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# Newsletter—June 2023

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## The Starting Point

Jesus called us on a mission to make disciples (Matthew 28:19). We talk about making disciples, but for some this term can be filled with ambiguity. At its core, discipleship is forming relationships with people that can then be used to introduce them to Jesus Christ, resulting in a saving faith that can be mutually strengthened as you continue to follow Jesus. These relationships all start with a conversation. The thought of starting a spiritual conversation can be filled with trepidation and a sense of not knowing where or how to start. In my line of work, I talk with people all day. While not all conversations are of a spiritual nature, I would like to share a few conversation starters that have worked for me. These are simple questions or topics that can be steered to a spiritual conversation and ultimately Jesus and what He has done for me.

Do you have weekend plans? People usually reciprocate the question back to you after they have told you their plans. Among other things, you could mention church on Sunday and ask if they attend somewhere. This could turn into an invite or why you feel at home at MBC. The benefits and importance of belonging to a community of faith centered on Jesus and the Word of God could be mentioned.

Any comments on the decline of our culture, the disregard for the sanctity of life, chaos, etc, could be used. You could comment that the world didn't start this way. Creation was perfect, and all people are valued by God as beings created in His image (Gen 1:27). Sin and rebellion has led to the decline that we see today (Romans 1:28-32). The solution to this can be found in Jesus and His work on the cross to take the penalty of sin. He offers the free gift of life knowing Him as Lord!

Any comments on getting old, physical ailments, sickness or physical decline can be directed in the same way. We were not created this way, but sin resulted in death and decay in creation (Gen 3:19, Rom 5:12). While our bodies and nature will physically die, we can have assurance and hope of eternal life! Jesus paid the price for sin and offers the gift of eternal life without death and decay (Rev 21:4). Do you know Him? Do you want to?

Politics. Regardless of political party affiliation, all humans are flawed, selfish, and mainly look to further advance themselves. You could explain how we can't place our hope in mortal man to solve our problems (Prov 11:7). My hope is in Jesus who will one day set all things right! (Rev 21:4-5)

Not everyone will respond kindly and will make it obvious that they do not want to speak about such matters. Others may just seem disinterested or politely decline to discuss further. Just humbly move on, knowing that at least you have planted a seed. My hope is that this will be helpful in turning everyday conversions to spiritual ones and the process of discipleship can begin.

Let the words of Colossians 4:5-6 be your guide as you seek to have these conversations: "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation always be full of grace and seasoned with salt so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Seeking Him,  
 Jason Elgin





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>MBC Office Hours:</b>  <b>Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM,</b>  <b>&amp; Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon</b></p>						
<p>4 Worship Services:  The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Marriage Mentor Training— 10:30 am, LL #106</p> <p>Info Meeting—Noon, NC</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S</p> <p>A Night of Worship—6 pm at 18 &amp; 8th</p>	<p>5 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>6 Primetimers Games &amp; Lunch —10 am-1 pm, NC</p>	<p>7 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC</p>	<p>8 Brewers Game Car-pooling - Leaving MBC at 8 am, Game at 1 pm</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S</p>	<p>9 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S</p>	<p>10 Iglesia Biblica Men's Conference—7 am-6 pm, S/NC/K</p>
<p>11 Guatemala Mission Trip</p> <p>Lord's Table</p> <p>Worship Services:  The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Marriage Mentor Training— 10:30 am, LL #106</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S</p>	<p>12 Guatemala Mission Trip</p> <p>Ministry Leader Annual Reports are due!</p> <p>Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Elder Meeting—6 pm, LL #106</p> <p>Deacon Meeting—6 pm, NC</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Men's Study—7 pm, S</p>	<p>13 Guatemala Mission Trip</p>	<p>14 Guatemala Mission Trip</p> <p>Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC</p>	<p>15 Guatemala Mission Trip</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—7 pm, S</p>	<p>16 Guatemala Mission Trip</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S</p>	<p>17 Guatemala Mission Trip returning today</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC</p>
<p>18 Worship Services:  The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>No Marriage Mentor Training</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S</p>	<p>19 Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC</p>	<p>22 Blood Drive—Noon-6 pm, NC</p>  <p>Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—6:30 pm, S</p>	<p>23 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S</p>	<p>24 Canoe Trip—7 am breakfast in NC before leaving</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—6-7:30 pm, NC</p>
<p>25 Worship Services:  The Gathering 9:00 am &amp; Café 10:30 am</p> <p>Marriage Mentor Training— 10:30 am, LL #106</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S</p> <p>Canoe Trip—Returning home today</p>	<p>26 Garage Sale Set-Up: 10 am-7:30 pm, NC</p> <p>Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #102</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Men's Study—7 pm, LL #106</p>	<p>27 Garage Sale Set-Up: 10 am-7:30 pm, NC</p>	<p>28 Garage Sale Set-Up: 10 am-5 pm, NC</p> <p>No Sr. Life Group Today</p>	<p>29 Garage Sale: 8 am-6 pm, NC</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, LL #101</p> <p>MBC Worship Practice—6:30 pm, S</p>	<p>30 Garage Sale: 8 am-3 pm, NC</p> <p>Garage Sale Clean-Up: begins at 3 pm, NC</p> <p>Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S</p>	



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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 Jady Elgin  
Chris Holverson  
16 Ashley Bruehlman

17 Wrendalyn Miller  
19 Noah Eddy  
Carol Hasselmann  
Jennifer Krahenbuhl  
Lucy Whyte  
24 Deandra Pleindoux-  
DeBlack  
27 Sharon Bessert  
29 Judy Derrickson  
30 Madelyn Thoman

4 Erik & Amy Haworth  
Justin & Holly Rhoe  
Ross & Chelsey Simler  
16 Jacob & Jill Swenson  
17 Paul & Anna Ritschard



Happy  
Anniversary

18 Dan & Celia Keen  
19 Al & Colleen Ostenson  
21 Ralph & Margie Johnson  
25 Ron & Chris Faith  
27 Kyle & Amanda Ohlrich

## *It's a Girl!*



Congratulations to Justin & Holly Rhoe  
on the birth of their baby girl!  
Poppy Joy Rhoe was born on May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 3:50 AM & weighed 8 lbs.  
May God bless your family!

## **BLOOD DRIVE**



THURSDAY, JUNE 22  
NOON-6:00 PM  
NEHEMIAH CENTER



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### MEN'S & KID'S ANNUAL CANOE TRIP

We'll have breakfast from 7-9 am at MBC before we leave on **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** to canoe the WI River and camp out. We'll return on **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up at the Welcome Center today! Contact Kyle Ohlrich with questions, 719-439-1003.



### Primetimers Games & Lunch

Tuesday, June 6th

10 AM - 1 PM

In the Nehemiah Center

*Come Join Us!*

Questions? Contact Carol Hasselmann  
at 815-505-3324



*Join us for*

## A Night of Worship

Sunday, June 4th at 6pm

Location: 18 & 8th in Monroe, WI

For questions, contact:

Kaitlyn Elgin at (608) 214-4791





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Crystal Zimmerman,  
Missions Ministry Leader

April 29th was a busy morning as 30,000 meals were packed in 2 1/2 hours for the Kids Around The World One Meal program. The meals are likely bound for Zambia, where our retired missionaries Tracy and Karen Singleton served and still are involved in the training of pastors through Action Pastors College. Hope E. Free Church joined us by donating funds and helping pack meals. Thanks to all who helped provide food and the Good News to many in need.

If you haven't taken a baby bottle home to collect spare change for the Care Net Pregnancy Center, do so soon! The fundraiser ends on Fathers' Day. After June 18th you can still donate by dropping your baby bottle (or check) at the Center. They are hoping to be especially blessed with funding this year, as they set up ultrasound equipment and training to expand services for their clientele.

Thank you for your very generous financial support for the Guatemala mission team serving this month from the 10th to the 17th. They hope to share daily prayer requests and praises so that you can pray for them specifically, as they work on construction of the Retreat and Training Center during the day, and evenings go in small groups into Guatemalan homes to encourage and pray for their needs. On August 27th the team will give a presentation of the mission trip to the congregation. Mark the date now so you won't miss this blessing!

Another date you will want to save is August 6th when Charles and Julie Champlin will be here to share their remarkable 26 years in Brazil with the Wai Wai people. Watch for more information as the time approaches. You do not want to miss their fascinating ministry and how God has blessed their work!

Finally, the Missions Ministry recently sent a memorial to Hunter and Brittany Hancock on behalf of MBC following the sudden death of Hunter's father. We support their ministry with the Navigators in River Falls and Brittany is the granddaughter of our Elder Kim and Kathy Markham. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Mission Trip Benefit Garage Sale at MBC - June 29-30

Save and bring only gently used items that you would like to donate for the Garage Sale at Monroe Bible Church. Test all electrical appliances! (**Note:** we aren't able to take old TVs).

*\*Drop-offs for all items are outside, at the north doors of church, to be inspected 1st before being accepted.*

**Your help is welcome and greatly needed all week!** Even a few hours is a blessing.

- - trucks, trailers, and lifting labor are needed Monday, Tuesday, & Friday.
- - volunteers are needed to sort and price items on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

**Monday: June 26** – donation drop-off & set-up 10 am - 7:30 pm

**Tuesday: June 27** – donation drop-off & set-up 10 am - 7:30 pm

**Wednesday: June 28** – set-up 10 am - 5 pm

**Thursday: June 29 – SALE 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Friday: June 30 – SALE 8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Take-down & clean-up Friday: 3 pm until done -- workers, trucks & trailers needed

***Please sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer!***

This is a massive undertaking – knowing there will be help available is crucial.

Contact Deb Hurlbert, 608-325-3430.



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Why do believers pray? God commands us to pray. Philippians 4:6. There are many examples of Jesus praying. God wants us to communicate with Him.

Why don't believers pray? Satan tries to keep us from praying. This involves spiritual warfare. Unconfessed sin also hinders us in praying.

We have many things going on in our country that are disregarding the teachings in God's Word. Believers may have the misconception that we are fighting against the people that promote anti-biblical ideas. God's Word teaches that our battle is against spiritual forces in heavenly places. We need to put on the whole armor of God and use the weapon of prayer. Philippians 6:10-18. Some great books on prayer and spiritual warfare are: *Prayer Coach* by James Nicodem, *The Strategy of Satan* by Warren Wiersbe, *A Deeper Walk* by Marcus Warner, *The Essential Guide to Spiritual Warfare* by Neil Anderson and Timothy Warner, and *Spiritual Warfare* by Karl Payne. I have two copies of *The Ministry Of Intercessory Prayer* by Andrew Murray. Let me know if you're interested in reading this book.

We had a great Concert of Prayer on National Day of Prayer. I would encourage you to start your day with prayer, pray throughout the day, and end your day with prayer. Remember, there is a prayer meeting at MBC every Monday at 6:00 pm. Come join us in prayer!

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

## SABBATICAL SEND-OFF

The sabbatical is an opportunity for physical, mental, and spiritual renewal for Pastor Dan. This ensures the quality, impact, and longevity of our pastoral staff.

Please keep Pastor Dan and Jennifer in prayer, that this be a time of refreshment for them!





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## Child Protection Training Required

MBC requires annual child protection training certification for everyone working with youth. Background checks and training are done online through Protect My Ministry.

**The Child Protection Training is a 3-Part Process:**

**Background Check** (required every 4 years for all adults)

**Training Video & Quiz** (takes about 45 minutes to complete)

**Read, Sign, & Return** the MBC Policy & Rules for Child Protection

Begin the process by contacting the church office with the email address you would like to use to complete your online training.

You'll receive an email from [message@mobilizemyministry.com](mailto:message@mobilizemyministry.com) with links to complete the background check and your child protection training video with quiz.

*\*Be sure to check your Spam folders if you don't see the email you're expecting. Don't wait, the email links do expire!*

***Get your training done before ministries begin!***

## Vacation Bible School: July 24-28

Online registration for VBS is OPEN! You can register during VBS week or go to <https://kingdomkeeper.myanswers.com/mbc/> to preregister.

The volunteer sign-up table and donation table will be up for the first two Sundays in June, so please stop by and see what area you can help in!

Another way we would love for you to get involved is by picking up a shield outline from the table and either creating a verse shield or a family crest that will become a part of our decoration for the entire week of VBS! If you

aren't able to get an outline, we are using 8.5x11 cardstock paper with a shield outline covering the page. We also have VBS Invitation Cards at the table that you can take and hand out. VBS is a church-wide event and cannot happen without the support of the body. If you aren't able to help during VBS or at any of the events beforehand, we would love for you to support us through prayer. Please pray for the children who will be attending and their families, that they will have hearts softened and ready to hear. Also, pray for the volunteers to trust in the Lord and to work together to serve Him.

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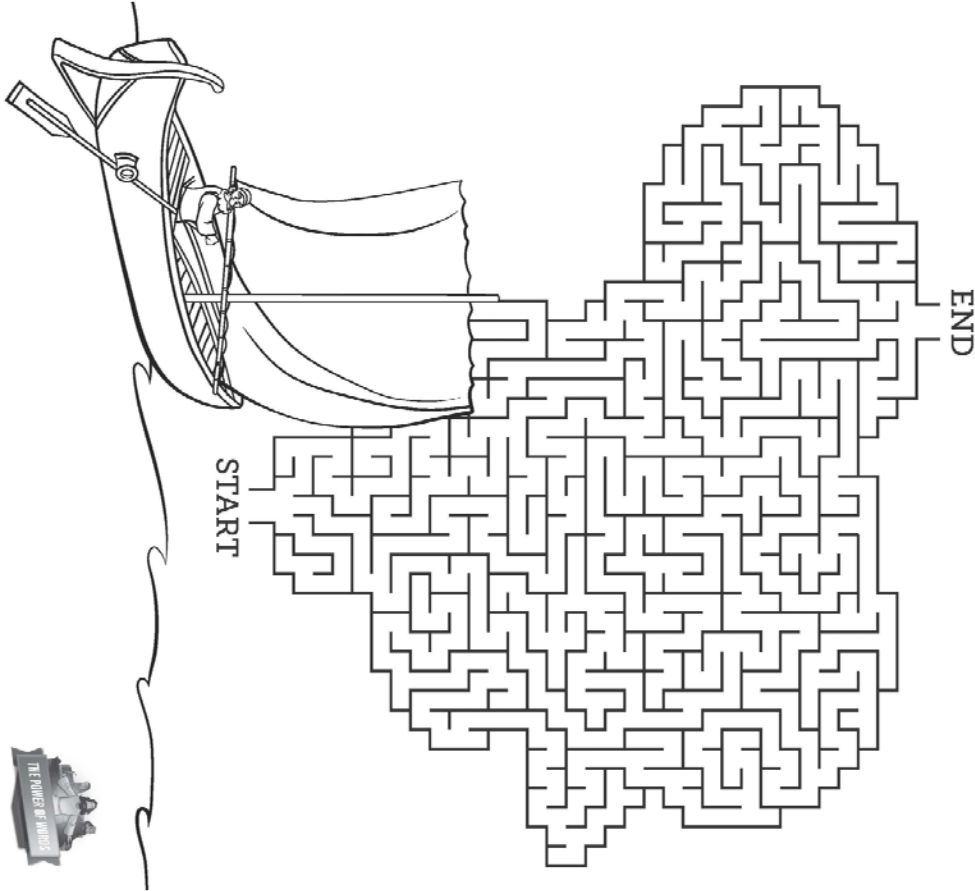
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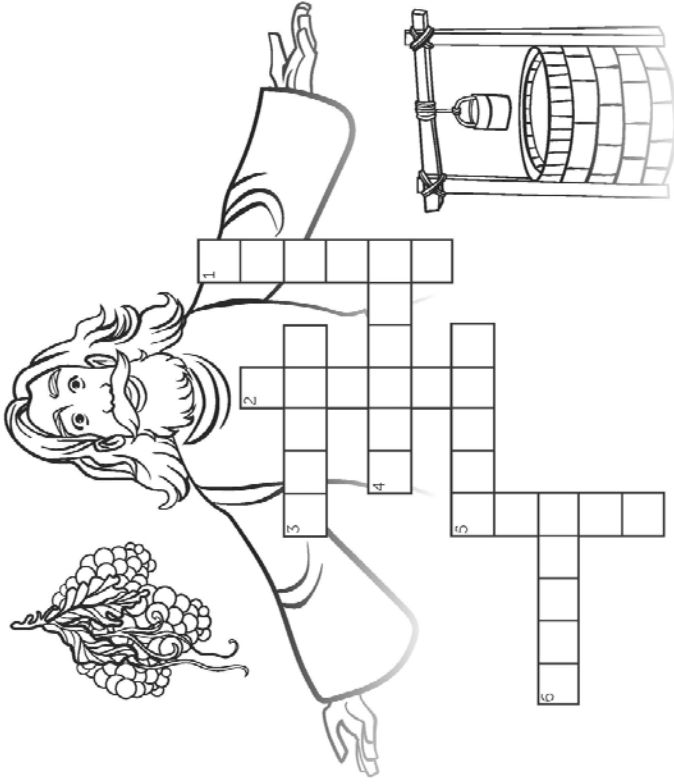
## THE POWER OF WORDS

James 3:1-12

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Guide the sailing ship through the ocean.



### Across

3. A tiny \_\_\_\_\_ can start a forest fire.
4. A bit and \_\_\_\_\_ helps us to control the direction in which horses move.
5. James warned that we should not be \_\_\_\_\_ to teach God's word.
6. We should use our words to \_\_\_\_\_ God and reflect a godly life.

### Down

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ and a person can steer a sailing ship.
2. We use our tongues to \_\_\_\_\_ God and then curse people He made in His own image.
5. The only thing on \_\_\_\_\_ humans have not tamed is their own tongues.

## THE POWER OF WORDS