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News and Notes from Troy Christian Church



From the Youth Minister

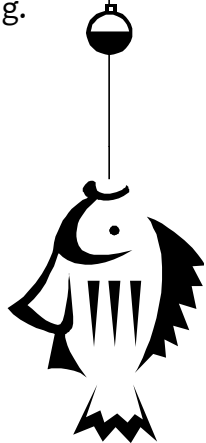


I decided to do an extensive word study on the word "life." What does it mean to have life? I came across an internet site that gave historical theories produced by philosophers, as far back as Aristotle in 322 BC and Democritus in 460 BC, as to what life is. Many of these philosophers contradicted each other and produced conclusion after conclusion. I found some of them to be pretty enlightening. Democritus once proved that the essential characteristic of life is having a soul (or a psyche). Aristotle took that philosophy and determined that only humans have a rational soul, which was the source of consciousness and reasoning. The site continued, almost to a boring extent, to list scientific studies, life-principals, and different philosopher's theories throughout history to determine what life is (If you are getting bored reading this already, you get my point).

The one thing that stood out to me the most was the tagline at the very bottom of the page that read, "It is still a challenge for scientists and philosophers to define life in terms that leave no doubt. Defining life is difficult-in part-because life is a process, not a pure substance." I like my computer's definition of life, "The condition that distinguishes organic (living things) from inorganic (non living things), including the capacity for growth, reproduction, functional activity, and continual change."

In John 20, John defines the purpose of writing his gospel. "Jesus performed many signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah (the promised deliverer), the Son of God, and that by believing you may have LIFE in his name." The life that God offers us is not just one of existence, but a spiritual life that is organic, that is constantly growing, changing, active, and reproducing. It's a life that this world and its destructive, self-gratifying lies can't ever provide for us. Likewise, those who are of the world may never fully comprehend. To those of us who hear the gospel and believe that Jesus is our deliverer, we've found the life those philosophers spent years trying to find.

Adam



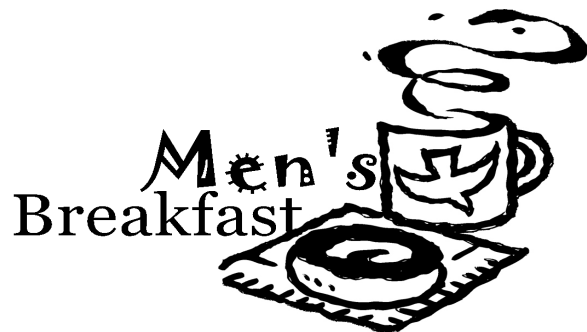


Mark Your Calendar!!!

- May 1:** Board nominations due today; last youth group meeting
- May 7:** Flaming Spirit Camp workday
- May 9:** Nominating committee meeting 6:00 p.m.; Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.
- May 14:** Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m. at the church - all men are invited
- May 16:** Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.; Pulpit Search Committee meeting 7:45 p.m.
- May 29:** 5th Sunday Brunch during the Sunday school hour for all ages (no Sunday School this week only). The food will be provided by the Hallelujah and Christianity 201 classes.



- May 1:** Roger Charley, Campus Minister, University of Iowa
- May 8:** Manhattan Christian College student
- May 15:** Manhattan Christian College student
- May 22:** Brandon Smith, Campus Minister, NWMSU
- May 29:** Kyle Dellevoet, Campus Minister, University of Nebraska



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 14

7:00 a.m.

All men are invited

5th Sunday Brunch



May 29th during the Sunday School hour
(No Sunday School this week only)

For all ages

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Bulletin Bloopers

- Join us this evening immediately following the Sunday evening worship service for finger snakes in the fellowship hall.
- It is suggested that garden volunteers commit to watering for a wee at a time.
- This week's announcements: The food bank panty is low.
- Larry Smith Jr. and Elizabeth Jones committed their liver to each other in Christian marriage.
- Come help as we have a free cash wash & free hot dog cookout!
- **Reminder:** before you leave, be sure to pick up trash, turn off the lights and lick the doors.



"Dad, can you make dinner for me and my entire Sunday school class?"

Serving In May

May 1: Greeters: Pat Triplett, Mary Ruth Ruddy; Time Of Prayer: Steve Adams; Elder: Neil Caudle; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Jesse & Sheri Smith, Mackenzie Harbeston; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Jim & Pam Pickerell; Stewards: Peg Euler, John Mike Simpson (counting at end of 2nd service).

May 8: Greeters: Veda Rush, Wilma Williams; Time Of Prayer: Jill Huss; Elder: John Wiedmer; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Kelsey Thomas, BreAnne Caudle, Chasity Wetmore; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Cindi Groves, Georgette Miner; Stewards: Steve Kostman, J.D. Euler (counting at end of 2nd service).

May 15: Greeters: John & Patty Wiedmer; Time Of Prayer: Casey Rush; Elder: Steve Adams; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Jason, Jennifer, Haley Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Rick & Laura Jeschke; Stewards: Linda Clary, Tom Speaks (counting at end of 2nd service).

May 22: Greeters: Jim & Pam Pickerell; Time Of Prayer: Adam Kretzinger; Elder: Rick Simmons; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Dan & Tonya Keller, Holly Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Bruce & Cara Jeschke; Stewards: Stan Etherton, Sherman Smith (counting at end of 2nd service).

May 29: Greeters: Gene & Barbara Speaks; Time Of Prayer: Wanda Jenkins; Elder: J.D. Euler; Children's Church: 8:00: Sandy Reel, 10:30: Bruce & Sandy Whetstine, Jay Whetstine; Nursery: 8:00: Sharon Handley, 10:30: Jesse & Sherri Smith; Stewards: Rick Jeschke, Steve Adams (counting at end of 2nd service).

Serving This Month: Communion: Mary Ruth Ruddy, Laura Jeschke; Sunday School Nursery: Jennifer & Jason Whetstine; For a ride to church call: Jason Whetstine: 985-3812; Mowing in May: Steve Adams



Church Camp Dates

Senior High - June 5-10	Deans: Joel Mitchell & Brett Winder
Junior High - June 12-17	Deans: Adam Kretzinger & Rick Randleman
Day Camp - June 18	Deans: Jeff Blaine & Fred Stevens
Junior Camp - June 19-24	Deans: Dave Melton & Kent Klundt
First Chance - June 26-28	Deans: Jessica Williams & Ashlie Zulkoski

If you don't believe in cooperation, just observe what happens when one wheel of a wagon falls off.

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young.

Weekly Statistics

Our Giving	Attendance
April 3: \$2,758.00	144
April 10: \$2,669.88	170
April 17: \$4,805.00	154
April 24: \$2,717.00	237
Church Budget: \$201,690.00	
Needed per Sunday: \$3,878.65	
Building Fund: \$33,089.90	



Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Dustin & Terra Ferris	16 Carla Johnson
2 Susie Cooke, Mark & Val Wiedmer, Holly & Chris Uplinger	19 Keira Franken
4 Chris Adams	21 Steve Adams
5 Bill Simmons	24 Donna Caudle, Jim Pickerell, Tommy & Danae Jenkins, Aubrey Ferris
6 Kodey Smith	25 Jesse & Sheri Smith
7 Denise Tiffany	26 Alma McConnaughey, Pam Pickerell
8 Debbie Mendell	27 Tanna Meng
10 Lawrence Christopher	29 Claire Winder, Regan & Chris Vera- guth
11 Bary Thomas	30 Doug Handley
12 Larry Jones, Steve & Pam Kostman	31 Lacey Jasper
13 Leroy Leffler	
15 Chandler Jeschke	

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ams 985-2530

Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 2nd Service 10:30 a.m., 7th-12th Grade Youth Group 6:00 pm
(last youth group meeting May 1)

