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## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday

9:30 Worship  
11:00 Sunday School for all ages  
Impact Youth

### Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

### Friday

5:45-7:30 AM Prayer

## Hey Kids it is VBS Time

**July 23-27. 2018**

**6:00-8:30 pm**

Are you ready to time travel? Vacation Bible School is coming soon! We will kick off our week of Bible School with the float in the Scotts parade on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Kids who are interested in riding the float – watch for announcements in the bulletin for the time to be at church.

There will be a training meeting for VBS volunteers on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you are working in Bible School, please come for all the information you will need to be ready for the week.

Our week will concentrate on getting to know Jesus – past, present, and future! It will be an exciting adventure that includes music, games, lessons, verse memorization, snacks, crafts, and more!!

Watch for bulletin announcements regarding how to pre-register the kids online. To help guarantee your child's safety, we will be using our computerized "Kid Check" system.

Thank you in advance to all of you who support this endeavor with your donations, prayers, time, and energy! We are looking forward to a great week!!



***“Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God”***

Recently I traveled to the other side of the state for work. On the way home I need to stop at a rest area, As I am pulling through the parking lot, I notice a group of people folding up some rugs, with one lady just getting up from hers. By time I parked, got out of my vehicle and walked back that way, they were all in their car preparing to leave. I don't recall ever seeing Muslims practicing their prayers in public before. However, it caused me to think about the prayers of Muslims and the prayers of Christians.

The first requirement before a Muslim to pray is that they must be clean; they must go through physical and spiritual cleansing. In addition, there is a definitive procedure of bowing and kneeling that are must be followed. The participants must be fully clothed. The prayers are to be said at five specific times during the day, facing a specified direction. The prayers are essentially pre-defined recitations, which require specified moves. (Reference: <https://www.wikihow.com/Pray-in-Islam>).

The New Testament gives Christians a different perspective on prayer in many ways.

Prayer cleansing is part of the prayer, when we seek forgiveness from our sins according to 1 John.

Paul instructs that we should only pray once a day, for we are to pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Jesus taught that instead of praying in public, which causes someone to envy them for their piety, to pray in private. (Matthew 6:5) A couple of verses later Jesus instructed that prayers should not consist of empty words that some think will get them heard for their many repetitions.

Hebrews tells us that God wants us to come boldly to Him with what is on our heart.

Paul wrote to the believers in Rome that when we know we need to pray, but do not know what to pray, the Holy Spirit will intercede for us (8:26).

The apostle Paul writes that prayer is a privilege, not an obligation. His letters often speak of his frequent prayers for other believers.

While we serve a true and living God. We also have the benefit of moving to prayer anytime and all of the time. It is not how we position our body, but rather how we position our heart. Do we take full advantage of the opportunity that we have? Few (myself included) pray as often as we should. Think of it, The God of the universe, the creator and sustainer wants to hear from you and from me. Does God hear from us as often as He would like?

*Jim Hawkins*—editor



## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- A. Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- B. Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- C. Touched his eyes, but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- D. Told him to go to the priests; as the man went, he was healed.



Answer: A (See John 9:6-7.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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## Important VBS Dates

- July 11 VBS work night 6:30. Please come and help us prepare materials for crafts for VBS.
- July 18 VBS Training 6:30. This training is for all VBS workers. The training will provide an overview of VBS, schedules, and other important information. Please mark it on your calendar to attend.
- July 21 Scotts Parade. Please plan on participating in the Scotts Parade. We will be distributing gospel tracts and invitations to the parade watchers. We need to be at the church at 9:30 and be ready to go in Scotts at 10. The parade actually begins at 10:30.
- July 21 Set up for VBS after the Scotts Parade Please join us for setting up the decorations for VBS. We need lots of help. Pizza will be provided at lunch time for the workers.
- July 23-27 6-8:35 VBS. A light dinner will be provided for workers at 5:15.

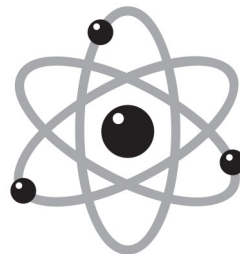


## A refreshing gift

Oh, how beautiful is the summer night, which is not night, but a sunless, yet unclouded, day, descending upon earth with dews and shadows and refreshing coolness! How beautiful the long mild twilight, which, like a silver clasp, unites today with yesterday!

## VBS Items & Help Needed

We are looking forward to a GREAT week of Bible School this July 23-27! Preparations are being made for decorations, games, snacks, and lots of fun activities. Following are a few items that we are wondering if you could help with. Please see Terrie or call 269-303-4758 to let her know if you would like to provide them.



### GAMES

Could you let me know if you have any of these items? I would like to borrow instead of purchasing them if possible. My goal is for them to come back to you in the same shape as when you lend them to me! (After about 100 kids play with

them, that is!)

- 2 pop-up play tunnels
- 4 White lab coats, various sizes
- Non-breakable Christmas ornaments & garland

And a few items needed that I don't think I'll promise to get back to you:

- 2 liter pop bottles – need 20
- 6 pool noodles

### SNACKS

These items need to be donated by July 15:

5 boxes Crispix cereal  
 2 boxes plain cheerios  
 3 bags pretzel sticks  
 4 boxes cheese sticks crackers  
 10 boxes brownie mix  
 16 large boxes of blue jello  
 100 sandwich Ziploc baggies  
 Assorted sizes and colors of Gummy worms – approx. 200



We could also use someone to make "Nuts-n-Bolts" for Monday, July 23. (We already have the seasoning donated.)

Thanks for helping this be an extra-exciting week for the kids coming to VBS!

## Finding freedom

The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ, then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness.



## Time Lab VBS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion 12:30 Potluck <b>Weekly:</b> 9:30 Worship 11:15 Sunday School 6:00 Impact Youth	<b>2</b> <b>Weekly:</b> 8:00 College/Career Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Weekly:</b> 5:45 Prayer	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	<b>11</b> 6:30 VBS Work Night	<b>12</b> 6:30 Christian Ed Mtg. 7:00 Elders Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 VBS Training Mtg.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Scott's Parade—VBS float VBS Setup Hunters arrive
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 VBS	<b>24</b> 6:00 VBS	<b>25</b> 6:00 VBS	<b>26</b> 6:00 VBS	<b>27</b> 6:00 VBS/Meal for all	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Deadline: August Chronicle	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>Aug 3</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>

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**Weekly Bible Studies****Mondays:**

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the  
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

**Thursdays:**

George and Joyce Wedel – Every  
 other Thursday night at their  
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call  
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**Omnipresent**

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to remember, to attend ... in fact to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.

—C.S. Lewis



**Birthdays &  
 Anniversaries  
 This Month!**

1-Stacey Coville  
 1-Alyssa Morrison  
 2-Brian & Abbey Colvin  
 2-Gavin Fritz  
 4-Jamie Morrison  
 8-Vicki Christiansen  
 10-Dana Schwartz  
 11-Larry & Kris Fleck  
 11-Betty Williams  
 14-William Barton  
 14-M Esther Macomber  
 14-M. Mabel Wahley  
 17-Russ & Ruth Bartholomew  
 17-Denny & Debbie Johnson  
 17-Jackson Truax  
 19-Makenzy Steele  
 23-Skyler Eager  
 23-Zach Wedel  
 27-Jodi Eager  
 28-Jon Henker

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

#### What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



#### What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



## Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

*Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)*

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Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV



## Pat Answers

# What is the Main Point of the Book of Revelation?

Some Christians, especially new or younger Christians, get real excited about the book of Revelation and want to study it continually, fascinated by the prophetic charts people have drawn, and even try repeatedly to interpret current events as direct fulfillments of Scripture. For example, I remember the Ten Nation Common Market of the 1970's was seen as the Ten Horns of the Beast or Antichrist in Revelation 17. Other Christians, confused by the many different interpretations of Revelation, avoid the book almost totally. Both extremes are bad. The book of Revelation actually promises a blessing for all who read it – *"Blessed is one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near."* – Revelation 1:3.

One way to read Revelation is to keep in mind the main point. The book is written to encourage, challenge, and comfort followers of Christ, especially those facing persecution or fiery trials. It was written by the Apostle John from Jesus Christ Himself to comfort His people facing terrible persecution at the end of the first century by the Roman Empire and Emperor Domitian (who ruled from A.D. 81-96 and insisted on being called "Lord and god"). The letters to the seven churches in chapters 2 and 3 were written to seven real churches to encourage them to be faithful to Christ no matter what because they will be rewarded in the end (read the specific promises and challenges applied to each church situation). But the main point of the whole book IS THAT THE LAMB JESUS CHRIST WILL WIN AND TRIUMPH OVER

ALL EVIL! THE LAMB WINS, NOT ROME OR THE DEVIL OR ANTICHRIST. GOD WILL BRING HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM, AND JUDGE ALL EVIL IN THE END.

The main point is still crucial for us today! We need to continually be reminded that this world is heading to an End in God's time and God's way. He is sovereign over all nations and we don't need to fear the future because it is in God's hands. Let us not miss the forest for the trees, meaning let us not get so hung up on individual passages, images, and symbols, that we forget the main point of the book. There is a real Heaven and Hell coming. There is a real Final Judgment coming in which all whose names are not written in the Book of Life are "cast into the Lake of Fire" – Revelation 20:11-15. What is clear in the book should keep us all trembling before the Holy One, and for those who are real followers of Christ may it bring supreme comfort to know there is a Day coming in which "there will be no more crying, no more mourning, no more pain, no more death" and we will reign with Christ forever and ever and "will see His face" – Revelation 22:5. May it lead you to make sure you are really trusting in Christ alone. May it lead you to be faithful to Jesus now. If you haven't read Revelation in a while, plunge in and read, keeping in mind the main point – JESUS WINS!! Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.

*Pastor Pat*

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