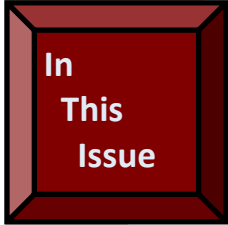




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“We Are”



Hopefully you’ve noticed that I’ve started beginning our Sunday morning services with a “We are a _____ community.” The blank has been filled each week with a new word; loving, joyful, and peacemaking being the first three. Do you have any idea what the next three words will be? They will be patient, kind, and good. There will be three after that, for a total of nine. Any idea where I’m getting these words? Are you wondering how I can say these words characterize us, maybe feeling they are an inaccurate description?

These words are called, “The fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-23), and the result of the working of the Holy Spirit in each believer. Since the Holy Spirit indwells every genuine believer, and these characteristics are what He strives to produce in each believer, this is what the church is collectively, or at least should be. I’m saying “we are” in the sense of reminding, like the parent who says to their child as he or she heads off to school, “we share crayons and scissors with other kids, we don’t hit other kids, be kind, forgive, do the right thing,” etc. We all need reminders. It’s easy to forget who we are in Christ and overlook the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

The “We Are’s” flow from our identity. Understanding our identity in Christ affects what we choose to do and how we do it. How we act in our relationships with the Lord, our family, our neighbors, coworkers, and our fellow church members is important. Our identity seems to be our adversary’s prime target these days. The meaning of “made in God’s image”, male and female, the family, sin, and even Christian are being maligned. The toll it is taking on individuals, families, churches, and society is mounting.

Here are some identity concepts that affect how we see ourselves, and how we respond to the various circumstances of life. In relation to God, we are His children, adopted, justified, sanctified, regenerated, and sealed. (John 1:12; Romans 3:24; 8:15; Ephesians 4:30; Titus 3:5). In relation to sin and temptation, we are “dead,” i.e. no longer under its power to control us. (Romans 6:1-14). In relation to our family, we are protectors, providers, and nurturers with love and respect. (Ephesians 5:22-6:4). In relation to the church, we are united, we build up and care for each other. (Ephesians 4:12-16). Obviously, there is more, and many more Bible references. The point is, the “We Are’s” are what we do, because of who we are in Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

All of this sounds nice, but in real life it’s difficult and messy. Our weaknesses and failings hurt others, and their weaknesses and failings hurt us. We respond wrongly, to which they respond wrongly, and on it goes. How is the cycle broken? When we practice the “Fruit of the Spirit,” which the Holy Spirit is trying to help us do, and begs our participation in. Then the destructive words, actions, thoughts, and feelings can be checked right there.

When we see or hear that someone in the church needs help, we do what we can because we are a loving community. When we hear negative, discouraging talk, we infuse the conversation with hope-filled truths from God. When conflict arises at home, we pursue peace. Do you think there will be times when you will need to apply kindness, patience, gentleness, or self-control? What will be the results when you do? Our society is being flooded with selfishness, pride, hate, vengeance, and other destructive conduct. We will be individuals, families, and a church of salt and light in the midst of it because, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the “We Are’s” are characterizing us.

Because We Are,
 Pastor Dan



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September

MBC Office Hours:

**Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM,
& Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	2 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	3 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC Open AA Mtg.—6 pm, 18 & 8th
4 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	5 Labor Day! (Office Closed)	6 No Primetimers Games & Lunch Missions Ministry Meeting—5:00 pm, LL #106	7 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	8 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	9 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	10 Care Net Pregnancy Center Walk for Life—9 am Iglesia Biblica Event—1-3 pm, S
11 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 3—9 am, LL #102 (S.1) Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	12 Prayer Meeting—5:30 pm, LL #102 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC Elder Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106	13	14 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana Leader Meeting—6:15-8 pm, NC	15 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	16 (Cheese Days) Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	17 Cheese Days—Cooling Center at 18 & 8th Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
18 (Cheese Days) Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline Begin! 9am Next Steps-Step 4—9 am, LL #102 (S.1) Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite & Fusion Leader Mtg.—TBA	19 Prayer Meeting—5:30 pm, LL #102 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC	20 Deacon Meeting—6:00 pm, LL #106	21 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana begins: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	22 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S Get Outdoors Photo Contest Begins!  First day of Autumn	23 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	24 Iglesia Biblica Conference—Noon-9 pm, All Church
25 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Next Steps-Step 4—9 am, LL #102 (S.2) Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite begins—4-6 pm Fusion begins—6-8 pm	26 Prayer Meeting—5:30 pm, LL #102 Revealing Revelation Study—6:30 pm, NC	27	28 See You at the Pole Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T—6:15 pm	29 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101 MBC Worship Practice—7pm, S	30 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	



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Backpack Buddies

We are gearing up for another fantastic year in the backpack buddies program. A pack of food is provided for students in the Monroe School District who do not have enough to eat on the weekends. It is a blessing for all volunteers who help out in this program. I am in need of two different positions:

One person, couple, or family to take recyclables to Behr Recycling Center. A vehicle that can hold some cardboard is required. Behr's business hours are 8 AM-4 PM, Monday through Friday. It is one time per month and takes less than one hour. I will train whoever would like to volunteer for this position.

One person, couple or family to deliver food to four schools every other Wednesday between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM. There is lifting required and a vehicle that can hold totes of food. It takes about an hour or less to complete the route. I will train the volunteer for this position also.

Exact starting dates are still pending.

Please contact me if you have any questions, sharon.kubly@yahoo.com or 608-558-4003



Blessings,
 Sharon Kubly

Thank you to all the volunteers who help provide for these students!

Next Steps at MBC

Next Steps are ways to learn more about and become involved at Monroe Bible Church.



Next Steps-Step 3 (1s.) – “Our Commitments”
Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 AM, lower level #102. Topics: eternal life, spiritual growth, baptism, and membership.

**This step is required for membership.*

Next Steps-Step 4 (2s.) – “Our Equipping”
September 18 & 25 at 9:00 AM, lower level #102. Learn about serving together, spiritual gifts, and how God has gifted you.

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

Pick up a Next Steps Brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of all classes.

Prayer Ministry

I recently heard Chuck Swindoll talk about prayer. He asked dads if their children hear them pray at a time other than at mealtime. Dads and moms can encourage their children to pray by praying with them. Include a family prayer time in your day.

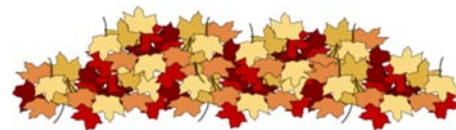
It is no secret that we are in perilous, or difficult, or terrible times as 2 Timothy 3:1 says in various translations. Verses 2-5 describe these times. As we see what is happening in our country and the world, we need to realize we are in a spiritual battle. Some would define the battle in terms of politics, but it is really spiritual warfare. How do we fight the battle? We need to read God's Word and pray for discernment. God is the One who gives the victory in all spiritual battles. Become a student of the Word and one who battles by using the spiritual weapon of prayer. Our enemy, Satan, will try to distract you from reading and studying God's Word and also distract you from praying. Don't let that happen to you. I am thankful for Pastor Dan, who preaches God's Word and doesn't sugar coat God's truth. I am also thankful for Pastor Troy, who teaches teens how to study God's Word and to pray. Please join us at 5:30 PM on Monday evenings for prayer meeting at the church.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



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Missions Ministry

Cheese Days Is Coming!



Please consider signing up at the Welcome Center for a 2-hour shift to sell bottled water during Cheese Days. Families are welcome to sign up and ideally there are at least three people in the tent per shift. We will not sell on Sunday. Proceeds from the water sales will be put toward the \$8,600 needed to have a OneMeal Food Packing event here in Monroe. This is a fun way to meet people and tell them about Kids Around The World, as well as Monroe Bible Church.

Mission Cry Bible Drive

Thank you for your generous book donations for Mission Cry! The Bible drive will continue until mid-October when the books will be shipped to Michigan where they are sorted and distributed around the world free to those who cannot afford Bibles. We are also accepting monetary donations with checks payable to Mission Cry to help with shipping costs, so even if you have no Bibles to donate, you have an opportunity to help with this work. There is a very informative video on their website www.missioncry.com explaining more about their ministry.

CareNet Walk For Life

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Green County is hosting their annual “Walk For Life” on September 10th at 9:00 AM. Some sponsor Pledge Forms are available at the Welcome Center, or contact the Pregnancy Center by calling 608-325-5051. Walk sites are Hope Community Center in Monroe, New Glarus Bible Church, or Living Word Church in Brodhead. Whether you can collect pledges and walk, or sponsor someone, you are helping women with crisis pregnancies and saving babies' lives. Funding this year is especially crucial as Care Net seeks to offer medical services such as ultrasound. MBC received a thank you for \$634.14 raised through the baby bottle fundraiser in May/June!

Memorial

A memorial was given to the family of Dorothy Schwarze recently on behalf of MBC after learning of her passing on August 3rd. Dorothy and her husband Paul were supported by MBC as missionaries for many years. She is the mother of our retired missionary Steve Schwarze, as well as grandmother of one of our current missionaries. Praise God for three generations of the same family obediently answering the call to missions!

Crystal Zimmerman,
 Missions Ministry Leader





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18 & 8TH

Cooling Center

We are in need of Volunteer Hosts to greet people and hand out water bottles at our 18 & 8th facility for Cheese Days on **Saturday, September 17th**.

Shifts begin at 9:00 AM
and go until 6:00 PM.

Volunteers can bring a book to read or study when it's quiet. We'd like you to greet people as they come in for refreshment, rest, water, and bathrooms.



Sign up for a shift at the Welcome Center!

Contact Pastor Troy with questions.

Fall Ministries Kick-Off!

Sunday School — **September 18th** at 9:00 AM
(ages 2 years old and up)

Pipeline Adult Sunday School — **September 18th**
at 9:00 AM in the Nehemiah Center

AWANA — **Wednesday, September 21st**
Trek & Journey at 5:30 PM (7th-12th grades)
Cubbies – T & T at 6:15 PM (3 years old
through 6th grade)

Ignite & Fusion Youth Groups —
Sunday, September 25th
Ignite Middle School (6th-8th grades) – 4:00-6:00 PM
Fusion High School (9th-12th grades) – 6:00-8:00 PM





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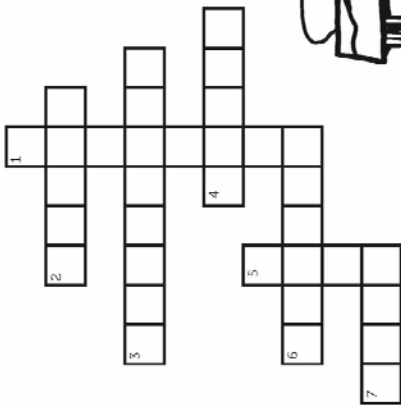


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Activities Page

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE

Romans 8:31-39



Down

1. Paul ended his letter saying that nothing in _____ can separate us from the love of God.
5. Paul wrote to the churches in _____.

Across

2. Paul asked if _____ situations could separate us from Christ's love.
3. Paul asked, "Who can _____ us from the love of Christ?"
4. God _____ us everything we need.
6. No one can condemn those God has _____ and justified.
7. Paul said that we are _____ than conquerors!

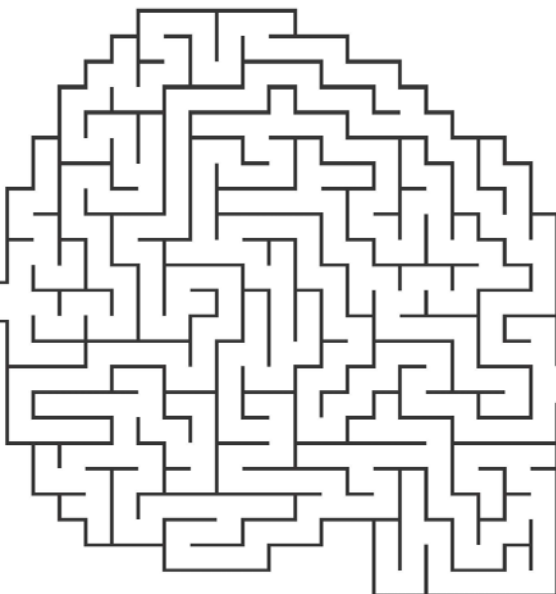
- Across**
2. Paul asked if (Scary) situations could separate us from Christ's love.
 3. Paul asked, "Who can (Separate) us from the love of Christ?"
 4. God (Gives) us everything we need.
 6. No one can condemn those God has (Chosen) and justified.
 7. Paul said that we are (More) than conquerors!

Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

- Down**
1. Paul ended his letter saying that nothing in (Creation) can separate us from the love of God.
 5. Paul wrote to the churches in (Rome).

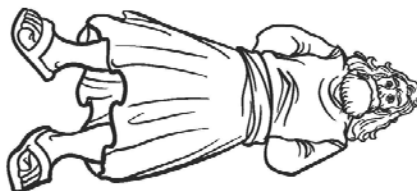


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Guide Jesus to the young boy.



ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE





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MBC “Get Outdoors” Fall Photo Contest! Starts September 22nd, Ends November 3rd

Rules of the Contest: Take a photo (no more than 3 photos per family can be turned in) from the **Fall of 2021 or 2022**. At least one photo must be a 2022 picture. Take your smartphone or camera to the farm, the park, the woods, the river, or wherever you can get a beautiful Fall picture. You can take photos of animals, trees, farms, people, or anything **outdoors**. It isn't required to have people in your photos. **Give your photos a title**, such as “A cool morning” and list **where the photo was taken**; for example, Green County, Wisconsin. No videos or music this year. Photos only.



The top 3 photos/titles will receive a prize. One winning photo per family. We would like to post your photos on the church website and on a wall at MBC. Digital photos/titles and place it was taken can be sent to pastortroy@monroebiblechurch.org. Mark in the subject line: Get Outdoors Photo Contest.

The contest begins September 22nd (first evening of Fall) and ends on November 3rd (6 weeks to capture your pictures). **No Photos will be accepted after November 4, 2022.**

The Lord has given us beautiful seasons to enjoy. Make sure you take your family hiking, biking, canoeing, climbing a tree, raking leaves, feeding animals, starting an evening campfire, camping, ziplining, or whatever your family enjoys. One final thing...**only present your personal pictures**, not a friend's pictures. No website photos. Honesty is always the best policy and MBC will enjoy each and every photo that enters the contest.



So, only one thing left to do, “Get Outdoors!”
Pastor Troy Watson—MBC