

... MY SALVATION WILL LAST

FOREVER,

MY RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NEVER FAIL.

ISAIAH 51:6, NIV

The Herald

From the Pastor's Desk

What are you?

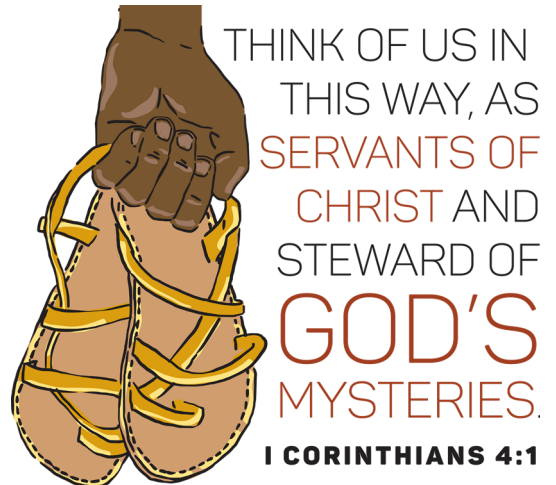
Does that sound rude? It sound rather rude to me, so why would I ask it? Well because it is turning Paul's statement into a question and worthy of our thoughts.

1 Corinthians 3:5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul?

See, Paul really did ask this. In the context of the Corinthian church having a popularity debate on rather they viewed Apollos or Paul or even Peter as their favorite spiritual leader, Paul says "Wrong Question!" We know who these men and leaders are, the more important question is what they are.

Rest of the verse: 1 Corinthians 3:5 What, after all is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe-as the Lord has assigned to each his task.

"Only Servants" Paul, Apollos or any of us are servants who carry out the Master's assignment. Oh to be sure they have been significant in the spiritual life and growth of the Corinthian church. But ultimately they are ONLY servants, doing their assigned task for the Lord, the Master, the Sovereign one, who gives life, true spiritual life, to all believers.



Paul goes on in verse 6 "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

Humbled and Encouraged is my response to these good words. You and I are nothing, and that's a good thing when we team up with the Lord and we become servants who he uses to bring life and growth to others. We all touch many lives every day. Some with deep meaningful conversation and others with just passing, at times unnoticed influence. If I begin my day understanding "What I am?" we have the opportunity to see God type influence happening all around us. That sound like a worthwhile day.

Pastor Dennis

Greetings from MARS

A new school year is upon us and I am excited for the coming year of youth group and the new BOLT program. It was hard having everything end suddenly last year, cutting short our time with the youth. I am hopeful for a great year and expecting many youths to desire to be engaged and developing relationships face to face instead of through a screen.

Having now experienced a church empty of kids and youth I truly believe a church is not complete without them. I'm so grateful to all my leaders and those planning on volunteering for BOLT this coming year. I believe the emotional and physical needs of these kids is at a much higher level right now than we have seen before because of the lack of interaction with people. If you have not considered volunteering for the BOLT program or the youth program M.A.R.S. I would ask that you spend some time in prayer about it. There is a chance that we will be overwhelmed with the number of kids that show up this year looking for connection and a place to be seen and heard. Let's be a light in the community that rises to the needs of not only these kids, but their families as well.

There are families out there searching for answers right now as the nation is in turmoil on many fronts. We as believers in Jesus have the answer they need. Matthew 5:14-16 says...

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Now is not the time to be shy about our faith. Let's reach out to our neighbors and family members with the truth of the Gospel. It's GOOD NEWS that we have to share. Come be a light each week to the many kids that choose to walk through our doors who allow us to speak into their lives.

In Christ,

Ben Larsen, Family Life Pastor



**Youth Group Kick off
Sunday, August 23rd
4-9 pm Place TBD**

Shout to the Lord



When I heard that singing and chanting may be prohibited in church worship, I had just started reading Psalms. I started underlining the words sing, praise, shout, music, etc. These words are all over the Psalms. When I got to Psalm 33, I thought these verses summed it up:

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Marcus also quoted 2 great verses in his annual worship leader report: Psalm 100 and Colossians 3:16-17.

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Between the BookENDS

This is the time of year when many of us are thinking about joining a Bible study group, setting up a Bible study or just wanting to do an individual study. I would like to invite you to visit our library and browse through our Small Group/Individual Bible Studies area. We have a variety of study formats. Some have leader/participant guides, books, CDs and/or DVDs. Listed below are just a few of the titles available.

Small Group & Individual Bible Studies

(studies with extra books)

Developing Christian Character
Heaven

I Am a Church Member

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

No Man Left Behind

-Pastoring Men

-Method & Tactics – Course Two

Operation Timothy

Resolving Everyday Conflict

The Smart Step Family

Follow Me

Gospel in Life

Is Christianity for You?

Lies Women Believe

Parenting

The Family Project

Your Spiritual Gifts

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(selected studies from the shelf)

The Bait of Satan by John Bevere

Extraordinary by John Bevere

Strength Based Marriage by Jimmy Evans

Family Life Homebuilders Couples Series

Family Life Homebuilders Parenting Series

The Victorious Life by Bill & Anabel Gillham

The Coming Economic Armageddon by David Jeremiah

I Never Thought I'd See the Day by David Jeremiah

The End Times by D. James Kennedy

The Complete Know Series by Paul Little

Beth Moore books and sets

Countering Culture by David Noebel

Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

Passport to Purity by Dennis & Barbara Rainey

Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey

Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst

The Truth Project by Focus on the Family

Courageous Bible Study by Sherwood Baptist Church and Lifeway

Foundations by RC Sproul

The Birth of an Exciting Vision (A Study of Acts) by Chuck Swindoll

That the World May Know (DVDs) by Ray Vander Laan

The commentary section (200) also has many possibilities for Bible studies.

There is also a current CBD (Christian Book Distributor) catalog with even more ideas.

Stop in and browse around.

Focus on Missions– Native Missions

The effect of COVID-19 has bulldozed many ministry plans this year.

We had 4 weeks of camp planned this July for students from Loneman School – all cancelled.

We had a trip planned to Molonosa planned for September – border closed to all non-essential travel.

We had 9 outreaches planned for Pine Ridge.

We may have 1 in Oglala on August 8th. Everything is tentative.

One opportunity has developed.

Ron has replaced a once a week teaching trip to Hands of Faith with a Zoom class 5 days a week.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is planning a crusade in Rapid City & Pine Ridge a year from this Fall.

Our own missions conference has been postponed for a year to the Fall of 2021.

So, Native Missions has fallen prey to the uncertainties & cancellations the rest of the country suffered because of COVID-19.

Submitted by: Ron Walker

Please be in prayer for Native Missions, outreaches, the team and most importantly pray for those who do not know the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.



Are you thirsty?

The LORD promises to satisfy the thirst of those who come to Him. “The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your soul in drought and strengthen your bones. You shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.” Isaiah 58

Jesus had a divine appointment in Samaria at the communal well at noon when no one usually came to get water. He gave this intriguing remark to the woman he met there: “People soon become thirsty again after drinking this water. But the water I give them takes away their thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life.” John 4



Back in Jerusalem on the last day of the festival of booths, when water was brought up from the Pool of Siloam and poured out on the altar, celebrating the fulfillment of Isaiah 12, “with joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation.” At that moment Jesus stood up and shouted, “If you are thirsty, come to Me and drink! The Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from the heart of those that believe in Me.”

The writer John explains that the water Jesus (Yeshua) spoke of is the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. According to the author of the book King of the Jews, we should perhaps read the last pronoun of Jesus' declaration as referring to Himself: “From His [Messiah's] innermost being will flow rivers of living water.” This would match what is said in Isaiah 12:3 when read in Hebrew: “with joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation (Yeshua).” He is the One who sends the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.

John again speaks of the water of life in Revelation 22, “Let the thirsty ones come—anyone who wants to. Let them come and drink the water of life without charge.” This echoes what is said in Isaiah 55, “Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink, even if you have no money.”

Jesus---only You can satisfy our longings, the innermost thirst of our souls. We thank You that You still shout out an invitation: Everyone who is thirsty---Come!

Church Body Updates



Birthdays

4th Ginger O.
5th Carson B.
6th Larry H.
7th Cindy D.
8th John S.
8th Mary S.
9th Lois B.
12th John O.
18th Mildred H.
22nd Mary Ann G.
22nd Larry P.
23rd Isaac D.
24th Pam F.
31st Lori N.



Anniversaries

5th Doug & Eileen H.
(20 years)
9th Greg & Lisa S.
(23 years)
12th Terry & Marcia G.
(36 years)
16th John & Heidi L.
(12 years)
17th Keith & Linda H.
(51 years)
18th Troy & Roxann D.
(19 years)
20th Jerry & Kathy S.
(53 years)
22nd Butch & Karen K.
(56 years)
24th Dale & Susan H.
(51 years)
9th Larry & Shari H.
(33 years)

Children's Ministry



For this coming school year we are changing our program from Awana to a Pioneer Club called BOLT.

BOLT is an acronym for Bible, Outreach, Life Skills, and Transformation. We chose this program for its emphasis on scripture learning and also on learning new Life Skills throughout the year. This program will continue to promote our strong desire to disciple young hearts and also be an outreach to our community.

The Little White Church could not do it without your support. Would you consider sponsoring a student for \$25 (1x gift) and/or volunteering once or twice a month?

Let Stephanie, Becki, or Sarah know IF that is something you feel led to do or email us at: boltlwc@gmail.com.



Awana Parents, Kids & Leaders: Put Aug. 26 at 5:30 pm on your calendar! Lord willing, we will have an outdoor picnic in the church parking lot. Hotdogs, chips and dessert at 5:30 followed by a 2019-2020 awards ceremony. Also at the event will be an opportunity to hear a little about our new program called BOLT and a chance to sign up!

**Thank
You**
Volunteers!!

A special Thank You to Carol Walker for all her years of service and hard work organizing the Awana Clubs. Thank you Carol for all you do for our community and for our kids!!

Announcements

Tentative Native Outreach is scheduled for Saturday, August 8th at 4 pm in Oglala. We are scheduled to provide food. Please see Ron Walker for info or if you would like to help!



SHE-brews: A fellowship & coffee time for women!

SHE-Brews will NOT be held in August, due to the Sturgis Rally. Please join us on Saturday, September 12th!

Celebrate Recovery Sturgis Event: Tuesday, August 11th. Meal (outside) at 5 pm and program at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come!

Black Hills Retreat – Everyone Welcome!

September 4-7 at Baumann Ranch in Custer. Bring your tent or RV – toilets provided or just come hang out for the day! Nightly Potluck & Campfire, Christian Fellowship and activities during the day. RSVP to Pat at 307-359-9398 or Ginger at 307-359-0201.



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Guidance

By BJ Reese

During these uncertain times, we find ourselves bombarded with all sorts of conflicting messages. Some of them point out joy, peace, and happiness. Some point out evil and corruption. All of them sound plausible. We are only human: how on Earth do we sort it all out?

I recently read a message foretelling a grim future, and found my heart troubled every time I thought of it. It seemed so feasible, so possible. Small wonder: The Bible repeatedly warns of dark times and deceptive people.

II Timothy 3:12-16 is one of the passages that describes those dark times.

I found myself wondering if what I had read could be true. But, if it's true, why should I be disturbed by it? God's Truth brings us a peace which passes understanding (Philippians 4:7) I became confused. In my confusion, I ran to God.

Searching my bible for answers and guidance, I asked Him about what I had read. Could it be true? His answer landed immediately in my heart, manifesting as a now-familiar thought. What did I teach you about confusion?

He was referring to my favorite verse: I Corinthians 14:33 . . . "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace." Through those words, I can remind myself how it feels when God is telling me something. That sets me straight about how it doesn't feel. It doesn't hurt, frighten, condemn, or belittle.

There it was – simple, plain, and easy to remember. The message I had read, which had troubled my heart, could not have come from God. Because it had come from a respected, well-known Christian author, I had allowed myself to become confused. By returning to The Word, the Truth had stood out stronger and taller.

God's Word can help us discern fact from fiction. Matthew 24:4 warns us not to let any man deceive us. Verse 36, in that same chapter, tells us:

'no man – not even the angels – knows the day of Christ's return. Be not deceived.' Looking back at the passage from II Timothy, I find critical guidance in verse 14: "But continue thou in the things which though hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them."

I now know what I need to do . . . limit my exposure to these deceptive messages, and remember where MY guidance comes from. It comes from God. In the pages of His Holy Word . . . in the quiet intimacy of prayer . . . I can find the True Guidance I need for these uncertain times.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 5 ☐ Exodus 1-3; Gal 5 ☐ Exodus 4-6; Gal 6 ☐ Exodus 7-9; Psalm 105; Ephesians 1 ☐ Exodus 10-12; Eph 2 ☐ Exodus 13-15; Psalm 114; Eph 3

Week 6 ☐ Exodus 16-18; Eph 4 ☐ Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Eph 5 ☐ Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Eph 6 ☐ Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1 ☐ Exodus 28-31; Phil 2

Week 7 ☐ Exodus 32-34; Philippians 3 ☐ Exodus 35-37; Psalm 26; Phil 4 ☐ Exodus 38-40; Hebrews 1 ☐ Leviticus 1-3; Psalm 27; Heb 2 ☐ Lev 4-7; Heb 3

Week 8 ☐ Leviticus 8-11; Ps 110; Hebrews 4 ☐ Lev 12-14; Psalm 111; Heb 5 ☐ Lev 15-18; Psalm 31; Heb 6 ☐ Lev 19-20; Heb 7 ☐ Lev 21-23; Heb 8



A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."



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