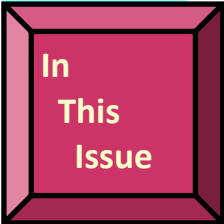




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Graduation is here, What Now? Jesus Assignment

Graduations and celebrations are filling up our calendars again, as they do every year! I enjoy celebrations and stories of our students who have worked hard to accomplish their goals. Congratulations to all our high school and college graduates this year!



As we think about goals, do you ever wonder, "Why do we do the things that we do? Why set the goals that we set? Pursue the things that we pursue?" Jesus gave the disciples a very clear assignment that is transferrable to all who follow Jesus Christ. In Matthew 28 He was nearing His departure from earth. He wanted the disciples to understand their mission for life.

He instructed, *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Jesus has given an assignment that has the potential to turn the world upside down. It gives hope and purpose, when follow-through is as He instructed. Let's look at it a moment. He said, "go". Make acquaintances wherever you live and "make disciples". Tell friends of Jesus' death and resurrection and how He has transformed your life. Making disciples is the assignment He has called every believer to fulfill. When that is happening, He continues, "baptize them" and "teach them all that I have commanded you". What would our schools and communities be like if the church were regularly building disciplemaking friendships and talking about what Jesus has done? He completes this vital instruction with, "I am with you always". Personally, I do my best work when I know that someone is there to help me and encourage me. Jesus is that teacher that cares about the assignment, how we do, and is with us every step of the way. As some of you transition to new classrooms and communities in the year ahead, accept His lifelong assignment to "make disciples".

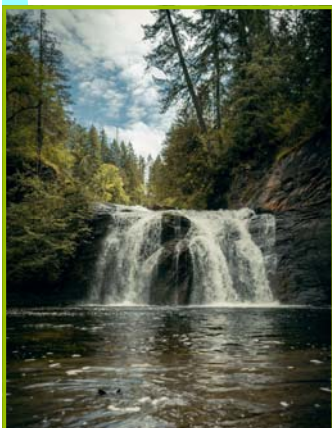
As we find ourselves doing today, the disciples were asking Him questions like, "What is next? When will things happen? When will Your kingdom come?" His response was succinct in Acts 1, "7 He replied, 'The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'"

Like the disciples, we concern ourselves with eschatology or the things God is handling. Studying eschatology is a good thing. Jesus, however, is clear about what our role is: missiology. He reminded us to set our concerns on making disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them what we have been taught. This is good for us to remember.

Where, you might ask? In Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria and beyond. Jesus isn't limiting the church to start in Jerusalem. His point is that it can be done anywhere and everywhere that we find people! Start at home. As you and I go to the North or South, your assignment continues there. His point is to make the gospel known to the world, and start where you are today.

Congratulations class of 2023 on the completion of your goals. May you know the joy of making Christ known wherever He takes you.

Pastor Troy






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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Men's Study—7 pm, NC	2 Primetimers Games & Lunch—10 am-1 pm, NC/K	3 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana Leader's End of Year Meeting—6:15 pm, NC	4 National Day of Prayer Concert of Prayer—6:30 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101 MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S	5 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	6 Iglesia Biblica Anniversary Celebration—2-9 pm, S/NC Open AA Mtg.—6 pm, 18 & 8th
7 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Cafe 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline 9 am Next Steps-Step 3—9 am, LL #100 Marriage Mentor Training—10:30 am, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica Anniversary Celebration—2-8 pm, S/NC Ignite—4-6 pm, Kelley residence Fusion—last night, Laser Tag in Madison	8 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102 Deacon Mtg.—6 pm, NC Elder Mtg.—6 pm, LL #106	9	10 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	11 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—6:30 pm, S	12 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	13 Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
14 Mother's Day!  Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Cafe 10:30 am Last Day of Sunday School & Pipeline—9 am Marriage Mentor Training—10:30 am, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S No Ignite Fusion on summer break	15 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Men's Study—7 pm, NC	16	17 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	18 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S	19 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	20 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
21 Graduation Sunday Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Cafe 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline on summer break Marriage Mentor Training—10:30 am, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—last night, 5-8 pm, grilling out/playing games at MBC	22 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102	23	24 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	25 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC MBC Worship Practice—6:30 pm, S	26 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S 	27 Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4 pm, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC
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- 28 Tom Dolezel
- Grant Grossmann
- Andrew Hall
- Justin Miller
- 29 Ann Toay

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 7 Jeff & Vicki McNett
- 16 Randy & Lucy Whyte
- 18 Russell & Liz Meyer
- 20 Aaron & Meghann Holverson
- 28 Bob & Deb Hauri



Next Steps at MBC

Next Steps are ways to learn more about and become involved at MBC.



Coming Up!

Next Steps-Step 3 will be on Sunday, May 7th at 9:00 AM in LL room #100.

We will then take a break from all Next Steps classes until August.

Steps 1, 2, & 3 are required for membership.

Sign up for all Next Steps classes on our Website, contact the church Office, or use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center. Pick up a 2023 brochure with a listing of all classes at the Welcome Center.

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Dillon & Tierney Larson on the birth of their little girl!



Aylah Brielle Larson was born March 10th, weighing 7lbs 7oz & 19¼" long. Praise the Lord for this new little one!



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Congratulations! 2023 Class of



Evan Bartelt

Evan Bartelt is graduating from Monroe High School. He will be attending Columbia College in Columbia, MO in the fall. He plans to major in philosophy and teach philosophy in the future. Graduation celebration TBD.



Felicity Eddy

Felicity graduated early from Stronghold Christian Academy (Psalm 18:2) in January and will be attending Blackhawk Technical College this fall.



Rebekah Thoman

Rebekah (Becky) Thoman has graduated from UW Oshkosh with a Biology degree. She is currently working at a lab in Monroe and will be getting married to Garret Schroder in August this year.



Braden Williams

Braden graduates June 1st from Springvalley Christian Academy to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering.



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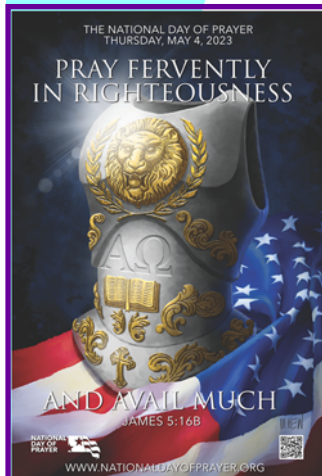
Tuesday, May 2nd

10 AM - 1 PM

In the Nehemiah Center

Come Join Us!

**Questions? Contact Carol Hasselmann
 at 815-505-3324**



National Day of Prayer

Concert of Prayer on Thursday, May 4th
 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Nehemiah Center. Join us for worship and prayer. We'll be led through 7 areas of prayer; pray silently or out loud.

Elements of the prayer include confession, worship, thanksgiving, prayer for our pastors and their families, our ministries, and Life Groups.

Everyone is invited! Contact Dan Keen with questions, 608-897-6926.

Vacation Bible School: July 24-28

VBS is looking for people to pray specifically for VBS before, during, and after. You would receive prayer requests by email monthly or biweekly, and then weekly and daily in July and the week of VBS. If you are interested in being a **prayer partner** for VBS, contact Amanda Ohlrich at 719-339-5366 or ohlrich316@gmail.com with your name and email address.

If you would like to help with VBS this year, there will be a volunteer sign-up table in the foyer on **May 21st, May 28th, and June 4th**. Remember, you must be child protection certified annually. Plan ahead - contact the office to get certified before VBS starts!



MealTrain – What Is It & How Does It Work?

When someone in our congregation is going through a difficult time, it can be hard to know how to best support them. Whether they just had a baby, lost a family member, or had a major surgery, making sure they have their basic needs met, such as food, is the first step. This is where MealTrain comes in.

Meal Train is an organized way for friends and family to deliver home-cooked meals to someone who's going through a challenging time. It's a caring way to ensure the recipient doesn't have to think about grocery shopping or preparing meals while going through a major life event.

When a MealTrain has been set up for someone in our congregation, our church office emails you the direct link through our Info. Email. When you click on that link, it will take you to the individual MealTrain page for the person in our congregation who is in need of meals. The available dates are listed, along with the recipient's preferences. Participants can sign up for one of the dates and provide a meal. Participants can also see what other people are bringing, which prevents your recipient from getting lasagna three nights in a row.

If you aren't receiving our Info. Emails, please contact the church office to have your email added to our distribution list. (MBC Info. Emails are used to convey information about upcoming events at Monroe Bible Church, to let others know of a need or something available for donation that could benefit a member or regular attender, or of cancellations. It is *not* used to convey information about concerts or events that are not affiliated with MBC, or for prayer requests. The Info. Email is NOT the same as the Prayer Chain Email, it is separate.)



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Fundraising for Guatemala Mission Trip

Because this year's mission team to Guatemala has 16 participants and each one needs around \$1,600 for the week, a garage sale fundraiser has been planned for June 29th-30th. Deb Hurlbert has graciously offered her expertise from previous sales but needs help to make everything run smoothly. Those who go to Guatemala are required to help but more volunteers will be needed to set up, work at the sale, and clean up afterward. Please let Deb know if you could help out. We have fun while we work and even meet some interesting folks during the sale! It's not too early to start gathering items you could donate and be sure to get the date on your calendar so you don't miss this sale and an opportunity to help support the team!

Retirement Support

For many years it has been Mission Policy to give missionaries retiring after at least ten years of support from MBC one year's support divided over three years. We have been able to bless a number of missionaries in this way over the years. Recently, retirement funds were sent to previous AWANA missionaries Tim and Sherry Thomas, as well as Tracy and Karen Singleton who served in Zambia. It is a privilege to belong to a church body who values missions and takes care of those who served faithfully. We received heartfelt thank you notes from both couples so we know it is appreciated.

Champlin Visit

One of our long term missionary couples, Charles and Julie Champlin who serve the Lord in Brazil, plan to be in Wisconsin from approximately July 25th to August 8th. Although they will not be able to participate in Harvest Weekend, they plan to spend some time with us. Watch for more details as they become available and don't miss this opportunity to hear from them. They have an amazing ministry and would love to share with small groups, families, and youth groups.

Summer Break is Coming Up!

Fusion will finish the spring season on **May 7th** by going to Madison for Laser Tag and dinner.

Sunday School & Pipeline will have their last classes at 9:00 AM on **May 14th**

Ignite (no Ignite May 14-Happy Mother's Day!) will have their last night on **May 21st** from 5-8 PM. Games & grilling outside at MBC.

Enjoy your Summer Break & see you in the Fall!



Garage Sale to Benefit Mission Trip

Please save any gently used items that you would like to donate for the Garage Sale at Monroe Bible Church on June 29th and 30th.

You may drop items off at church Monday-Wednesday, June 26th-28th, beginning at 10 AM.
 Contact Deb Hurlbert with questions, 608-325-3430.

Garage Sale - Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, June 29th, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Friday, June 30th, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM



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Kid's Page

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades.



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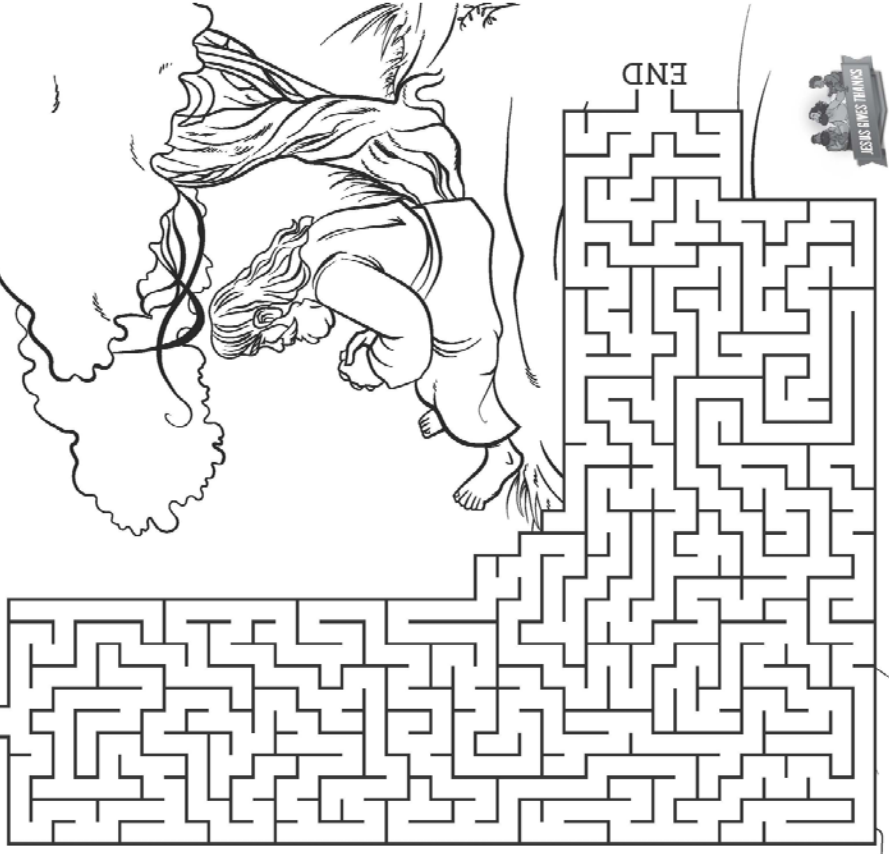


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