



2613 8th Avenue  
 Monroe, WI 53566  
 608-325-3966  
 office@monroebiblechurch.org  
 www.monroebiblechurch.org

# Newsletter—June 2022

## When Will It End?



In  
 This  
 Issue

Pastor's Pen 1

Calendar 2

Birthdays 3

Anniversaries

Primetimers 4

Our Sympathy  
 Prayer Ministry

Compassion Intl. 5

Blood Drive

Children's Messages

Missions Ministry 6

'22 Mission Trip Team

Softball League 7

Canoe Trip

Child Protection

VBS 8

Kid's Page

The news stories continue, another tragic school shooting, war atrocities in Ukraine, violence and threats in response to a Supreme Court ruling that hasn't even been released. The "Woke" movement, Critical Race Theory, gender confusion, it all points to a problem that governments and education cannot fix. We'll be looking at the beginning of that problem in our new series, "So Great a Salvation." I saw Jesus pointing out the source of the problem in my devotional readings in Mark the last couple of days.

Jesus sent the disciples across the Sea of Galilee in a boat while He went up the mountain to pray. He came walking on the water by them late in the night and they were "utterly astonished" when He then calmed the storm for them. Then verse 52 says, "for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened." (Mark 6:52, *NASB95*). Their heart was "hardened." Their spiritual sensitivity to see what Jesus was revealing about Himself wasn't working.

In the next chapter, some Pharisees and scribes question Jesus as to why His disciples aren't walking according to the traditions of the elders (ceremonially washing their hands before eating). "And He said to them, 'Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.'" (Mark 7:6). Again, we see a heart problem. Jesus then explains to His disciples, "And He was saying, 'That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.'" (Mark 7:20). Jesus goes on to give examples of sin that proceeds out of a person, such as fornications, thefts, coveting, slander, pride, and foolishness (verses 21-22). Yes, foolishness! Again, we see that the problem begins in the heart.

In James we saw what happens when sin is not checked at the heart level – "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death." (James 1:14-15). Temptations will appeal to heart lusts, and if allowed to germinate, carry a person away into sin. The potential is in every human being.

Sadly, it's hard to expect things to get better while our nation and world continue to reject God's explanation of sin. No amount of education, legislation, or punishment, while each has its place, will keep sin from taking control in people when there is no belief in God. While it's difficult to watch the growing tide of painful consequences, let's be careful not to simply complain about the evil, or to point to mere human solutions. The need is for a new heart.

In Jeremiah 31 and Ezekiel 36, God promises a future restoration of the Jewish people to their land and their God. "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances." (Ezekiel 36:26-27). The coming of Christ and provision of new life (John 3:3, 5; and 2 Corinthians 5:17) brought the opportunity for a new heart.

Granted, the problems are complex and multifaceted. It is bigger than you or I can fix. It won't end in our lifetime. But we have opportunity to point the growing number of people, plagued by confusion, fear, and anxiety, to the reason, and to the solution, for our rapidly digressing world. And who knows, perhaps that one troubled person looking for hope and meaning that you might lead to Christ, is the one who would otherwise commit an atrocity! Let's be faithful to speak the truth in love, as we point people to the universal need of all people.

For the Hope of the World,

Pastor Dan





2613 8th Avenue  
 Monroe, WI 53566  
 608-325-3966  
 office@monroebiblechurch.org  
 www.monroebiblechurch.org

# Newsletter—June 2022

## June



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 Church League Softball at Twining Park Begins tonight!	4 Men's Breakfast, 8 am, NC Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC Open AA Mtg, 6 pm, 18 & 8th
5 Guest from Compassion Intl. Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—TBD	6 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	7 Primitimers Games & Lunch—10 am –1 pm, NC/K	8 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	9 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	10 Men's Bible Study—Noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Church League Softball at Twining Park	11 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC
12 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Mission Trip to Glory Reins Ranch, VA	13 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106 Mission Trip to Glory Reins Ranch, VA	14 Mission Trip to Glory Reins Ranch, VA	15 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Mission Trip to Glory Reins Ranch, VA	16 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Mission Trip to Glory Reins Ranch, VA	17 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Church League Softball at Twining Park Mission Trip to Glory Reins Ranch, VA	18 Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC Mission Trip to Glory Reins Ranch, VA
19 Happy Father's Day! Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Baby Bottle Deadline!	20 Deacon Meeting—6 pm, NC Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	21 VBS All Church Paint Night—5-7 pm, NC 	22 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	23 Blood Drive—Noon-6 pm, NC  Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101	24 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Church League Softball at Twining Park	25 Canoe Trip for Men & Kids—Breakfast 7-9 am, then leave for the WI River Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC
26 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Canoe Trip for Men & Kids—WI River	27 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	28	29 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	30 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	<b>MBC Office Hours:</b> <b>Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM,</b> <b>&amp; Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon</b>	



MONROE  
BIBLE  
CHURCH

2613 8th Avenue  
Monroe, WI 53566  
608-325-3966  
office@monroebiblechurch.org  
www.monroebiblechurch.org

# Newsletter—June 2022



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 Jadyln Elgin  
Chris Holverson  
16 Ashley Bruehlman  
Katie Demianiuk  
17 Wrendalyn Miller

19 Noah Eddy  
Carol Hasslemann  
Jennifer Krahenbuhl  
Lucy Whyte  
24 Deanddra Pleindoux-DeBlack  
27 Sharon Bessert  
28 Andy Thoman  
29 Judy Derrickson  
Caleb Kuenzi  
30 Madelyn Thoman



4 Erik & Amy Haworth  
4 Justin & Holly Rhoe  
13 Roman & Luba Dechtiarenko  
13 Tim & Cheryl Gilley  
14 Hunter & Brittany Hancock  
15 Charles & Julie Champlin  
17 Paul & Anna Ritschard

18 Dan & Celia Keen  
18 Kevin & Liz Garchie-Schulthess  
19 Al & Colleen Ostenson  
21 Ralph & Margie Johnson  
25 Ron & Chris Faith  
27 Kevin & Amanda Ohlrich  
28 Devin & Shannon Long



2613 8th Avenue  
 Monroe, WI 53566  
 608-325-3966  
 office@monroebiblechurch.org  
 www.monroebiblechurch.org

## Newsletter—June 2022



Prime timers will have a special lunch on **June 7th** in the Nehemiah center. A meat dish will be provided. Just bring a dish to pass and a few friends to share the fun! We meet at 10:00 am. We'll eat about 11:30 am, play some games, and enjoy good fellowship.

If you have any questions, call  
 Carol Hasselmann at 815-505-3324



*We would like to offer our sympathy  
 to the families of:*

***Joyce Coplien***

*Joyce's son, Gregg Coplien,  
 passed away Thursday, April 28th*

***Bernie & Beth Roidt***

*Beth's dad, Steve St. Clair,  
 passed away Friday, May 6th*

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



### Prayer Ministry

I called my aunt recently. She is in her 90's and prays every day for my wife and I, my son and daughter, and their children. What a blessing and a challenge to me. We need to pray for our family members regularly.

Recently I heard an illustration on the radio concerning prayer. It compared prayer to breathing. We all know what happens to a person when he or she stops breathing. Do we realize what happens to a believer who doesn't pray or read God's Word? That believer will dry up spiritually. I Thessalonians 5:17 commands us to pray without ceasing. James 5:16 tells us what the prayer of a righteous person accomplishes. Prayer is a privilege given to a believer by God. It's a weapon against our enemy, Satan. I would encourage you to grow your prayer life.

I recently read three books that emphasized prayer. One book told the history of Transworld Radio, another told the history of World Radio Fellowship, and the last book has over thirty stories on specific answers to prayer in various situations. Our church library has many books on prayer. Reading books on prayer is a great way to expand your prayer life and be encouraged. Turn off your television or phone and read some books on prayer. Reset.

You're invited to join us at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings for prayer, meeting at the church.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



2613 8th Avenue  
 Monroe, WI 53566  
 608-325-3966  
[office@monroebiblechurch.org](mailto:office@monroebiblechurch.org)  
[www.monroebiblechurch.org](http://www.monroebiblechurch.org)

## Newsletter—June 2022

### Compassion International Sunday at MBC

Monroe Bible Church will have the privilege of having a special visitor on **Sunday, June 5th**. Jey Mbiru, a Compassion International alumni (formerly sponsored child) will be sharing a short testimony with us at both the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Jey was raised in one of the largest and poorest slums on the African continent. He is passionate about youth ministry, music, and has found his niche as an event organizer and radio host in Atlanta, Georgia. He is also the founder and director of Sauti Village, a mentorship program in his hometown of Mathare, Kenya.

I'm very excited to have Jey join us so that we as a church can hear a first hand account of how a child with no material wealth can become known, loved, and protected through a Compassion child development center under the leadership of an indigenous gospel centered church. Jey will be available before, between, and after services for conversation and questions. I hope you'll join us for this very special guest!

Thank You!  
 Jennifer Eddy

## Blood Drive



HELP SAVE A LIFE +  
 GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD



**Thursday, June 23rd**

**Noon—6:00 pm**

**Nehemiah Center**

## Children's Messages

Would you like to give a Children's Message at the 10:30 am Worship Service? We are looking for some volunteers who would like to give it a try during the summer months. There's no commitment, just an opportunity to see if this is something you would enjoy doing. If you're interested, please contact the church office at 608-325-3966 or email [office@monroebiblechurch.org](mailto:office@monroebiblechurch.org)



2613 8th Avenue  
 Monroe, WI 53566  
 608-325-3966  
 office@monroebiblechurch.org  
 www.monroebiblechurch.org

# Newsletter—June 2022

## Missions Ministry

### AND WE'RE OFF...

Thank you for making the mission trip to Glory Reins Ranch in Virginia possible through your prayers and generous financial support again this summer. The Lord's hand has been evident in the planning and preparations, so now we eagerly wait to see how He will continue to work through the team as we serve with the Warrens. June 11th and 12th are travel days for the team so please pray for team unity, safety, and opportunity to share the Gospel as we make our way to Virginia. We hopefully will email daily prayer and praise updates. Everyone at MBC plays a part in the mission trip through prayer—it will not be successful without it. A presentation to the congregation is planned for August 28th so save the date for fellowship during a potluck meal and blessing as you learn about the mission trip!

### REMEMBER THOSE BABY BOTTLES...

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Green County once again is holding their annual Mother's Day to Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaign. Checks tucked into a bottle are accepted as well as change. This is one of Care Net's major fundraisers and they appreciate your generosity greatly. Pick up a Baby Bottle from the Welcome Center. Fill the bottle and return it to the Welcome Center **by June 19<sup>th</sup>!** After June 19th, drop your bottle off at the Care Net Pregnancy Center, 1512 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe.

### BIBLE DRIVE...

Beginning in August the Missions Ministry plans to hold a Bible drive through Mission Cry, a ministry based in Michigan. We will collect English and Spanish language Bibles (new or used), commentaries, dictionaries, etc. The books are collected in Michigan and then sent in sea containers to countries where our Christian brothers and sisters are longing for them. Some places have no Bibles available, and in others they are available but people are too impoverished to purchase them. This is an easy way to spread the Good News. Start checking around your home for Bibles your children have outgrown or extras you no longer use and consider donating them during the Bible drive. Check with friends and family as well. Watch for more information in the weeks to come.

2022  
 Glory Reins Ranch  
 Mission Trip Team





2613 8th Avenue  
Monroe, WI 53566  
608-325-3966  
of-

# Newsletter—June 2022



## Church League Softball Come Support Our MBC Teams!



Friday Night Games  
at Twining Park

June 3rd				June 10th			
East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump	East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	1st Baptist	Faith Baptist	MBC A	7:30	Potter's H	Family Faith	Zion UMC
8:30	MBC A	Potter's H	Gratiot EFC	8:30	Gratiot EFC	Zion UMC	Potter's H
9:30	Gratiot EFC	Monroe UMC	Potter's H	9:30	MBC B	Faith Baptist	Gratiot EFC
West				West			
7:30	CrossRoads	Zion UMC	Family Faith	7:30	MBC A	Monroe UMC	1st Baptist
8:30	Family Faith	Faith Baptist	CrossRoads	8:30	MBC C	1st Baptist	Monroe UMC
9:30	MBC B	MBC C	Faith Baptist	9:30	CrossRoads	1st Baptist	MBC C
June 17th				June 24th			
East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump	East	Team 1	Team 2	Ump
7:30	Family Faith	Zion UMC	Potter's H	7:30	1st Baptist	Zion UMC	Gratiot EFC
8:30	Potter's H	Faith Baptist	Zion UMC	8:30	MBC B	Gratiot EFC	MBC A
9:30	1st Baptist	Monroe UMC	Faith Baptist	9:30	MBC A	Family Faith	MBC B
West				West			
7:30	MBC B	CrossRoads	MBC A	7:30	MBC C	CrossRoads	Monroe UMC
8:30	MBC A	Gratiot EFC	Family Faith	8:30	Faith Baptist	Monroe UMC	CrossRoads
9:30	MBC C	Potter's H	Gratiot EFC	9:30	Potter's H	Gratiot EFC	Faith Baptist

### Men's & Kid's Canoe Trip

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
 We'll have breakfast in the Nehemiah Center of Monroe Bible Church from 7:00-9:00 am before we leave for the Wisconsin River to canoe and camp out. Sign up either at the Welcome Center or on our church website.  
 Contact Kyle Ohlrich with any questions at 719-439-1003 or [kyleohlrich@gmail.com](mailto:kyleohlrich@gmail.com)



### Child Protection Training

Monroe Bible Church requires annual certification training for everyone who works with youth in any capacity, with background checks done every four years on adults. For many of you, your certifications are expiring in June or July. **\*Please Note:** when your annual certification date expires, you won't be allowed to work with the youth until you get re-certified.

#### To Get Certified:

Contact the church office at 608-325-3966 or ([office@monroebiblechurch.org](mailto:office@monroebiblechurch.org)) with the email address you would like to use in order to begin your child protection training.

**Don't Wait!**



**MONROE  
BIBLE  
CHURCH**

2613 8th Avenue  
Monroe, WI 53566  
608-325-3966  
office@monroebiblechurch.org  
www.monroebiblechurch.org

# Newsletter—June 2022

## VBS

### All Church VBS Paint Night

All ages and families are welcome  
& encouraged to come!



Tuesday, June 21st  
5-7 pm, NC  
Pizza Provided

### Wilderness Escape VBS

July 25th-29th from 9am-12pm  
If you would like to help with VBS,  
contact Mia Kelley, 608-449-8578.



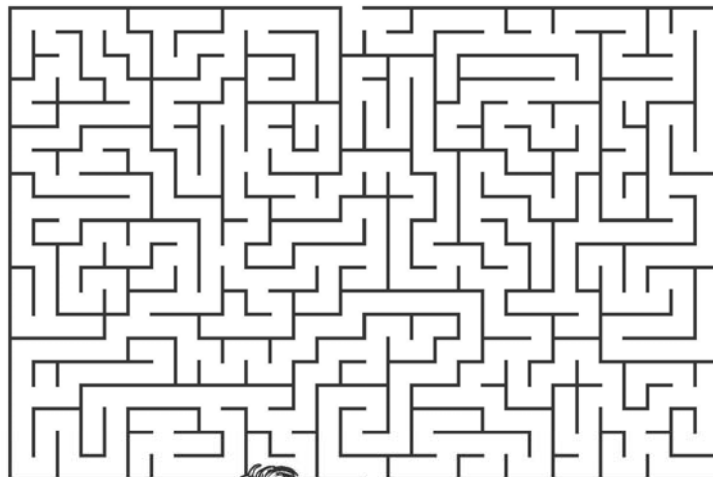
## Kid's Page

### John 8:12-30



Follow Jesus, the Light of the World

START



FINISH



**Across**

2. The perfect sacrifice of Jesus broke the curse of \_\_\_ and death.
5. The \_\_\_ of Tabernacles had just been concluded when Jesus stood to make His claim as the Light of the world.
6. Who convinced Eve to eat the fruit?
8. Jesus said, "Whoever \_\_\_ me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
9. What creature was Satan posing as in the Garden?

**Down**

1. All those who belong to Jesus are also called to be a \_\_\_ in a dark world.
3. Salvation is through \_\_\_ Christ, alone.
4. "And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the \_\_\_ rather than the light because their works were evil."
7. After Adam and \_\_\_ rebelled against God, sin and death entered into the world for the first time.