

Ripples

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“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the LORD's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.” - James 5:7

From the Pastor's Desk

I am a movie lover. I could (and probably do) spend hours watching movies. I even re-watch movies multiple times – which really drives Sherri crazy! So, let's play a short game of fill in the blank and name that movie – shall we? The answers are at the end of the game so no cheating!

- I'm gonna make him an offer he can't _____
- May the _____ be with you.
- There's no place like _____
- You can't handle the _____
- You're gonna need a bigger _____
- What is the air speed velocity of a _____

How did you do? Maybe I could have chosen some more familiar movies, but, most Americans can quote lines from popular movies. We are especially good at quoting from movies we have seen repeatedly. What does that say about us?

refuse – Godfather, 1972 : force – Star Wars, 1977 : home - Wizard of Oz, 1939 : truth - A Few Good Men, 1992 : boat - Jaws, 1975 : sparrow – Monty Python and the Holy Grail, 1975

So, let's try something different. The following are some popular sayings attributed to Scripture. Can you name the book they come from?

1. Spare the rod, spoil the child.

This verse might be a very loose paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24 but spare the rod and spoil the child is not in the Bible. It was a 17th-century British poet who coined this phrase.

2. Money is the root of all evil.

This is a misquote of 1 Timothy 6:10 where it says the love of money is the root of all evil. It is not money that is the root of all evil, but a person's love for money. There is a huge difference between the two.

3. This too shall pass.

This phrase is NOT in the Bible. It seems to come from the Sufis, a group of Muslim mystics.

4. God moves in mysterious ways.

This is another popular saying that is not in the Bible. This phrase was first penned by William Cowper who was a British poet and hymnist. It may be a loose paraphrase of Isaiah 55:8.

5. All things work together for good.

This is one where context is king. People who use this saying are referring to Romans 8:28 but cut off the rest of the verse. It says that all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. A person needs to love God and needs to be called by Him for His purposes. It is not a blanket statement that all things work together for good.

6. God helps those that help themselves.

This is in fact the exact opposite of what the Bible teaches. This quote came from Algernon Sydney and was later repeated by Benjamin Franklin. It may sound spiritual and good but it is neither. It comes from a spirit of self-dependency and self-sufficiency. If we have helped ourselves then it is not a gift of grace and thus does not come from God. God helps the helpless.

So, while knowing movie lines and not knowing every line in the Bible are not necessarily bad in themselves – we are called to not only to continue to grow in our faith but we are called to test ourselves. Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians (13:5) - Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

William Booth, who was the founder of the Salvation Army and was known as an intense, brimstone preacher, used these 11 questions to challenge himself and his people to growth. I thought I would share them with you. They are tough, so it is important to remember that Reverend Booth is not talking about Salvation. He is talking about our Sanctification – our walk with God. So here goes:

1. Am I habitually guilty of any known sin? Do I practice or allow myself any thought, word or deed that I know to be wrong?

1John 3:6-8 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

2. Am I so the master of my bodily appetites as to have no condemnation? Do I allow myself any indulgence that is injurious to my holiness, growth in knowledge, obedience, or usefulness?

1 Timothy 5:6 “But she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.”

3. Are my thoughts and feelings such that I should not be ashamed to hear them published before God?

Romans 8:5-6 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the

mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. And Matthew 12:36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.

4. Does the influence of the world cause me to do or say things that are unlike Christ?

John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

5. Do my tempers cause me to act, or feel, or say things that I see afterward are contrary to that love that I ought to show always to those about me?

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

6. Am I doing all in my power for the salvation of sinners? Do I feel concern about their danger and pray and work for their salvation as if they were my children?

Romans 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

7. Am I fulfilling the vows I have made to God in my acts of consecration or at the penitent-form?

James 5:12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation."

8. Is my example in harmony with my profession?

Is my conduct in life matching what we say we believe?

9. Am I conscious of any pride or haughtiness in my manner or bearing?

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

10. Do I conform to the fashions and customs of the world, or do I show that I despise them?

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world."

11. Am I in danger of being carried away with worldly desire to be rich or admired?

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

All these questions challenge us to grow. Challenge us to look within ourselves to understand who we are. Who are you? How are you living? Are you really living for Jesus?

If you noticed some problems in your walk with the Lord when considering these questions, that's ok. Don't beat yourself up too badly, and especially don't throw up your arms and quit.

Instead turn to Jesus in prayer and ask for help. God will help you. Every journey begins with the first steps, and we learn to walk before we learn to run.

So, we continually look to God, His Word, and seek Him as we walk the walk of faith!

God Bless!

Pastor Craig.

Feeding the Flathead

On Monday, July 26th we served 50 to-go bags of a turkey sandwich, chips, fruit and a fig bar and cheese sticks. As always the guests are very appreciative. The cold water in the hot weather is well received too! There were extras leftover, so we went over to the Police Station, and they were able to use them for the night staff and those on patrol.

Thank you to Marie H. and Hattie S. as they donated the chips and fig bars for the meal.

Thanks to Shelby too for helping in many ways.

We have not heard when or if the Community Kitchen will serve indoors again. We'll plan again for August 30 to make take away meals.

Thank you to our Church Family who continue to support this mission!

**God Bless you all,
From Lori and Sue**

*Cookbooks are still available!
See Rachel T to get yours
\$10.00 each and all proceeds go to the
Activity Center*

August Featured Recipe:

*F*RENCH BREAD

*1½ Cups Very Warm Water
1 TBSP Oil
1¼ tsp Salt
2 TBSP Sugar*

*1 Egg
2 tsp yeast
4 Cups Flour*

Combine ingredients. Let rise and punch down. Shape into 2 loaves or 1 large loaf. Place on greased cookie sheet and let rise again, about 1 hour. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. May add Parmesan cheese, garlic and butter on top of bread after bread is removed from the oven.

*Suzanne Tutvedt
Grandma Andora Tutvedt (in memory)*

Free Flyers Youth Group

The Free Flyers are committed to serve the community through our strength in Jesus Christ.

A happy August to all and to all a happy August, I know the saying is supposed to be “a good night”, but Rachel and I no longer know what that phrase means, ok maybe more Rachel than me, but welcome to August everybody! For your mini “Brycey Graham” sermon today, for some weird reason, I have had the topic of new life stuck in my head. For those who don’t know or were wondering why we’ve been carrying an infant car seat everywhere, it’s not just a fashion statement, we had our baby, praise God! Charlotte Leeann Timmerman was born July 25th at 9:30 pm weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces and measured at 19 inches, and we are beyond thankful for this new, cute blessing (hallelujah she looks like her mother). Going back to my train of thought a couple sentences ago, though the whole process was not necessarily easy, I have a will to live so I will never say that birth is easy, but at the end it was so worth it, and I know Rachel would one thousand percent agree, even with what she had to go through. When we really take a look at Jesus’ parables and sermons, I mean really dive in, the wisdom that He preached with really does surpass all understanding, and through this recent experience, it has really weighed on me the perfect analogy Jesus made to Nicodemus when he explained to him what being born again means in John 3. When somebody accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior, it can be a painful process; realizing all their transgressions, cutting ties with a sinful past, becoming a new person, but it is so joyful and so worth it. Jesus tells us in Luke 15:10, “In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” As witnesses and ambassadors for Christ, I pray that we remember this feeling as well, these passages are not just for new converts, this also applies to more mature Christians. Think about when you were first saved, or if you have had children. Remember the joy and excitement that was felt afterwards. Jesus did not make the Kingdom of God a secret, let’s not make the message of eternal salvation one either, let’s share that experience and excitement! Boy speaking of excitement, there’s a bridge into youth group news!

To go along with the theme of new adventures and lots of crying (mainly from me, and all tears of joy of course), there have been a lot of awesome happenings lately. We participated in Beyond FLY at Flathead Lake July 5th-9th with ten kids in attendance and what a blast! A special thank you to Ryan Tonneson, the associate pastor in Glyndon, MN who set up the whole camp as a substitute for FLY, he’s not going to read this so I can say nice things about him, but the entire week really was a blessing. I was able to have deep spiritual talks with kids every night during devotional time and it really was a bonding experience for all of us. When you have no AC in your cabin and a major lack of deodorant, you’re definitely going to do some bonding, we all

looked like we just spent a week with Bear Grylls at the end, but I can really not express what a blessing it was. On top of camp we had one other summer group outing in July in the form of floating Flathead River on the 24th. Seven kids tagged along on the tube trip, with Darryl and Elizabeth Hedingham, one of the youth moms, helping chaperone. Over the three hour float, there were only two flips, and they both happened to be from my good buddy Darryl, but after we explained to him that the kayak is supposed to be upright, he got the hang of it. Once we got off Flathead, we headed over to Darryl and Rose's for hot dogs and burgers, so a big thank you to them for hosting and feeding us! Sadly, summer is coming to an end, even though it literally just started, but we still have three more summer groups coming up (lake day at McGregor, paintball, and bowling) before official youth group starts again on September 12th. If you know anyone that is in the age range of 6th grade to 12th or is just an un-grownup like the kids youth leader, let me know and I would love to invite them to learn more about the Lord and join an absolutely awesome group of kids! Unfortunately, the Wyoming camp we were planning for this summer is being pushed back to next summer due to scheduling conflicts, but a serious praise to the Lord that Spear O' Wigwam (the name of the resort) is allowing us to push our deposit to next summer, so we'll still get to go! Along with summer growing up way too fast, so are our confirmation students who will be starting their second year on September 12th.

Rachel and I have been here for almost two years now, and the amount of love and support we've felt from this church family is indescribable, I mean you haven't fired us, I don't think you can show love any more than that. This congregation is an absolute gift from God though and we've very much appreciated all your prayers, but continue to ask for them as always for not only youth ministry, but all the amazing ministries in our church! Another giant thank you carrying over from the last newsletter to all the financial donations the youth group received through our fundraisers. Our goal was \$2,010 for both camps, Beyond FLY and Spear O' Wigwam, and thanks to you guys, we raised \$3,100, God is so good! Praying you all have a blessed August and continue to serve Him in every aspect of our lives, happy August!

God Bless,

Bryce Timmerman

After-School Program

Thanks everyone for your prayers for our after school program. We are busy with Vacation Bible School as we write this. Each child that comes across our threshold is a gift. I saw a 7 month old with a shirt that said just that..."gift of God." And so we pray, bring treats and supplies and even volunteer because we know Jesus would. He tells his disciples to "suffer the little children to come to me and forbid them not." Matt. 19:14

We gather for a workday soon...if you get a rash thinking about spending time with other people's kids then see if you can help with the van. (Praying for West Valley bus route to be returned!!!) It's on its last legs. Maybe you can spruce up the playground or pump balls and get equipment ready for recess. We go through dry erase markers, paper products, and snacks. I am thankful for your support dear church. Many of you feel this is one way we put hands and feet to our church mission statement. Are you sharing Jesus Christ with your neighbors today?

Lavonne (Monday volunteer)



Women's Missionary Federation

Eleven women met at Gayle Lantto's home on July 8th. Neila led us in a wonderful Bible Study on the importance of learning the truth of God's Word and not following false teachers. Linda read the treasurer's report. We have \$291.38 in the bank. Our offering this month goes to the Christian Education board. We will also be sending \$50 to the Chinese Church plant.

Following the reports, we went over upcoming events. Our next meeting will be August 19th at Sherri Scavo's home. Karen Van Scoten will be our co-host. Early will lead us in Bible Study, and Hattie will do a devotion. July 19th - 23rd we have Vacation Bible School at the church, and July 31st we have our church picnic. Our retreat will be September 17th - 18th at Early McWhorter's house. Please plan to attend and invite a friend. August 29th we will have the Flathead Valley Aires singing for us during our church service. There will be a small brunch afterwards, so we have time to fellowship and thank them for joining us. We will not be doing a rummage sale this year as weekends are filling up fast and time restraints are making it difficult. We are all very excited for these upcoming events and hope to see you there.

We closed in a time of prayer for those in our church and community who are hurting. Please continue to pray for all those touched by illness.

Thank you, Gayle, for opening your beautiful home to us for our meeting. Thank you also for using us as guinea pigs and making all of those delicious new recipes for us to try.

Submitted by,

Rachel Timmerman



Christian Ed Report



Outlaws for God VBS was a wonderful success thanks to all the wonderful help from our great congregation and prayerful support as well! We averaged thirty kids each day and took up an

offering for our AFLC missionaries in Naknek, AK. The boys competed against the girls to see who could raise more financial support for this church plant, and as a total, they raised \$446.13! On top of helping out these missionaries doing the Lord's work, the winner of the boys vs. girls competition got to throw water balloons at Craig and Bryce, now there's a prize! One last thank you again to everyone who helped from leading a station to leading kids around, there's so many names I might fill up the whole page, but you know who you are! The most important take away is that kids got to hear the perfect Word of God and learn about Him!

Building Committee Report

We recently accomplished another major step in the project with the completion of the sidewalk. Thanks to Sandon Construction, Neumann Construction and Matt Lee Construction. Soon Early McWhorter would like to begin implementing her plan for landscaping. Please contact her if you have questions about this plan.

Matt continues his work in the kitchen. Due to the shortage of skilled workers specifically drywallers (tape and texture) it is delaying his work. He plans to cut-out the serving counter opening in the next few weeks and install the overhead beam. He is awaiting the arrival of the interior doors and the plan is to have the worktables built by a cabinet maker. We are hoping to have the kitchen completed in time for our Fall Harvest Fest in October.

Miles Erickson has donated a thirty gallon expansion tank which will reduce the load on our well pump, and we plan to install a water softener soon. Gayle Lantto continues identifying needed appliances along with the help of the WMF ladies and others. Please contact her if you would like more information on this subject.

Rick Martinez is planning to add more snow breaks to the roof before the end of the year. The plan is to install them on the upper roof at least. Please contact Rick for more information. Ken West has completed repairs on the activity center floor and Susan Shea hopes to have it striped soon. Matt has also installed the floor inserts for the volleyball poles.

As always thanks for your prayers and support. Please contact me with questions or concerns related to the project.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Van Scoten

Prayers for August

Please take this home and use it all week long.

"Whatever you ask in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matt 21:22

Church Work & Ministry

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Church Leaders, Staff & Worship Team
Stillwater Youth Group
Stillwater & National WMF
Feeding the Flathead
After School Program
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
Child Bridge Ministry & Foster Families



General Prayers

Marriages and Families
Our Country and Leaders
Workers in the Harvest Field
Military and First Responders

Health Concerns

Sylvan Herset
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Bonnie Upton
Julie & JP Rodriguez (Hersets)
Karma Baker (Stantons)