

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I know the unregenerate world does not love God. How could they? They do not have a relationship with Him. They don't know Him like we do. I believe that even the Jews, faithful to God in their lives, need a relationship with Jesus to make it to heaven.

Some of us are at an age, or at least approaching it, where we may try and evaluate what we have accomplished and how we stand with God. We wonder if our children will have a faith that will serve them well. Listen to an excerpt from *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning, p. 88:

“Several years before his death, a remarkable rabbi, Abraham Joshua Heschel, suffered a near-fatal heart attack. His closest male friend was at his bedside. Heschel was so weak he was only able to whisper: Sam, I feel only gratitude for my life, for every moment I have lived. I am ready to go. I have seen so many miracles during my lifetime.” The old rabbi was exhausted by his effort to speak. After a long pause, he said, “Sam, never once in my life did I ask God for success or wisdom or power or fame. I asked for wonder, and he gave it to me.” A philistine will stand before a Claude Monet painting and pick his nose; a person filled with wonder will stand there fighting back the tears.

The world is watching us to see if what we do, on Sundays and other days when the Church meets, is important. Many people claim to be religious or spiritual, whatever that means; but unless they really love Jesus and have a faith that is practical and not mere words, that sentiment will see them shut out from the place we call heaven. Much like James talks about in his letter to the church in the N.T. that discusses the importance of faith/words being put into practice, the French philosopher, Maurice Blondel said: “If you really want to understand a man, don't just listen to what he says but what he does.”

Manning writes, pp. 91-92, “I am thinking of the beggar in *Moliere's Don Juan*. He sits at the corner of the street as a nobleman passes. The passing stranger is the aristocrat Don Juan, an embittered man, both his fortune and his character ruined. ‘An alms for the love of God,’ cries the beggar. Don Juan stops, reaches in his pocket and holds out his last gold coin above the outstretched arms of the beggar. ‘Blaspheme God, and I'll give it to you.’ ‘O no, my Lord,’ says the beggar, ‘I would never do that.’ A gesture like that is more grace-full than a heaven full of stars, a thousand symphonies, an Eiffel Tower, or a Mona Lisa. Thomas Aquinas said that the splendor of a soul in grace is so seductive that it surpasses the beauty of all created things.”

We are a church who makes the claim that we care about other people. Let's build our faith - and practice what Jesus commands all his followers: **Matthew 22:37 (ESV)** ³⁷ **And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

Hope to see everyone Sunday at 9:30am, for worship, The Lord's Supper and the Word of God. Bring a friend and introduce him/her to the wonder of God.

You brother and friend,

Gary

Stewardship Statistics	7/28/19	8/4/19	8/11/19	8/18/19	Total Money And Average Attendance
Attendance	53	69	51	71	61
General Fund	\$1769.25	\$2705.00	\$1708.00	\$2855.00	\$9037.25
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$9858.84
+ or— Budget	(\$695.46)	\$240.29	(\$756.71)	\$390.29	(\$821.59)
Designated Giving					Total Designated
Birthday money		\$821.00		\$20.00	\$841.00
Total Giving's	\$1769.25	\$3526.00	\$1708.00	\$2875.00	\$9878.25

Prayer list
Lloyd Bowman
Dave Sovine (awaiting surgery)
Allen Nance of Eden, NC
Bill Clark (chemo/liver, tumor in colon)
Marlene Nicholson
Patty Hughes (chemo)
Carol Krause (health issues)
Grace Hillard (cancer, looking at bone marrow transplant)
Paul Pool (surgery recovery)
Steven Bayes of IL (stage 4 kidney cancer)
Michele Battles (breast cancer surgery)
Mary Reynolds (stage 4 cancer)
Lowell Snyder (open heart surgery, 7/24)
Lisa Buck
Tracy Hamm (migraines)
Caleb Manuel (home/healing)
Teresa Wackler (radiation/foot pain)
Gene Mazey - Autoimmune Disease
Robert Whitney (health issues)
Dave Apple (healing after light stroke)
Libbi, Rita Rupp's newborn granddaughter (possible auditory problems)
Mike George (T-cell melanoma)

Just Do It!
A young man told a pastor he wanted to be a Christian, so the pastor instructed him to prepare by reading the book of Acts. After many weeks went by, the pastor wondered if the man had changed his mind about this important decision.
Almost a year later, he finally reappeared. "Where have you been?" asked the bewildered pastor.
The man replied, "Every time I started to read, I felt prompted to do something like the apostles did: help the poor, tell someone about Jesus. So I stopped reading and started doing. I've just been too busy to return."
—Adapted from a story by Hal Brady

Prayer list continued:
Jerry Snyder (healing after knee surgery)
Betty Fortney (Deb's Mom, rehab for hip surgery)
Craig Fortney (Deb's brother had surgery on adrenal gland-tumor, now having breathing problems and in ICU.)
Skylar Kunz (bone marrow transplant 8/22)
Janiece Stage (weakness)

Remember our Shut-ins
Janiece Stage - Heritage, Scott Hall 2
Joyce Baumgardner - Waterford @ Levis Commons #A210
Cletys Dyke - Brookdale Apt #135
Paul Luna - Heritage Village, Waterville
Joanne Lehman - Wood Haven, Room 322

Those in Service
Krause's-Philippines Mission
Lt. Col. Elijah Ward—Ft. Belvoir, Wash. D.C.
Taylor Tolles-Army Nat'l Guard
Ron Burkhart - Stateside
Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
SSgt Joey Brown - Iraq
Daryl Trail - U.S. Navy
Travis Ferrari - U.S. Navy
Austin Varela - Marines/Japan
Scott Saylor - U.S. Army
Chelsea Bontjes - U.S. Navy
Luke Millican - USAF
Gavin Varela - Marines/Hawaii
Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan

Missions Team Meeting
Sep 1st after Sunday School

September Mission Moment
by Don Williams
Active Christians Today (ACT)

Small Group



Join Us for Bible Study

We will continue our study from 1 Corinthians. Join us at the church on **Wednesdays @ 7:00pm.**

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Sep 3rd @ 7:30PM

ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, Sep 10th @ 6:00pm

Men's Mentoring Group

Sunday, Sep 8, Noon-1:30pm

Eat lunch and join the study

"Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan

Ladies Christian Fellowship (LCF)

Summer vacation is over, time to start back up on the 4th Monday of each month. All ladies are asked to join us on **Monday, Sep 23rd @ 7:00pm** in the church basement.

Labors of Love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

—The Newsletter Newsletter®

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

September 1	The Conversion of Saul	Acts 9:1-19a
September 8	Facing Down the Fear of Rejection	Acts 9:19b-28
September 15	It's Hard to Change, But It's Worth It!	Acts 9:19b-31
September 22	Everyone's Welcome!	Acts 10:1-11:18
September 29	If I Am Good, Isn't that Enough?	Acts 10



Stay for the meeting/potluck on **Sunday, Sep 15th @ 12:15pm.** Committees should prepare to give updates/progress on our **125th Anniversary Celebration planned for Sunday, May 31st, 2020.**



FAMILY FUN NIGHT at the Church (2nd & 4th Fridays each month)

September 13th and 27th, 6:30-9:00pm

Enjoy the food, play a game, visit.

We'd like to see you on Friday nights! Gee, we didn't get a photo of the euchre game! Maybe next time! 😊



Day Trip - Frankenmuth, Michigan

September 19th, leaving at 8:00am, returning about 8:00pm

Sign up no later than September 15th

- * tour the beautiful St. Lorenz Lutheran Church
- * shopping at the famous Bronner's Christmas store
- * enjoy Glockenspiel Tower
- * lunch at Zehnder's Restaurant
- * shop at the River Place Shops in downtown Frankenmuth
- * stop for a lite dinner on the way back to Weston

The only cost to you will be your lunch, dinner and anything you purchase while shopping! You may also wish to leave a donation at the St. Lorenz Lutheran Church.

Walking in TRUTH

Annual Fund Raising Walk for the Bowling Green Pregnancy Center

Saturday, Sep 21st

Bartlett Shelter at Carter Park

401 Campbell Hill Rd, Bowling Green

www.bgpcwalk.com

Registration starts @ 7:30am

Walk starts @ 8:00am

See Gary if you want
to make a donation
or sponsor a walker.



A church is an imperfect mix of imperfect believers, so it's easy for members to find faults or feel disappointed. That, in turn, may tempt us to shop around.

C.S. Lewis addresses that in *The Screwtape Letters*. "If a man can't be cured of church-going," Screwtape advises his demon protégé, "the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches." How Satan must hate when Christians maintain long-term commitment to one church!

The urge to church-hop harms congregations as well as believers. "Spiritual depth isn't fostered by satiating your sense of felt needs," writes James Emery White. "It's receiving a balanced diet of teaching and challenge, investing in service and mission, living in community and diversity that you probably would not select for yourself."

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...
... an ice cream man? Sundae school
... a giant? High school
... a surfer? Boarding school
... King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

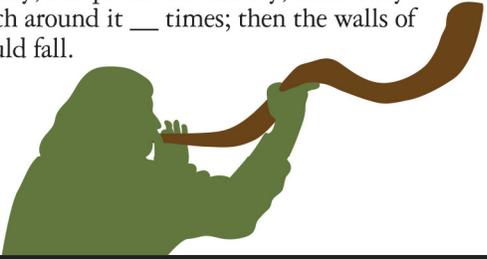
Student: In jail!

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What number fits in all the blanks to reveal God's instructions to Joshua about the city of Jericho?

Israelite warriors, led by ___ priests blowing ___ ram's-horn trumpets for ___ days, would march around the city once a day, except for the last day, when they would march around it ___ times; then the walls of Jericho would fall.

A. one
B. three
C. five
D. seven



Answer: D (See Joshua 6:1-5.)



Happy Birthday to — and for — You!

Birthdays

- 1 Kay Tolles
- 6 Sydney Maze
- 11 Garland "Joey" Brown III
- 14 Wendell Wohler
- 14 Jerry Snyder
- 16 Carl Murphy
- 18 Paul Luna
- 21 Larry Frost
- 23 Mike Murphy
- 24 Kurt Maze
- 25 Amanda Maze

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate who someone *is*, not what they've *done*. Henri Nouwen wrote, "It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, 'Thank you for being you.' ... On a birthday we do not say, 'Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.' No, we say, 'Thank you for being born and being among us.'"

To rejoice over someone purely for who they are is an echo of God's joy over us. Some families celebrate "baptism birthdays" (anniversaries) by lighting candles, sharing scripture and prayer, perhaps looking at photos and recounting stories of that milestone event that marked the beginning of their faith life.

On a birthday, said Nouwen, "we lift someone up and let everyone say, 'We love you.'" In baptism, God lifts us to his very heart and declares, "You are my precious child. I love you."



October 5th, 2:00-8:00pm Weston Family Fun Day



Anniversaries

- 18 Derrick & Amber Saylor

- ◆ TWO BOUNCE HOUSES
- ◆ GAMES
- ◆ ARTS AND CRAFTS
- ◆ D.A.R.E.
- ◆ **JUSTIFIED** QUARTET AT 6PM
- ◆ RECEPTION FOLLOWING CONCERT
- ◆ WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL WELLNESS TESTING
- ◆ WESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Everything is **FREE**
Inside and outside

Puzzle!

Match each numbered description with the correct biblical dreamer. Use the passages as hints, if needed.

- ___ 1. His brothers were irritated when he told them of his dreams. (*Genesis 37:5-8*)
- ___ 2. He saw angels going up and down a ladder. (*Genesis 28:10-12*)
- ___ 3. This ruler dreamed about some skinny cows eating fat cows. (*Genesis 41:17-21*)
- ___ 4. She had an unpleasant dream and told her husband to have nothing to do with Jesus. (*Matthew 27:17-19*)
- ___ 5. He saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone. (*Daniel 2:24-34*)
- ___ 6. He was warned to take his family to Egypt. (*Matthew 2:13*)
- ___ 7. He saw a vine produce grapes, and he squeezed their juice into a cup. (*Genesis 40:9-11*)
- ___ 8. They were warned in a dream about Herod's evil plan. (*Matthew 2:12*)

- A. Pharaoh
- B. The magi
- C. Jacob
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer
- E. Joseph (Mary's husband)
- F. Joseph (Jacob's son)
- G. Pilate's wife
- H. The king of Babylon

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Birthdays and Anniversaries 9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. Feed His Sheep Fellowship Break/Nancy & Leighan Mission Moment/ACT Missions Team Meeting after Sunday School	Labor Day	Board Meeting 7:30pm	 7:00pm Small Group at church	7:00 Let It Rise Band Practice		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S. Men's Mentoring Group Noon-1:30pm		Elders Meeting 6:00pm	 7:00pm Small Group at church	7:00 Let It Rise Band Practice	FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:30 - 9:00PM 	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S. S. 12:15pm 125th Anniversary Meeting and potluck Updates from committees			 7:00pm Small Group at church	8:00am Leave for day trip to Frankenmuth  7:00 Let It Rise Band Practice		Pregnancy Center Walking in Truth 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S. S.	 Ladies Christian Fellowship (LCF) starts back up. 7:00pm at the church		 7:00pm Small Group at church	7:00pm Let It Rise Band Practice	 FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:30 - 9:00PM	
29	30					
9:30am Worship 11:00 Adult S.S. 5th Sunday Pre-School and Junior Church closed. Enjoy the service with family						

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Sunday Worship Times
9:30am Worship Service
11:00am Adult Sunday School

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**The purpose of the Weston Church of Christ is to glorify God by reaching the lost,
strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.**