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Home Communion

We are in need of more men to take home communion to our shut-ins on Sunday afternoons. This is a great ministry opportunity that will get you in touch with our homebound saints. If you can help us out with this ministry please talk with Carolyn or Mark.

Show-Me Christian Youth Home to be at MVCC

On Sunday August 9th Ronnie Epps, along with some children from Show-me are set to be here. They will be making a presentation during the Sunday school hour and then Ronnie will be preaching during the worship service. This will be a great time to learn more about what is going at the youth home.

Fellowship Dinner

In conjunction with Show-me being here we will be holding a fellowship dinner following the worship service on August 9th. Please be sure to stay for this dinner. When you come please bring a dish, enough for your family and also consider that we will have extra guest with the show-me group. As always the drinks will be provided by the church.

Wednesday Night Meals Set To Start Again!

Wednesday Sept. 9th is the date set to start up the family meals again. The meals will be like last year and will begin at 5:30 pm and last until 6:30 pm. The meals will still cost (on a donation basis) \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under age 12, with a \$10.00 max per family.



NEW TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE TO START!

On Sunday Sept. 13th we are planning to start another worship service. This service will be a fully traditional service at 8:30 am.

We are seeking those who are interested in coming to this type of service to let us know of your interest. We are also seeking word of mouth advertizing about this service.

If you are interested in attending a Christian worship service of this nature please let us know and please let others know about it.

Lady Prayer Warriors

The Lady Prayer Warriors will not meet during the month of August. Meetings will resume in September, date and time to be announced later.



We are seeking to help supply local students with school supplies this year. We know that there are many families who cannot afford to get their children school supplies so we are seeking donations from the congregation to help buy these supplies.

School starts on August 20th and we would like to be able to buy the supplies and distribute them on Sat. and Sun. August 15th & 16th. Please place any contribution you have for this in the offering plate of give it to Carolyn.



Pray for the body of Christ, for our Elders, Deacons, Minister, teachers, for workers to go into the harvest fields, church growth (spiritually & in number). Pray for the leaders of our country and our country. Missionaries in Haiti and other parts of the world.

The following people have had prayer requested on their behalf

Bob Pennington, Jeffrey Vernon, Pati Plunkett, Robert Clark, Marge Young, Joann Walster, Theresa Vandergrift, Willene Mornhinweg, Carl Dyson, Beatrice Bayless, Miles Strauss, Cammy Britt, Roy Creed, Don Root, Butch Crider, Rebecca Keith, Dave Jacobs, Brian Moore, Roy Stoll, Elizabeth Buculo, Robbie Robertson, Allen Hawley.

If no updates are received after being on the prayer concern lists for 3 weeks, the name will be removed.

Remember our Service Men & Women in Prayer

Zach Horrall



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Preacher's Blog

by Mark Engler

Recently in a sermon I preached called, "Is Jesus Making A Difference" we asked several questions about whether Jesus is making a difference in our lives. The sermon was based from Colossians 1:1-8.

The second question in that sermon was, "Is Your Love of the Brethren Evident". This is the subject I want to key in on in this message.

Following is the text from that second point.

"The second thing Paul is thankful for is the love the church had for the brethren and for all the Saints (Christians)! Is Jesus making a difference in your life? If He is, He will be the center of your faith. The fact will manifest itself in how much love you have for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

It's unfortunate because many times brothers and sisters in Christ don't have much love for other brothers and sisters in Christ. We have talked about love in the past and we will continue to in the future. This is an important issue. IF you cannot love your brothers and sisters in Christ, then Jesus in not making a difference in your life. Folks, we are called to love our enemies, how can we do that if we can't even love our brothers and sisters? Jesus loved Judas even though he had plenty of reasons not to, but He did. What is your excuse?

We cannot ask lost people to come in and love those we will not love. If Jesus is making a difference in your life, it will show by how you are able to love the brethren!

1 John 2:9-11 says, "Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him."

It's tremendously sad and disheartening to me to hear that someone will not come to church because of someone else going to church there. Or someone who will not come to youth, Sunday school, or another bible study, because so and so is teaching. I'm sorry to say that I've heard that said and seen that happen here at MVCC and it's tremendously sad! Where is the love of Christ in that!

We can say how much we love Jesus all we want, we can tell Him how sold out we are to Him all we want, but if we do not love one another, let me tell you they are just empty statements.

If Jesus is making a difference on our life, WE WILL LOVE THE BRETHREN!"

That's what was said in the message and I wanted to continue with the thought of loving our brethren.

There is no better person to talk about love than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who laid down His life so that we might have eternal salvation with Him. In John 15:9-17 Jesus has this to say about love.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have

obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."

Sometimes it's pretty hard to love someone isn't it, even a brother or sister in Christ. Yet it is Jesus' command that we love each other. If only we, how much better would the church and the world be?

It's hard to love other people sometimes, it's true. But have you ever thought about how hard of a person you are to love? Sometimes we don't make ourselves very loveable.

I have 2 wonderful grandchildren; I love them very much. Just look at them, they are both as cute as a button, but when they are crying, throwing a fit, and just plain cranky they are not very loveable.

How about you, are you making yourself loveable or not loveable?

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Youth News

School Starts Again

We hope you have all had a great summer and are ready to see all your friends again because school time is here.

Mount Vernon schools are scheduled to start on August 20. For all the kids and the teachers we pray for a great year.

We will be collecting school supplies to be given to the children who have need of them. The supplies will be given out the 15th & 16th August.

Join Us on Wednesday

Each Wednesday at 6:00 the youth meet for Aftershock. Aftershock is for Jr. & Sr. High and includes time with your friends in study, games, and music. It's a great time to hang out with others your own age in a Christian atmosphere.

Overnighter Planned for September!

The date is not set yet, but we will be having an overnighter on a Friday night in September. Right now the plan is to have it following a home football game.

This overnighter will most likely include traveling to an activity somewhere yet to be decided. It will also include a Christian band for worship, a message that is relevant to Jr. & Sr. High students, many games, and lots of fun.

More plans will come next month for this overnighter. We are seeking to reach as many youth with this event as possible so be sure to spread the word. Any questions, please talk to Mark. There will be a cost for each student yet to be determined.

Birthdays

3 – Reagan Boswell
4 – Kristy Moore
7 – James Hill
9 – Jennifer Lee
10 – Tim Taylor
13 – Mark Lee
14 – Brayden Bartley
15 – Virginia Hendrix
17 – Jeri Mikell
18 – M. J. Swortwood
22 – Cassi Boswell
23 – Dustin Hudson
23 – Donna Weber
28 – Clay Eldridge
31 – Joy Vernon

Anniversaries

5 – Mike & Jane Swortwood
7 – Kaleb & Cindy Kingsley
9 – Bill & Donna Weber
17 – Dusty & Amy Eldridge
20 – Jackie & Kristy Moore

Servants This Month

Greeters: Derek Stokes

Communion Team: 2

Com. Prep.: Terri Stokes

Donuts & Juice: (2nd – Michele Vanater), (9th – Terri Stokes), (16th – Ronda Jones), (23rd – Mary Larkin), (30th – Carolyn Dyson)

Opening Prayer: (2nd – Jaymie Jones), (9th – Jared Dyson), (16th – Dustin Hudson), (23rd – Dustin Eldridge), (30th – Mark Lee)

Scripture Reading: (2nd – Phillips Family), (9th – Bekemeier Family), (16th – Turk Family), (23rd – Mark Engler Family), (30th – Lee Family)

Com. Meditation: (2nd – Dustin Hudson), (9th – Wes Dyson), (16th – Jared Dyson), (23rd – Jaymie Jones), (30th – Bill Weber)

Closing Prayer: (2nd – Rick Phillips), (9th – Derek Stokes), (16th – Dale Blevins), (23rd – Rick Bekemeier), (30th – Wes Dyson)

Nursery: - This will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

Jr. Church: (2nd – Dusty & Amy Eldridge), (9th – Tim & Julie Taylor), (16th – Rick & Kima Bekemeier, Mikeala & Shea Bekemeier and McKenzie Swortwood), (23rd – 4th Sunday, No Junior Church. 4 & 5 yearOlds -), (30th – 5th Sunday, No Junior Church)

Toddlers: (5th – Maria Engler & Jeanna Brewer), (12th – Mark & Jennifer Lee), (19th – Bill & Donna Weber), (26th – Dustin & Amber Hudson)

Home Com.: (2nd – Hal Harris), (9th – Wes Dyson), (16th – Scott Budd), (23rd – Rick Phillips), (30th – Bill Weber)

Praise Team: Matt Davis, Kristy Moore, Julie Taylor, Tim Taylor, Dustin Hudson, Cassi Boswell, Amy Eldridge, & Mark Engler

August Meetings

3rd – 9th – Mark & family on Vacation
8th – 8:30 am Elder's Meeting
9th – Ron Epps and Show-Me Youth Home Children Here
9th – Fellowship Dinner
12th – 8:00 pm Council Meeting
15th – 16th – Giving out school supplies.

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Meeting Schedule

Sunday
9:30 am Bible Classes
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm Grace Groups

Wednesday
6:00 pm Bible
Classes & Youth
Group

Sent with a prayer to:



If you are going to come to the Traditional Service when it starts and are willing to help conduct the service we need to know. In order to do this service we need people to prepare communion, serve communion, take offering, do communion meditation, have prayer, run audio and video system, greet, lead songs, play piano, take attendance, read Scripture, etc.

So far we only have one person willing to help serve and pray, we have a few willing to take attendance, greet, and prepare communion. We are still in need of a piano player, song leader, Scripture readers, people to do communion meditation, serve communion & take offering, have prayer, run audio & video system.

Without help and more interest this service will be impossible to do. If you going to come to the service, if you are willing to help with the service, or if you have an opinion on the service please speak up. We want to hear what you have to say.

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Sometimes we find ourselves crying, throwing a fit, and just plain cranky, if you don't believe me, just ask Maria. If we want to be loved we might want to think about making ourselves more loveable.

My prayer is that love will find itself prevalent in the church and that we build each other up in love, not only within the church, but in the community as well.

You show the difference Jesus has made in your life by making your love for the brethren evident. How evident have you been making it lately? Has Jesus made a difference?

Kick off Carnival 2009

We will be doing the fall carnival again this year, we don't have a date set for this yet, but it will be on a Wednesday night in September. We will do as we have done in the past and have games, prizes, rides, big blow up slides, jumps, etc.

As always much help is needed to put this carnival on. We need physical help and financial help. The cost in the past has been around \$700.00 so we are seeking donations to cover this cost. Physically we need to have people preside over rides, games and such.

If you are willing to help plan and organize the carnival this year please let Mark know. Any help is greatly appreciated.