed  
5 Adam Brunner  
7 Patricia Harder  
Coleen Soddy  
Josh Swenson  
8 Eric Reed  
Emma Richardson  
9 Craig Roth  
10 Ellis Holverson  
12 Isabella Olmstead  
13 Kate Haworth

13 Kailyn Ringhand  
Molly Swenson  
14 Lynne Hardy  
15 Kim Markham  
16 Celia Keen  
Colleen Ostenson  
19 Katie Elgin  
Declan Geiwitz  
Drake Geiwitz  
21 Mia Kelley  
Connor Nafzger  
30 Keith Geisler  
Clara Kuenzi  
Carol Larson

6 Randy & Gloria Ringhand  
7 Jacob & Karen Brunner  
Craig & Tracy Signer  
10 Mark & Flaimide McNett  
17 Eric & Tonya Reed  
22 Josh & April Kuenzi  
26 John & Kristi Hudson

## NEEDED: SNOW SHOVELING AT 18 & 8<sup>TH</sup>

We are in need of someone to do the sidewalk snow shoveling at 18 & 8<sup>th</sup> this winter. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact  
Deacon Chairman  
Duane Zimmerman  
at 608-214-6793.

## Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

After the second service there will be a short meeting to correct our oversight of the need to have the congregation approve the 2021-22 fiscal budget.

Pick up the Treasurer's Report at the Welcome Center.



**Operation Christmas Child**  
*Bring Good News  
& Great Joy to a Child!*

Pack a Shoebox & Change a Life  
Bring your  
shoeboxes to MBC  
**By NOVEMBER 16th**





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## Fusion High School

**When:** January 7-9, 2022

*Meet at MBC: 12:00 Noon on Jan. 7*

*Return to MBC: Afternoon on Jan. 9*

**Where is Districts:** Green Bay, WI

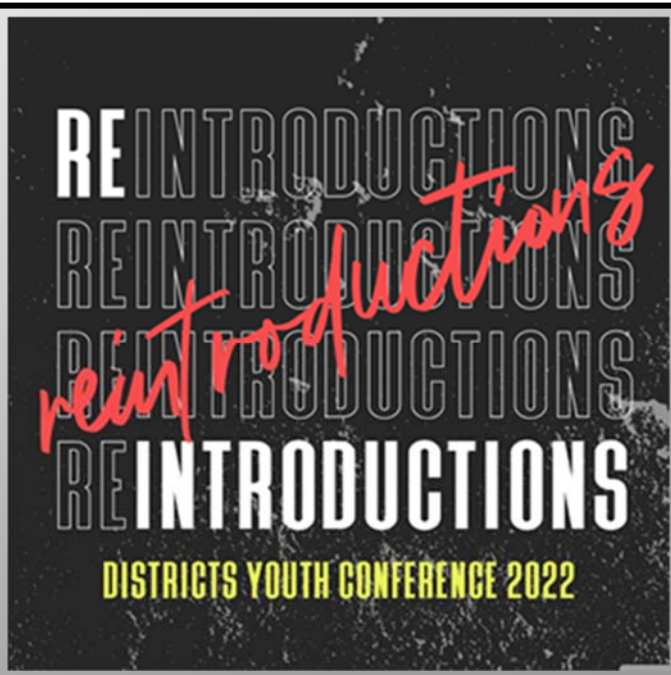
**Who is it for:** Fusion High School students

**Cost:** \$125.00 + \$10 T-shirt if signed up by Nov. 15

Price goes up to \$135 after Nov. 15

*Registration Deadline is Nov. 15*

*Contact Pastor Troy with questions*



## NEXT STEPS AT MBC

**STEP 1** "Our Mission & Vision" (1 session) **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at noon, LL room #106. Lunch is provided. Learn what our vision is and how you can become a part of it.

**STEP 3** "Our Commitments" (1 session) **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am, LL room #100. We'll address the topics of eternal life, spiritual growth, baptism, and church membership. *\*This Step is required for membership*

**STEP 4** "Our Equipping" (2 sessions) **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:00 am, LL room #100. Learn about serving together, spiritual gifts, and explore how God has gifted you.

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



## Holiday Craft & Vendor Event

*Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00 am—3:00 pm*

*18 & 8<sup>th</sup>*

*(1802 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe)*



*A great place to find Christmas gifts!*

## Open AA Meetings

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

from 6:00—7:00 pm

at 18 & 8<sup>th</sup>

(1802 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.greencountyaa.org)







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I recently read a booklet about prayer written in the 1800's by C.H. McIntosh, and a book by M.R. DeHann written in the 1940's that included sermons on prayer. I also read part of a book on spiritual warfare that emphasized the importance of prayer. All of these made the point that prayer is worship. Many equate worship with singing. Worship has many other facets.

The book "Prayer Coach" gives the acronym of "CHAT". Confess sins, Honor God, Ask God, Thank God. Each of these aspects are very important. Honor or adore God. To worship Him is to attribute worth to Him. Revelation 4:10-11. If we are going to serve God, we must worship Him and submit to Him. After we ask God about our request, thank Him. We need to be thankful believers. God wants us to communicate with Him. 2 Chronicles tells us "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him". Be a person of prayer and worship.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

If you were unable to attend October's **Harvest Weekend** events, you can still get to know the missionaries we support by picking up the 2021-2022 Missions book "Preach The Gospel" at the Welcome Center. There are also prayer cards for many of them in a rack by the missionary photos on the wall in the foyer.



Please remember to pray for them personally. If you don't know any of them, perhaps this is the time for you to establish a personal relationship with one person or family. Each missionary we support has contact information at the bottom of their page in the booklet. Most of them send out newsletters where you learn the latest regarding their work, challenges, needs, successes, and prayer requests and praises. You will be blessed by personally knowing them and so will they.

MBC, together with 11 other area churches, help residents at **Pleasant View** celebrate birthdays each month. It is our turn on Tuesday, November 9th. Since many of the COVID restrictions are still in place, we will collect bingo prizes and cupcakes (homemade are acceptable this year) which will be delivered to Pleasant View. The staff then celebrate with the residents in appropriate socially distanced ways. The sign-up sheet for cupcake donations is at the Welcome Center. There is also a box near the Welcome Center for Bingo prizes which may include individually wrapped fun-size candy bars, cookies, crackers, chips, diabetic candy, perfume or cologne, jewelry, word search books, and other special age appropriate items. All food must be nut free. If you have questions please contact Elise Morris (608-968-1318) who has graciously volunteered once again to coordinate the birthday party.

Our second batch of **fresh roasted Central American coffee** was put out for donation in mid-October. 100% of the donations go toward the Pastors' Retreat and Training Center, a special project of Oscar Chiquito in Guatemala. If you hope to pick some up for yourself, for a gift, or for the holiday meals coming up, don't wait too long. The first round went quickly! The beans can be ground for you, just ask at the Café window.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader



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## CREATION TRAINING INITIATIVE

**Are you interested in going through training to be better equipped to defend the faith?**

**CTI can come to our church to teach a course for us.** The courses generally start at 8:30 am and finish at 5:30 pm.

There is a course fee for each attendee. For a 1-day course the costs per attendee are:  
 \$45 for adults and \$25 for teens (BCT). This fee includes a student manual, lunch and snacks.

### Courses available:

**Basic Creation Training— BCT (1-day, teens and above)**

**Advanced Creation Training – ACA (1-day, high school and above)**

**Christian Educator's Conference – CEC (1-day, high school and above)**

**Creation Apologetics Teachers College – CATC (5-days, college age and above)**

**Communication and Teaching Skills – CTS (3-days, high school and above)**

All courses are certified through ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) for Continuing Education Units (CEU). For more information, go to their website at <https://www.creationtraining.org/training-courses/>

**Contact the office if you're interested in having a course taught at our church, 608-325-3966 or  
 office@monroebiblechurch.org**

## Harvest Ladies' Lunch Recipes

(Several of you have requested these from Crystal Zimmerman—*here they are!*)

### CAVATINI

- 1 lb. assorted pasta shapes, cooked al dente
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 lb. pork sausage
- 1 lg. onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. basil
- sliced pepperoni as desired
- 2 regular size jars pasta sauce
- 1 1/2 lb. cheddar/mozzarella cheeses

Brown beef and pork together and drain off fat. Mix all ingredients together and divide evenly between two oiled 9 X 13 pans. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbling and hot. Enjoy! *\*Notes:* One pan can be frozen before baking or shared with another family. Adjust ingredients to suit your taste. I use tomato, garlic, and onion sauce but if you use a different sauce, adjust the seasonings so the oregano or basil or garlic isn't overwhelming. The sauce is what makes this yummy and I sometimes add more than the recipe says. Vary the cheese according to your taste as well. The original recipe uses Swiss but I think the mozzarella combination suits the flavors better.

### SALAD

Toss together in a salad bowl equal amounts of baby spinach and romaine (or greens of your choice). Add cashews, diced red apples (unpeeled), and shredded Swiss cheese. Drizzle with dressing and serve.

### DRESSING

- 3/4 c. sugar
  - 1/3 c. white vinegar
  - 1 tsp. dry mustard
  - 1 to 1 1/2 tbsp. finely minced onion
  - 1 c. oil (your choice)
- Combine in a blender or food processor until well incorporated.
- 1 1/2 tbsp. poppy seeds

Stir in and store in a tightly covered jar until ready to use. This will make enough for several salads as a little goes a long way.





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*Coloring Page: Jacob Receives Isaac's Blessing*

