

The LORD is

good

to those whose

hope

is in him,

to the one who

seeks him.



From the Pastor's Desk

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in him,
he will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing"*

John 15:5

This verse and passage have been the basis of several message here at Little White Church. This verse speaks of identity, relationship, potential, purpose, responsibility and adds a warning as well.

This is one of the verses the Lord frequently stirs my heart with. Even as I look at it now so many pieces and part challenge me. Which is the phrase or word that challenges you the most today?

Let me start at the end. "apart from me you can do nothing" Do I even believe this and what would change if I did? Obviously "nothing" relates to "bear much fruit" which is clearly the purpose and the joy of the branches. So if I desire to fulfill the purpose and experience the joy of being a branch I must remain connected to Jesus our vine. We may do this differently but somehow we all must have a personal and practical way to connect our soul to our Savior so we can be nourished and supplied with all that is necessary to produce much fruit. The focus of any effort on my part is to remain connected to Jesus and this connection becomes the means to the joy of fruitfulness.

Our summer season is a delightful time of year but with all the excitement don't miss opportunities to stay connected.

For our joy,

Pastor Dennis

The Family Tree

Despite the weather we have been having, our homes are beginning to operate on a Summer schedule even though the first day of Summer is not until Sunday June 20th. The kids are out of school and full of energy and we as parents have the best laid plans to spend quality time with our family. We live in the Black Hills, so we should be at a lake at least twice a week, do a few hikes every other week and be exploring in our beautiful surroundings. Well, that is what I believe we hope for as Summer comes every year, but something called life seems to get in the way.

I remember after living in the area for 5-6 years, running into tourists who would ask about different attractions and places to see looking for advice and my answer was usually “I don’t know, I’ve never been there before”. How have I been here for five plus years and failed to see many of the wonderful places in the Black Hills? As I write this my wife and I have lived in the Hills for 14 years and Stephanie has never hiked Harney Peak / Black Elk Peak. We have never hiked “Sunday Gulch Trail” that everyone talks about as well. This is what happens when we let our life and our schedule to control us instead of us controlling our schedule.

Last Tuesday as I was getting ready for work, Stephanie asked if I could take the day off and do something with the family. We had talked earlier about wanting to go to “Pottery to Paint” with the kids, but our schedule had no place for it for several weeks. I said yes and we told the kids to get dressed as we are going out for Breakfast. The kids were very surprised and excited. Starting the day at the “Colonial House” for breakfast was a good start of the day. I would like to say “Pottery to Paint” was just as amazing as breakfast, but it was a bit stressful. I’m not what you would call an artist and some of the kids were struggling with what to pick and what colors to use. I hear they do birthday parties there, but after we were leaving I asked Stephanie what person in their right mind would ever have a kids birthday party there. I felt we left the place blown up, but the nice lady assured us the whole point was to make a mess there and not your home. I believe it was a success as all the kids were excited about their projects and I was able to make my mom a Christmas gift. Yes, I can think that far ahead.

The point of this story is that as we move into summer, don’t let your schedule or life control you. Be spontaneous and do things with those you love. It may result in your child (Calvin) thinking they should go to breakfast every day, but you will never regret taking the time to make a memory or do something you had kept putting off. Enjoy your summer by taking some time to experience what our Creator has made.

In Christ, Ben Larsen—Family Life Pastor

Have You Met....?

Adult Name(s): Jeff & Sherry Liddell

Children Name(s) and Ages: Brooke Terrell – 42 yrs. and Brittany Stephenson – 38 yrs.

How did you come to be at The Little White Church and how long have you been attending? Retired in 2017 from careers and moved to BH. Have been attending since 2017.

How long have you lived in the Black Hills? 3.5 yrs.

List some jobs or careers you have had over the years? Jeff – 33 yrs. w/

Exxon Mobil as Power Plant Supervisor. Sherry - 10 yrs. Executive Asst. for Akzo Nobel and same position 10 yrs. with INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA

Where did you grow up or places you have lived for a longer duration?

Gulf Coast of Texas and Southeast Texas.

In what ways have you been involved in ministry or serving over the years?

Jeff – Property & Grounds Committee, Deacon and Youth.

Sherry – New Building and Project Committee, Awana, Bolt, Youth, Sunday School Director, Sound, Pastor Search Committee, Deaconess and Young Life.

Do you have any special talents or gifts? Jeff – woodworking, mechanical and home remodeling. Sherry – Organization, Project Execution, and Hospitality.



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What is a spiritual story/testimony you would like to share?

Before moving to BH, we became involved in mission work at Pine Ridge Reservation and discovered that a critical need was coats for the winter. Jeff decided he would set a goal for 1000 coats (new or slightly used) to be delivered before winter. At the time, I personally thought he was too ambitious. We put the need out to our local church, friends and coworkers. Outpouring of coats was incredible. We also decided that we would have a scripture permanently attached inside the collar which was only possible with the help of our local church and friends. We began packing all the coats in boxes by age the day before we were to travel to deliver. At the end of the day, we had packed 996 coats and jackets. Jeff was disappointed that we did not make our goal, but knew God was in it. Later that night, while picking up all the bags that the coats had come to us in, he discovered exactly 4 small children's coats that somehow we missed. God is so faithful and knows the desires of your heart.

If you could only use one word to describe God, it would be...

Jeff – Loving. Sherry – Deliverer.



Want to be featured in “Have you met...??”

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Between the BookENDS

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Today is the day of Salvation: Why would anyone put off the most important decision they could ever make in their lives concerning eternal life?

If you die today are you going to heaven?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 - The apostle Paul tells us what the gospel is: "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Gospel means "good news." Your debt has been paid, the death penalty has been paid, you are free.

Here's the Gospel of Jesus Christ: That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Jesus brought in a little child as a living object lesson to show who enters the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3 - Jesus said: "Unless you become like this little child you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." This is how to be saved, it is simply child like, as simple as ABC:

A - Admit that you are a sinner. This is where that godly sorrow leads to genuine repentance for sinning against a righteous God and there is a change of heart, we change our mind and God changes our hearts and regenerates us from the inside out.

Romans 3:10 - As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (We are all born sinners which is why we must be born spiritually in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven).

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The bad news is that the wages of sin is death, in other words our sin means that we have been given a death sentence, we have the death penalty hanging over our heads, that's the bad news. But here's the good news: The good news is that the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Between the BookENDS

B - Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and that God raised Jesus from the dead. This is trusting with all of your heart that Jesus Christ is who he said he was.

Romans 10:9-10 - That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

C - Call upon the name of the Lord. Every single person who ever lived since Adam will bend their knee and confess with their mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, the Lord of lords and the King of kings.

Romans 14:11 - For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."

Don't wait until later — do this now.

Romans 10:13 - For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

"O God, I am a sinner. I'm sorry for my sin. I want to turn from my sin. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son; I believe that He died on the cross for my sin and that He was buried and You raised Him to life. I have decided to place my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior, trusting only in His shed blood as sufficient to save my soul and to take me to heaven. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving me. Amen."

Submitted by: Georgie Neff

June Librarians: Pam Fowler & Bonnie McCaskell

SALVATION



It is as simple as ABC

Focus on Missions– Keystone Project

Greetings from The Keystone Project and all our disciples in the nations!

The Lord is working in so many ways to fulfill His purposes in all things. What a powerful revelation it is to know that our God is a missionary God. He is always on the mission of making Himself known in the nations. His work and blessings upon His people are designed to reveal His love and glory to all who are lost.

Indeed, it has been a blessed time as we get ready for the upcoming season. We are currently preparing for the summer discipleship internship and are expecting eleven interns to join us this year. There is still time to apply for the internship on our website. The Lord is also bringing us some of His chosen beloved children to work with us during the summer. We earnestly prayed for older, mature Christians to join us this summer, so that our staff could devote more time to discipling the interns. As always, Jesus answered our prayers.

The Keystone Project Online Academy is developing well under the direction of David Saldivar, our Director of Global Ministry. On March 4, we conducted a coaches' orientation for the academy coaches. They are diligently working with leaders from the nations as they complete their academy courses. Please pray for both coaches and students as this endeavor will allow us to train many people who cannot come to Keystone for the training.

We continue to help distribute food here in Keystone. Many residents have lost their jobs as businesses in the area have been forced to close, due to the pandemic.

Please continue to earnestly pray for our disciples in Myanmar. This morning, I received a report from one of our disciples that the military entered his town and killed eleven people. It appears that this violence is random and is designed to instill fear in everyone. The military takeover there has resulted in civil protests and government restrictions on communication and travel.

Please also join us in prayer for the work in Pakistan, Bhutan, Northeast India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the many nations of Africa and Latin America as well. Especially pray for the disciples we have in Nigeria, who face violent persecution from rebel and Islamic groups. Pray that there will be no new surges of the pandemic in these countries and that the US embassies will open up, allowing students to travel here for the training. Let us continue to pray for local churches to reopen and to come out of this pandemic stronger than ever.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Many of you have continued to sacrificially give to The Keystone Project even in these difficult times. Your generous support and prayers are bearing much fruit in the nations. It is an honor to serve alongside you in completing the work of the Great Commission. May the Lord bless you and keep you, in Jesus' name!

Richard W. Greene

President, The Keystone Project, Inc.

Taken from Keystone Project April Newsletter

Newsletter Newsletter

Jesus is Everything

Although growing up as a PK (pastor's kid) could be challenging, admits Ray Ortlund Jr., it also was “a sacred privilege given to me as a gift from God.” Ortlund — now a pastor, father and grandfather himself — notes that any difficulties associated with the role were more than offset by his dad's love and admiration, as well as “the real Christianity I saw in him.”

When Ray Sr. was on his deathbed in 2007, family members gathered in a California hospital to read Scripture, sing hymns and receive a personalized blessing from the patriarch. Ray Jr. was ministering overseas and had to say his earthly goodbyes via the phone. “Later I asked my sister about Dad's message to me,” Ortlund writes. “It was this: ‘Tell Bud ministry isn't everything. Jesus is.’ My dad's dying words summed up his parenting and his whole life.”

Hanging out with Dad

I've always been a “daddy's girl.” Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to “measure twice and cut once,” did Jesus mention he'd get it right on the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his “trade”? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his ways of loving others well? Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out in the garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?

From My Files: Echoes of God's Glory

Roseanne Hilton

Scripture reveals God's plans to glorify us. Some of the words are comprehensible; others are not. We understand the now/then example of the pain/joy of childbirth, but we can't see yet how our sufferings at present cannot be compared to the glory He has for us.

Jesus spoke to His disciples before His suffering, resurrection and departure: "You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy when you see Me again. It will be like a woman experiencing the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives place to joy because she has brought a new person into the world. You have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy." (see John 16:19-22 NLT)



The apostle Paul uses the same word picture of childbirth: "Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will give us later... All creation anticipates the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. (see Romans 8:18-25 NLT)

Paul writes to the Corinthians with similar thoughts: "That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever. So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." (see II Corinthians 4-16-18 NLT)

Among the promises of future glory are release from pain and suffering, seeing the LORD face to face, and the apostle Peter writes, "until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." (see II Peter 1:15-29 NKJV) We know that the dawning of our earthly days and the rising of the planet Venus in the mornings are things of glorious beauty. What can Peter be meaning by his words? Can it be the ultimate beauty of how God plans to glorify us?

Church Body Updates



Birthdays

2nd Marco DuBois
3rd Dale Householder
4th Jacque Pennel
6th Christy Derynck
10th PJ Larsen
10th Pat Wiederhold
14th Shelby Hiller
14th Bonnie Prince
15th Roseanne Hilton
16th John Bandel
17th Stephanie Larsen
20th Gary Auch
22nd Lynn Edwards
23rd Tom Dusing
23rd Jan Bandel
24th Shy Haskell-Larsen
24th Quinn Walker
29th Garold Fowler
30th Jack Jewett



Anniversaries

5th Ron & Carol Walker
(45 years)

15th Larry & Jeanne Pashby
(4 years)

16th Harvey & Nancy Lembke
(65 years)

17th Brenen & Jessica Brown
(21 years)

25th Dean & Jacque Pennel
(27 years)

Announcements

Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings will meet at 7pm for the summer.

YoungLife Garage Sale will be held June 4th—5th in the church parking lot.
If you have an item to donate, please bring it to the church on June 3rd.

Men's Ministry Event will be held on June 6th from 4-7:30 pm at Bob Lowrey's home. Burgers & drinks provided, please bring a side to share!

The Men's Wednesday Bible Study will be helping to paint a home in HC on Wed., June 9th, through the NeighborWorks Program.
If you would like to help, meet at the church that morning at 7:30 am for breakfast, then painting!

Native American Summer Camps for this year will be held on June 21-24 & July 5-8. We need volunteers to help!
If you are interested, please see Ron Walker, Doug Hamm or Jeff Liddell.

Meals on Wheels - Volunteer Drivers are needed in Hill City.
Please call 605-517-0621 if you would like to help!

Courageous Women has, for the past year and a half, been in the process of creating a Study Guide, to go along with "The Resolution for Women" book. The team working on this project (Bonnie Reese, Denise Nay, & Jan Suntken) would appreciate your prayers as they move into the next phase of this project.

A few community members in Hill City are looking at becoming a "Satellite Location" of Love Inc, so we can better serve the needs of people in Hill City. If you are interested in being a part of the exploratory board, please contact Stephanie Larsen or Natalie Cutler. For info on Love Inc, please go to www.loveinonline.com.

We are taking donations to help cover the costs to pave our parking lot! If you would like to help, please make check out to the LWC and put "Parking Lot" in the Memo. Or give online to the Building Fund!

Women's Ministry Updates/Events



A New Women's Hiking Group will be starting on Monday, June 7th. Please meet at the church at 7:30 am and we will go until around 9:30 am. Please invite other women from the community!! Questions, please see Laura Barnes or call her at 605-205-6011.

*This is NOT Our Home –
and You're Not Alone!*

Ladies, joins us for a night of sharing stories of God's faithfulness. June 11th from 6:45-8:30 pm at the church. Food will be provided!



SHE-Brews (Women's Coffee & Fellowship) is held on the second Saturday of each month from 10-11 am. All ladies are welcome to join us on Saturday, June 12th!

Mark your calendars!
Fall Retreat — Coming October 15-16 at Camp Judson!
More info to come!

Denise Nay has prayerfully decided to step down from the Women's Ministry Team. Thank you Denise for serving the Lord and the women of the LWC!

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!



August 2-6

10am - NOON

Kids ages Pre K-5th grade

North Castle is hidden in a frozen land.

The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book.

They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor — the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation — at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Help kids take up the gauntlet this summer and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God.

June Prayer Calendar—Paha Sapa Celebration

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Thank the Lord for every good and perfect gift that comes from Him.	2. Pray for Will Graham and his family for growth, health and safety.	3. Thank you Lord that no situation is too far out of your control.	4. Pray for a deeper hunger of the Word of God that will renew our minds.	5. Pray for your life and witness to be a reflection of Jesus.
6. Pray for the Lord to fill you with joy.	7. Lord, help us to slow down and take time to point others to You.	8. Pray for the Children's Leaders and Team as they plan for KidzFest.	9. Pray for the Lord to fill your heart with thanksgiving.	10. Pray for those on your Bring A Friend list.	11. Thank you Lord that your yoke is easy and your burden is light.	12. Pray for Pastors as they prepare their message on Sunday.
13. Pray for your Pastor as He brings a Word from the Lord to you today.	14. Pray for the Lord to guard your heart against the enemy.	15. Pray that the Lord helps you trust in His abundant supply for your life.	16. Pray for the Prayer Team and their Leaders as they plan and lead prayer calls and prayer gatherings.	17. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness, power and love.	18. Pray for the Lord to give you an opportunity to invite and bring a friend with you to church this Sunday.	19. Pray for wisdom for the Celebration Leadership Team and BGEA Staff.
20. Pray for unity in the Body of Christ.	21. Pray for an open door to witness to someone.	22. Pray for Will Graham as he prepares for the upcoming Celebration.	23. Thank you Lord that you never leave us nor forsake us.	24. Pray for the Counseling and Follow-up Team and Leaders.	25. Pray for safety of family and friends as they travel.	26. Thank you Lord that you establish our steps.
27. Pray for time to rest in the Lord's presence today.	28. Lord, help us to pray more.	29. Pray for God to soften the hearts of those who are far from Him.	30. Pray for families in the Black Hills.			

“The three most important things in preparation for evangelism are first, prayer; second, prayer; and third, prayer.”



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 45 □ Ezekiel 31-33; John 11 □ Ezek 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12
□ Ezek 37-39; Psalm 87; John 13 □ Ezek 40-42; John 14 □ Ezek 43-45;
Psalm 135; John 15

Week 46 □ Ezekiel 46-48; John 16 □ Daniel 1-3; Psalm 88; John 17
□ Dan 4-6; John 18 □ Dan 7-9; Psalm 91; John 19 □ Dan 10-12; John 20

Week 47 □ Ezra 1-2; John 21 □ Ezra 3-4; Psalm 92; 1 John 1 □ Haggai;
Zechariah 1; Ps 138; 1 John 2 □ Zech 2-5; Psalm 93; 1 John 3 □ Zech 6-
8; 1 John 4

Week 48 □ Zech 9-11; 1 John 5 □ Zech 12-14; Psalm 94; 2 John □ Ezra
5-6; Psalm 95; 3 John □ Esther 1-3; Psalm 139; Revelation 1 □ Esther 4-
6; Rev 2



Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"

A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!"

"That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall.

"What's wrong?" the others ask.

"I work for 7 Up!"



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