

September 2019



*Whatever you do,
work heartily,
as for the Lord and
not for men.
Colossians 3:23 ESV*

September Memory Verse:

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

Acts 13:47 ESV

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GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups are starting/continuing this Fall. Starting **September 8th**, the Growth Group in the Fellowship Hall will start meeting weekly with the study "The End ... What Happens Next" by Robert Morris. The young adults will continue their study of Revelations at Blake and Lauren's apartment every other Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1 — Guest Speaker: Bruce Gilmore

September 2 — Labor Day — Office Closed

September 8 — Guest Speaker: Blake Dailey (Lord's Supper)

September 8 — Weekly Growth Group Starts:

"The End... What Happens Next"

September 12 — Ladies Night Out (Dutch Oven Cooking Demo)

September 13 — Golden Heirs

September 15 — Guest Speaker: Tanner Hill

(2019 VBC Youth Speaker)

September 20-22 — Youth Fall Retreat at VBC

September 22 — Guest Speaker: Ryan Scantling

Evangelism Event By Natalie Butcher

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commanded us to “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” In past sermons at church, we have learned that “go” in this context means “as you go”. Whether you are at home, work, school, the store, or any other location, you are commanded to make disciples. Does that mean that you shouldn’t “go” with the sole purpose of evangelism — telling about Jesus and what He has done in your life? Of course not!

In Mark 6:7, Jesus “called the twelve and began to send them out two by two.” In Luke 10:1, Jesus “appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him”. So on August 17th, 10 people from Marrable Hill Chapel ranging from teenage to senior adults were divided up into teams to canvas our neighborhood and the Farmer’s Market to share the gospel.

There weren’t a lot of people at the Farmers Market, so that team eventually came back to the neighborhood. In the neighborhood, the teams went door-to-door and handed out tracts and other information. Many times no one would answer the door, so they left the information at the home. However, there were times where they were able to share about Jesus!

We may never know whether what was shared on that day has or will lead someone to Christ, but we do know that 10 obeyed Jesus and shared the gospel. They got out of their comfort zones, met total strangers, and talked about Jesus. Even if only one person was saved or will be saved in the future due to this event, it was worth it! As Luke 15:10 says, “there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Jesus said in Matthew 9:37, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Join in the harvest!

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”
Romans 10:14-15

Baptisms By Natalie Butcher

This summer at Victory Bible Camp (VBC) several campers made professions of faith in Jesus. Some students were baptized at camp by Blake Dailey, Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) Youth Pastor and VBC Directory. It was the first time that Blake had the privilege of baptizing new believers — helping them to publicly proclaim their faith.

Several campers were not baptized at camp, because their families couldn’t be present or they wanted to be baptized in their home churches. In August, Blake baptized two students from camp during the morning service at MHC — 5th grader Sean Kirby and 8th grader Keaton Eggleston. Welcome, brothers, to the family of God!



Missionary Briefs By Joan Hershberger

Last year Marrable Hill Chapel provided the funds to purchase about 20 Proclaimers for **Vidal and Cathy Perez** to use in Guatemala. Proclaimers are an audio version of the Word of God as translated into the native language, in this case for the Tectitán. Cathy recently wrote:



Wednesday Bible Studies are a blessing. During our study on First John two ladies in the study wanted to meet and pray through some areas of forgiveness that they realized were strong holds in their lives. Two young ladies co-lead the study I attend. They are being stretched in their relationship with the Lord as they learn to lead a group in discussion and interaction together. The small groups are becoming knit together as they meet weekly and hold each other accountable. Listening to the recording of the New Testament helps the believers understand God's Word more clearly. We see how this change to have small groups has really helped the believers to grow in their faith. We are thankful for the recorded New Testament on the Proclaimers that makes this possible.

How awesome that God's word transcends cultures and can transform anyone who allows the Holy Spirit to be at work.

From **Dan and Paula Flynn** with CRU in Indiana:

We recently coached new Cru staff in Bible Study Methods class (pic below). It was a deep dive into the book of Ephesians, with emphasis on 2:11-22. One of



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Ladies Night Out / Golden Heirs By Joan Hershberger/Natalie Butcher

The Birds of Prey in Arkansas program was presented at the combined August meeting of the Ladies Night Out and the Golden Heirs to over 35 people. Trent Powell of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission came and talked about God's creation as shown with the birds of prey — owls, hawks, and vultures.

Birds of prey swoop down and grab their prey. They help control the population of rats, snakes and other pests which helps to control the spread of diseases. Most kill their prey when they are hungry, eat what they want and then leave the rest for another species. Others, like vultures, do not kill. They depend on finding carrion (dead animals). A vulture has feast and famine, if he can't find food he goes without. When they find food, they gorge themselves—eating until they throw up.

Trent brought stuffed owls of various sizes and species from barn owls to hoot owls. Most owls are night vision owls; some are out in the day time. He said that the smallest owl, the screech owl, will fight a bear it is so ferocious. They have “little dog” syndrome like a Chihuahua. They also have strong claws — able to exert 200 pounds per square inch (psi)!



Owls have very large eyes that are in fixed eye sockets, which means their eyeballs can't rotate like ours (see picture for his example of how big their eyes would be on us). They have very little peripheral vision so they have to turn their heads to see. That is why God designed them with necks that can rotate in what seems to be 360°, but is actually, at the most, 270°. They have 14 vertebrae in their necks which

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Remodeled Kitchen Open House and Back to School Breakfast By Joan Hershberger

Words fail to describe the change in the fellowship hall since Larry McKinnon built and installed new cupboards and new appliances that were purchased from donations provided by individuals. It is all so beautiful and amazing that it left Patty Walker in tears. Such a loving gift. And then Cheryl and her daughters topped it off with coordinating arrangements placed around the kitchen area that make it look like House Beautiful. We could have made do with the old kitchen, but the updated version says “welcome.”



After the Larry finished and the plumbers finished connecting everything, the final changeover crew worked all Friday to transfer the dishes and uncover the treasures lost over the years. Kay Johnston, Patti Paulus, Joe and Nadine Williams, Arlene Taylor and Joan

Hershberger worked for several hours. As a result the wedding closet has been purged and re-arranged, the tablecloths are organized (thanks to hours of work by Arlene) and we now have access to glass dishes, plates, coffee mugs and bowls for funeral dinners, parties and sit down

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our joys is watching young believers fall in love with God’s Word. **O! the unbelievable privilege we have of living on this side of the printing press!**

Big Prayer Request: we’re praying about future ministry options — we’ve sensed the Lord prompting us to consider other options within Cru or elsewhere. Would you pray that we’d clearly hear from the Lord?

Paul and Christie Kendall are moving ministry again. This time to Helps Ministries Home Office Team as the Missionary Care and Short Term Team Coordinators. They served as house parents with Ben Libben until staffing was cut due to fewer boys on campus.



Recently the **Hershbergers** delivered eight boxes of books and Bibles to Love Packages to be shipped out to third world countries that use English. Besides Bibles, Love Packages ships out Sunday School Lessons, Christian books, magazines and DVDs.



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is twice as many as humans.

Trent brought two beautiful birds to show those in attendance — a red-tailed hawk and a black vulture. It was exciting to see them close up — spreading their wings and showing their wing spans.



The red-tailed hawk has incredible vision and hearing. They can spot a mouse while they are 100' in the air. The screech of an eagle in movies is actually the call of a red-tailed hawk. The movie directors decided that the hawk's screech is much more majestic and powerful sounding than our national bird. When you see two hawks flying high, screaming at and circling each other, they are courting. They mate for life.

Trent has taken care of the black vulture that he brought for a long



time. It was a nosy one! The agent said, "I won't reach over with my hand or I won't have a finger left." On the trip to MHC, this bird threw up on him in his vehicle. "There is no smell as bad as that. It is amazing how nauseous it is!" he said. Their stomach acid is so powerful that it breaks down meat rapidly — dissolving pathogens before they can hurt the vulture. That's why they can eat carcasses of sick animals and why they are

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dinners. Please use them and then put them into the new heavy-duty dishwasher (we will do our small part to reduce waste). We want to send a message of "you are special enough for me to wash a few dishes."

About half the church members made it to church in time for the back-to-school brunch. We helped ourselves to coffee, juice or water at the new coffee bar, piled up on breakfast casseroles, muffins, doughnuts,

cookies, breads, fruits and biscuits with jam. Then sat down to fellowship at the tables. Except the new kitchen table with matching chairs that appeared over the weekend and the new clock on the wall.

It all looks so fine. We are thankful for the blessing of the update.



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valuable at reducing diseases in the environment. When they are on the road, it looks like you will run into them. They move slowly, because they are so full they can't lift and fly. When they stand on the side of the road and spread their wings, they are sunbathing — warming themselves on cold days.

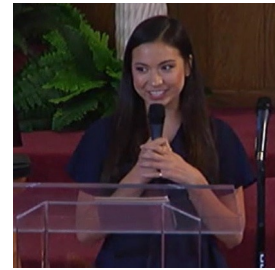
Attendance included two visitors that Mary Alice Nelson brought from Switzerland. They were spell bound by the lecture on the birds Jasmine Shepperson also attended and enjoyed it. She was in town for raising funds before going out on a mission trip.



The Young Spoke

By Natalie Butcher

On August 25th, two young adults, Jasmine Wiyun Shepperson and Joel Cheshier, shared what was on their hearts during the Sunday Morning Worship Service.



Jasmine, a missionary that is about to go to Eastern Europe with the Circuit Riders, a group of Youth With A Mission (WYAM), shared about everyone being on mission. This year, WYAM missionaries and other believers (~50K believers) gathered to “declare a war on inaction in the American church and to believe that every believer was going to be catalyzed into Christ-like action like never before...

Every single American has a calling in Christ and has a mark on their life.” Jasmine believes that when churches, like our church, don’t have a pastor, God may use it to speak to the church to get them into action as one body — on mission. Every single person is a missionary to a called field in order to share the gospel — whether a specific nation or where they live.

Joel shared what he learned while being in the play “Hunchback of Notre Dame” at the South Arkansas Arts Center. He talked about Quasimodo being a “kind, humble, and selfless” person — “a godly man with a beautiful soul” and yet he was confined to the cathedral and treated badly as an outcast. He ended up helping to save the gypsies and fighting corruption within the church.



Joel shared how some of us are made to feel like outcasts by others because we are “different”. But God... He uses the weak to achieve great things. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 12:9 that God’s grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in weakness. Paul said, “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” Paul understood that it wasn’t his power, but God using him even though he was weak. Joel, reading from a letter he wrote to the cast of the play, said, “We are valuable.”, “We are worthy.”, “We have a purpose.” and “All humans are made in the image of God.”

The young have something to say. Are we listening?

**“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”
—1 Timothy 4:12**