

Bible Biz

NEWS & NOTES

TODAY WE MET AT THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION!

CHAPERONE NEEDED

We are still looking for a male chaperone to go with BYG to the National Youth Gathering. Your expenses will be paid. The dates are July 19-22. Call Amanda Rutland if you'd like to go on this great adventure: 665-2206.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS slots are filling up quickly!! Listed below are the slots by grade level that are remaining as of this week:

Pre-K (9) K (0), 1st (2), 2nd (5), 3rd (4), 4th (5), 5th (10), 6th (6), 7th (13), 8th (13), HS girls (13), and HS boys: (4). Turn your Registration Form in ASAP to reserve a slot!

VBS is June 6-10. Registrations need to be turned in before May 1st. Public registration begins on May 1st and slots will fill very quickly. Please contact Dawn Vorel for more information. (912) 507-1876 --also-- If you are available to help with VBS in any way let Dawn know.

CALLING ALL LADIES

Ladies of Bible, Bethel Lutheran Church will be hosting the WOW meeting, this evening @ 6 pm. The program will be a presentation by Blue Sky Acres. BSA is an organization that works to improve the lives of individuals facing challenges (emotional, physical and/or mental) through relationships with horses and Christian principles. Attendees are asked to bring a donation to this ministry. These meetings provide an opportunity for LCMC women in Effingham to get together and do God's work. Hope to see you there!

MEN OF BIBLE GROUP

The MOB group will gather on Sunday evening, May 15, 6pm for their quarterly meeting and cookout. Contact Ron Morgan (547-0707) or Ken Thompson (665-6850) if you can help.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To our congregation,

The current call committee is moving along with our associate pastor search and council is beginning the process for calling a senior pastor. We do not know the timing of when these searches will be fulfilled, but when they are, a special congregational meeting is required. The meeting could be announced as quickly as two to three weeks out.

Since both of these decisions will have such a long-term impact on our church, we want everyone to be involved. Please make every effort to keep in compliance with our constitution voting requirements of: In the prior three month period 1) attend at least one service, 2) receive Holy Communion, and 3) household donation to general fund of at least \$25.00.

Besides this, Christ and the rest of us do enjoy having you worshipping with us and would love to catch up! Thank you all for your continued prayers in these endeavors. Please keep the members of the call committee and council in your prayers. All need God's hand either as a comfort or as guidance in this journey that you have entrusted us with.

Yours in Christ,
Harrold B. Wheeler, Jr., President

WEEKLY IN THE WORD OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday: Sunday School 8:45 AM All ages
Confirmation Class 8:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM

Sunday: Bible Youth Group (BYG) 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Pastor Dave Zoom Bible Study 2:30 PM
Dine and Devotion 6 PM

Ebenezer Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00 PM
Contact Julie Thompson or Connie Bazemore for information

SERVANTS	MAY 8TH! MAY 8TH!	MAY 15TH! MAY 15TH!	Plan Ahead: 5/01 WOW Meeting at Bethel 6:00 PM 5/05 Worship Committee at 6 PM 5/09 Foster Parent Meeting at 6 PM 5/15 Evangelism Committee after Worship 5/15 MOB Meeting and Meal 6:00 PM 5/22 Honor Graduates during Worship 5/23-25 Social Hall used by Effingham Co. Bd of Elections 5/24 Primary Election Day Every Wednesday: Pastor's Zoom Bible Study, 2:30 PM KC-JAM 5:30 Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Dine & Devotion 6:00 PM (BASH) Every Sunday: Bible Youth Group 6:00 PM
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	Ella Rutand	Conrad Vorel	
ALTAR CARE	Ann McDaniel	Ann McDaniel	
ANNOUNCER	Karen Williams	Karen Williams	
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Dawn Vorel	Dawn Vorel	
COUNCIL SERVANT	George Helmey	George Helmey	
COMMUNION ASST.	Beth Helmly	Beth Helmly	
FLOWERS	Betty Robinson	Carolyn Boyd	
HEAD USHER	Jimmy Helmly	Jimmy Helmly	
LESSON READER	Amy Terry	Karen Williams	
LIVESTREAM	Worship Committee	Worship Committee	
MUSICIAN-COMM.	Karen Hall	Reggie McDaniel	
MUSICIAN-SERVICE	Karen Hall	Karen Warnell	
NURSERY ASSISTANTS	Katie Whitten Ramona Kessler		
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pastor Dave Hansen		
SS OPENING	Karen Williams		
YELLOW RIBBON HOST	Evangelism Committee	Evangelism Committee	
LAST SUNDAY ATTN.	SS: 40 Worship: 91 Live Stream: 5	New Life Florist, 826-4261 Carlsons Florist, 754-9116	
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 8TH			
Acts 20:17-35 Rev. 7:9-17 John 10:22-30			
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE: 912-826-2711.			

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The Christian Ed Committee is recruiting Summer Sunday School teachers to serve June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Materials and training will be provided. Call Dawn to volunteer, 912-507-1876, or sign up for a week or two on the sheet in the hallway. We would like to give our regular teachers a little break over summer. (Bring a friend as your "classroom aide" and double your fun!)

DINE & DEVOTION

Our Wednesday evening Dine & Devotion will be hosted by Finance/Stewardship/Staff Support this week. Plan to join us for food, fellowship and a short devotion!

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time. ~
Martin Luther

A dead Christ I must do everything for; a living Christ does everything for me.
~ Andrew Murray

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His Favor Is for a Lifetime

Find the 52 bold words from Psalm 30:1-9 (ESV)

F A I T H F U L N E S S S M M
E R I N E V E R C M A E T D M
V P L E A D F I J I F S A P D
I R P M R M O U N T A I N M W
G F R O M J E T W E C A D E F
X C O M E S S H A F E R E R U
I D F R O F E Y R I T P V C M
G D I S M A Y E D L I J O Y X
U E T H L V G N I N R O M O B
C R I E D O M U G P K F N R K
G O D D O Y R T N R L L I O G U
W T Y L O H O X I E G U Q N M
T S U D Y R V L E H G X O I Q
T E L L T D E A T H A N K S H
P R O S P E R I T Y R R A T D

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have **drawn** me up and have not let my **foes rejoice over me**. O LORD my **God**, I **cried** to you for **help**, and you have **healed** me. O LORD, you have **brought up my soul** from Sheol; you **restored** me to **life** from among those who go down to the **pit**. **Sing praises** to the LORD, O you **his saints**, and **give thanks** to his **holy name**. For his **anger** is but for a **moment**, and his **favor** is for a **lifetime**. **Weeping** may **tarry** for the **night**, but **joy comes** with the **morning**. As for me, I said in my **prosperity**, “I shall **never be moved**.” By your **favor**, O LORD, you made my **mountain stand strong**; you **hid your face**; I was **dismayed**. To you, O LORD, I **cry**, and to the **Lord I plead for mercy**: “What **profit** is there in my **death**, if I go down to the **pit**? Will the **dust praise** you? Will it **tell of your faithfulness**?”

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It Is the Lord!

Find the 38 bold words from John 21:4-8, 12 (ESV)

K N A C P D Q C T N N N N S C
R S A B N U U B D N O O U E W
B S A I L L A G R T E S M N T
T R F T O E N R A E E M J I D
M D E V D P T I E J N S R R S
F Q E A E S I G H G T O O A P
L D D K K R T H Z R F L N V G
E Y H A E I Y T I S T O O D L
S O A T R B N P R E T E P V S
M U U F U E P G N I G G A R D
I O L I T E D S C T H R E W W
H S L S D A Y L H S O M E O E
U S I H G U O Y W O X R R H N
D H W D N A L B A W R K B E K
V J D I S C I P L E S E D I S

Just as **day was breaking**, **Jesus stood on the shore**; yet the **disciples** did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any **fish**?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “**Cast the net on the right side of the boat**, and **you will find some**.” So they cast it, and now they were **not able to haul** it in, because of the **quantity** of fish. That disciple whom Jesus **loved** therefore said to **Peter**, “It is the Lord!” When **Simon Peter heard** that it was the Lord, he put on his **outer garment**, for he was **stripped for work**, and **threw himself** into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, **dragging** the net full of fish, for they were not far from the **land**, but about a hundred yards off. ... **Now none** of the disciples **dared ask** him, “Who are you?” They **knew** it was the **Lord**.

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The History of Sunday School

Today as we gather to worship at the Sunday School Convention, you may have wondered how the idea of Sunday schools came about. Well, originally, Sunday schools were literally schools; they were places where poor children could learn to read. The Sunday school movement began in Britain in the 1780s. The Industrial Revolution had resulted in many children spending all week long working in factories without time for any type of education. Christian philanthropists, wanting to free these children from a life of illiteracy, felt compelled to do something, but the children were working such long hours formal education seemed impossible. The first modest legislative restrictions on child labor didn't come into place until 1802. This resulted in limiting the number of hours a child could work per day to 12! This limit was not lowered again until 1844. Saturday was part of the regular work week; Sunday, therefore, was the only available time for these children to receive some education.

English Anglican evangelical, Robert Raikes (1725-1811), was the key promoter of the movement which soon spread to America. Denominations and non-denominational organizations caught the vision and energetically began to create Sunday schools. Within decades, the movement had become extremely popular. By the mid-19th century, Sunday school attendance was a near universal aspect of childhood. Even parents who did not regularly attend church themselves generally insisted that their children go to Sunday school. Working-class families were grateful for this opportunity for their children to receive an education. They also looked forward to annual highlights such as prize days, parades, and picnics, which came to mark the calendars of their lives as much as more traditional seasonal holidays.

In 1824, the American Sunday School Union was formed and the first National Sunday School Convention was held in Philadelphia in 1832, with 15 states represented among its 220 delegates. Bible Societies sprang up during the late 1800's and set as one of their first tasks the job of obtaining a copy of the Holy Bible for every Sunday school student who desired one. The Sunday School movement had reached it's zenith by the 1840s, but the after-effects have continued until today.

In 1863, speaking to the House of Representatives, Pennsylvania congressman William D. Kelley (1814-1890) spoke,

"Once in seven days comes the Sabbath; and from hillside and valley, from the lanes and alleys, as well as from the broad streets of the city, the children gather in the church and Sunday School; there they learn that Christianity enforces while it refines... ."

