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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

- 9:30 Worship
- 11:00 Sunday School for all ages
- 6:00 Bible Studies
- Impact Youth
- 6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

- 8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday

- 5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

READY, SET, GO!

It's a Vacation Bible School like no other!

Kids will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges as they fill their score cards.

They'll also discover that, no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race—the **human race**—and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

As they examine the events surrounding the tower of Babel, kids will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. And that He wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away.

Join *The Incredible Race* and experience God's love for every tribe, language, and nation!



WHAT MAKES ANSWERS VBS DIFFERENT?

Two words: Real life. In this day and age, it's vital that we teach our children the Bible is more than just a dusty book of stories. We need to show them God's Word connects to every area of life and is just as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago, so they will know its amazing message of salvation is true!

Recent surveys show that nearly 70% of "Christian" kids grow up

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

Theology: the study of religious faith, practice, and experience especially: the study of God and of God's relation to the world

Some time ago, a local congregation has been offering a series of discussions titled "Building Your Own Theology". On the surface this may sound like a wonderful thing. I have to question about the "your own" part of this statement. It implies that "whatever resource sounds good to me, I can use, and it's not a big deal. Mixing and matching from different religions around the world is good. Don't like something? Take it out. Even creating something that no one has ever heard of is good."

The purpose of studying Theology is to learn about God. In so doing, as we learn more about God we learn to love Him more. This leads us to live in a life that is more pleasing to God and a life that serves Him more faithfully. J.I. Packer writes "As I often tell my students, theology is for doxology and devotion—that is, the praise of God and the practice of godliness. It should therefore be presented in a way that brings awareness of the divine presence. Theology is at its healthiest when it is consciously under the eye of the God of whom it speaks, and when it is singing to His glory. This, too, I have tried to bear in mind. Creating our own Theology apart from God's revelation cannot lead us in the correct direction. This will result in a false image of God and if our image of God is false; how can we love Him as He intends?"

A proper study of Theology begins with a proper source. The source must be reliable, and since it is to learn about God, it is must originate with God. Our source is the scriptures. The Bible teaches what is called *General Revelation* in passages like Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:19-21 and Acts 17:28. General Revelation is that God reveals Himself to all mankind through nature. But general revelation only goes so far in telling us about who God is.

In 2 Peter 1:1-21, Peter writes that God has revealed Himself to us in the writings of scriptures. In writing to Timothy (2 Timothy 3:16), Paul states that all of Scripture comes from God. Since the scriptures have their source in God, it is our final authority for learning about God. While many books and other resources may offer assistance in our study of the Bible, we must fall back to the Bible itself.

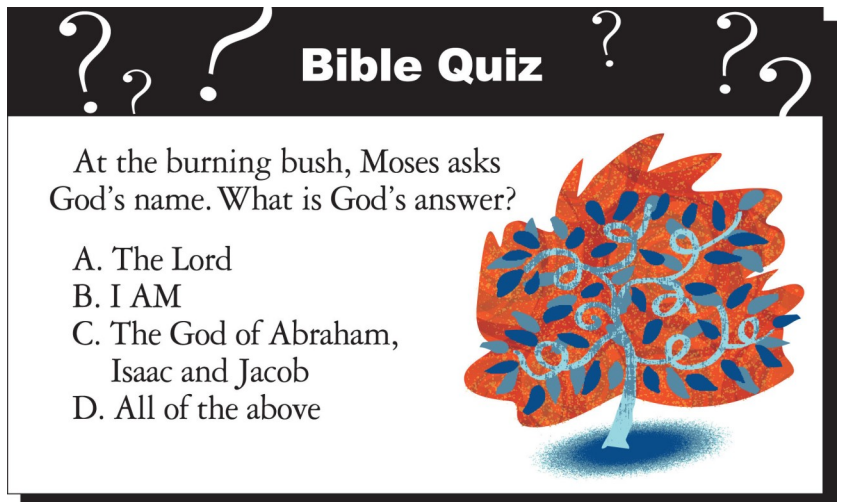
Luke records that even though they were being taught by Paul, the Bereans validated his teachings with the scriptures. This needs to be our model. We need test our theology against the authority of scripture (1 John 4:1).

Our goal should not be to develop our own theology; but rather, a Biblical Theology. How Biblical is your Theology? Is it consistent with God's self revelation?

Jim Hawkins—editor

I thank God for my handicaps, for, through them, I have found myself, my work and my God.

—Helen Keller



Bible Quiz

At the burning bush, Moses asks God's name. What is God's answer?

- A. The Lord
- B. I AM
- C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- D. All of the above

Answer: D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)

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Fax: (610) 549-7184
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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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and walk away from the church. One of the main reasons is because they have not been taught basic apologetics. Answers VBS programs are designed to answer the key questions that cause so many young people to walk away from the Lord.

We need you!

- Please pray for VBS
- Please sign up to help
- Please invite children to attend

July 22-26 6-8:35PM

Date changes

The church picnic has been changed to August 11. It is still at Ramona Park on Sprinkle Road at 12:30. If you say you are with the church, it is \$5 per car for entry.

The Ladies Christmas Dessert will be on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. instead of Dec. 7. More details to come later in the year.



Scotts Parade

VBS Float VBS Set-up VBS Training

Please join us for the Scotts parade and set up for VBS on Saturday, July 20 at 10:AM. We will leave from the church and pass out VBS invitations, candy and gospel tracts. After the parade we will set up the decorations for VBS. Please join us for these important events. Pizza will be provided for those helping with the decorations.

VBS training is July 10th at 6:30. Please join us for this informational meeting if you are serving during VBS.



VBS Registration

Event registration is live. Families can visit our website and click the link to register scan the QR Code shown in this article with their phone which will take them directly to the registration page. Or use website address (www.country-christian.org). If you have not already done so, go ahead and make an account on Kidcheck. Encourage the families you invite to pre-register with Kidcheck. We are planning to have a paperless registration process this year, so the more participants pre-registered, the smoother this process will be.



Love made flesh

The whole concept of God taking human shape had never made much sense to me. That was because, I realized one wonderful day, it was so simple. For people with bodies, important things like love have to be embodied. That's all. God had to be embodied, or else people with bodies would never in a trillion years understand about love.

—Jane Vonnegut Yarmolinsky

Nursery Help

July

7-Abbey Colvin & Kim Smith
14-Andra Truax & Charlize Gibbs
21-Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp
28-Rosemary Goad, Jennifer McKelvey & Ruby McKelvey

August

4-LeAnn Fritz & Jamie Morrison



NURSERY WORKERS

AWANA AWARDS

POINT EARNERS

T&T -

Natalie McKelvey	1210
Addy Burnsed	1195
Nathan Hartmann	840
Eli DeWaal	730
Tyler Parnaby	700
Dylan Truax	690
Alyssa Morrison	670
Shae Willis	615



T&T in order of points earned

Mackenzie Vincent, Alexia Snyder, Gavin Fritz, Payge Steele, Koy Kovalska, Madison Shepherd, Addy Steele, Kaydence Miner, Sammy Tuinstra, Damien Shepherd, Trinity Putnam

SPARKS -

Lilah Burnsed	580
Ella Juday	545
Ben Hartmann	530
Collin Anderson	520

Sparks in order of points earned

Daphnie Ascherman, Lydia Drallette, Jackson Truax, Blake Morrison, Khloe Fritz, Jazmyne Watson, Aah'miyah Garza-Kerby, Jonathan Vincent, Jerzie Putnam, Garrett Steele

Cubbies -

Addisyn Juday	620
Alaina Truax	585
Teagan Kovalska	190

Cubbies in order of points earned

Kennedy Price, Henry Burnsed



"Sometimes when you're in a dark place you think you've been buried, but you've actually been planted. Bloom!"

—Christine Caine

AWANA Book Completions

Finished all three books!

Lilah Burnsed (Sparks)

Finished Book One

Addy Burnsed (T&T)
 Natalie McKelvey (T&T)
 Daphnie Ascherman (Sparks)

Finished Book Two

Collin Anderson (Sparks)
 Jackson Truax (Sparks)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Nathan Hartmann (T&T), Addy Burnsed (T&T), Ella Juday (Sparks), Lilah Burnsed (Sparks)

Only Missed One Day

Ben Hartmann (Sparks), Collin Anderson (Sparks), Addi Juday (Cubbies)

Recognizing Our Graduates

MOVING UP TO T&T

Collin Anderson, Jonathan Vincent, Jackson Truax, Lilah Burnsed

MOVING UP TO SPARKS

Alaina Truax, Teagan Kovalska



MOVING UP TO JUNIOR HIGH

Natalie McKelvey, Shae Willis, Alexia Snyder, Addy Steele, Tyler Parnaby

The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same moment.

-Thomas Jefferson

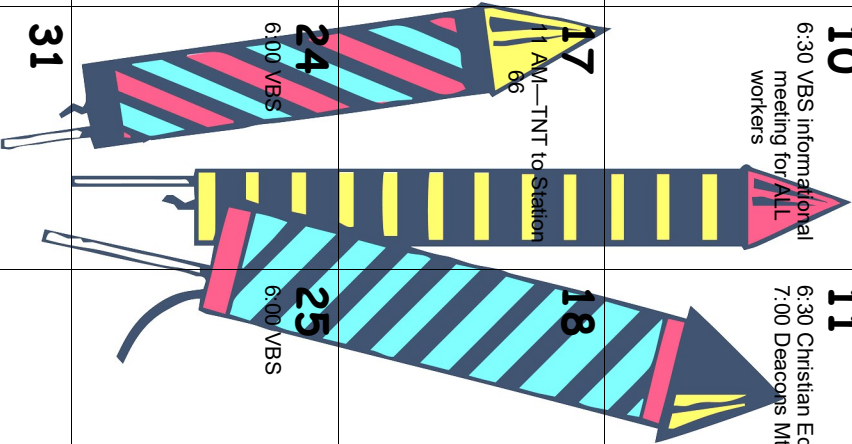
TNT July Social

The TNT or tried and true group (60 and older) plan to have lunch the Station 66 on July 17th. This fun ice cream and sandwich venue is a restored gas station on 66 and D Drive outside Battle Creek. Departure time 11:00 and arriving at Station 66 around 11:30. Hope you will join us.



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Weekly Bible Studies

Sundays:

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)
 at the church. Potluck. Phone
 649-0656 (every other week)

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Mondays:

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

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
 – 626-9764.

Church Directory and On-line TV services:

There is a flyer under the TV mon-
 itor in the back of auditorium



THIS MONTH

July

- 1-Stacey Coville
- 1-Alyssa Morrison
- 2-Brian & Abbey Colvin
- 2-Gavin Fritz
- 4-Jamie Morrison
- 8-Matt & Debbie Drallette
- 8-David Dykstra
- 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
- 18-Paul Drallette
- 19-Russ & Kim Drallette
- 19-Makenzy Steele
- 23-Skyler Eager
- 23-Zach Wedel
- 25-Kaye Meyers
- 27-Jodi Eager
- 28-Jon Henker

August

- 2-Patricia Clarey
- 2-Jennifer McKelvey
- 3-Cade Drallette
- 3-Bob Duffin

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.

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!

AWANA NEWS

On May 15, the Awana Club celebrated our kids with an awards program. We recognized those who finished their books, earned the most points, and had perfect attendance. We also were entertained with a talent show by our members, Shae Willis, Natalie McKelvey, Micayla, DeWaal, and Daphnie Ascherman. Afterward, we enjoyed an ice cream social.

Our 2019-2020 Kick-Off program will be held on August 10 at the Kalamazoo Growlers baseball game. We have been treated to reserved seats on the first baseline, seven innings of all you can eat, vouchers for free dessert, and Kids Zone. Each attendee will also receive a Growlers baseball cap. All this is for the bargain price of \$17/adult, and \$10/child.

(Scholarships available) If you would like to attend, please let Stacey Coville [(269) 720-3728] know no later than July 27.

We begin our regular meetings on September 11 at 6:15 p.m.



Awana Leaders Meeting - Are you are feeling called to work with our precious littles? Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 14. The meeting will begin at 6:30. We'll be planning our year. It is very important that all those hoping to work with a group during 'verse time' be in attendance.

Please be in continued prayer for our Awana ministry. Pray that God would provide the right number of adults to meet our needs and that he would pour out his spirit upon the kids, as well as the adults who have given their time to serve.

I have enjoyed my first year as your Awana Director and pray that I have served well. I'm looking forward to another great year!

Stacey Coville



Back to School

Already? Well, not quite, but in a few weeks ago expect to start seeing "Back to School" sales. Keep an eye open for opportunities to take advantage of these special deals. We can use these items for the Hallelujah Party, Christmas Shoe Boxes and other out reach opportunities throughout the year.

Pat Answers

What is Justification?

Recently a teacher defined justification as “being made righteous.” This is a common way of defining the word, but it is the classic definition of the Roman Catholic Church not the way Protestants define it. So how do we define the term “justification”? We speak of God “declaring us righteous” once for all time based on the righteousness of Jesus Christ alone and not our own – Romans 1:17; 3:24; 5:1; Philippians 3:9. *“Justification is an act of God’s free grace, in which He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.”* (1647 Westminster Shorter Catechism).

So who cares? The difference is one of the main reasons for the Reformation of the 1500’s. The Roman Catholic church was teaching that our justification before God could not be known for sure until our life was over and we had stayed true to the church and its sacraments. They taught we must “become righteous” to be accepted by God. The Reformers like Luther and Calvin rediscovered the Biblical truth that no one could become righteous enough to be accepted by God. The miracle of salvation is that God accepts us sinners and declares us righteous apart from our own works— as Romans 4:5 says: *“To anyone who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.”* Justification is a legal term and refers to God declaring us righteous in His holy court. It is not based on our works, but Christ’s work and Christ’s righteousness. The 1563 Heidelberg definition is sweet to the soul. It reads *“out of sheer grace God grants and credits to*

me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I’d never sinned or been a sinner, as if I’d been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.” Wow! It is not only “just as if I’d never sinned” (back to zero on a scale) but also being credited with the holy righteousness of Jesus in my account!

Justification is the root of all the blessings of salvation. From our new standing of acceptance with God we are now reconciled to Him and part of His forever family. We are united to Christ. We are set free from the domain of the devil to serve Christ. The Holy Spirit has sealed us forever. But what about being made righteous actually in our own lives? Justification is the root and “sanctification” is the fruit. If we are truly justified in Christ we are now being sanctified – set apart for HIM – in our daily life – day by day as we grow, and walk with HIM. This demands our full commitment and energy as well as God working in us by His Spirit to ultimately keep us and make us “will to do so.” – see Philippians 2:12,13. But do not think we ever make ourselves righteous for acceptance with God. Our righteousness is in Christ alone and is revealed through Scripture alone by grace alone and received by faith alone, all for God’s glory alone! May the joy of being declared right and accepted by God overflow in surrendering yourself to Him afresh with even greater delight! Because God graciously justifies sinners,

Pastor Pat

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