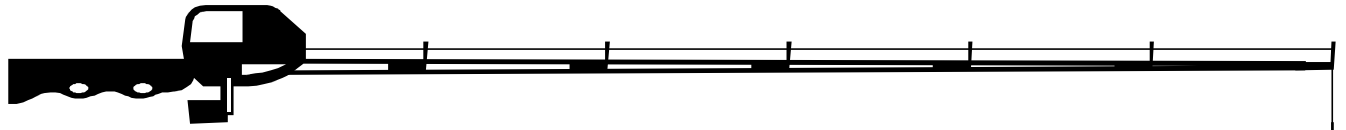


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From the Youth Minister



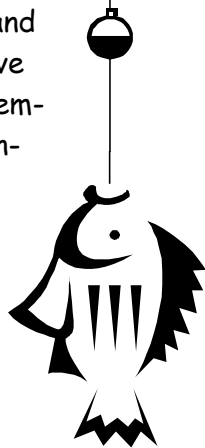
I was recently listening to a podcast of a minister I really respect and he was preaching the story of Nicodemus in John 3. In telling this story he pointed out that Jesus walked with people that had questions. He also stated how healthy it is for people to have questions, not to build your faith on what you've been told but on what you've researched and studied for yourself, in the Word of God.

This thought came coupled with a seminar I attended for "youth leaders only" at a youth conference we attended recently. The man leading the seminar challenged us as youth leaders to ask more questions and spend more time allowing our youth to wrestle with answers. He addressed youth growing up and "losing their faith," which has become an all too common trend. He then followed that up by asking the question, "Are they losing their faith or somebody else's?" His point was simple, are we challenging others to seek and find their faith in God, or are we just providing them with answers? I'm personally not sold that this question stops with youth.

We currently live in an era, thanks to technology, where we can find any answer at the snap of a finger. I'm afraid that all too often we trade seeking God for a quick answer. I'm afraid because I know that there are people out there that will give you an answer that doesn't line up with scripture, and if we like the way it sounds we can adopt it as truth and allow our faith to be shaped *ONLY* by these people that teach us and not from true, honest study of the Word of God. Our hearts can so easily become disconnected from God and it leaves us bored.

So, I'm going to ask some challenging questions: do you have your own faith that is molded and shaped by seeking the Word of God? Are you prepared, as addressed in 1 Peter 3:15, to give an answer for your faith? Are you helping other people question and find that faith for themselves using humility and love? Do you have the faith to believe that God will provide the answers, through his Word, in their truest form?

Adam





Mark Your Calendar!

July 31 - August 5: VBS

August 1: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.

August 7-12: Eminence for 7th & 8th graders

August 13: Men's breakfast 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. at the church

August 15: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

Our Giving Attendance

June 26: \$4003.00 166

July 3: \$1820.00 112

July 10: \$2680.10 128

July 17: \$2638.52 150

July 24: \$2314.00 138

Church Budget: \$201,690.00

Needed per Sunday: \$3,878.65



August 7: Dr. Donn Leach, MCC Professor Emeritus

August 14: Mitch Morrow, Dallas Theological Seminary student

August 21: Adam Kretzinger

August 28: Andy Gibbons, Current MCC student who has been serving in a year-long internship in Arizona.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Larissa Cochran | 20 Heath & Melissa Whetstine, Brian & Kristie Klaus |
| 2 Steve Kostman, Craig & Robyn Johnson, Tim & Natalie Snead, Alleysia Hatfield | 21 Daniel Dominguez, Jerry Masters |
| 4 Danny & Shelbe King | 22 Terry Simpson, Kohlbe King |
| 7 Bary & Charlotte Thomas, Keely Jasper, John Mike Simpson | 23 Kodie Wetmore, Rylee Jenkins |
| 8 Matt Rush, Abra Rush, Kellie Franken | 24 Sherman & Mary Jane Smith |
| 9 Mark Wiedmer, Jan & Barbara Laipple | 25 Kendrick Jeschke |
| 12 Dan & Tonya Keller, Kelly Jasper | 26 Brittany Wetmore |
| 13 Megan Jeschke, Courtney Johnson | 27 Tom Speaks |
| 14 Becky Etherton | 28 Mack & TC Jarrett, Sandy Whetstine, Maggie Winder |
| 15 Bob Smith | 29 Brandon Caudle |
| 16 Colton Masters | 30 Ron & Susie Cooke |
| 19 Anita Speaks, Laurie Simpson | 31 Wanda Simmons |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH

**July 31 - August 5
5:45 - 8:30 p.m.**

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**Program August 5
at 6:00 p.m.**

A light meal will be served following the program

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VBS is for kids going into K-6th grades

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Held at the Power House



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 13
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
At the church
All men are invited!



"Remember, you're under oath."



Serving In August

August 7: Greeters: John & Patty Wiedmer; Time Of Prayer: Jared Pickerell; Elder: Steve Adams; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Kelsey Thomas, BreAnne Caudle, Chasity Wetmore; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Casey & Abra Rush; Stewards: Wanda Jenkins, Craig Johnson (counting at end of 2nd service).

August 14: Greeters: Veda Rush, Wilma Williams; Time Of Prayer: Steve Adams; Elder: Rick Simmons; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Jason, Jennifer, Haley Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Steve & Pam Kostman; Stewards: Neil Caudle, Charlotte Thomas (counting at end of 2nd service).

August 21: Greeters: Jim & Pam Pickerell; Time Of Prayer: Wanda Jenkins; Elder: J.D. Euler; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Dan & Tonya Keller, Holly Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Chris & Steve Adams; Stewards: Bruce Whetstine, Danny King (counting at end of 2nd service).

August 28: Greeters: Jesse & Sheri Smith; Time Of Prayer: Casey Rush; Elder: Tom Speaks; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Bruce & Sandy Whetstine, Jay Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Carla Johnson, Kelsey Thomas; Stewards: Tom Etherton, Gene Speaks (counting at end of 2nd service).

Serving This Month: Communion: Sandy Whetstine, Peg Euler; For a ride to church call: Jason Whetstine 985-3812; Mowing in August: Derek & Kipp Jasper.

An Old Farmer's Advice

-Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
-Life is simpler when you plow around the stump. -A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deer tractor. -Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
-Meanness doesn't just happen overnight. -Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads. -Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you. -It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge. -You cannot unsay a cruel word.
-Every path has a few puddles. -When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty. -The best sermons are lived, not preached. -Most of the stuff people worry about isn't ever gonna happen anyway. -Don't judge folks by their relatives.
-Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

-Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time. -Don't interfere with something that isn't bothering you. -Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance. -If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'. -The biggest trouble-maker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning. -Always drink upstream from the herd. -Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. -Letting the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in. -If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around. -Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

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J.D. Euler 989-4444; Tom Speaks 985-3781; Steve Adams 985-2530

Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 2nd Service 10:30 a.m.

